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GRADUATION 2024

Chicopee High School celebrates Class of 2024

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CHICOPEE - Despite moving indoors, Chicopee High School's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024 kicked off without a hitch in the gymnasium.

The ceremony included the presentation of the colors by the Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC, performances by the Chicopee High School Chamber Choir, the Graduates to Guardians presentation by Michael Brunetti and remarks from Principal David Lemke, Mayor John Vieau, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, 2024 Class President DuWayne Barker, Salutatorian Henry Rycek and Valedictorian Khushi Patel.

Students who received the Pro Merito Awards, Seal of Biliteracy Awards, induction into the National Honor Society and graduated from the Health Science Academy, the Criminal Justice Academy and the EMT Academy were also recognized.

The ceremony also marked Lemke's final graduation upon retirement.

Vieau said how we gather "not just to celebrate but commemorate a milestone in your journey of lifelong learning."

"As Helen Keller wisely noted,



CHS Valedictorian Khushi Patel hugs her mother as she's recognized during Chicopee High School's graduation day on June 6.

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'Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.' This mindset has been adopted by the city and accounts for many of our successes. I'm hopeful it will remind you that collective work and mutual support can lead to remarkable achievements," Vieau said.

Ware said the graduating class embodies "what Mayor Vieau calls the Pacer."

"A pacer by definition leads the way, inspires others to follow. You have led with determination, passion and drive to overcome all these obstacles. But, don't forget, you have some new challenges awaiting you," Ware said.

Barker reflected on overcoming failure and disappointment, advising his classmates to remember disappointment "is the universe's way of saying 'I've got something better.'"

"So, be patient, have fun and live your life. Remember, tough times never last, but tough people do. I want you all to keep in mind the difficulties we overcame, the lessons we discovered and the connections we made when we look back on our time here," Barker said. "These encounters have molded us into the individuals that we are today and have equipped

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CCHS celebrates 2024 graduating class



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The CCHS Class of 2024 watches as Valedictorian Julia Zielinski reflects on high school during her graduation speech.

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CHICOPEE - It was a beautiful day at Mitchell Kuzdzal Field at Chicopee Comprehensive High School on June 7 for the Class of 2024's graduation.

The ceremony included performances from the high school band and choir, the National Anthem performed by Rafi Salman of the 2025 class, a solo piano performance from Jisung Chang of the 2026 class and remarks from Principal Andrew Lamothe, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware, Mayor John Vieau, 2024 President Nate Deren, Valedictorian Julia Zielinski, Salutatorian Andrew Wodecki and Veterans Appreciation Club Advisor Alan Dion for the Graduates to Guardians presentation.

Students who were part of the Pro Merito Society, the National Honor Soci-

ety, graduating with certificates from the Career and Technical Education programs and receiving the State Seal of Biliteracy were also recognized.

Zielinski had a 104.8 GPA and will be attending Western New England University to study pharmacy and health sciences, while Wodecki had a 103.2 GPA and will be attending Westfield State University where he plans to study environmental science.

Deren's speech was musical-themed and included a reference to "Frozen," encouraging fellow classmates to embrace the things that bring them joy and be themselves.

"Tell everyone your obsessions. Express yourself. Let your loved ones know they are loved. Don't hold everything inside, and don't let the potential embarrassment of your feelings be the thing that

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Chicopee Academy pays tribute to Class of 2024 graduates



TURLEY PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY

Josilian Ruiz Arroyo shows off her graduation cap and diploma as she stands with her family after graduating from Chicopee Academy on June 5.

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CHICOPEE - Chicopee Academy celebrated the Class of 2024 in a graduation ceremony at the Chicopee High School auditorium on June 5.

The ceremony included the Chicopee High School Junior ROTC presenting the colors, performances from the Chicopee High School Chamber Choir & Band, remarks from Principal Lori Vaillancourt and Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware and graduation tributes from teachers Brian Cain, Joanne Borowiec, Wendy Belanger, Debra Guyer, Gloria Williams, Evan Rodriguez, Shane Bogli, Ben Bohlke and David Dunwell and Vice Principal Darrell Johnson.

Borowiec is also retiring this year.

Vaillancourt opened the ceremony by telling the graduates to feel the love, joy

and pride surrounding them in this moment.

"You stand on the precipice of a new journey surrounded by the unwavering support of your loved ones. This day belongs to you. Your high school graduation is a culmination of countless humble, yet significant moments. It serves as a testament to the rhythm of life, reminding us that greatness lies not solely in grand achievements, but in the beauty of everyday experiences," Vaillancourt said.

Ware told the graduates, "The team at Chicopee Academy wanted you to win" and they are all winners.

"Remember that your journey doesn't end here. Graduation is a commencement and, by definition, commencement means beginning. As you move forward, carry forward with you the lessons learned, the friendships forged and the knowledge gained. Use all of these things to get a

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Chicopee raises the Pride Flag to celebrate Pride Month

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members and elected officials gathered outside city hall on June 5 to raise the Pride Flag for Pride Month.

Pride Month is dedicated to celebrating and commemorating the LGBTQIA+ community, taking place every June and having begun after the Stonewall riots in 1969.

Emarie Leatherwood, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee, opened the ceremony by reflecting on the Pride flag as “a beacon” and “a lighthouse to the ships at sea.”

“Let this flag stand here in Chicopee that no closet is full,” Leatherwood said.

Mayor John Vieau said, “We raise flags for many reasons, but today’s a very special one” and everyone is welcome in the city of Chicopee.

“No matter what your race, your sexual orientation, your color, your creed, Chicopee accepts everybody for who they are, their individuality and what they stand for and especially today as we kick off Pride Month here in the city of Chicopee,” Vieau said.

As he read his proclamation, Vieau reflected on those who made a mark in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement predating the Stonewall Riots, including Henry Gerber, who founded the Society of Human Rights in Chicago in 1924, the first group to campaign for gay rights, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon establishing the Daughters of Bilitis in San Francisco in 1955, the first lesbian group in the United States and the mother of Pride, Brenda Howard, who was a leading voice in bi-



Mayor John Vieau and Ray Hoess-Brooks take a photo with the mayor’s proclamation after raising the Pride Flag for Pride Month in Chicopee.

sexual rights and equality.

“So, I stand here today as mayor of the city of Chicopee and on behalf of the City Council and the residents of this vibrant, diverse city, we do hereby proclaim June 2024 as Pride Month in the city of Chicopee,” Vieau said. “And we encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions made by the members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.”

Leatherwood then shared another piece of history: the original Pride Flag was created and designed by U.S. Army Veteran Gilbert Baker, who was openly gay, after being honorably discharged.

“He fought hard for our rights, for his rights and I’m just very proud. The

flag has evolved and continues to grow as a symbol of hope for our community,” Leatherwood said.

Vieau then presented the proclamation to Ray Hoess-Brooks, who also had the honor of cranking the lever to raise the flag.

Leatherwood was grateful to Vieau and the city for their support, emphasizing events like the flag-raising help spread the message of acceptance, share the history and get the word out to others.

“I feel that hate and intolerance may have a lifelong place in society, but that doesn’t mean that we have to live that way in our hearts and in the way that we treat others. The visibility of the Pride Flag and the Pride Month events gives a chance for the LGBTQ community to feel hope,” Leatherwood said.

Hoess-Brooks was still processing having received the proclamation, also expressing gratitude to the city for their support.

“Thank you is not enough, because like I said it goes back to the emotions of how far we have come to have a city government stand with you in equality. It’s not embracing us, it’s about standing with us with respect and equality,” Hoess-Brooks said.

Hoess-Brooks also shared the Chicopee Queer Consortium is in the works to help bring



Mayor John Vieau and Ray Hoess-Brooks hug after Hoess-Brooks receives the mayor’s proclamation.

more LGBTQIA+ community-related events to Chicopee.

“Like so much stuff and great ideas are flowing around that we want to put the LGBTQIA+ community of Chicopee on the map,” Hoess-Brooks said.

Leatherwood encouraged the community to check out this year’s Pride Fest, taking place at Szot Park on June 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with entertainment including a local poet and drag kings and queens, vendors including LGBTQIA+ businesses, ally businesses and community organizations and supporters and more.

For anyone who attended the flag-raising and will, also, be attending Pride Fest, the takeaway Leatherwood hopes residents have from the events is this.

“The most important message I can put across is you are seen, you are valued, you are loved. There is no closet big enough, there is no closet restraining enough to keep us down. We’re here. We’re not going anywhere. Our freedoms and our equality that we deserve does not take away from anybody else,” Leatherwood said.



Emarie Leatherwood, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee, speaks about Pride Month as Mayor John Vieau looks on.

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City appropriates \$3 million for tax levy

Appropriations for capital needs, OPEB also approved

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved on June 4 to appropriate \$3 million dollars for the reduction of the fiscal year tax levy.

The funds will come from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

Mayor John Vieau explained how this was done last year and the \$3 million will go towards tax relief.

"The financial team meets very frequently and I want to thank the auditor, the treasurer, the assessors and the collector for the discussions that we have about where we stand financially and we feel it's in the best interest of our community moving forward to try to reduce that tax levy by putting in \$3 million dollars towards tax relief," Vieau said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello shared her thoughts later on.

"This should be beneficial for the taxpayer in the long run for the \$3 million dollars to be applied to the reduction of the tax levy for 2025," Costello said. "So, again, thank you to Mayor Vieau for considering this particular idea."

The motion passed 13-0.

Another mayor's order concerned the appropriation of \$2 million dollars for the Treasurer's Special for Other Post-Retirement Employment Benefits from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

Vieau said OPEB is mainly health insurance, dental insurance and vision insurance and is the city's portion they pay.

"We typically budget \$100,000 in the past. Last year, we did \$2 million dollars towards trying to get that to be a self-supporting account and we are pretty far behind. It's great for our bond rating. It's great for us financially when they evaluate us when it comes to that bond rating," Vieau said.

City Treasurer Marie Laflamme explained how the state mandated the trust.

"It is really important that we take this seriously. It does help in on our bond rating. Every rating call I get that's the one thing they ask. They see the past that we have committed a couple million here and there. It's up to you to authorize this, but it does help with a favorable rating," Laflamme said. "It's a fiduciary responsibility for us. We have a huge unfunded liability, so I think we should start funding it."

After Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier asked how much is in the free cash account, Vieau said there is "just under \$5.5 million in free cash."

Councilor-At-Large Tim Wagner wondered about the OPEB Fund itself.

"How far short are we on the OPEB Fund so far?" Wagner said.

Laflamme replied, "We're about \$250 million dollars unfunded liability."

"We put in about \$5 million dollars. It's in long-term investments. So, we're similarly with some of our communities. Some put more in, some put less in. So, we're right around there," Laflamme said.

She added one goal is funding regular retirement.

"We're doing very, very well with that so that in a couple of years that will be fully funded, and whoever the mayor is at that time, I'm hoping they consider putting that money from our budget currently to the OPEB because it is our responsibility. That's the goal," Laflamme said.

The motion later passed 13-0.

Lastly, an appropriation of \$2 million for the Stabilization Fund for Capital Budgeting from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" account was presented.

Vieau said this is for capital needs "for equipment and other things in every department."

"The Capital Committee will be meeting very soon," Vieau said. "And we'll start determining the order of priority for the requests for capital needs and this is the appropriation that we do annually, requesting the City Council to allow us to buy those tools that the departments need to provide those services that we all expect."

The motion, also, later passed 13-0.

CPD takes part in Special Olympics Cruiser Convoy



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CHICOPEE – On June 8, some police department officers participated in the cruiser convoy for Special Olympics. This leg of the convoy started in Ludlow and traveled to Harvard University for the Massachusetts Summer Games. The purpose of the convoy is to raise awareness and show support to the athletes. The Officers also assisted in pinning and awarding medals to the athletes.

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GUEST COLUMN



Social Security's 'guaranteed' annual Cost Of Living Adjustment

Dear Rusty
I've been reading a lot lately about speculation on what next year's benefit increase will be, and it seems like most of the experts are suggesting a range of 2.5% to 3%. My neighbor says don't worry about it, because there will always be some level of increase come January. It's guaranteed, right? Signed: Retired But Questioning

Dear Retired
You've brought up a common belief about the annual Social Security Cost Of Living Adjustment, one that we hear often. Let's start with some background. Each year's COLA results from comparing the third quarter average Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) each year to the same average from the preceding year.

The result of dividing the current year's average by the previous year's average produces the COLA for the following year. For 2024's adjustment, the 2023 third-quarter average was 301.2 and the comparable figure for 2022 was 291.9, producing the 3.2% benefit addition.

It's not always the case that the year-to-year CPI calculation produces a positive result, as was the case three times so far this century. As recently as 2016, for example, the 2015 third-quarter average was 233.3 and the comparable figure for 2014 was 234.2, producing a negative change. Fortunately for beneficiaries, Social Security law prohibits a negative COLA, so the negative result was ruled out and the COLA for 2016 was zero.

So, the rumor that there will always be a benefit increase in January is untrue, although having only three zero COLA years since the start of automated adjustments in 1974 leads folks to assume there will always be a boost in the new year. The size of the adjustment fluctuates with economic cycles and has ranged from a high of 14.3% in 1980 to 0.3% in 2017 (excluding, of course, the zero years). Incidentally, the historical average since automatic COLAs began is 3.8%, so the 2024 adjustment of 3.2% isn't that far from the average.

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions, via email at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or call 1-888-750-2622.

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GUEST COLUMN



June garden do's and don'ts

I get a lot of questions about what to do and when to do it!

There are some gardening tasks that should be done now and other things you might be tempted to do now but should be done in another season. Read on from the archives to get your questions answered.

To ensure supermarket-size broccoli, do scratch in a tablespoon or two of balanced granular fertilizer around the base of your plants when heads are about the size of a quarter. Make sure the moisture is sufficient and harvest when the main head is still tightly packed but before it bursts into flower.

Do not, on the other hand, waste your fertilizer on beans – they generally grow well enough without extra food.

Do be on the look-out for the Asiatic Garden beetle – it has been spotted already, and earlier than normal. It is a tad smaller than the Japanese beetle and is chestnut brown in color.

Since it feeds during the night, look for chewed foliage in gardens or planter boxes under lampposts, street lights or other outside lights. Cultivate directly underneath the affected plant during the day and you will likely see the culprit scurry back into the soil.

This is one pest you don't want to have around – send them swimming in a soapy bath or you may not have any plants left!

Floating row covers are great tools to keep bugs off of young squash seedlings. Do not leave them on too long however, or pollinators won't be able to do their work. Remove the fabric at the first sign of blossoms.

Sweet William (*Dianthus Barbatus*) and Wild Foxglove (*Digitalis purpurea*) are at their peak right now. Do leave a few seed heads of these and other favorite biennials in place.

With any luck seeds will drop and you will have enough volunteers next spring to replace the parent plants and share them with

your friends.

Don't be surprised to see all foliage and no flowers next year. Biennials bloom the second year from sowing, making only leaves the first year.

Do remove spent flowers from Mountain Laurel bushes – you don't even need any clippers! Simply bend the sticky stems forward and they should break right off. With the flowers gone the shrub can redirect energy spent on seed making into forming next year's buds.

Don't wait much longer to prune spring flowering shrubs – next year's flowers are usually set in early to midsummer. Rose of Sharon should also be left alone – it will bloom in August. A haircut now would certainly be at the sacrifice of flowers.

Bearded iris can be divided now. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand.

The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about two inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good.

If your soil is lean, compost can be added to enrich it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral.

Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. For optimal blooms, the top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried.

If your peonies are overcrowded and have begun to bloom poorly division may be necessary.

Although it would be logical to think that this should be accomplished shortly after blooming, it is not the case. Tackle this project in September.

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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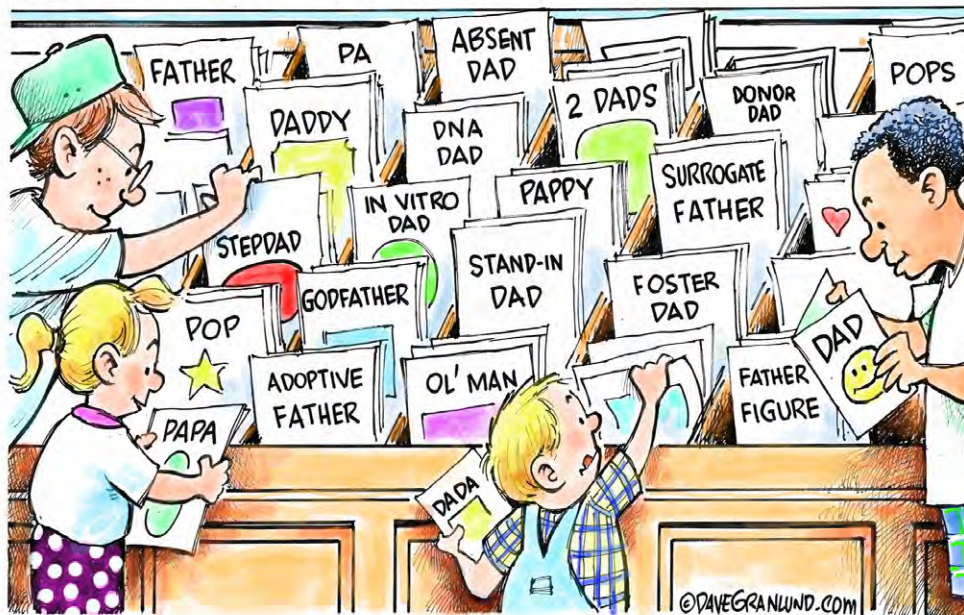
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CPD takes part in Stefanik School Fun Day



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CHICOPEE – The police department stopped by Stefanik Elementary School on June 3 to take part in the school's Fun Day. The ice cream truck also made an appearance.



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Justin MacIntyre promoted



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CHICOPEE – Firefighter Justin MacIntyre completed his probationary year recently!

Events & announcements schedule

4th Annual Chicopee Pride event set to celebrate diversity and acceptance at Szot Park

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Pride Committee, chaired by Emarie Leatherwood, is thrilled to announce the 4th annual Pride Festival at Szot Park on June 15 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This vibrant celebration is made possible through the generous funding and support of the Chicopee Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and numerous local supporters.

Mayor John Vieau commented, "Chicopee's commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment is at the forefront of our community initiatives. The Pride event at Szot Park is a celebration of this spirit, where we come together to support the LGBTQ+ community, but the shared values that unite us all as one city."

Event Highlight

- Entertainment-including local Drag Kings and Queens and a local published poet.
- The Sashay: a chance for everyone to show their most fabulous Pride selves
- Local LGBTQ+ business and ally businesses
- LGBTQ+ Community Organizations and supporters

Why Celebrate Pride? Pride events are a cornerstone in advancing the dialogue around the importance of inclusion and acceptance. They allow LGBTQ+ individuals to see themselves represented in their community and provide the broader community an opportunity to embrace diversity. This visibility is crucial

in promoting understanding and dismantling prejudices.

"Pride is more than a celebration; it is a vital movement towards achieving equality and acceptance for all," said Emarie Leatherwood, chair of the Chicopee Pride Committee. "By coming together, we honor the courage of those who live authentically and encourage a more inclusive society."

The Chicopee Pride Committee invites all residents and visitors to join in this celebration of love, diversity and acceptance. Let's come together to support the LGBTQ+ community and move forward in unity and respect.

About the Chicopee Pride Committee: The Chicopee Pride Committee, a part of the Chicopee Queer Consortium, works tirelessly to ensure that the voices of the LGBTQ+ community are heard and celebrated. Through events like the Pride celebration, the Chicopee Queer Consortium strives to create a more inclusive and accepting society.

For more information, please contact: Emarie Leatherwood, Chair Chicopee Pride Committee Email: ChicopeePride413@gmail.com

Join us as we celebrate, reflect, and look forward to a future where everyone can live openly and proudly.

HCHS holding Baby Playgroup June 18

CHICOPEE – The Holyoke Chicopee Family Community Program is holding a Baby Playgroup.

You are Invited to Baby Playgroup, ongoing weekly on Tuesday.

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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 Marciel 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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City Council approves public hearings for petitions

Moratorium for James Street also withdrawn

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved on June 4 for public hearings to be held for two proposed petitions.

The first concerns a petition around making the charter for the City of Chicopee gender-neutral.

This would replace the city charter with a gender-neutral version.

Vice President/Councilor-At-Large Robert Zygarowski said the motion would be sent to the Rules Committee for a public hearing.

“President Laflamme has been working on this and I’m going to turn it over to him because he’s more involved in it than any of us,” Zygarowski said.

President/Councilor-At-Large Frank

Laflamme explained it came out of a review of the charter, thanking Attorney Tim Riley, the Law Department and State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) for their help.

“It’s just a format. That’s why we want to clear it up and put it the way we want,” Laflamme said. “So, that’s what this is for.”

The motion passed 12-0.

Next, a petition to the General Court followed by a bill regarding a special law for the recall of any holder of elective office in the city was discussed.

After Zygarowski said this would be sent to the Rules Committee for a public hearing, Laflamme elaborated on the motion.

“This one here is another one that was brought forth by the committee--from the Charter Review Committee,” Laflamme said. “We’ll take it up in committee to do the rule changing.”

The motion passed 12-0.

Another highlight was a favorable

Zoning Committee report surrounding a moratorium for James Street.

Here, the moratorium would propose no further business, commercial or industrial development to occur on James Street from the intersection of James Street and Memorial Drive to the beginning of Syrek Street and any appurtenant street for a period of one year beginning February 1, 2024 and terminating on February 1, 2025 except by special permit.

The motion was to withdraw.

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier explained the applicant decided to withdraw the proposal.

“This was going to be a review with the proposed James Street moratorium. We had some interesting comments and we also had legal give us an opinion, case law regarding zoning, moratoriums,” Balakier said. “That was provided to the Planning Board which voted for a negative recommendation on this.”

Balakier then added another consideration that came up.

“The previous month, there was a question, legally, whether or not the applicant could come in with this proposal because the applicant is also a city councilor. So, we had some discussion and we got a legal opinion that the applicant could come in and act as the applicant here, even though they were a city councilor,” Balakier said. “So, legal gave us their interpretation of this and the applicant decided to withdraw this proposal.”

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello shared she made the request to withdraw the proposal and planned to abstain from the vote.

“I was along with Councilor Dobosz an applicant, but I will be abstaining. But I’m asking that it would be withdrawn and that there were people in the area that lived in this particular area on James Street that were agreeable to the withdrawal,” Costello said.

The motion passed 9 yes, two out of chair and with one abstention.

Mayor Vieau submitted City Budget to the City Council for approval

CHICOPEE, MA – Mayor John Vieau has provided the FY’25 Mayor’s recommended Budget for the City of Chicopee asking the Council to begin its review process and finalization.

The City’s commitment to education and safety is reflected in the FY’25 budget. The entire financial team worked together to address the city’s needs and move Chicopee forward based upon our shared goals and priorities. This year’s budget was challenging as we tried to provide the expected service levels and improvements consider-

ing inflation and increased demands.

The grand total FY’25 budget, as submitted, reflects an increase over last year’s Budget as approved by City Council of 7.3%. The General Fund “excluding” the School Department reflects an increase over last year of 4.0% with the largest increase over the FY’24 Budget being the Human Resources Budget with an increase of \$1,048,971.31 which is primarily due to the increased health insurance costs. Other significant increases in the General Fund are the Police Budget with an increase of

\$737,255, the Retirement Budget with an increase of \$548,172.00, and the City Hall Maintenance Budget with an increase of \$352,013.32.

The FY’25 School Budget reflects the Minimum Net School Spending Requirement of \$118,431,573 plus the cost of the lease for the School Admin Building of \$280,200.00 which is not part of Net School Spending, and the additional funding coming from the Stabilization Fund for Educational Purposes of \$7,668,342.00. The increase in school spending is about

\$13.4 million, or 11.8%.

The FY’25 Water and Sewer Budgets, which are self-supporting departments funded by their own User fees reflect an Increase of \$344,224.44 and a decrease of \$104,251.69 respectively. I thank you for your attention to this important matter as we work together to improve our City.

I look forward to working with the City Council to finalize the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025. For More Information:

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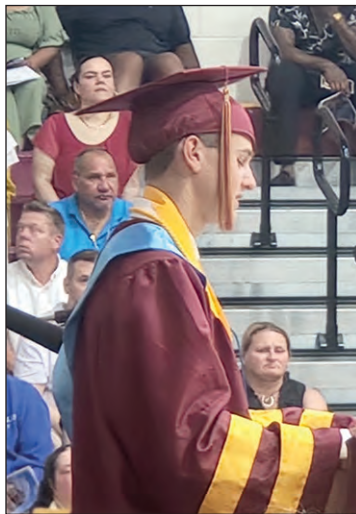
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GRADUATION 2024

Chicopee High School



Salutatorian Henry Ryczek addresses the class of 2024 on graduation day at Chicopee High School.



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Valedictorian Khushi Patel gives her graduation speech.



Graduates stand up to be recognized for receiving the Pro Merito Awards, Seal of Biliteracy Awards, induction into the National Honor Society and graduated from the Health Science Academy, the Criminal Justice Academy and the EMT Academy.



2024 Class President DuWayne Barker reflects on the last four years of high school and the adventures ahead.

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us for the chances and challenges that lie ahead of us.”

Barker also had advice for the underclassmen: get involved in the classroom and join organizations.

“Do not feel like you are being judged because you are doing good deeds and supporting your community. It is an important aspect of your life that will help you develop on many levels. Try something new and join a club. It’s never too late,” Barker said.

Ryczek credited the high school for helping him succeed, encouraging the graduating class to hold on to their memories from the last four years.

“As we arrive at the end of our high school careers, we must only reflect on the good that has happened. Remember the memories you hold within the walls of Chicopee High School. Remember the sports you’ve played, the clubs you participated in and the achievements you’ve made,” Ryczek said. “Use everything you can from your four years here to

make the world a better place. Most importantly, remember to enjoy life and never take anything for granted. You only live once so make the most of it. You will always represent Chicopee High School no matter what happens. We are Chicopee High Pacers and nobody else can top that.”

Patel advised classmates to persevere and power through the challenges life throws at them.

“I want you to know that no matter the size of obstacles life brings, if you take a step back and take a deep breath, you’ll find a little spark within you that will give you the energy to fight through,” Patel said. “And I believe that there’s a spark within each and every one of us because humans are the most complex creatures on this planet. However, one simple thing about us is we have the ability to overcome every hardship.”

Patel also recalled attending high school during the pandemic by opening Chromebooks for online class and later returning to the classroom, encouraging



A floral-themed graduation cap was one of many decorated caps on graduation day. This cap belonged to Leila Yasmin El-Dada.

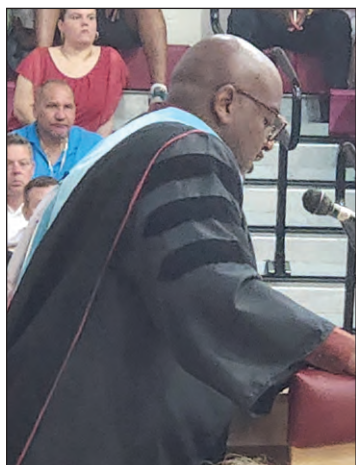
address the graduating class, saying, “the world behind high school is vast and filled with opportunities and challenges” and a strong work ethic, kindness and integrity will always guide them.

“As you go forth, remember that you are not alone. You are part of a community that believes in you, that supports you and that will always be here for you. Your high school experience has given you a foundation of knowledge and a network of relationships that will continue to be valuable throughout your whole life,” Lemke said.

Lemke ended his remarks with this challenge: dream big, work hard and stay true to yourself.

“As you move forward, carry the lessons, the friendships and the memories from your time here at CHS with you. Your future’s bright and is yours for the taking,” Lemke said.

After the presentation of diplomas, the graduates cheered and threw their caps up in the air, signifying the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.



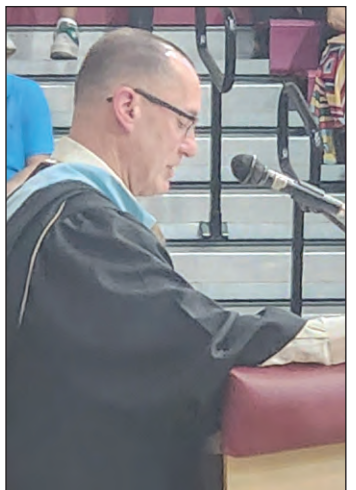
Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware shares his advice to the Class of 2024.



Manuel Catala, Noah Galas and Jeliel Rivera Ramos stand at attention as Neveah Monserrate provides introductions for the Graduates to Guardians presentation.



The parents of Blue Wakefield look on with pride with a homemade banner and smiles on graduation day at Chicopee High School.



CHS Principal David Lemke addresses the graduating class.



URLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS
The Chicopee High School Chamber Choir performs.



A graduate celebrates as he’s recognized during Chicopee High School’s graduation ceremony on June 6.



GRADUATION 2024

Chicopee Comprehensive



Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 2024 during graduation day.



Grace Dolbow smiles as she receives her diploma.

TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY



CCHS 2024 President Nate Deren reflects on high school during his graduation speech on June 7.

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holds you back. You will never know when the opportunity passes you. Take a chance on life and don't turn back," Deren said.

Vieau praised the graduating class for their "unwavering resilience and commitment" to their education, traits which will "open doors to a world of possibility."

"Your achievements today make our community stronger and much more vibrant. The pride that you carry as a Chicopee Colt will always be part of you, wherever your journey may take you," Vieau said. "Remember, the city of Chicopee will always be your home. A place where you've grown and thrived and to which we hope you will always return."

Ware reflected on how the graduating class's journey "has been anything but ordinary" and they faced unprecedented challenges head-on.

"Even though the pandemic reshaped our world, you understood that there was a new reality. Yet like colts learning to navigate a vast and unpredictable terrain, you adapted, persevered and made yourself stronger. As we stand at the gateway of your future, I want to remind you about the spirit that you endured when you were here as a colt. I saw the energy, I saw your determination and I see all your potential," Ware said.

Wodecki said when graduation ends, the class will "enter into life with a clean slate" and encouraged everyone to face the curveballs when they come.



CCHS Salutatorian Andrew Wodecki gives his Salutatorian speech.

"When faced with this problem, the first instinct of many is to shut down and just stop. But when we do this, whenever we give up in the face of difficulty, we not only waste our opportunity, we sell ourselves short of the truly amazing things we can accomplish. No matter what life decides to throw our way, we must endure. With the right amount of perseverance and an indomitable spirit, there is absolutely nothing that can stand in the way of our success," Wodecki said.

Zielinski emphasized balance and making time for the fun things outside of school.

"My high school experience was so enjoyable because I gave myself time to do things that I loved and stayed true to myself, almost as a reward for the time spent working. When it comes to life balance, we are all able to decipher what we need more and less of. Even if you haven't done this yet, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to do it now- to decipher what

you need to be happy," Zielinski said.

Lamothe, a Comp alum, revisited the 1964 yearbook to prepare for his speech to find commonalities between the Class of 2024 and the Class of 1964.

"The common thread here is that like the Class of 1964, you came to Comp with much uncertainty. Like the Class of 1964, entering a previously unoccupied building, you started here in the fall of 2020, with me as a rookie principal, during a worldwide pandemic, during one of the most uncertain times ever," Lamothe said. "Together, we adapted, we pivoted, we were challenged, we grew, we overcame...and here we are 4 years later all the stronger for it."

Lamothe credited the graduating class for playing "a very large part" in helping the high school's culture bounce back post-pandemic.

"I want to thank you for your hard work, over the entirety of your high school career, from the opposite side of a Zoom link from your kitchen tables and bedrooms in 2020 and 2021, to all of the excitement, energy, positivity and smiles that have filled our hallways more recently. While it hasn't always been easy, I do thank you and so does the larger Comp community," Lamothe said.

After the graduates received their diplomas, the ceremony concluded with the newest CCHS alums throwing their caps in the air in celebration with confetti in the air.



CCHS Salutatorian Andrew Wodecki hugs his mother, Sarah, as his father, Tom, looks on after receiving the Salutatorian medal on graduation day.



The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Choir performs.



Various graduation caps decorated by the CCHS Class of 2024 for graduation.



Mayor John Vieau provides remarks to the CCHS Class of 2024.



Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware speaks to the graduating class.

GRADUATION 2024

Chicopee Academy



Brendon Armstead shakes hands with Mayor John Vieau after receiving his diploma.



Cianna Velazquez beams as she receives her diploma after graduating from Chicopee Academy on June 5.



Colin Berry shows off his diploma on graduation day.

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fresh chapter started into your adulthood journey," Ware said.

Cain honored Rose Abbott, sharing how she's not afraid to voice her opinion and advocate for what is right, leading her to graduate a year early.

"You should be very proud of yourself because we are. Rose, you will forever be an example of what can be accomplished if a person sets their mind to it. You have shown not only current students, but future students that the Academy is not the end but truly the beginning to accomplishing your goals," Cain said.

Borowiec recognized Hesham Al Bakri, citing his kindness.

"In the two years I had the privilege of being his teacher, he always showed concern and kindness to his classmates and to me. In fact, he treated everyone in our school community with respect," Borowiec said. "Hesham, you are very deserving of a future filled with happiness, adventure and success and I wish you only the best."

Belanger honored Brendon Armstead for his determination.

"You have managed to juggle so many responsibilities in your young life from childcare to caring for family and friends--many times at your own sacrifice. You have a huge heart and spirit," Belanger said. "To the point and most importantly, you stand here today making me so incredibly proud to witness this life-changing achievement and shift into your next chapter."

Guyter read a poem to honor Colin Berry.



Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware provides remarks to the graduates.

"You've earned your diploma, so stand tall and free. From 'How?' to 'I did it!'--be proud as can be. Remember the laughs and learning, you see. You are respected. How--most definitely!" Guyter said.

Williams said Emily DeForge was filled with resilience, determination and strength.

"As you move forward after today, please remember that life is like playing cards. There are always new games to learn, it's best to play with those you care about, keep track of how you doing so you can reflect and make adjustments, always keep your goals in mind and never, never give up," Williams said.

Next, Rodriguez paid tribute to Nathan Flathers, who he had as a student during the pandemic, and how not only had he completed high school, but also earned almost half of his credits for an associate's degree at the same time through the Gateway



A group photo with nine of this year's 11 graduates from Chicopee Academy.

to College program at Holyoke Community College.

"Watching you grow over the past few years has been truly inspiring. You have not only excelled academically but have also become a leader and role model within our school community. Your ability to face adversity head-on and emerge stronger is a testament to your character and strength," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez also recognized Cianna Velazquez, or CC, for her light and being an embodiment of joy and energy.

"Your infectious laughter and positive attitude have been a constant reminder that high school is about more than just the grind--it is about finding the fun and making the most out of every moment," Rodriguez said. "Your ability to connect with people, to bring out the best in them and to spread smiles has made a lasting impact on everyone around you."

Johnson honored Leonardo Gomez and his fighting perseverance as he came to the academy during middle school, bonding over boxing.

"Boxing served as a metaphor for the many things that defined Leo. He learned how to move around in school, size up the opposition he faced whether academically or personally, and most importantly, how to stick and move when working to attain his credits or getting into just a little bit of trouble," Johnson said. "I hope that Leo continues to persevere in his goals to develop a successful future for himself."

Bogli, who paid tribute to Josilian Ruiz Arroyo, said she "had the potential to achieve great

things."

"Josilian, as you move forward, know that you have the foundation to achieve anything you set your mind to. Your success in completing your courses early and graduating ahead of time is just the beginning. Continue to embrace challenges, stay curious and push your boundaries," Bogli said.

Bohlke, who recognized Kayshawn Wallace, said he cares deeply for his family and the responsibilities that came with it.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work that Kayshawn has been able to do independently to earn the credits necessary to graduate. This is a major milestone for him and a product of his hard work and dedication. He is now ready to enter the real world as a high school graduate," Bohlke said.

And finally, Dunwell honored Kyliegh White, saying how she found her voice just as she was about to graduate.

"You became especially skilled at self-advocacy. This is



Kayshawn Wallace smiles with his diploma.

a remarkable skill that many of us don't learn until later in life, if at all. This skill should serve you well in all your future endeavors. I wish you continued success," Dunwell said.

After receiving their diplomas, the graduates turned their tassels to the left, a new chapter now beginning in their lives.



The Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC presents the colors.



A family photo of Hesham Al Bakri with his family.

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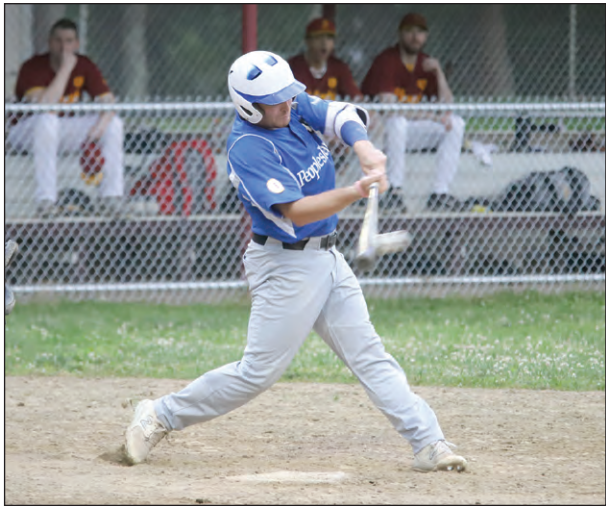
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Devin Slattery, of Ware, makes a play at short for St. Joe's.



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Cam Rivest swings and connects for the Bankers.

Tri-County season gets underway

PALMER – Though its size has struggled in recent years, the Tri-County Baseball League, the premier adult baseball league in Western Massachusetts, is back up to seven teams this year and the Franklin County is also once again represented. The venerable league veteran teams of Peoples-Bank and St. Joseph's played their season opener against one another at St. Joe's Field last Friday night.

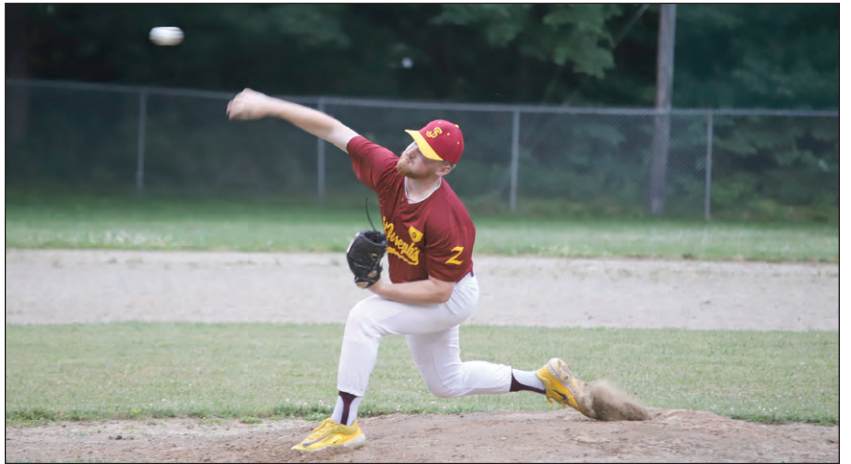
This year, they are joined by the Chicopee Falls Tigers, which made a return to the league two years ago after a hiatus, bankESB, which also took a hiatus and returned this season.

The Longmeadow Cardinals a returning team and Teddy Bear Pools takes over as the sponsor for 413ATC. A previous team that played its games at Frontier Regional High School rejoins the league this year with a sponsor of Hilltown Tents. The Bankers are once again the defending league champions, and the season will be an 18-game schedule with each team facing their opponents three times each.

St. Joe's hosted PeopleBank in its Tri-County opener last Friday night.



Left-hander Jimmy Flahive fires a pitch to the plate for PeoplesBank.



Theriault makes big impact in debut for Mutiny



Maddy Theriault, of Palmer, scored three goals in her Mutiny debut on June 1.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Maddy Theriault scored a total of 143 goals and had 39 assists during her outstanding varsity soccer career at Palmer High School.

Theriault, who'll be a junior on the Fairfield University women's soccer team in the fall, made a major impact in her first match as a member of the New England Mutiny.

Theriault, who's a forward, posted a hat-trick leading the Mu-



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Emma Pedolzky starts to move up the field.

tiny to a 7-1 victory in their most recent home match against the Albany Rush at Lusitano Stadium on June 1.

"It's really nice to play for a very good summer soccer team," said Theriault, who played a match at Lusitano Stadium for the first time in more than ten years. "I'm very excited to be a member of this soccer team. It's close to Palmer and I get to play with a bunch of great players. It's a lot of fun." The home victory improved the Mutiny's season record to 3-0-0. They've outscored their first three

opponents, 14-3.

The other two Mutiny forwards are Chioma Okafor, who plays soccer at UConn, and Cat Berry, who plays at the University of South Carolina.

"Both of them are amazing soccer players," Theriault said. "We work very well together, and I really enjoy playing on the same team with them."

Unfortunately, Berry, who recorded a hat-trick in the Mutiny's previous match against Sporting

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Blue Sox outlast Nighthawks in extras

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox took down the Upper Valley Nighthawks 4-1 in extra innings earlier this week.

In a stalemate 1-1 game Tuesday night, filled with good pitching and in/outfield play, the fifth man in the lineup for the Upper Valley Nighthawks Chris Baillargeon walks up to the plate where he'd be 0-3 so far on the night. On a 2-2 count, Conor Wolf stares down Baillargeon and delivers a fastball down the middle that Baillargeon crushes into left. The Blue Sox watched with all the hard work they'd done throughout the game hanging in the balance on one hit, as it soared past the infield and to the back wall. However, left-fielder Jack Basseer had other plans for the Blue Sox as he rose up to make a fantastic grab at the wall to give the Blue Sox the second out of the inning, and eventually giving the Nighthawks another scoreless inning.

This game remained 1-1 through nine innings, forcing an exhilarating 10th inning. On an added note, the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) does not play traditional extra innings as the MLB does. With a runner on second base at the start of each half, both teams have

opportunities to score with this extra advantage.

With Logan Hugo on third base after he stole a base in the top of 10th, Michael Toth hits a sacrifice single as Hugo runs home. After a late throw home from the pitcher, Hugo is ruled safe and the stalemate from the second inning is finally broken. Shortly after, Justin Butler hit a massive double as well, bringing both Frankie Ferrentino and Michael Toth home to increase the lead to 4-1, sealing the win for the Blue Sox.

"I just dug in my normal approach that I have," Butler said. "It's been working out for me but surely out tonight, so happy to happen and glad the Sox gotta win for sure."

To recap the win, Gregory Shaw started on the mound for the Blue Sox, pitching over four innings with four strikeouts and only giving up one earned run off three hits.

Upper Valley did not go down without a fight either, with Joseph Purcell starting the game on the mound. Purcell also only gave up one earned run off three hits in three innings. It was a solid game for the senior out of Slippery Rock University, but

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T-Birds name assistant coaches for upcoming season

ST. LOUIS, MO — Springfield Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell announced today that the team has hired Jaroslav Modry and Chad Wiseman as assistant coaches. They join head coach Steve Konowalchuk on the new coaching staff for the 2024-25 season.

Modry, 53, joins the Thunderbirds for his second tour of duty as an assistant coach in the AHL. He served in the same capacity with the Ontario Reign from 2017-20. Since 2021, Last season, he served as the head coach for HC Kometa Brno.

During his playing career, Modry skated in 725 NHL games as a defenseman for six different teams (NJD, LAK, OTT, ATL, DAL, PHI), recording 250 points (49g, 201a) and 510 penalty minutes. He also captured a Calder Cup championship with the Albany River Rats in 1995. Modry was originally a ninth-round pick by the New Jersey Devils (179th overall) in the 1990 NHL Draft.

Wiseman, 43, joins the Thunder-

birds following two seasons as the head coach for the Guelph Storm in the Ontario Hockey League, where he compiled a 68-56-12 record and led the Storm to back-to-back playoff appearances. He previously served as an assistant and associate coach in Guelph from 2018-22.

Wiseman also brings prior head coaching experience, serving in that capacity with the New York (Metropolitan) Riveters in the National Women's Hockey League from 2015-18.

Wiseman enjoyed a 14-year playing career, including parts of 11 seasons in the AHL for six different franchises.

The forward set a career-high with 59 points (24g, 35a) in 2009-10 as a member of the Springfield Falcons. In 603 lifetime AHL games, Wiseman posted 431 points (171g, 260a) and 560 penalty minutes. He also skated in nine NHL games with the New York Rangers and San Jose Sharks between 2002 and 2006. Wiseman was originally an eighth-round pick by the Sharks (246th overall) in the 2000 NHL Draft.



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 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@bay-stategames.org or call 781-932-6555.

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CT, will be heading back to South Carolina in a couple of weeks.

Okafor, who plays at UConn, is also a first-year Mutiny player. She netted the only goal of the opening half during the fifth minute.

The scoring play began with Berry sending a pass from the left side to Theriault, whose shot attempt was deflected away by Albany goalie Molly DiCarrio, who made a couple of key saves during the first half.

Okafor was in the right spot to knock home the rebound shot giving the Mutiny an early 1-0 advantage.

Berry had several shots on goal during the final 40 minutes of the first half, but they were saved by DiCarrio, who plays soccer at Clarkson University.

The Mutiny was still leading 1-0 at halftime.

Less than five minutes into the second half, Okafor was fouled in the box and the Mutiny were awarded a penalty kick from referee Stephanie MacFarland.

It was an all-female official crew. The two assistant referees were Julia Connor, and Diana Kolodziej, who's the Director of the prestigious Pioneer Summer Soccer League, along with her husband, Chris. The fourth official was Meghan Litten.

Mutiny midfielder Avery Klingensmith, who plays college soccer at American University, stepped up to the line and delivered a line-drive shot into the upper right corner of the net.

Klingensmith, who graduated from Belchertown High School, and Theriault faced each other a couple of times during their varsity careers.

"I played soccer against Maddy at the youth level and in high school, so it's great to finally be playing on the same team with her," Klingensmith said. "Maddy is a very hard worker, and she had a hat-trick in tonight's game. I think it's awesome to have a lot of the local players playing for this team."

Theriault scored her first goal wearing a Mutiny uniform during the 59th minute.

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in the end the Blue Sox took this game from the Nighthawks through their brick wall of a defense in the in/outfield.

"It was a very gritty game and you



Avery Klingensmith takes a shot.

The initial shot which was taken by Jess Mazo was saved by DiCarrio, but Theriault put home the rebound shot.

"I just knew the ball was going to ricochet off the goalie, so I just wanted to get in the right position to score a goal," Theriault said. "It felt very nice to score my first goal with this team."

About sixth minutes later, Theriault fired a left footed shot into the back of the net from the middle of the box, which gave her new soccer team a commanding 4-0 lead. Mazo was credited with the assist.

After receiving a pass from Berry, Theriault completed her hat-trick by scoring another goal during the 69th minute. She came out of the game at that point.

"It's very exciting scoring my first hat-trick with this team," Theriault said. "I was just in the right place at the right time. I'm just glad that I could help my team win tonight's game."

Mutiny head coach Federico Molinari was impressed with Theriault's performance.

"This was the first game that Maddy was on the roster, and she did very well," Molinari said. "We played a lot better in

got to tip our cap to the pitching staff of the Nighthawks and even their hitters, too," Butler said. "I mean, they swung it well and they pitched so well. So it was just that we had to score more than them, and luckily we came out on top tonight."



Jess Mazo tries to settle the ball.

taling netted a stoppage time goal for the Rush (0-2-0).

The Mutiny will be playing their first road match of the season against the Maine Footy on Saturday night. Their next home match will be against the Hudson Valley Crusaders at 7pm on June 15.

EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of July 4th,
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Chicopee Public Library hosts Programs for Kids and Families

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

Here is the slate of events for June 2024.

The Library's All Ages Playgroup will be held in the children's room on Saturdays, June 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 Friday, June 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.

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.

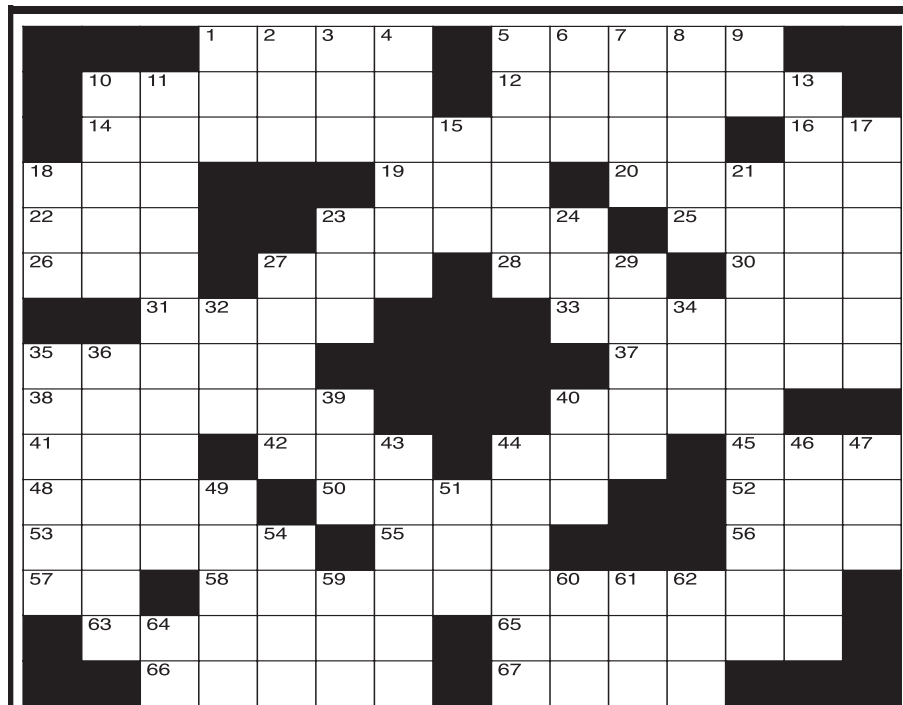
Summer Dance Parties will be held every other Tuesday morning. The first one will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. Join in to move and groove. Geared for kids five and under, but older kids are welcome!

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 Forsythia: 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.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American people
- 5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
- 10. Schoolboard accessory
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. Sculpted body part
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. ___ King Cole, musician
- 20. Plates on a turtle's shell
- 22. University of Utah athlete
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
- 27. Prefix indicating wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown or black

- 33. Restaurants have a lot of them
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of gasoline
- 40. Actor LeBlanc
- 41. Perform in a play
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Part of a banana
- 50. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Noted journalist Tarbell
- 56. Computer firm
- 57. Type of record
- 58. Bacterium that can cause infection
- 63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
- 65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
- 66. Pattern

- 67. Very eager to see something

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Places to perform
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Consume
- 7. Athleisure clothing brand
- 8. California town
- 9. Atomic #50
- 10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Creates anew
- 13. Humorous commentaries
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Most ignoble
- 18. Soggy dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. One-time internet accessory
- 29. City in India
- 32. Furniture
- 34. You have likely chatted with one
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Proof of purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Building occupied by monks
- 47. Georgia rock band
- 49. Device that generates intense beam of light
- 51. State of agitation
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top

Gabriella Trznadel graduates from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER - Gabriella Trznadel of Chicopee received a bachelor of arts degree Summa Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

Trznadel is among 751 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 178th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Laurie Leshin, director of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and former president of Worcester Polytechnic Institute delivered this year's address to the Class of 2024 and received an honorary degree.

In her remarks, Leshin spoke about the forward-looking, visionary pioneers who have paved the way for space exploration success throughout the years, and

stressed the importance of being audacious and pushing boundaries.

"So this is my challenge to you, Class of 2024 - to dare mighty things together," said Leshin. "You certainly inherit an imperfect world. A planet, a society, with flaws. But I have faith in you.

"You have the vision. You have the intelligence and the drive. And if you can you think big, pursue audacious ideas, and do so with passion and commitment, mind-blowing things are possible."

In addition to Leshin, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rev. Paul F. Harman, S.J., a longtime Holy Cross administrator who played a key role in the College's transition to coeducation 50 years ago.

Colleges announce Dean's Lists

Robert Trigilio makes Le Moyne College Spring 2024 Dean's List

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Robert Trigilio, a Political Science major from Chicopee, has been named to the Le Moyne College Spring 2024 Dean's List. To make the list, students must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or above.

Located in a suburban setting on a picturesque 160-acre campus in Syracuse, N.Y., Le Moyne College is one of only 27 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. Offering more than 30 majors, Le Moyne provides a values-based education that helps students explore their potential through academics, experience and service. In 2023, for the 11th consecutive year, Le Moyne was ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, an honor achieved by only 15 percent of the colleges and universities in the nation. A Le Moyne education provides students with the intellectual skills necessary to succeed in the world and the will to use their abilities to promote a more just society.

Lasell University students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List

NEWTON - The Spring 2024 Dean's List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

The following Chicopee students were named to the Lasell Dean's List: Callahan Bullens, Grace DuBois, Chloe Galipeau and Blaize Mack.

Local students named to Spring 2024 Dean's List at URI

KINGSTON, R.I. - The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following students from Chicopee made the Dean's List this semester: Max Morgado, Nathan Conde-

Haney, Ameena King, Romeo Brooks, Ava Lapa, Madi Hartling and Taryn Langlois.

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students for the 2024 Spring Semester

SPRINGFIELD - Springfield College named the following Chicopee students to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 spring semester:

Gabrielle Aube, who has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PA.

Mackenzie Feeley, who has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-OT.

Israel Gonzalez, who has a primary major of Psychology.

Adam Hollister, who has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

Nathan Machnac, who has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Aryana Morales, who has a primary major of General Studies.

Lilianna Nichols, who has a primary major of Dance.

Corey Raftery, who has a primary major of Communication/Sport Journalism.

James Rego, who has a primary major of Accounting.

Samantha Robak, who has a primary major of Health Science / Pre-PT.

Andrea Samson, who has a primary major of Pre-Prof Athletic Training.

Elizabeth Santos, who has a primary major of Social Work.

Trevor Seidell-Poirier, who has a primary major of Physical Education.

Trinity Sperry, who has a primary major of Public Health.

Garret Theberge, who has a primary major of Exercise Science / Applied ES.

Genesis Torres, who has a primary major of Psychology.

Butterscotch Wilder, who has a primary major of Art Therapy.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on June 21, 2024, at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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Southwick, MA 01077

2003 Honda Odyssey
VIN: 5FNRL18043B066677
Raul Bracetty
85 Beech St
Lowell, MA 01850

2004 Pontiac Vibe
VIN: 5Y2SM64804Z430631
Paul Doucette
153 Diconzo Blvd
Marlborough, MA 01752

2006 Chevrolet Hhr
VIN: 3GNDA23P36S661243
Brittany Tobey-Bowers
27 Overlook Dr.
Springfield, MA 01118

2009 Buick Enclave
VIN: 5GAEV23D39J171528
Angel Ortiz Tirado
5348 Millenia Blvd 7102
Orlando, FL 32839

2015 Kia Soul
VIN: KNDJN2A21F7213668
Hiram Vargas
32 Main St.
Ware, MA 01081

2015 Kia Soul
VIN: KNDJN2A21F7213668
Hiram Vargas
32 Main St.
Wales, MA 01081

Moped
VIN: L8YTDNPA5BM020545
Colby Hudson
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Coeymans, NY 12045

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CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:30 PM*** in the Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-51.1 for the purpose of membrane covered structure storage of a boat. Approx - 22 ft - 10 ft. located at 2 Daniel Drive. Applicant-Duane Mitchell, 2 Daniel Drive, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

The June 26, 2024 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 06/07, 06/14/2024

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Special Permit application under Chapter 275-67 due to the fact that the subject parcel is located entirely within the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District. The proposed residential development is allowed by Special Permit with the City Council located at 105 East Street. Waivers requested (1) waiver from section 275-67(G)(2)(d) (3) for a historical narrative prepared by a preservation consultant (2) waiver from section 275-67(G)(2)(d)(6) from a traffic impact study. Applicant - PREM, LLC c/o

Dennis Patel, 36 Yarmouth Dr., Agawam, MA 01001.

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Kiana Gonzalez
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Holyoke, MA 01040

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VIN: 3N1AB61E09L631653
Zachary Lasky
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Westfield, MA 01085

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VIN: 1FMCUUGD8JUC90083
Dorothy Thomas
39 Massachusetts Ave
Springfield, MA 01109

2004 Cadillac Escalade
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Wilmer Parker
52 Pendleton Avea
Springfield, MA 01109

2007 Honda Fit Sport
VIN: JHMGD38677S031448
Cosmo Casamassa Jr.
63 Main St.
Charlton, MA 01507

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VIN: JN1AJ0HP7AM701876
Joanne Delgado
887 Lincoln St.
Franklin, MA 02038

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VIN: 1HGFA16856L060519
Nicholas Grieco
64 Ridgemont St 1
Alliston, MA 02134

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Gregg Moffitt
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Worcester, MA 01609

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Cameron Gagnon
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Monson, MA 01057

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VIN: JTHBJ46G172094646
Elizabeth Acevedo
65 E Allen Rdge Rd
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VIN: 4V4NC9TK2HN980719
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Allentown, PA 18104

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P0618EA

Estate of:
Irene Jean Lacroix
Also known as:
Irene J Lacroix
Date of Death: 02/16/2024
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 **Debra J Maurer of Granby, 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: **Debra J Maurer of Granby, 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 07/03/2024. 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: June 05, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
06/14/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden, ss.
Superior Department

Civil Action No.:2479CV107 COMPLAINT
Mikhail Okhrimenko Plaintiff

vs.
Rose Mortgage, Inc. Defendant
ORDER OF NOTICE
This matter came before the court upon the Plaintiff's motion for an order of notice, it is:

Ordered, and adjudged that an order of notice issue to the Defendant and to any others claiming an interest in a mortgage given by Arthur Benoit and Edna C. Barton to Rose Mortgage, Inc. on or about September 23, 2005 which was recorded on or about November 2, 2005 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 15464, Page 89 encumbering the land located at 6 Mount Carmel Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013, by publishing an attested copy of this order once each week for three consecutive weeks in the Chicopee Register, a newspaper published within the City of Chicopee, at least fourteen (14) days before July 12 2024, and that all named and unnamed defendants do cause an appearance to be entered and an answer or other responsive pleading be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, in Springfield, Hampden County on or before July 12, 2024. If you, the above named defendant, or any unnamed defendant fails to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a) your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you have against the plaintiff, which arises out of the matter, transaction or occurrence that is the subject of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

By the Court
Edward J. McDonough, Jr.
Entered: 6/7/24

Attorney for the Plaintiff
Brian Shea
430 Main Street,
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06/14, 06/21, 06/28/2024

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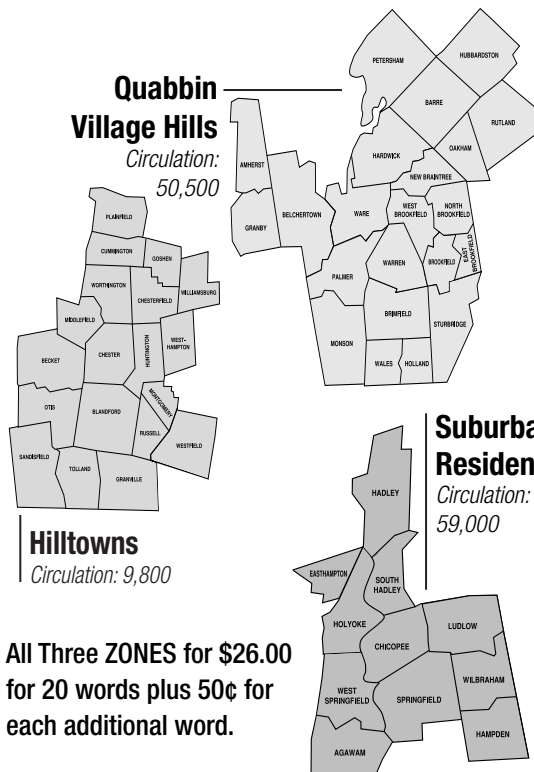
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Gomez announces SAFE & Senior SAFE Grants for Hampden district

BOSTON - State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) joins Governor Maura Healey and Secretary of Public Safety Terrence Reidy in announcing FY24 grants funds for the Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE programs for the cities of Chicopee and Springfield. The SAFE and Senior SAFE grant programs promote fire and life safety education for children and older adults, who are most vulnerable to burns, injury, and death stemming from fires and related hazards.

"The continued funding of fire & life safety education for some of the most vulnerable to fire related tragedies, school-age children and older adults, has led to a safer Commonwealth," said Senator Gomez. "I am thankful to Secretary Reidy and the Healey-Driscoll administration for these life-saving investments in the Hampden district."

Since 1995, the Department of Fire Services' Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant program has supported firefighter-educators who deliver age-appropriate fire safety education to kids and teens across

Massachusetts. The SAFE grants have correlated with a decline of about 80% in Massachusetts child fire fatalities and the longest period without a child fire death in the history of the Commonwealth. Today, it is our seniors who face the most disproportionate risk of dying in a fire: the Senior SAFE program was launched in FY14 to provide them with the tools and knowledge to live safely.

For more information, please contact Senator Gomez's office at Adam.Gomez@MASenate.gov.

Mount Tom State Reservation Summer Events

HOLYOKE - Mt. Tom State Reservation has entrances on Routes 5 and 141 on the Easthampton/Holyoke line. All programs are FREE and admission to the park is FREE after 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays. We meet at the picnic table next to the playground. Bring water (none is available) and bug spray. For more info email to J6663@netzero.net

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Senior Hike- A one hour hike on

easy trails.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Advanced Hike for Seniors- one to two hour hike on all trails. We go slower and take many breaks in consideration of the age group. Both hikes are FREE.

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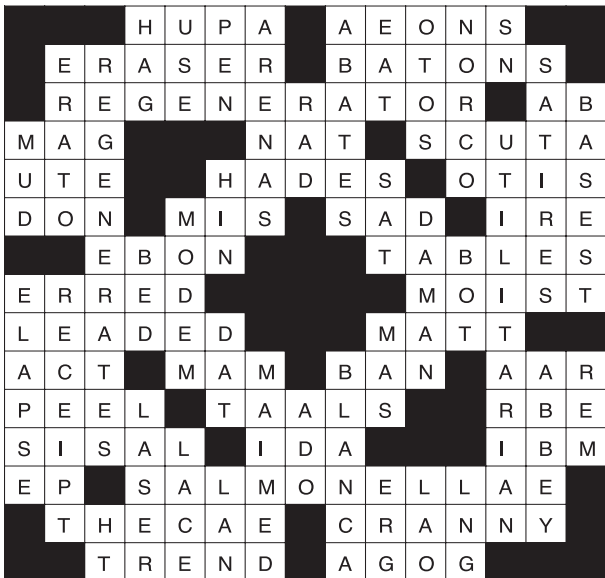
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IN THE CITY

Bowie School visits Station 8



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CHICOPEE – Students from Bowie Elementary School visited Station 8 on June 6 for a fun, educational field trip about the fire department!



CFD and CPD take part in Safety Day



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CHICOPEE – The fire and police departments participated in a Safety Day event at Westover Job Corps on May 23. During the event, students took part in Stop the Bleed Training, received training in naloxone use, attended a Hands Only CPR demonstration, watched a K-9 demonstration from the police department, observe a vehicle extrication demonstration from the fire department, enjoyed ice cream and more.

BeatleMania at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host the program "BeatleMania" on Friday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Immerse yourself in timeless melodies from the Fab 4- featuring hires like Hey Jude, Let It Be, Eleanor Rigby and more. This program is sponsored in part by the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. You must register in advance.

Summer Carnival at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will have a Summer Carnival on Tuesday, June 25 from 3 to 6 p.m. with a Rain Date of Thursday, June 27 at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join us for our Third Annual Summer Carnival. Come try your hand at some games, eat some carnival treats and sit back, relax and enjoy a summer night with your friends at RiverMills Center. Tickets are \$10 and include a hamburger, hot dog, chips, drink and ice cream. All other concessions and game tickets will be available to purchase at the time of the event. There will be no formal time for dinner, but ticket sales are limited.

There will be music by DJ Luis D on the patio and some other fun carnival entertainment! This is a senior center event and it open to anyone 55 and older. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

Raising a Reader

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Chicopee Family & Community Program is currently hosting a "Raising A Reader" Family Shared reading program.

The program is for families with children from infant to five years old.

Let's get together for fun activities that develop reading readiness and social emotional skills! Take home a red bag each week with books to borrow.

The program takes place on Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. at HCS Head Start the first and third Wednesday of the month at 41 Commercial St., Holyoke.

Please call or email Shane at Shanew@headstart.org or 413-310-1632.

This program is funded by the Co-ordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to HCS Head Start by the Department of Early Education and Care.

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