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CPD Bike Rodeo raises awareness for bike safety

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CHICOPEE - Residents visited Ray Ash Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 15 to check out the 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo with the police department.

The event promotes and raises awareness for bike safety with stations for bike registration, bike inspections with Bob "The Bike Man" Charland from Pedal Through Youth, helmet fittings and an obstacle course to practice riding safely on the roads while on your bike.

After completing the obstacle course, participants received a free rechargeable bicycle lamp and free ice cream from the police department's ice cream truck.

Public Information Officer Travis Odiorne explained he hopes to hold the event in different parts of the city every year to reach out to everyone, sharing how the event provides an opportunity for the community and police department, including their bike unit, to connect and interact with one another.

"It's just a good way for us to get out in the community so the kids can see us and interact and realize the different things that we offer. Our bike unit, it's summertime now, so they're out



A Chicopee Police Officer Bike Patrol member guides a child through traffic cones on the obstacle course during the 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo

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all over the city trying to interact with the kids," Odiorne said. "It's just a good time."

With the children now out of school for the summer and hitting the roads on their bikes, Odiorne said it's important to have the event around that time to stress the importance of bike safety.

"Just giving them a little bit of an awareness of how to prop-

erly ride your bikes in the streets, on the sidewalks, what to look for when you're on a bike and, also, for the parents and education to kind of teach their kids about what they should be looking for as they're riding bikes," Odiorne said. "And again, for operators of motor vehicles, alerting them to that more kids are out on the streets, school's out and there's going to be more bikes and foot

traffic, so to just be more aware of what's going on."

Charland was excited to participate in the event again and partner with the police department.

"It's collaborations like this that show the positive side of law enforcement. It truly shows the empathy that these officers have for the communities that they serve," Charland said.

Charland explained why it's important for families, including children, to check their bikes.

"We want to make sure that their wheels are tight, the air's inflated properly, we want to make sure that they have good brakes. Just all the basic safety stuff, so when they're out there on the streets and they're not

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Chicopee celebrates Portuguese Heritage Month with flag-raising

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members and local and state elected officials gathered outside city hall on June 10 to raise the Portugal flag for Portuguese Heritage Month.

Mayor John Vieau said the Portuguese American community is a proud community that has enriched Chicopee "with traditions, music and my favorite cuisine: an unwavering spirit."

"Portuguese values such as hard work, family and community have deeply influenced our city. These values are evident in the successful businesses. The Portuguese community has shown us the beauty, resilience and the importance of remembering where you came from," Vieau said.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) reflected on how the Portuguese spirit is about "exploring and looking at our world and understanding that our world just isn't our community."

"But, if we understand that it's bigger than ourselves, it's bigger than us, and when we see that, that spirit of Portuguese Americans is embodied by this day on June 10 as we celebrate



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) provides remarks on Portuguese Heritage Month during the Portuguese Heritage Month Flag Raising ceremony in Chicopee on June 10.



State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) speaks about his Portuguese roots and learning about the culture.

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Portuguese heritage," Oliveira said.

State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) shared how he found his roots, learning he is 21% Portuguese and continues learning about the culture along with the blending of his backgrounds.

"There's no secret that the Portuguese settled in the Caribbean, settled in South America and a lot of us Latino folks have a great, great percentage of Por-

tuguese in us and there's a lot of your culture and your heritage that is instilled within our footprint," Gomez said. "So, today and for always, I wanted to let you guys know I hold dear that I'm Portuguese, but I know that there's so much more to learn."

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) stressed how the Portuguese American culture is embedded into Chicopee.

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Drag performer Ruby Monroe and Mayor John Vieau ride shotgun in the back as they wave Pride flags during the sashay at Chicopee's 4th Annual Pride Fest at Szot Park.

Community celebrates LGBTQIA+ community at 4th Annual Pride Fest

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CHICOPEE -The community gathered in droves from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Szot Park for the 4th Annual Pride Fest.

Pride Fest celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community, with this year's festivities including drag king and queen performances, remarks from Emarie Leatherwood, chairperson for the Chicopee Pride Committee, Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), City Council-

or-at-Large Tim Wagner, a poetry reading from Lee Desrosiers, music from DJ Greebles and Wyldfire, a sashay and vendors including First Congregational Church, Kane's Krusade, Center Fresh Market, Paw Street Bakery, HB Real Estate, Desiloo Designs, Froebel Art, Mystic Willow Metaphysical Shop and many more.

Victoria Obvious served as emcee.

The festival was presented by the Chicopee Queer Consortium and the Chicopee Pride Committee, in conjunction with

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Richard Smith of F.L. Roberts and Mayor John Vieau cut the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the Golden Nozzle Car Wash on June 12. Ward 1 City Councilor Abigail Arriaga and City Council Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski held the ribbon for the ceremony.



The kiosks or digital menus at the Golden Nozzle Car Wash on Memorial Drive in Chicopee.

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Golden Nozzle Car Wash celebrates grand opening with ribbon-cutting

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CHICOPEE - The Golden Nozzle Car Wash officially opened its new location on Memorial Drive on June 12 with a ribbon-cutting and free \$25 car washes.

The car wash sits on the site of the former Denny's Restaurant, providing free vacuums with two hooks so drivers don't have to wait to vacuum and state-of-the-art equipment inside the car

wash including undercarriage washing, ceramic, hot wax, air dryers to blow the car, cleaning equipment and more.

\$19.99 a month passes to have your car washed multiple times throughout the month are available and free air to blow out vents and mirrors is forthcoming.

The free \$25 car washes were offered through June 21.

The operating hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

During the ribbon-cutting, Mayor

John Vieau expressed excitement for the grand opening.

"I'm really excited to say that we have another investor--or an expansion of investment--in Chicopee with Golden Nozzle," Vieau said.

After the ribbon was cut, Richard Smith of F.L. Roberts provided a tour, with many drivers taking advantage of the free car wash offer to get their vehicles cleaned.

Smith shared Golden Nozzle has 57 locations throughout New England, but Chicopee "has probably been one of the best cities (and) towns to do business."

"They make it business-friendly," Smith said. "The whole team in Chicopee's been great. From Building to DPW to Planning, everybody's been great. We're thrilled to be here."

Smith also explained how the Montgomery Street location "is busy a lot" and the traffic goes into the street.

"So, we're hoping to alleviate that and bring some of our customers who don't live in this part of the region here," Smith said.

The new site, he added, is already benefiting people in the Memorial Drive area too.

"I was here the other day and I saw a customer come in and ask about our passes. I said, 'How do you like the site?' and he said, 'I love it because I work at Walmart and now, I'll start using your site here rather than going to Montgomery Street,'" Smith said.

For traffic at the Memorial Drive location, Smith explained the site has gates set up with two kiosks or digital

menus, with one of them for fast pass customers only.

For the person who paid first, that gate would open and once the car reaches a certain point, the other gate would open for the car waiting there, something the Montgomery Street location does not have.

"This helps us control the traffic so we can move the cars faster," Smith said. "So, as the gates open, we have cars ready to go in. So, that helps us not get lines out into the street. So, this serves two purposes. It controls traffic for us and (is) a pain point for customers."

Smith said he got into the car washing business 48 years ago while working part-time at a car wash in college.

"They offered me a job to be the manager. So, I quit school--college--and I took that job. Then eight years later, I came out to work with F.L. Roberts. So, in 1985, I began my career with Golden Nozzle," Smith said. "In 2016, Nouria Energy bought F.L. Roberts and that's when Golden Nozzle really took off."

Smith wants the community to know he is thrilled to be in Chicopee and to stop by, recommending drivers wash their cars often.

"I really recommend washing your car often because a lot of folks don't wash their car often and then the mud and stuff gets caked on there and it's hard to get it off. If you wash your car often, your wheels come out cleaner all the time, your whole car is easier to clean and you have a nice, shiny car. So, I strongly recommend washing your car often," Smith said.



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School Committee receives updates on safety, discipline issues

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CHICOPEE - The School Committee received updates on safety and discipline issues in the district from Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware on June 5.

In his presentation, Ware explained it was an update to address comments that were previously shared at a May 15 meeting.

The presentation included snapshots of referral data, incident data and an examination of comments shared throughout the year, at community forums and in public comment.

From there, Ware broke down the three challenges to keeping everyone safe and healthy in the district: operating within the law, high needs cost and societal factors.

"We are finding that long gone are the days of if a student does not meet the expectation of a student of your class and you could just send them home. We cannot do that. There are parameters that the law says very clear about what we can do and there are parameters that we should be doing," Ware said.

On high needs cost, it refers to out-of-district placement costs and social/emotional health interventions in board-certified behavioral analysts and behaviorists cost increase.

"We've added positions to support these students and then, as a result, adding staff," Ware said.

On societal factors, Ware said, "We own it, but we gloss over it."

"Some students have been exhibiting more disruptive behaviors, that is correct. Some parents have reported that they need help in supporting their child. That is a conversation that principals, Unit B members as well as executive team members have said in conversation with me that parents are owning that for some of their children, they understand their students have a lot of needs and they'd like some more supports," Ware said.

He added, "Some basic needs are not being met" either.

"If we talk about low-income and talk about poverty and what that can bring to the table. We have students who are facing a lot of different factors that they bring to school with them and it comes out in behaviors," Ware said.

Ware also addressed a Department of Labor Standards Report surrounding a complaint at Szetela Preschool, which went to DLS in June 2023.

"The complaint alleged a student made the environment unsafe to work since September of 2022. Teachers did not feel safe. There was no training for the behavior and restraints training as well as behavior trainings were either a) not offered or b) not effective," Ware

said. "And that's what the complaint alleges."

Ware said the complaint, also, alleged the district performed no safety inspections of materials to minimize the risk of injury to staff, with a follow-up by DLS requested in July 2023.

On August 17, 2023, a response was sent back, followed by a school inspection in January 2024.

"So, the DLS issued four citations in the categories of serious and three of the four citations were for structural concerns. One was for injuries to a staff member," Ware said.

On April 11, 2024, the district sent updates to DLS with photographs as proof.

"So, where we stand with the report is that, far as we know, we have not received anything back that we're not in compliance," Ware said. "So, I wanted to address that. This was not an ongoing situation, it was something that was brought up. It was addressed and, to our knowledge, it is closed."

This report led Ward 7 School Committee member and Vice Chair Donald Lamothe to ask about how Ware had put together a safety team to address school inspections.

"Now, after reading that, I got to ask you the question. How many other buildings have we done that with?" Lamothe said.

Ware replied, "We're doing them all."

Ward 6 School Committee member Sonny Brooks later asked about accountability.

"Accountability is what I hear on a regular basis. How are we going to address that?" Brooks said.

Ware later presented a slide showcasing the additional staff hired to address student conduct, including two additional vice principals at the high schools, 10 safety and security officers, three school resource officers, five additional social workers, 15 additional special education teachers and multi-language learner teachers, a family liaison, seven BCBA's and three behaviorists.

"The conversations that I'm having when I'm in town halls or when I'm meeting with Ms. Demakis or when I'm meeting with my executive team, is saying we added personnel but our systems, to me, are the problem," Ware said. "And I say that with full ownership of where I'm at in my superintendency."

Ward 3 School Committee member Jason Dout later thanked Ware for him and his team taking "a unified approach" in addressing the concerns.

"I just want to thank you and your team for tackling it from that approach and looking at it as we all need to be on the same page in order to move forward," Dout said.

Events & announcements schedule

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.

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 melo-

ries 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.

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.

Holyoke/Chicopee Head Start holding Raising A Reader/Family Shared Reading Program

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 Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to HCS Head Start by the Department of Early Education and Care.

2024 Summer Concert Series

CHICOPEE - The FRIENDS of RiverMills Summer Concert Series at RiverMills Center kicks off Wednesday, July 10 and every Wednesday after with the last concert being August 21. The lineup is as follows:

July 10- The Eddie Foreman Orchestra

July 17- Amanda Meli as Dolly Parton

July 24- The O-Tones

July 31- Dave Colucci

August 7- Jimmy Mazz

August 14- Robert Black as Elvis

August 21- The Earls & Pearls

Tickets for all shows in July are on sale now, but will go quick! August show tickets will go on sale July 15. The first and last concert of the series will be \$10 as there will be dinner served. All other concerts will be \$5 with snacks provided. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at all shows. No outside beverages allowed. You must purchase tickets in advance at RiverMills Center. Two ticket limit. For more information, please call RiverMills Center at 413-534-3698.

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Bobolink

I receive an email from a Brimfield resident. He said, "In Brimfield I found bobolinks at two locations, a field off of Hollow Road, and a field bisected by Agard Road. I'll check back to see if the birds at either field are successful in raising young."

The male bobolink has a black head and body with a yellowish nape and white feathers on the rump and wings. The white rump is visible in flight. The female has brown streaks on the back and flanks, buff breast and dark line behind the eye.

Bobolinks feed on the ground, eating insects, weed and grass seeds. They inhabit hayfields and grasslands. There population declined due to loss of grassland breeding habitat and hunting during the last century to protect rice crops.

The female lays four to six cinnamon colored eggs with brown blotches in a nest of coarse grass and sedge lined with finer material on the ground. Urban development, reforestation and loss of dairy farms resulted in loss of their breeding habitat. Early cutting of hayfields can kill more than 80% of unfledged young. There song is a long bubbling sound given by the male in flight. The call is a "pink."

Hummingbirds

I receive an email from a resident of Lake Lashaway in North Brookfield. She said, "Hummingbirds arrived at my feeder May 3. They visited for a week, but I have not seen one in the last week and a half." She changed the sugar water mix, but still no hummingbirds. She said a neighbor has not seen hummingbirds recently.

Dusting turkey

A Brimfield resident, who frequently sends emails, said, "Recently I had noticed an area behind the house where the ground had been disturbed. I thought I knew what had caused the disturbance, but wanted to be sure so I set up a wildlife camera near the area. When I checked the camera some of the pictures showed what I expected, a turkey taking a dust bath."

On one occasion, he said, "the bird spent over half an hour taking a dust bath. Shortly after the bird finished one of our resident gray foxes spent some time checking out the area."

He also saw a great crested flycatcher taking a dust bath. He said, "On three different days, a flycatcher was seen taking a dust bath." The great crested flycatcher and a house wren are both using nesting boxes he put up in the yard.

Bear

The Brimfield resident had a bear take down his oriole jelly/oranges feeder. The jelly was eaten, but the oranges were untouched. He put the feeder back up with just oranges and no jelly. Last night nothing bothered the feeder.

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 edowne@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette,

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Social Security's earnings test and Cost of Living Adjustments

Dear Rusty

Is there a limit on earnings when you're fully retired? Also, should all retirees receive Cost of Living Adjustments or is there an exception?

Signed: Retired But Wondering

Dear Retired

Your questions are fairly simple but, nevertheless, often perplexing to those wishing to apply for Social Security, because the SS rules are many over 2,700 of them and those about to apply for their benefits may be simply unsure and want to avoid a costly mistake. I'm happy to answer your questions and, hopefully, clarify any uncertainties you have on these topics.

Social Security imposes an earnings limit on anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full retirement Age. If you haven't yet reached your FRA somewhere between 66 and 67, depending on the year you were born and you continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn before they take away some of your benefits.

So, the answer to your first question is, yes, there is an earnings limit \$22,320 for 2024 if you haven't yet reached your Full Retirement Age. If the annual earnings limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit, up to the year you attain FRA when the assessment is less). However, if you have already reached your Full Retirement Age the earnings limit no longer applies and you can earn as much as you like without consequence. And here's a nuance to be aware of: if you work and exceed the earn-

ings limit and have some benefits withheld as a result, when you reach your FRA, you will get time credit for any months you didn't get benefits, which will result in your monthly amount being a bit higher after your FRA.

Regarding Cost of Living Adjustment, everyone, without exception, who has earned a Social Security benefit and reached eligibility age (62) receives the annual COLA increase whether they are already collecting their benefits or not. If you're not yet collecting, the COLA is added to your "primary insurance amount" or "PIA" on which your benefit will be based when you claim.

If you are already collecting SS, COLA will be added to your gross monthly SS benefit amount. However, since there was a \$9.80 increase in the 2024 Medicare Part B premium, and since the Part B premium is taken from everyone's SS benefit payment, Social Security recipients enrolled in Medicare Part B will not see the full 3.2% COLA in their net monthly Social Security payment. Everyone will receive the COLA increase, but no one enrolled in Medicare Part B will get the full COLA increase in their net SS payment because some of the COLA increase is used to pay their increased Medicare premium.

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 - SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org via email or call 1-888-750-2622.

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Officers Matthew Goonan and Flordemaris Delarosa get ready to take off on the obstacle course with participants.

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with an officer or a parent, they're safe," Charland said.

Charland's safety tip is making sure you have the proper equipment, emphasizing the importance of wearing your helmet.

"It's very important that they have the safety equipment that they need," Charland said.

Odiorne's safety tip is to make sure your bike is in good operating condition.

"Checking your brakes, checking your tire pressures, making sure all that's working," Odiorne said.

Throughout the summer, Odiorne added Roger's Ice Cream has also donated gift cards to the police

department's Bike Patrol and will distributing them to the children

"So, each officer has five or six gift cards and if they're out and about on their bikes and a child on a bicycle comes up to them and they approach an officer and say hi and have their equipment checked and everything's good, they'll get a gift card for ice cream down at Roger's Place," Odiorne said.

Odiorne encouraged the community to check out the event, and added even if you don't have a bike, consider stopping by.

"Just hang out, have a good time, ride your bike around the park, talk to the officers, talk to the people out here and meet the people in your community and have fun," Odiorne said.

A member of the Chicopee Police Department's Bike Patrol rides with a child on the obstacle course during the 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo.



A collection of bike helmets as part of a helmet fitting station for the 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo at Ray Ash Park in Chicopee on June 15.



Bob "The Bike Man" Charland works on a bike at the bike inspection tent during the 3rd Annual Bike Rodeo.



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A traffic light was part of the obstacle course children went on with their bikes.

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Al Picard recognized as Paul Harris Award recipient



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CHICOPEE – Al Picard was recognized as a Paul Harris Award recipient on June 11 at the View Restaurant on View Street in Chicopee.

The Paul Harris Award represents the practice of Rotary International's mission; "Service Above Self" and is issued to a very select few.

The event was hosted by Rotary Club of Chicopee Co-President John Arthur with those in attendance there to support Picard, including local Chicopee citizens, political representatives and Chicopee and District 7890 Rotarians.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau proudly delivered the proclamation making June 11th Al Picard Day! Along with many accolades directed toward Al Picard, the mayor spoke of his many significant achievements in community involvement. Several others took their turn at explaining why this man is so deserving of this recognition. For example, Lorraine's Food Kitchen, RiverMills Adult Center, Downside, Veteran's Service Board where not only served as a volunteer but president as well! His drafting of the state's general neutral document involvement with the Dan Kane singers and so forth!

The celebration concluded with



perfection: God Bless America sung by the Dane Kane Singers!

Rotarian Jeff Sattler gave a detailed explanation regarding the significance of the Paul Harris award in addition to Art Lobdell illustrating the meaning of Rotary. Dave Gilrein brought the house down by "roasting" the honored guest. Al Picard took the podium explicitly thanking all but also recognizing many who have guided him throughout the years. His presentation triggered all's emotion when his wife of near 43 years was recognized.

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"If nothing else that speaks louder, it's the hard work that comes from the Portuguese community and I'm so happy to have you all here representing this great city in celebration of all your contributions," Arriaga said.

Vieau presented the proclamation to Brian Mendes, president of the Portuguese American Club, with his family then cranking the lever to raise the flag.

After the ceremony, Oliveira explained the history behind Portuguese Heritage Day goes back to the 1500s from poet Luis de Camões.

"He mostly wrote about Portuguese exploration and so, he lost sight in one eye during a battle during one of these excursions that he went on and actually wrote kind of an Iliad of Portugal and he actually wrote it in what is now present-day Vietnam," Oliveira said. "So, Camões being someone who focused in on that exploration and wrote about it is kind of seen as the poet of record of Portugal and what we celebrate on June 10 was the date that he died in the 1500s. They actually don't know when he was actually born, so they used his day of death as the day we actually celebrate it."

Oliveira said the flag-raising also emphasizes the presence of the Portuguese community in Chicopee.

"It's evident in the Portuguese Club

that's just down the road, a Portuguese restaurant that's right here in downtown Chicopee with The Red Fez, so, those types of things to celebrate those cultures really raise the public's attention to these communities that settled here," Oliveira said. "And so it's always exciting to be part of it."

For Mendes, he said it means a lot to see many people come out for the flag-raising.

"We're a small community in Chicopee, the Portuguese, but we get together as one all the time, so it means a lot. It means a lot to me, it means a lot to our community for sure," Mendes said.

Mendes said the Portuguese American Club was built in 1954 and has held weddings, jack and jills, stack parties, charity events and more, working together with other cultures as well.

Twelve people run the club, all of them volunteers.

"Over time, we've brought in other cultures. The St. Patrick's Day Parade have joined us. So, it's nice. It's a small, well-run club," Mendes said.

On this Portuguese Heritage Day, Mendes encourages the community to take pride in their heritage.

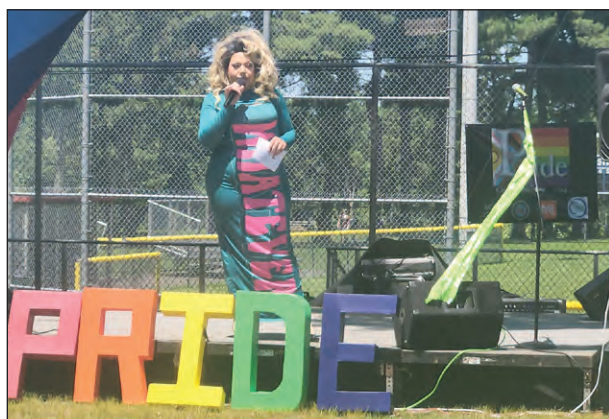
"Definitely take pride in your heritage for sure and like some of the speakers said today, it's about that and it's about family," Mendes said.



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Members of the Mendes family, consisting of mother Nicole and daughters Emily and Olivia, crank the lever to raise the flag to celebrate Portuguese Heritage Month in Chicopee on June 10.

Mayor John Vieau shakes hands with Brian Mendes, president of the Portuguese American Club, as he's presented with the mayor's proclamation to declare June as Portuguese Heritage Month in Chicopee.



Emcee Victoria Obvious provides remarks on stage during Pride Fest. The stage was supported by Baby Safe Haven.



Residents show off and celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride during the sashay during Chicopee's 4th Annual Pride Fest at Szot Park.



Rosabla Jimenez, tarot reader and reiki master, and Jonencia Wood, owner and yoga master, at the Mystic Willow Metaphysical Shop at their vendor table.

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the City of Chicopee, the Chicopee Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Leatherwood said the city and their departments supporting and helping to bring the festival together "is proof that we are starting to be heard," also reflecting on the Stonewall Riots and how Leatherwood's mother introduced Leatherwood to everyone in a hospital by Leatherwood's preferred name, a moment of acceptance and support.

"That's the kind of respect that we all deserve. That's the respect you find here today. Your identity matters, who you are matters. Chicopee Pride is here to say that you are seen, you are heard, you are accepted, loved and you have value beyond your wildest dreams," Leatherwood said.

Gomez stressed the LGBTQIA+ community is part of the community and they matter.

"We love you, we're grateful for this community. You are part of this commu-

nity. Don't let anyone and nobody tell you that you are not part of the Chicopee footprint or what's happening here in the Commonwealth," Gomez said.

Wagner, the first openly bisexual and the first openly nonbinary elected official in Chicopee, focused on the state's history of civil rights advancements for the LGBTQIA+ community and how "we still got a long way to go."

"It's important for events like this for us to come here and be who we are and organize and show that we're here, we're queer and we are not going away," Wagner said.

Ariel Mehler was one of the vendors selling Pride-themed handmade dog and cat accessories, stressing the importance of Pride and countering hate with messages of love and acceptance.

"Everybody deserves to love who they want to love. As long as folks are happy, safe and all that. Love should be a right and not some luxury type-thing," Mehler said. "Until that happens, Pride is a necessary movement to have."

Mehler hopes people who attend the festival take away that Pride "is here to stay" and "we should all just love one another."

"Even if someone's not part of the queer community, it costs nothing to be an ally," Mehler said.

Brett Cohen-Sherry of Paw Street Barkery, an LGBTQIA+ business in Chicopee, said Pride Fest is an opportunity to meet others in the community while showing what everyone has to offer.

Cohen-Sherry was also thrilled with the turnout.

"We got a lot of talents and we got a lot of gifts that we can show the world too. So, there are things that we can buy and sell and different ways we can be part of the community through different services," Cohen-Sherry said. "So, it's kind of cool that people from outside of the community can come in or outside of the LGBTQ+ community can come in and be a part of this too."

Desrosiers read a series of poems called "Conservations About My Gender"

during the festival, having come out as nonbinary a couple of years ago.

The poems were inspired by a picture prompt where you had to describe your gender in a photograph or picture, with Desrosiers realizing they could do the prompt through poetry.

"So, I let my imagination run free and I have, right now, 35 poems like that and I'm doing 50 so I can do a full-length book," Desrosiers said.

Desrosiers hopes attendees take away a feeling of acceptance and supported.

"Also, a thank you to allies for staying with us and being there for us and I just hope this turns into a really big thing in the next few years," Desrosiers said.

Cohen-Sherry said it was great to meet everyone at the festival.

"I look forward to meeting more of you! Come say hi!" Cohen-Sherry said.

Desrosiers' message was this.

"We're just like you and not to be afraid of people who are different," Desrosiers said.

Sports

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Aldenville Post 337 gets win over Wilbraham

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—Right-hander Matt Drobiak is one of the pitchers listed on the Aldenville Post 337 Senior Legion baseball team roster.

Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School a couple of weeks ago, allowed just two base hits in leading Aldenville to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Wilbraham Falcons at Michael J. Farrell Memorial Field at Spec Pond, last Wednesday night. Post 337 includes players from Chicopee, Holyoke, and South Hadley this season.

"I tell my guys all of the time that we're going to win games this season with our pitching and defense," said Aldenville manager Mason Scott. "We do have several outstanding pitchers on this year's team and we're going to ride them all season long."

Aldenville, who had a 1-1 record after the first week of the Legion baseball season, suffered a one run extra inning loss to Northampton Post 28 in the season opener at Sot Park two days earlier.

They were also scheduled to host Pittsfield last Friday. That contest was postponed because the Pittsfield High School varsity baseball team played in Division 4 state finals at Polar Park in Worcester.

Wilbraham (0-2) also suf-



BRADY BURNETT PITCHES FOR ALDENVILLE POST 337 DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF ACTION.

ferred a one run loss in extra innings to Belchertown Post 239 in their season opener.

"This is only our second game of the season, and we still have a lot of games left to play," said Wilbraham manager John Breton. "The players are still jelling together, but I think we'll be a very good baseball team this year."

Drobiak, who's a third-year member of the Aldenville Legion team, had a 2-0 lead to protect before walking out to the mound

for the first time in the bottom of the first inning.

"It's always important to take the lead in every game," Drobiak said. "It takes the pressure off you. I just kept throwing strikes."

Drobiak's batterymate in last Wednesday's game was Memphis Huertas, who's also the starting catcher for the South Hadley varsity baseball team.

With one-out in the top half of the opening frame, Aldenville shortstop Nate Carillon, who



NATE CARILLON MAKES A THROW TO FIRST.

graduated from South Hadley High School last year, lined a single into center field off Wilbraham righty Liam Shea. Then third baseman Topher Reardon, who lives in Holyoke, blasted a double to deep left field, which scored Carillon from first base.



JAYLEN GONZALEZ SENDS A THROW BACK TO THE INFIELD.

Drobiak followed with a single into right and right fielder Burke Belsky was hit-by-a pitch loading the bases. After the next batter struck out, first baseman Brady Burnett drew a walk

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Final year of current alignments set to take place

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The new state tournament format has brought with it a lot of complications, criticisms, and changes for teams, especially many of those in Western Massachusetts who never voted in favor of the tournament changing.

The format was widely pushed by the Eastern half of the state while Western Mass. teams lost their beloved sectional tournaments as they knew them.

But like any tournament or formula, it has its flaws and it is constantly evolving.

Western Massachusetts, which uses the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference to make its local leagues and now host a small Western Mass. tournament in most sports, is heading into its final school year of a four-year alignment agreement.

After this year, teams will be re-aligned, and power rankings could be a bigger factor in how leagues are created going

forward.

Previously, leagues are typically compiled using previous years records as a measure, and teams are placed in leagues based on competition, often intermingling teams from different divisions.

This can help or hurt teams. Smaller schools benefit from playing larger schools in their league because the larger schools help the power rankings of small schools.

The opposite is often the result for larger schools, which sometimes need every point possible to qualify for the state tournament as part of the top 32 teams in its respective sports and division. While a .500 record will get you into the state tournament, if you are below .500, you will get a low seed and possibly a trip across the state depending on where you draw.

There have already been some interesting changes happening in some league since the last alignment. Among them, Longmeadow no longer com-

petes in the PVIAC for boys and girls lacrosse. Longmeadow has been sectional champion almost every year for the past 25 years. Now, the Lancers play a completely independent schedule designed more for its competition level and to benefit its power rankings for the state tournament.

In football, there has been a push to see the same happen to Central football, which has dominated schools like Minnechaug, Agawam, Holyoke, and Chicopee Comprehensive for the past decade. However, the challenge with an independent schedule for the Golden Eagles is that almost all teams in the state play a conference schedule in Week's 4 through 8, making it difficult to find games. Most football teams play independent games in Weeks 1 through 3.

Realignment work will start taking place following the fall season when committees begin meeting, and will continue following each season during the next school year.

Bristol scores late to beat Blue Sox

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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BRISTOL— With two outs and a runner on second base in the bottom of the seventh inning with John Kwiatkowski pitching to Bristol hitter Dean Ferrara, the Blue Sox had the chance to end the inning with the lead on a groundball to second base.

Second baseman Andre Vidal made a wild throw to first base that first baseman Justin Butler couldn't grab and allowed Bristol Blues' Jordan Peyton to score and tie the game 7-7. Bristol scored one run in the bottom of the eighth inning and won 8-7 on Sunday night.

Blue Sox 11, Westerners 8
It was an offensive affair throughout the game between the Valley Blue Sox (5-3) and the Danbury Westerners (2-6) last Friday.

The Westerners jumped out to an early 4-1 lead going into the third inning, but Jonathon Hogart for the Blue Sox had other plans as he hit a three run shot deep to left-field to tie the game

up at 4-4.

Moving on to the top of the 8th inning, the Blue Sox found themselves down by one with Hogart again at the plate. With Conor Larson on third base, Westerner's pitcher at the time Tyler Muscar threw a wild pitch that brought Larson home to tie the game once again. This score remained tied as the ninth inning expired, to lead the Blue Sox to their third straight game going into extra innings.

However, this game was different than the previous two, as the Blue Sox led off the inning as they were the road team. With the help of a couple errors and walks from Westerner pitcher Zeph Arnold and Paul Glenchur, the Blue Sox opened up an 11-7 lead going into the bottom of the inning, and if that wasn't enough Zachary Laird's superb relief pitching from the past two innings continued as his only run given up was in the bottom of the 10th to close the deal.

Laird finished with five

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Pioneers score big shutout over AC Connecticut

LUDLOW – Last Tuesday evening, the Western Mass. Pioneers defeated AC Connecticut, a longtime rival, 5-0. The match brought the Pioneers record to 5-1-1 on the season. The Pioneers will have one more meeting later this season with AC Connecticut. The Pioneers also battled to a scoreless draw against Vermont Green FC last Saturday evening in Vermont. Coming up, the Pioneers will host Boston City FC for the first time this season on Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m.



Gianluca Cersosimo sends a long free kick away.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS. Leonel watches his kick away.



Austine Boadi starts a move up the field



Lawrence Goddard winds up for a shot on goal.

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 ar-

chery, 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 North-Star 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.

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bringing home another run.

Shea, who was a member of the baseball team at Wilbraham & Monson Academy this past spring, left the bases loaded, as he recorded another strikeout.

Shea, who'll be joining the Colby College baseball team in the fall, pitched very well during the final six innings of the game, which took less than two hours to complete. He allowed two runs on five hits with three walks and nine strikeouts.

The home team had an opportunity to tie the score in their first at-bats against Drobiak, who walked only one and recorded five K's.

Wilbraham centerfielder Ryan Keating hit a single to right leading off the frame and Shea was hit by a pitch. That threat ended quickly, as Drobiak set down the next three batters on a pop-up, flyout, and a strikeout. He then retired the next 15 Wilbraham batters that



Burke Belsky gets low to catch an out at first.

he faced.

With one-out in the top of the second, Aldenville centerfielder Brady Balint hit a flyball single to left.

Then Carillon, who was a freshman on the Westfield State University baseball team this past spring, drew a walk. Post 337 couldn't add onto their lead as Shea retired the next two batters.

Wilbraham shortstop Sawyer Lisowski began the bottom of the seventh inning by hitting

a single into center field. He advanced to second on a perfect sacrifice bunt by third baseman Ryan Akin.

Lisowski didn't stay at second base for very long because he was picked off by Drobiak.

Wilbraham catcher Vince Chiarizio walked which kept his team's comeback hopes alive a little bit

longer.

Drobiak then ended his outstanding performance by retiring the next batter on a pop-up caught by Carillon.

"My teammates made all of the plays behind me in tonight's game," Drobiak said. "I also got into a groove in the middle innings."

The two Senior Legion baseball teams are scheduled to face each other again at Szoat Park in Chicopee on July 17.

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strikeouts over three innings pitched while only giving up one earned run.

The Valley Blue Sox tie with the Bristol Blues for first place in the western division with this win, both teams with

a record of 5-3. The two teams have not squared off yet due to the rain delay, but they will be facing off in the next couple days.

As for the early season struggles, the Blue Sox hitting has been unbelievable over these last four games.

Hitting multiple home runs, but more importantly hitting the ball when it matters most. They are undefeated in games that go to extra innings so far, and it is a testament to their grit and toughness as Justin Butler alluded to earlier this season.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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Docket No. HD24P1301PM**
In the matter of:
Patricia Adams
Of: **Chicopee, MA**
RESPONDENT
(Person to be
Protected/Minor)
**CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Chicopee Rehabilitation And Nursing of Chicopee, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Patricia Adams** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jacqueline Durkee** of Springfield, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 a.m.** on the return date of **07/16/2024**. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2009
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/21/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD24P1297EA**
Estate of:
Margaret Charette
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**CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal**

Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Michael Charette of Holyoke, 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: **Michael Charette of Holyoke, 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 07/15/2024. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
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Estate of:
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Date of Death: **08/29/2023**
**CITATION ON PETITION
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Robert E Minkos 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: **Robert E Minkos of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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WITNESS, Hon.
Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2024
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
06/21/2024

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**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,
Suite 3
Agawam, MA 01001
06/14, 06/21, 06/28/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**
Docket No. **HD22P1093EA**
Estate of:
Lucille Page
Date of Death: **02/20/2022**
**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has

been filed by **Ann D Salva** of Somers, CT requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 12, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/21/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**
Docket No. **HD15P1251EA**
Estate of:
Gloria Anne Pelletier
Date of Death: **05/26/2014**
**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Michael E Pelletier** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD24P1296PM
In the matter of:
Karen Shea
Of: Chicopee, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Chicopee Rehab & Nursing Center of Chicopee, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Karen Shea** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Spooner Guardianship Services of Auburn, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you

or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **07/12/2024**. 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.

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: June 13, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/21/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103**

**Docket No. HD23D0817DR
Keishia J Ramos
vs.
Fredman J Hernandez
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Keishia J Ramos
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your answer, if any, on or before **08/27/2024**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 7, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
06/21/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

**Hampden Division
Docket No. HD24P1207EA
Estate of:
Misty J. Roule
Date of Death:
March 10, 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kayla J. Erwin of Chicopee, MA.**

Kayla J. Erwin of Chicopee, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
06/21/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1251EA
Estate of:**

**Kelly Frances Simpson
Date of Death: 05/22/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Ann M Simpson** of Westfield, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 07/17/2024.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 13, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani
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Tim Zabik retires from CFD



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HCHS Music Day

CHICOPEE - Join in for an afternoon of music, dance, and playing instruments!

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CPD Officers recognized by American Legion



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CHICOPEE - On Saturday June 8, 2024 Officers Taina Rivera and Korey Therrien were presented with awards by the American Legion for their actions on January 25, 2024.

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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 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.

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.

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