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From the left, Liam Drost, School Resource Officer Yamil Montanez and Jax Bernard Diaz pose for a photo as they enjoy a ride in the Chicopee Police Department's Water Search and Rescue boat during day four of the Youth Police Academy on June 27.

CPD Youth Police Academy learns about underwater response

Activities part of week long academy

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CHICOPEE - The CPD Youth Police Academy had the opportunity to learn about underwater response during a visit to Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley on June 27.

The class, now in its sixth year, is supported by the police department and the Boys and Girls Club of Chicopee's Charles E. Shannon Grant and serves residents and students from ages 13 to 16.

For this excursion--taking place on day four of the week-

long academy--Cadet Liam Drost was selected as the class leader as everyone learned about water search and rescue and recovery from the police department's dive team, later taking a ride in the police department's water search and rescue boat, visiting the Lady Bea for a tour and ride on the river and enjoying K9 demonstrations.

This year's class, consisting of 30 cadets, graduated on June 28.

Capt. Holly Cote explained in addition to the dive team, the cadets learned how to process a crime scene, took part in a ropes course with the Amherst Police Department and UMass Police Department, did physical training and marching, learned CPR

and Stop the Bleed training, checked out a Life Star helicopter and more throughout the week.

"Everything here we try to get interactive and get the kids hands-on with because we figure the more they're moving around, the more they're going to remember and learn," Cote said. "So, we get them involved in everything."

Cote said the police department enjoys doing the youth academy for the opportunity to give back to the community.

"Getting involved with the kids, to show them that we're just regular people in the community

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Community celebrates summer at 3rd Annual Summer Carnival



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Tina Ferri, executive director at The Arbors, and Allyson Grammo, marketing and sales director at The Arbors, meet Gilbert the pig during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival

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CHICOPEE - Seniors, community members and more came together outside the senior center from 3 to 6 p.m. on June 25 for the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival.

Held in the parking lot, attendees enjoyed varying carnival games including fishing for rubber ducks, cornhole, clown darts, ring toss games and skee ball, entertainment with DJ Luis D, performers from SHOW Circus Studio, dunking city staff in the dunk tank and more.

Community organizations including the fire and police

departments, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Valley Opportunity Council, The Arbors, the Alzheimer's Association, the library and more oversaw games or served as vendors providing information about their services.

Program Coordinator Casey Conroy shared the staff has fun organizing the Summer Carnival along with other events that go on at the senior center.

"Every day here is fun. We always have a fun event going on. From the staff to all the members that come in, every day at work is a great day and we can have a big event like

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Center Fresh Farmers Market serves fresh offerings at Wisniewski

The market runs through Oct. 31

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Center Fresh Market offers a taste of farm fresh food, unique craft and artisan goods, with ready-to-order food and relaxing music to enjoy.

The market is held in the center of Wisniewski Park, abundant with fresh food and distinctive vendors, accessible for families right outside their doorstep.

Vendors include Froebel Art, Hobbit Hollow Herbals, GT Nails, Pearl and Company, Dark-Diamond Designs13, Tribe Power Bites and much more. There was also music by Eli Elkus, and food from Cote's Cooks and Fry'd Guys.

Erin Sewell, the farmer's market manager, discussed her unique connection to the Center Fresh Market. Sewell was selling microgreens as a vendor around 2022, when the manager position opened up. It was a smooth transition since Sewell already knew the business and the vendors associated with it.

Sewell talked about how her customers became her connections in the farmer's market business.

"I was selling my microgreens in Northampton when the seller of Froebel Art, who was buying my greens for over a year, told me about the position. It's pretty cool how we all connect," Sewell said.

Isaiah Cote, owner of a German food truck named Cote's

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TURLEY PHOTO BY AMANDA MUNSON

Velvet and Meila St. Amand, the mom and daughter duo of Mahameli, pose with their gel nail designs.

City Council recommends Finance Committee review Economic Development Director role

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CHICOPEE - City Council recommended on June 18 for the Finance Committee meet to discuss and review adding an Economic Development Director role to the Planning Department.

The position would be recommended to the mayor.

Mayor John Vieau brought up the order after the completion of the Mayor's Briefing, explaining the city has been working on it for months and he and the City Council have had "collective conversations" about the need for the position.

"The job description has been written, it is completed in draft form. We can get you a copy," Vieau said. "That, right now, has been sent to the union. The position is a hybrid position that is also part grant writer, part economic development director that would--right now--I believe would be reporting to the city planner, which is the grant writing team and where a lot of planning and economic development ideas and concepts are traditionally brought when people come to the city of Chicopee."

Vieau added the position would work with his office because he's been trying to wear that hat.

"But, frankly, it's been too much on my plate to do all that with all the other duties and responsibilities as mayor and, also, working in collaboration with our CDBG Director Kathleen Lingenberg," Vieau said.

After President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme asked if Vieau could get everyone a copy of the job description after review from the union, he said he would do so.

After Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski asked if the person would work in conjunction

with the community development director and Vieau confirmed yes, he said this.

"Which is a great idea. I think this is long overdue, this economic development director," Zygarowski said.

Later in the meeting, Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner--who presented the order--said it was time to get an economic development director for the city, adding he was concerned about the salary for the position.

He later clarified the job description he saw was a rough draft for the position.

"I was here for the tail end of the mayor's briefing where he said he had an economic development director in the works but...I saw that job description. I saw what they're asking for: \$23.62 an hour for a bachelor's degree and two to four years of experience," Wagner said. "If that's what the mayor wants to pay an economic development director, he's more than welcome to, but he's not going to get anybody and it's not a real economic development director. So, I want to get on the mayor about this. I want someone to come into this city and market it."

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff thanked Wagner for bringing up the salary, sharing she agreed with him.

"\$23 an hour is not the going salary for an economic development director. Actually, I did research the salary and it's at least over \$50 an hour. It is an expensive position. It needs to be looked into further," Goff said.

"The city of Chicopee needs to have more economic development in order to take the burden off the taxpayers. So, I completely agree and support Councilor Wagner."

Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne said he thought the role was filled under another role from what he recalled in previous conversations with City Council, until he and Wagner talked about it and did some research and realized "it's

just housing."

"Unfortunately, I didn't do my due diligence eight, nine years ago, but I'm glad to see it's coming forward now," Courchesne said. "We need to bring in something and we need somebody who knows how to do that. We need a pitchman."

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello emphasized how this position is part of the Envision Our Chicopee 2040 Plan and the highest priority for the plan and economic piece.

"We need it. We definitely need it," Costello said. "Councilor Wagner's right. We need to move forward in regards to economic development. There's a lot of opportunities out there and we can't let those opportunities slip by and I do agree with the 2040 plan to make it a highest priority as part of what this council should do in the immediate future."

Laflamme said he originally was going to vote no on this but changed his mind, explaining his concerns centered on not having an opportunity to see the job description.

"So, I'm going to vote to send it to Finance...to review it to see it because of the fact that I know the mayor's been working on this," Laflamme said. "I do believe we should look at the job description. I know he worked with Lee Pouliot and a couple others on the process of doing it. It's not something that it took a minute. I know it was in Human Resources to be reviewed as well as for the unions to review also at this point."

Laflamme stressed he was 100% for the position along with his fellow councilors, but he wanted more information after what Wagner shared.

The motion to send the order to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation at a public hearing for an Economic Development Director position for the Planning Department passed

New date announced for Chicopee Fireworks Celebration

CHICOPEE - Chicopee Parks and Recreation is thrilled to announce the rescheduled date for the highly anticipated Chicopee Fireworks Celebration. The event will now take place on Friday, July 19 at Sztot Park, with a rain date scheduled for July 20 and 21.

This spectacular fireworks display promises to be a highlight of the summer, offering a festive way to celebrate America's birthday with friends, family, and the entire Chicopee community.

"We are excited to bring this cherished tradition back to Chicopee," said Ben Strepka, Superintendent of Chicopee Parks and Recreation. "We invite everyone to join us for an evening of patriotic spirit and community camaraderie."

The fireworks will commence at dusk, and attendees are encouraged to arrive early to secure a good viewing spot. Food vendors will be on-site to provide refreshments throughout the evening.

Benefits of seasonal fruits and vegetables at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host Ascentria Care Alliance on Thursday, July 18 and Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join Ascentria Care Alliance for a workshop in July and August where they talk about the benefits of seasonal fruits and vegetables. There will also be food demonstrations both classes, as well as tastings of what is prepared! You must register for both events separately.

American Junior Golf Association returns to Chicopee Country Club, July 1 - 5

CHICOPEE - Chicopee Country Club is proud to announce the return of the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) tournament, the John D. Mineck A.J.G.A., scheduled from July 1st to July 5th, 2024. This prestigious event will showcase some of the world's top junior golfers in a thrilling competition set against the picturesque backdrop of Chicopee Country Club.

Now in its sixth consecutive year at Chicopee Country Club, the tournament will kick off with a Monday qualifier on July 1, followed by a practice round on July 2. The main tournament rounds will

commence on July 3 and culminate on July 5, offering spectators an opportunity to witness exceptional golfing talent and fierce competition.

The AJGA tournament has a storied history of featuring rising stars in golf, with notable past participants including Tiger Woods, Scottie Scheffler, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth, Nelly Korda, Anika Sorenstam and many more. Many of these junior golfers have leveraged their AJGA experience as a springboard to successful careers at the collegiate and professional levels.

"We are thrilled to host the John D.

Mineck A.J.G.A. tournament for the 6th consecutive year," said Mike O'Neill, Director of Golf at Chicopee Country Club. "This event not only highlights the talent and dedication of these young golfers but also provides a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy world-class golf in our own backyard."

Mayor John Vieau of Chicopee expressed his enthusiasm for the event, stating, "The AJGA tournament at Chicopee Country Club showcases our city's commitment to fostering youth talent and promoting sportsmanship. We welcome par-

ticipants and spectators alike to enjoy this exciting showcase of skill and dedication."

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and cheer on these future golfing stars throughout the week. Admission to the event is free, offering families and golf enthusiasts a chance to witness exciting golf action and support the next generation of champions.

For more information about the American Junior Golf Association tournament at Chicopee Country Club, including event schedule and details, please visit the Chicopee Country Club's website or contact the club directly at 413-594-9295.

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City Council approves S.A.F.E. Grants for fire department

House numbers also discussed

By Kristin Rivers
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CHICOPEE - City Council approved receiving two S.A.F.E. Grants for the fire department on June 18.

The two grants are the Student Awareness of Fire Education Grant for \$8,500 and the Senior Awareness of Fire Education Grant for \$2,900. Both grants will be used for fire and life safety education.

Mayor John Vieau expressed excitement for the grants and said the city gets them every year, with President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme agreeing it was a "good program."

For the Senior Awareness of Fire Education Grant, Councilor-at-Large Gerry Roy asked Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh about how the information gets out to the community.

"How do you get information out to the seniors? Just through pamphlets or what do you do?" Roy said.

Collins-Kalbaugh explained the fire department does multiple things to get the word out, including taking part in the senior center's Summer Carnival on June 25 with a booth providing safety games for attendees.

"We have multiple programs throughout the year at the senior center," Collins-Kalbaugh said. "We take every

opportunity in the community to educate our older adults with the S.A.F.E. Grant and then we hold presentations at other facilities when we're invited."

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello asked this.

"Are you going to incorporate this grant in any way with the S.A.L.T. program that you did a great job leading during this past year?" Costello said. "I know that you know a lot about S.A.L.T. and I appreciate your work on that, but can we use any of this grant money for any of the programs in reference to what Councilor Roy said in regards to getting the information out with the seniors."

Collins-Kalbaugh replied yes.

"So, some of the money is used for our very successful smoke and carbon monoxide alarm installation program. Since 2015, we've been going into owner occupied single-family homes and installing free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. So, when we go in, we do approximately 50 to 100 homes per year and we bring the home up to the state fire code if it was built before 1975. So, that's been very successful," Collins-Kalbaugh said. "We also have our Lock Box program that we've been doing. We've partnered with the TRIAD and we've been delivering the Sand for Seniors, and then, we have a lot of other programs we'll do and then we, also, offer any old housing or anywhere else that wants to have a fire and life safety educational program. We do all of that out

of the Senior S.A.F.E. Grant. So, yep, definitely a lot of the initiatives from the S.A.L.T. Council."

Costello said, "That's great news" and praised Collins-Kalbaugh for leading the program.

"I don't know if the other council members know what the S.A.L.T. is. It's Seniors and Law Enforcement Together and the seniors meet on a regular basis to discuss the needs in law enforcement and in fire safety. What they need," Costello said.

She added the importance of house numbers in making sure they're visible.

"That's so crucial, captain. So crucial," Costello said.

Collins-Kalbaugh agreed.

"So, we're working on a new program with the deputies from the Sheriff's Department. So, police, fire and the deputies are hoping to tackle that problem together and as Councilor Costello pointed out, addresses on your home are required by Mass General Law and I also believe by the city charter," Collins-Kalbaugh said. "We go to many, many houses where there's no address on the house or it's very difficult to find and people aren't compliant with that. So, we're working on a program to also provide free house numbers to individuals in Chicopee and place them on the house in the right location."

Both appropriations were approved 13-0.

Registry of Deeds at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host the Registry of Deeds on Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Representatives from the Registry of Deeds will be at RiverMills Center to chat about what they do and the protections that are available to the public through the Registry of Deeds, such as Homestead Act and Consumer Notification System. During this workshop, participants will also be able to sign up and receive a certified copy of their deed, which will come in the mail. You must register in advance.

The History of Crawford Notch at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer the history program "The History of Crawford Notch" on Friday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Historian Christopher Daley is back by popular demand! During this presentation, Christopher will talk about the fascinating history of Crawford Notch in New Hampshire. From talks of survival in the wilderness, to the establishment of state and national forests, and everything in between. You must register in advance.

Events & announcements schedule

HCHS Music Day

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

Instruments will be provided. Please bring your own if you have them so we can learn together!

June 14 through August 16 on Wednesday & Friday: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday -Location: Holyoke at Heritage State Park

Friday-Location: Sheridan Street Mini Park in Chicopee

Ready for Kindergarten

CHICOPEE - FREE workshop with at-home activities and tools parents can use to help young children develop strong brain connections for success in school.

Childcare provided and program is for families of three to five year olds

Wednesday, July 24 at Lincoln Grove Head Start on 216 Broadway St., Chicopee at 5 p.m.

Join us for pizza at 5p.m.

FREE KIT WITH LEARNING MATERIALS also provided.

Please register for this program.

Call or e-mail: Silvia at Durands@headstart.org or 413-505-9053.

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.

Chicopee Comp Class of 1974 plans 50th Reunion

CHICOPEE - It's the time to renew friendships and share memories with high school classmates. The Chicopee Comprehensive High School Class of 1974 will be holding its 50th reunion on Sept. 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 460 Granby Rd. in Chicopee.

The reunion party will begin at 5:00 p.m. with cocktails and dinner. Committee members are planning details for the festivities and also working hard to track down classmates and reach out to as many as possible. If you think you have contact information for long-lost friends, please send it to Linda Parlengas at lparlengas@hotmail.com; Mona Marcil Friberg at tinker245@aol.com, or Lynn Provost Larabee 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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Hydrangeas in full color and full swing

A week-long visit to Cape Cod yielded more than fun on the beach and an appetite finally quenched of its seafood craving.

It was a gardener's dream to walk through town and take in all of the glorious container plantings and window boxes. Side streets yielded a peek at some incredible home landscapes complete with gorgeous big leaf hydrangeas (*Hydrangea macrophylla*), nearly everywhere you look.



They were just starting to come into their own when we arrived, but by week's end, they were in full, magnificent glory.

I read somewhere that the rainy summer last year followed by a mild winter has predisposed the plants to be overloaded with blooms here and now, and that they were. Some in shades of blue, others sported pink or purple tones and still some with flowers of each shade on one bush.

We've all heard about adjusting the pH will alter the color of the sepals, the showy modified leaf bracts. Acidifying the soil with aluminum sulfate turns the flowers blue, while making the soil more alkaline with lime will yield flowers in pink tones instead, all because aluminum ions are either more available or less available respectively.

That is the short of it!

I came home from this trip encouraged to try taking cuttings of my hydrangea bush. A hedge of them up by the road would sure be pretty.

The experts imply that the process of duplicating your plants is an easy one and now is the perfect time to do it. Taking softwood cuttings of hydrangeas is similar to taking cuttings of geraniums, rosemary or other plants.

It's best to find a stem that is not in flower. Start at the tip and count down at least four pairs of leaves, then make your cut with a clean pair of clippers or sharp scissors after that last set of leaves.

Carefully cut off the two bottom most sets of leaves, close to the stem. Dip the stem into rooting hormone.

If you are using a powder form, tap the stem on the container to dislodge any excess. The cutting can then be put in a four-inch pot filled with moistened potting soil. It's best if you make a hole for the stem with a "dibble," pencil, or small dowel, rather than pushing the stem into the media so that all of the hormone is rubbed off.

Once the stem is inserted into the pre-made hole, firm around it and mist with a spray bottle. Now, cover the pot and cutting with a tented plastic bag so that the cutting will not dry out and place it in the shade, outside is fine as long as you won't forget about it.

I like to keep them inside in indirect light. Check often, misting if wilted looking and watering if the soil is dry to the touch.

After about 4-6 weeks, check the cutting to see if it has rooted. It's best not to tug, but to invert the pot and remove the soil to see what you have for roots.

Sometimes you can "just tell" that the plant has rooted by its appearance. Maybe it is sporting new growth.

GUEST COLUMN

Greater Springfield Habitat hosts all-ages read-a-thon in Hampden County

By Nathan Shlosser and Dakota Wirf
Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity interns

WEST SPRINGFIELD - What does reading mean to you?

Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) is hosting a read-a-thon called "One for the Books" taking place from June 1 to July 31. The event is for anyone, but is targeted to those in Hampden County. The read-a-thon invites participants to explore books, open their imagination, and raise money for Habitat.

"The money goes to our overall operation so it can help with new construction, repairs, and also helps us put on more fun programs for the community," said Olga Callirgos, Homeowner Programs coordinator. Greater Springfield Habitat is a county-wide organization that raises money to build home and repair homes for the limited-income population.

The idea for the read-a-thon came up when Olga asked herself, "How do I combine the two things I love the most: reading and my job?" Olga said she went to Brandy O'Brien, Marketing and Communications manager, with the idea. They talked about it and its logistics. Shortly after, they brought the idea to Aimee Giroux, executive director. She approved it and they began planning the event.

Finding someone to sponsor a participant can be challenging or easy. Having a conversation with someone is one way. Another, is crowd funding, which is a way to raise money for an individual or organization by submitting donations through a website. Friends, family, strangers, acquaintances, businesses, and others can contrib-



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Trina and Olga reading.

ute. By using social media, in addition to word of mouth, crowd funding can reach more potential donors than traditional forms of fundraising. GSHFH is utilizing GiveLively.org to collect online donations for the read-a-thon. To view current read-a-thon pledge pages, visit <https://bit.ly/3U1ZOm7>

Audrianna Giroux-Withers signed up for the read-a-thon because her kids love reading fiction comics and she love romances and thrillers. She said it's because she loves the suspense and not knowing what's going to happen next.

Trina Winans is a local teacher who is participating in the read-a-thon because she wanted to support the nonprofit.

"I really believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity," she said. "I wanted to support it, so I felt the best way that I could do that is by taking part in the read-a-thon."

To learn more about the read-a-thon, visit habitatspringfield.org/one-for-the-books



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Once your cuttings have rooted and grown on for awhile, it's time to transplant them into bigger pots. I'm not saying we jump to a gallon size pot but maybe go up to a six or eight-inch pot and then go bigger the next time until the specimen is large enough to earn a coveted spot in your yard.

I can't wait to try this! Maybe you will too, and we can compare notes!

I can see the lovely hedge up near the road in my mind's eye already!

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School Committee presented with proposal for superintendent evaluation

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CHICOPEE - School Committee was presented with a proposal for a superintendent evaluation on June 26.

Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware explained how the normal evaluation process would involve him establishing goals in conjunction with the committee and then they would vote, with those goals being measured to him throughout the year.

"Given that I started July 1, almost exactly a year ago come this Monday, we did not have the opportunity to do that," Ware said. "So, what I proposed is I've actually taken a snapshot of all the events this year that I'd like to lay out for you to show evidence as to the work I've been doing with my team and with other individuals in the community."

After summarizing the Massachusetts General Law for the evaluation, Ware said the Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee met with Liz Lafond on May 13 to discuss the process, followed by a follow-up on June 11 where he presented his four goals that fall under the evaluation domains to be reviewed for the 2023-2024 school year.

"We are not talking about 2024-2025 just yet because that will be what we work on in the coming months. More specifically, particularly August and September," Ware said.

Links for a rubric and DESE education guidelines were also provided in the presentation, with copies to be given to the committee.

The four domains Ware presented--with a specific indicator for each--are as follows.

First, instructional leadership, with submitted evidence as quarterly meetings with principals, a learning walk agenda for Barry School and an agenda from secondary and elementary education admin meetings.

Indicator 1B on Instruction was considered.

Next, management and operations, with submitted evidence having a grants update sheet, budget meetings with prin-

cipals and directors and a 2024-2025 budget book.

"Under domain two, which leads to management and operations, I'm asking for you to consider 2E, which are fiscal systems," Ware said.

Third, family and community engagement, with submitted evidence comprised of a community forums engagement sheet, meetings with the presidents of Holyoke Community College, Elms College and Springfield Technical Community College, town hall meetings with staff and classroom visits with students.

Here, Ware asked to be considered under Indicator 3A for engagement.

Lastly, professional culture, with submitted evidence including community updates via Facebook and email, School Committee updates via emails and media interviews in English and Spanish.

The indicator, here, is 4C for communications.

The ratings for each indicator are unsatisfactory, satisfactory, needs improvement, proficient and exemplary.

Ware explained the proposed next steps.

"Moving forward, given that we have a School Committee meeting in July as well as August, more specifically July 10 and, also, Aug. 14..." Ware said. "I'm asking for between now and the start of the school year that the School Committee consider some time in between now and then to be evaluated through the rubric that you will be provided."

Ward 5 School Committee Representative Grace Schofield thanked Ware for the times he spent meeting with the Evaluation Subcommittee, the presentation and the collection of evidence.

"Just so we know that we're moving forward, what I will do is just disseminate to everybody the rubric and you'll have a chance to go over the rubric, compare the rubric standards--like from needs improvement to exemplary--and compare it to the evidence that Dr. Ware has presented and then we'll be able to do that in open session, hopefully, on July 10," Schofield said.

Ward 1 School Committee Representative Deanna Rousseau had a point

of clarification for the process of moving forward.

"I think--typically in my experience with evaluations--you set your goals probably at the beginning of the year and it sounds like that was a timing practice or something that happened when you first came in," Rousseau said. "Just wanted to make sure that's something we're planning to do moving forward this year."

Ware replied Rousseau was "100% correct."

"Actually, I'm working on the goals right now with my team. We actually started already. As we flesh those things out, we actually would meet in subcommittee and then we would actually vote upon that. So, they will be agreed upon goals," Ware said.

Ware added when Lafond met with them a few months back, she gave them a timeline of where that could happen, which was projected as between August and September.

"So, you're 100% correct, but it would be in the beginning of the school year first," Ware said. "So, for moving forward for the school year 2024-2025, you would actually be seeing me here--up here again--in the next couple of months and going through the process that you just described."

When Rousseau asked about the strategic plan in terms of being incorporated in the evaluation for this year and for future goals, Ware said that's one of the next steps along with finding someone to oversee the work, which he will present to the committee soon.

Elder Fraud Prevention at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer an Elder Fraud Presentation on Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join Dawn Creighton, community outreach officer with Liberty Bank, as she discusses how to avoid scams from IRS scams to Charity Fraud and what can be done if you have become a victim of a scam. You must register in advance.

Savvy Caregivers Series at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer the "Savvy Caregivers Series" every Monday beginning Monday, July 8 until Monday, Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

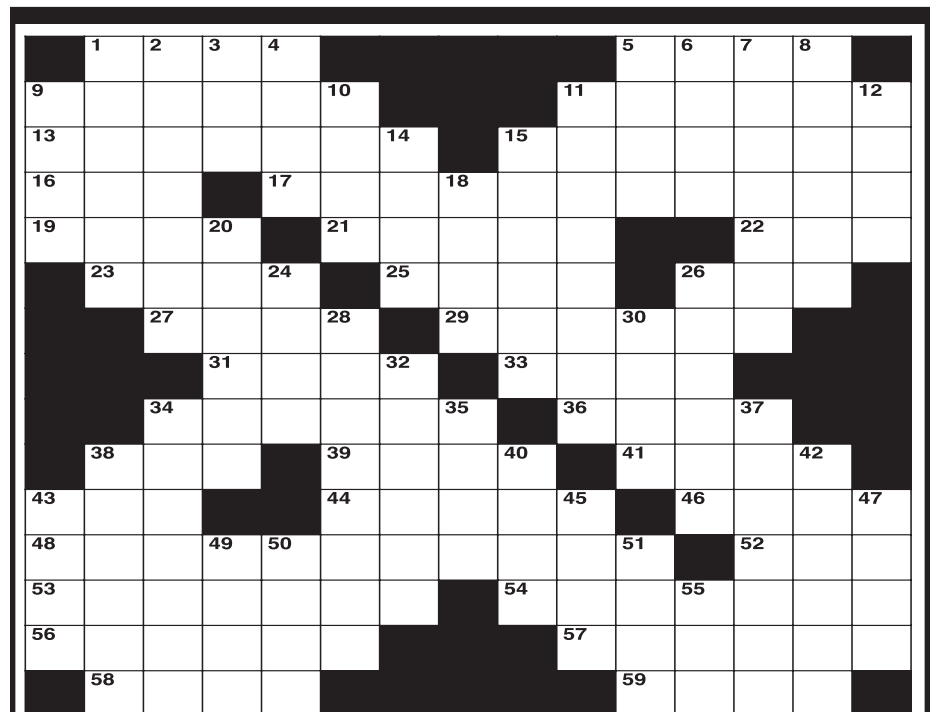
This series is a class for family or friends caring for someone living with memory loss or Alzheimer's disease. This six week class is free, but registration is required. Please call WestMass Elder Care at 413-538-9020 to register for this class. Caregivers attending this series may be able to receive free respite care. Please contact Maryann Linnehan at WestMass Elder Care at the same number above but extension 538 for more respite care information.

CPD supports Ashton's Army



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CHICOPEE - Chicopee Police Day Shift stopped by to show support on June 22 for Holyoke Police Officer Crystal Conroy and her brave son Ashton in his battle against childhood leukemia. Adriana, Ashton's big sister organized the lemonade stand and had yummy snacks available too. The idea is from "Alex's Lemonade Stand" a national project for raising funds for children's cancer research.



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Local business owner finds new opportunities after closing family business

By Marcelo Gusmão
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CHICOPEE – A local businessman has found himself back on his feet at a nearby dealership.

“My brother and I, and my family, ran Ludlow Auto Sales on Center Street,” said Ric Tereso. “It was a staple in Ludlow for 38 years. We built a great customer base and great loyalty over the years.”

Tereso’s family business built its market off buying low mileage cars off lease, often as new as three years old. He explained that after the COVID-19 pandemic, he found that market changes meant the business model didn’t work anymore.

“We found ourselves losing our niche, we had to reinvent ourselves,” Tereso said. “Which we did, buying and selling older cars with higher mileage. We went from two- to three-year-old cars to six to eight, which presented its own host of problems.”

Tereso said that when his family made the “heart-breaking” decision to close in February, he was happy to report that the business maintained a good relationship with its customer base.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Tereso has been able to reconnect with old customers at Bob Pion in Chicopee.

“I always prided myself in the fact that we treated our customers like family,” Tereso said. “I try to make the process as easy as possible, from choosing something out of the inventory, to getting financed, to getting a registered. We used to make the process easy for customers, and I’m happy to say most people came away with the impression that we made the car-buying experience a positive one.”

This relationship with his customer base has paid off for Tereso. As he and his brother are too young to retire, they made the jump to other car dealerships, with Ken ending up at Steve Lewis Subaru, and Ric landing at Bob Pion Buick and GMC.

“He started about three months ago, in early April,” said Tom Pion. “It’s an unfortunate circumstance for him, I would never want to see any dealer

going out, but a friend of a friend said he’s looking for a place to land.”

Pion, along with his brother Rob, works hands-on in the showroom at the business owned by their father, Don, and named for their grandfather, Bob. Pion said that Tereso regularly has customers asking for him.

“He has that trait where the customer comes before anyone else,” Pion said. “Cars are cars, money is money, but if a customer is happy, it really makes a difference. That sounds simple to do, but it doesn’t happen all the time.”

Outside of being a car salesman, Tereso is also in a band, Emotion, with whom he performs hits from the ‘60s to today. Pion described him as “unbelievable” in the band, and a “big musician,” who sometimes draws in customers who saw him perform.

“It’s, if not once a day, probably every other day that somebody will come in asking for Ric,” Pion said. “Every couple days, somebody else is coming in and telling a different story of how they know him.”

Pion said that Tereso’s commitment to working for the customer as hard as he works for the business is very important, in this day and age, and is representative of how he and

his family want their business to operate.

Tereso described being happy to jump from his own family business to another single-store family-owned business with over 50 years of history in the community. According to Pion, much of his customer base are loyal customers from Ludlow Auto.

“I think it’s a huge opportunity for Ric,” Pion said. “He wasn’t planning on selling the dealership and he has to work for a few more years, so I want him to be successful for as long as he wants to be a part of our business.”

Tereso admitted that having to sell the business was a hard decision for his family to make, but that he came to embrace the change as a new opportunity.

“It emotionally wrecked me for a little while,” Tereso said. “But I came to terms with the fact that it’s change, there’s nothing we can do about it, and me and my brother found great spots for ourselves. I’ve had a good amount of return customers following me to Bob Pion, and it’s been very gratifying.”

If you’d like to visit Ric Tereso, stop by Bob Pion Buick GMC at 333 Memorial Drive in Chicopee, or contact Emotion by calling 413-244-0856.

Second Chance and Teddy Bear Pools unite to promote pet health

Free Distemper & Parvo Vaccines Available at Community Clinic

CHICOPEE - Second Chance Animal Services and Teddy Bear Pools and Spas in Chicopee are thrilled to announce a community vaccine clinic offering free distemper and parvo vaccinations for dogs and cats. This event will be held at Teddy Bear Pools at 41 East Street on Friday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to free distemper vaccines, rabies vaccinations will be available for \$18, and microchipping services will be offered for \$22. Free small pet beds will also be distributed by Second Chance while supplies last.

This community vaccine clinic is part of Second Chance’s ongoing commitment to enhancing the health and well-being of pets. With a mission to improve the lives of animals and the people who love them, Second Chance Animal Services is dedicated to providing essential veterinary care in accessible and convenient locations.

Pet owners are encouraged

to take advantage of this clinic, made possible by a generous grant from PetcoLove. All services will be administered by Second Chance veterinary professionals with a dedication to the well-being of pets.

To ensure a smooth and efficient process, online registration for the vaccine clinic is available at www.secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-springfield. Pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins will be accommodated based on availability. No registration is necessary to receive a free pet bed, generously donated by Chewy in partnership with the Humane Society of the United States.

Ted Hebert, owner of Teddy Bear Pools, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, “Barbara and I are humbled to have the opportunity to help our furry friends and the communities we serve.”

Lindsay Doray, Chief Development Officer of Second Chance, shared, “We are excited to once again partner with Teddy Bear Pools to bring lifesaving vaccines to area pets. This clinic is open to all pet owners-you



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ted Hebert, owner of Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, at last year’s Second Chance vaccine clinic.

don’t need to live in Chicopee to register.” Doray also extended gratitude to PetcoLove for their generous grant, which makes this clinic possible.

Second Chance Animal Services also offers weekly low-cost vaccine clinics at

their veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Southbridge, Springfield, and Worcester. For more information about Second Chance Animal Services and upcoming community vaccine clinics, please visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.

RiverMills Center Transportation Services

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

Transportation service is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations must be made at least five business days in advance by calling 413-536-5733.

A \$7,875.00 grant from West Mass Eldercare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings.

Shopping Trips are funded in part by a Title III/Older Americans Act grant from West Mass Eldercare, with support from the Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living.

There is no charge for this service, but participants are welcome to make a voluntary, confidential donation for a shopping ride.



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Leilanie Andular, Cooper Colcombe and Chris Bates give big smiles, peace signs and thumbs up during their ride in the Chicopee Police Department's Water Search and Rescue boat as the Youth Police Academy learned about the police department's underwater response on June 27.



Underwater Response Team Ofc. Stephanie Paquin shows off the equipment the team uses when responding to underwater search and rescue cases.



Chicopee Police Department's Police Youth Academy Cadets watch as Underwater Response Team Ofc. Stephanie Paquin explains the different pieces of equipment worn by the team.

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as well and they can come to us and they can ask questions and they can learn from us," Cote said. "Also, showing them some ideas of what jobs are out there in public safety. So, down the road if they want to consider being a police officer, entering the military or being a firefighter, they'll see that at the heart of it is public service and service over self."

Chicopee Comprehensive High School's School Resource Officer Mark Hammon served as this year's director, crediting the police department for the youth academy's success.

"It's the success of these kids having fun, getting to see what's going on. We have kids that are repeat participants here, so (that) there tells me that, yes, they want to come back, we provide them with a great program. So, the success isn't measured so much on the leadership I have," Hammon said. "There's a big responsibility, but being a leader is just not one person. It's a team and if you don't have the other instructors that we have out here, we couldn't be successful."

Hammon hopes the cadets take away what the police department is all about and get to know the people behind the uniforms and behind the cruisers, along with inspiring the next generation of officers.

"We want the kids to know that we're there to support them. We're there to help them with their successes and, as I told



Cadets from the Chicopee Police Department's Youth Police Academy and members of the Chicopee Police Department at Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley. This year's class graduated on June 28.

them earlier, there's a bridge that they're building with the police officer that they're talking with this week and getting to build a relationship with those officers that they'll have for a lifetime," Hammon said.

Drost shared what he learned at the youth academy and how he looked forward to learning about how the dive team works and operates and why they do what they do.

He added he hopes to pursue a career as a police officer and possibly pursue the Special Response Team.

"I've been learning just basically working as a team better and seeing what

I can do better as trying to be a leader, trying to get everyone an opportunity to do things and try to push people and push myself," Drost said.

Drost said taking part in the youth academy "is a big commitment."

"I'm happy that we all stayed together and worked as a team and stuck together as basically one big family," Drost said.

Drost encourages the community to join the CPD Youth Police Academy in the future.

"Just join. It's a big experience. You do things you probably don't think you're

going to do," Drost said. "It changes you. It makes you look out to others rather than yourself."

Hammon's message to this year's cadets was this as he expressed how proud he and the department were of them.

"We want the kids to know--what to get out of this--is that they have a voice. There are no barriers and continue to push yourself to the highest level you can," Hammon said.

To learn more and sign up for next year's youth academy, check the police department's website and Facebook page.



Lindsay Beshara, Cadets Chris Bates, Jax Bernard Diaz, Ofc. Eric Brice, Cooper Colcombe, Leilanie Andular, Liam Drost and Capt. Holly Cote in a group photo at Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley during day four of the Chicopee Police Department's Youth Police Academy.

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Emalie Figueroa, Alexis Jusino and Daisy Santiago watch as K9 Chris Galindo explains the police department's dive team and how they conduct water search and rescues.



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Chicopee Fire Department Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh speaks with attendees about fire safety tips during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival on June 25.

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this, it makes our days even better,” Conroy said. “It just means a lot, again, that people can just come out and support us.”

Conroy said having community organizations come to the senior center to raise awareness about their services or supporting events like the Summer Carnival also makes an impact.

“It’s huge because a lot of people might not know that these agencies are out there and what services they can provide and it might be a service they’ve been looking for and need, whether it’s for them or a family member or friend,” Conroy said. “So, being able to have the agencies come here, our members can learn about them and realize ‘Oh, this is something that I can benefit from.’”

Alexandra Maggio, senior director for volunteer engagement at the United Way of Pioneer Valley, was one of the many vendors at the carnival, sharing information about food assistance, their direct-service food pantries in the area

and volunteer opportunities.

Maggio explained one of the United Way’s food pantries is in Chicopee on Exchange Street on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and has been around for two years.

“Our mission is to mobilize community resources to meet community needs, and so when we did a community assessment a couple years ago, it was very clear that there was a large amount of food insecurity. About 15% of residents are food-insecure and they need supplemental food assistance. So we saw that they really could meet this need by partnering with the Food Bank to get some food in and we saw that we could meet this need here in Chicopee,” Maggio said.

Maggio added taking part in the Summer Carnival helps the organization get the word out about the food pantry along with the other ways they support the community.

“We want to tell people about the resources and we also want to make sure they know that we’re here to connect you



Mayor John Vieau and Firefighter Ben Dusza pose at the dunk tank during the Summer Carnival.



Elle Walton, on the stilts, with Sarah Baker sneaking behind during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival.

to things,” Maggio said.

Tina Ferri, executive director at The Arbors and Allyson Grammo, marketing and sales director at The Arbors, oversaw cornhole games and gave out numerous prizes including teddy bears, stickers, flashlights and more.

The Arbors is an assistant-living community providing traditional assisted living and a Memory Care community.

Ferri said the cornhole game is one residents at The Arbors “truly enjoy” and they will be having the game there throughout the summer along with other fun upcoming events.

“We’ll be having summer barbecues every Friday at Noon starting July 12. You can register with Allyson. We have a beautiful program coming up Aug. 1, a luau. The community is all welcome to join anything,” Ferri said. “Come check us out!”

Grammo said the turnout for the carnival shows Chicopee “is a really engaged community.”

“I think it’s a really great opportunity to meet people in our community, tell them about The Arbors and everything that we can provide. We just love giving back and engaging with the wider Chicopee community,” Grammo said.

Conroy encourages the community to check out everything coming up at the senior center this summer including the Summer Concert Series kicking off on July 10, a Military Appreciation Breakfast on Aug. 30, Ice Cream Socials on July 12 and Aug. 23 and more.

“The summertime is just a fun time so we’re just excited for all the events coming up here,” Conroy said.

Conroy thanked everyone for coming and for all their support.

“Without the support of the community, we wouldn’t be able to have these events. Community support is huge, so thank you everyone!” Conroy said.



Alexandra Maggio, senior director for volunteer engagement at the United Way of the Pioneer Valley, keeps cool with an umbrella during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival at the RiverMills Senior Center.



An attendee tosses a ball to try her luck in a skee ball game during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival at the RiverMills Senior Center.

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Attendees enjoy a game of fishing for rubber ducks during the 3rd Annual Summer Carnival. This game was offered by the Valley Opportunity Council.

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Aldenville suffers loss to Monson

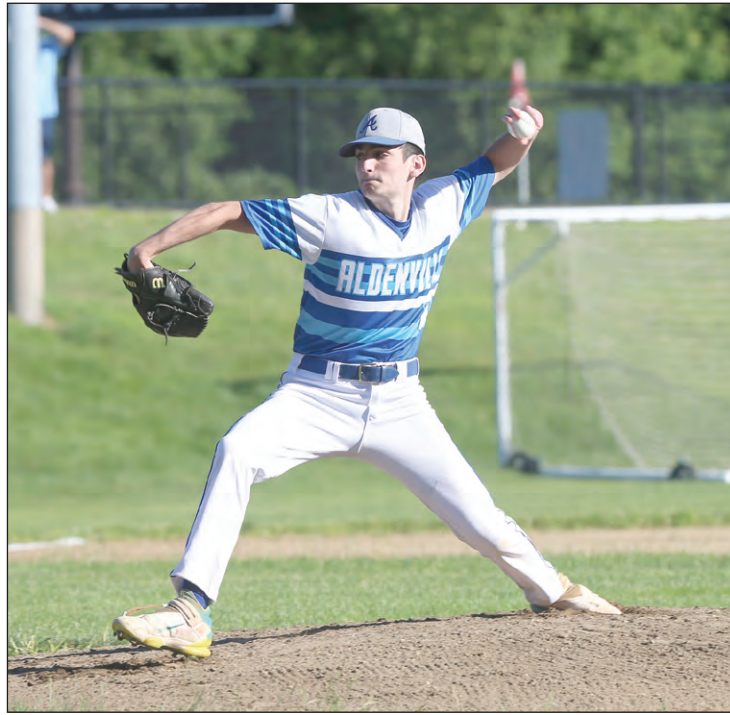
By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY—Because of a couple of postponements, the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team had only played three games during the first 18 days of the regular season.

Monson evened its overall record to 2-2 following a 6-1 win against Aldenville Post 337, at Thomas B. Landers Baseball Diamond in South Hadley, last Friday night.

“This was only our fourth game since the Legion season began on June 10. We’re still trying to figure things out,” said Monson manager Steve Tripp. “We did play very well defensively, and we also had a couple of timely base hits. I’m very happy with the way that we played in tonight’s game.”

The winning pitcher was righthander Brayden Mega, who was a junior on the Pathfinder Tech varsity baseball team this past spring. He allowed one run



Brady Burnett, of Chicopee, sends a pitch home.

on three hits with four walks and four strikeouts in 51/3 innings. Righty James Delaney, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2023, only allowed one hit over the final 1 2/3 innings.

“Mega pitched an outstanding game,” Tripp said. “He kept the Aldenville batters at bay. He threw around 80 pitches and just kept throwing strikes.”

Aldenville, who normally plays their home games at Szot Park in Chicopee, had a 3-3 record following the loss to Monson.

“We were missing five starters tonight and we found enough players together to play the game. We didn’t want to forfeit tonight’s game,” said Aldenville assistant coach Steve Burnett. “I think they only scored one earned run against us. We just made a couple of costly mistakes.”

Aldenville manager Mason Scott also didn’t attend last Friday’s game against Monson because he was on vacation.

Aldenville did take a 1-0

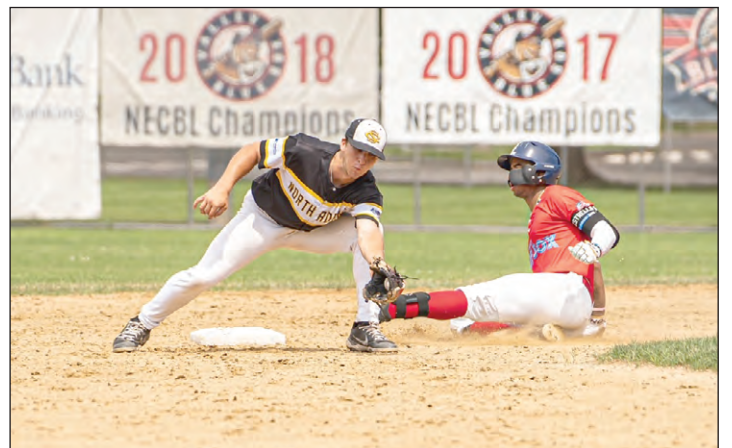
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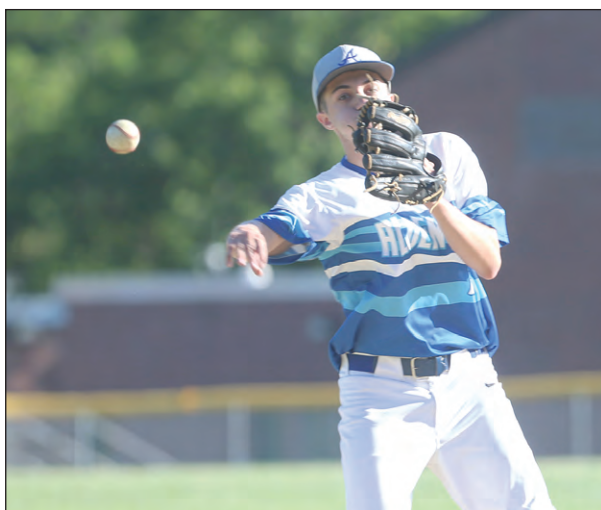
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Logan Hugo leads off second base.

Blue Sox continue season into July

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the local attraction for college baseball. The Blue Sox have played about half its schedule and continue their 42-game slate into July. Home games are played at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. There are numerous promotions and fun deals for individuals and families. The Blue Sox have several home games throughout July and hopefully beyond with the New England Collegiate Baseball League playoffs.



Andrew Estrella slides safely into second.



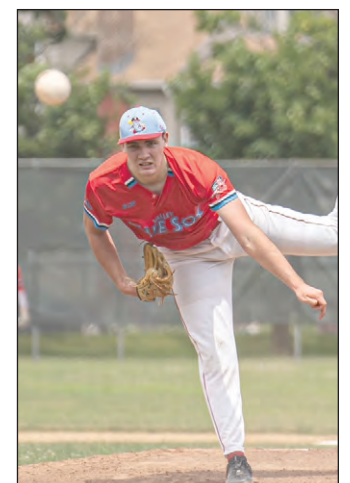
Zach Oldenburg, of Chicopee, makes a throw to first.



Nate Carillon, of South Hadley, fires a throw to first.



Jonathan Hogart swings and connects.



John Kwitkowski delivers a pitch for the Blue Sox.



Avery Klingensmith follows through on a pass.

Mutiny racks up another home win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—A parade, a block party, and fireworks were held June 16 as part of Ludlow’s yearlong 250th anniversary celebration.

The New England Mutiny joined in the fun by celebrating a 4-0 shutout victory in their first ever meeting against the Hudson Valley Crusaders before a large gathering at Lusitano Stadium.

“This is a very good win for the ladies,” said Mutiny assistant coach Ciro Viviane. “I thought we played very well in tonight’s match, especially during the second half.”

Viviane and Joe Ferrara, who’s the Mutiny’s Owner and General Manager, shared the coaching duties during last Saturday’s home match.

Federico Molinari, who’s the Mutiny’s first-year head coach, is also the longtime head coach of the Western Mass. Pioneers. He coached the Pioneers match at Vermont Green, which ended in a scoreless draw, last Saturday night.

The Mutiny remained in first place in the United Women Soccer East conference standings with a perfect 5-0-0 overall record.

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Hope Santaniello gets past an opponent

New matchup announced for showcase

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the updated lineup for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase. The event will now take place on Dec. 14 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Revised Hall of Fame Showcase matchups:

Saturday, Dec. 14

Providence vs. St. Bonaventure

Bryant vs. Fordham

Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase will go on sale Friday, September 6, via Ticketmaster and on sale at the Mohegan Sun Arena Box Office starting Saturday, September 7.

Details surrounding the game time, broadcast information, and credentials will be provided at a later date. For more information, please visit hoophall.com.

Coaches participating in the event commented.

“We are always looking for unique situations in scheduling where we can put our program on a big stage. We are very thankful for the Basketball Hall of Fame continuing to allow us these opportunities,” said Phil Martelli Jr., Bryant.

“We are excited to be invited to play in the Basketball Hall of Fame Men’s Showcase. The Basketball Hall of Fame

does a fantastic job at hosting these events and Mohegan Sun is a great venue for basketball. It will be a tremendous experience and test for our program as we compete against some strong early season competition. I’m sure that Fordham fans are just as excited and will come out to support their Rams,” said Keith Urgo, Fordham.

“We are looking forward to the opportunity to participate in the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase at Mohegan Sun. Providence College has a proud tradition of participating in past Hall of Fame events at Mohegan Sun. This is a great event for our team and our fans in a first-class facility. It also will be a good chance for our team to compete against one of the top programs in the Atlantic 10,” said Kim English, Providence.

“We are excited to participate in this season’s Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase at Mohegan Sun. These are exactly the types of games we strive to play every year. Providence is a storied program with good players who are very well-coached. This will be a great challenge, but one we are looking forward to. I anticipate a large contingent of Bona Nation in the building that day. Thanks to the BHOFF for another great opportunity,” said Mark Schmidt, St. Bonaventure.

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lead in the bottom of the first inning.

With one-out in the frame, shortstop Nathan Carillon, who graduated from South Hadley High School a year ago, hit a chopper off the pitcher’s glove for an infield hit. He advanced to second base on a wild pitch before Brady Burnett, who was Aldenville’s starting pitcher, drew a walk. Then another infield hit by second baseman Zach Oldenburg loaded the bases. Left fielder Ryan Netkovick, who was a sophomore on this year’s South Hadley varsity baseball team, drove home the game’s first run with a groundball out to third.

Aldenville managed to hold onto the one run lead until the third inning.

That’s when Monson took advantage of a couple of errors to take a 3-1 lead against lefty Brady Burnett.

Monson shortstop John Mumper was safe at first base following a fielding error by the third baseman leading off the inning. His younger brother, Jason, who started in center field, followed with an infield hit. John Mumper scored the tying run on the play following a throwing error.

After a line-drive single to left field by first baseman Dylan Sutkaitis, designated hitter Dom Allen blasted a double to deep left field scoring two more runs.

Monson also had scoring chances in their next two at-bats. They left a runner at

third base in the fourth and the bases loaded in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Mega retired ten batters in a row before walking both first baseman Justin Moskal and right fielder Noah Carillon with one-out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Mega was able to retire the next two batters rather easily ending Aldenville’s threat.

After walking Netkovick with one-out in the sixth, Delaney replaced Mega on the mound.

The Monson relief pitcher did receive some help from his defense when left fielder Austin Meachum made an outstanding diving catch.

“Austin is the starting shortstop for the Monson varsity baseball team and he’s a star in the making,” Tripp said. “His outstanding diving catch helped up get out of that inning.”

The next batter grounded out which ended the threat.

Monson scored three more runs in the top of the seventh inning. The biggest hit of that inning was an RBI single by right fielder Shane Szado, who also plays baseball at Monson High School.

Monson made a couple of errors in the bottom of the seventh, but Delaney got out of the jam without giving up any runs.

It was the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads.

T-Birds announce coaches and promotions for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced the promotion of James Woodward and Katherine Ferri to Account Executives, as well as the hiring of Joe Manning as an Inside Sales Representative.

Originally from Hartford, Conn., Woodward joined the Thunderbirds as a Game Operations and Merchandise intern before joining the sales department as an Inside Sales Representative for the 2023-24 season. He graduated with a degree in Sport Management from West-ern New England University.

A Springfield native, Ferri is a graduate of Westfield State University, where she competed on the swimming and div-

ing team while completing her degree in communication with a concentration in Media Arts and Analysis. She joined the Thunderbirds during the 2022-23 season as an intern in the ticket sales department before serving as an Inside Sales Representative during the 2023-24 season.

A recent graduate of Springfield College, Manning joins the Thunderbirds as an Inside Sales Representative after interning in the ticket sales and media relations departments during the 2023-24 season. The native of Wilbraham, Mass., was also a member of Springfield College’s club ice hockey team during his time in school.

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“It feels really good to be 5-0,” said Mutiny defender Rachel Marchini, who scored her first goal wearing a Mutiny uniform. “We’re just looking forward to continuing playing well in each game.”

Because only the top four teams in the East Conference standings will qualify for the league playoffs, the Mutiny can’t afford a loss in their final three regular season matches.

They’re scheduled to play a road match against the Connecticut Rush on Saturday night.

The same two teams will face each other again seven days later at Lusitano Stadium, which will be the Mutiny final regular season home match.

The Mutiny will then close out the regular season with a road clash against the Worcester Fuel on June 30.

“We’re looking forward to finishing the regular season on a positive note,” said Viviane, who’s also the Pioneers goalie’s coach. “I think our next two matches against the Connecticut Rush will be hard fought battles. Worcester might be struggling, but you can’t overlook any team in this league.”

The Mutiny won’t have the services of forward Cat Berry, who’s one of the team’s leading scorers, during the final three regular season matches. She went back to the University of South Carolina last weekend to take summer classes and prepare for her final collegiate season as a member of the Gamecocks women’s soccer team.

Berry has been a member of the Mutiny for the past three seasons and is a fan favorite. She’ll most likely be drafted by a National Women’s Soccer League (N.W.S.L.) team next year.

“Cat will definitely be drafted by a N.W.S.L. team next year,” Ferrara said. “It was awesome having her play for our soccer team during the past couple of years. Not only is she a very talented soccer player, but she’s also a great kid.”

The Mutiny, who outscored their first five opponents of this season, 19-3, have compiled an 18-5-2 overall record since the start of the 2022 regular season.

The Crusaders (3-1-1), who joined the U.W.S. this season, entered last Sat-

urday’s contest with a 3-0-1 mark. They had only given up two goals in the first four matches. The Mutiny doubled that total in a span of 90 minutes.

The home side took a 1-0 lead during the 11th minute of the opening half following a corner kick goal.

Mutiny midfielder Abbey Jones, who’s a member of the UConn women’s soccer team, booted the ball into the box from the left corner. Marchini, who also played soccer at UConn a couple of years ago, sent a volley shot into the back of the net past Hudson Valley goalie Natalie Kelchner.

“I’ve been playing for the Mutiny for two years now and I scored my first goal in tonight’s game,” said Marchini, who also scored only one goal during her collegiate career. “I was just in the right spot at the right time. My goal gave us a lot more confidence because they were also an unbeaten team.”

Marchini was also a member of the Connecticut Fusion before joining the Mutiny.

“I used to play for the Fusion, but when they folded, I decided to come play here,” Marchini said. “It has been a lot of fun playing soccer at this stadium during the past couple of years.”

Marchini anchors the Mutiny defensive unit along with Logan Jacobs, Laci Lewis, and Sam Breton.

Goalkeeper Natalie Mutschler only had to make a couple of saves in recording her second consecutive shutout.

The Mutiny second goal was scored by forward Chioma Okafor during the 29th minute. Forward Maddy Theriault, who graduated from Palmer High School a couple of years ago, was credited with the assist.

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Hope Santaniello, who was an All-American soccer player at Agawam High School.

Santaniello, who’ll be a member of the UMass-Lowell women’s soccer team in the fall, scored her team’s second corner kick goal, which was assisted by Okafor, during the 71st minute.

She also converted a penalty kick during the final minute of regulation, which kept the Mutiny undefeated heading into the home stretch of the regular season.

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Chicopee Public Library hosts Summer Events for Kids and Families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children and families. The summer months, when kids are out of school, are among the busiest times at the library and the Youth Services Department seeks to provide even more free opportunities for learning and fun! Here is the slate of events for July 2024.

The Summer Reading Challenge is on! This year, the library is asking, "Chicopee, did you read today?" If you're already signed up, keep reading. If you haven't yet, there is still time to join. The challenge runs from June 24 until August 16 and is open to all ages - kids, teens, adults!

Storytime will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, July 16 and 30. Enjoy books, rhymes and songs along with a craft or activity. Geared towards families with kids 2-8.

Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Fridays, July 12, 19 and 26 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.

Wind down with an Evening Storytime, Mondays at 6 p.m., July 8 & 22.

Books, rhymes, and songs, along with a craft or activity. Geared towards kids ages 2-8 and their families.

Move and groove at a Summer Dance Party on Tuesdays, July 9 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Songs, dancing and big movement geared for kids 5 and under, but older kids are welcome!

Buildwave will facilitate a series of high energy hands-on building challenges for ages 8-18 on Tuesday, July 9. Two sessions will be available - 2 and 3 p.m. Registration is required. Sign up in the Kids Room. This program will appeal to fans of LEGO and other creative construction toys.

You are invited to a Bluey Party on Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Celebrate all things Bluey with games and activities. Fun for kids of all ages and the whole family!

Julie Stepanek will teach a Beginner Ukulele class on Friday July 12 at 1 p.m. This class will be open to ages 7 and up (adults welcome!). Register at the Reference Desk.

Come to a Found Art Crafters on Tuesday July 16 at 2 p.m. to create an art project with everyday materials. For ages 3 and up. Participants in this program will earn a summer reading activity badge for creating art out of recycled materials.

Storytime Quintet will introduce different musical instruments and play Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" on Wednesday, July 17 at 3 p.m. Music lovers of all ages are welcome!

Build with LEGO on Tuesday July 23 at 2 p.m. Freeform building time with our big pile of LEGO! Recommended for ages 6 and up.

Join Mike the Bubble Man for an exciting, crowd-pleasing show that's fun for the whole family! Wednesday, July 25 at 2 p.m.

Create a Q-Tip Dot Painting on Tuesday, July 30 at 2 p.m. For ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Sign up in the Kids Room.

Join DJ Matt Peterson for a Family Dance Party on Wednesday, July 31 @ 6pm

The library will also host some programs just for teens (ages 11-18) on Thursdays in July. Registration will be required for all teen events. Sign up in the Kids Room.

On Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m., teens can make an Upcycled T-Shirt Bag.

On Thursday, July 18 at 3 p.m., the library will host a special Yoga Class for Teens with our regular library yoga teacher Carolyn Ruzala.

on Thursday, July 25 at 2 p.m. there will be a Summer Anime Club where teens can learn more about the iconic cherry blossom trees and enjoy some fun, themed crafts.

The ChicopeeFresh Curbside Cafeteria will be at the library weekdays from 1:30 to 2 p.m. to provide free meals for kids 18 and under. This program will run from July 1 through August 16.

Meet up with the Bookmobile for StoryWalks in the Parks this summer. A StoryWalk is a picture book that has been taken apart and mounted on yard signs. You can take a walk and read a book at the same time. July's book is *Something, Someday* by Amanda Gorman illustrated by Christian Robinson. It will be available displayed in both English and Spanish in the parks on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

July 12 - Szot Park

July 19 - Sarah Jane Park

July 26 - Lincoln Grove Park

Visit the Chicopee Public Library all summer long for storytime, art projects, performances, concerts and more! For more information about the library and all of the upcoming events, visit www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org.



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Kathy smiles with her brand logo Black Diamond Designs, printed on a tumbler cup, with an attached music speaker.



Eli Elkus is pictured here singing and playing his guitar, creating a welcoming environment for all the visitors at the market



Mack and Emily smile in front of Mack Soaps, a better alternative to traditional soap.

FARMERS MARKET from page 1

Cooks, talks about his beginnings transitioning from a restaurant worker to a food truck owner.

"I do events, private parties, local markets and I've worked in kitchens my whole life. I started my own business with this being my first year, actually only a month into it. It's going well so far," Cote said.

Cote said the Center Fresh Market was an opportunity to offer a different kind of food to the residents of Chicopee. The location for Center Fresh Market also changed, with the market being the first summer at Wisniewski Park.

"We were initially in the center of Chicopee, very small with only room to fit ten vendors, no convenient parking and a very loud area. It was a bit hectic, but since they are currently working on the building in the town center, I was looking around for a different location and found this park. This is it! It's all residents, no fresh fruits or vegetables right in this area. It's important that we bring it here, that's

what the market is designed for, and we had to stay in the center," Sewell said.

The park has a basketball court, grass areas, playscape for kids, and plenty of shade under the trees. It is surrounded by a quiet neighborhood, parking on either side of the street and right near the highway.

"This area is surprisingly quiet. This park was being neglected and this market is bringing life back into it. They are starting to do more events here and paying attention to the care of the park, it's bringing families here. It's amazing," Sewell said.

Marketgoers were happy to see the fresh goods that were accessible to them. The market was beaming with life, people were browsing the vendors' stands, eating delicious food, and enjoying the music throughout the market.

Courtney Froebel, a Chicopee resident, is the artist and vendor of Froebel Art. Froebel considers herself a traditional stylist artist.

"I specialize in nostalgic, vibrant, pop culture influenced artwork. As a child



Kylie's Crochet, made by Kylie, is posed with her creations from stuffed animals to hair scrunchies.



Smiling in front of his vegetables and herbs is Evan Nawrocki, vendor and owner of Nightjar Farm, bringing fresh food and ingredients to the Chicopee residents

of the 90's, my artwork definitely reflects that. What inspires me to do my artwork is I can't not do it. It's in me. I've been doing art since as long as I can remember. It's my passion and there's nothing better than loving what you do," Froebel said.

It was Froebel's first time at the Center Fresh Market event this season, mentioning that Sewell suggested she come out and sell at Center Fresh. A tangible connection that farmer's market vendors look out for each other.

"I've been in Chicopee for a while now and it's so nice seeing things finally happening. I would have to travel all the time for events like this, I am over the moon about this market," Froebel said.

"We have an incredibly diverse roster of vendors with something for everyone, in a very welcoming community that needs our support," Sewell said.

Center Fresh Market is held on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Wisniewski Park through Oct. 31.

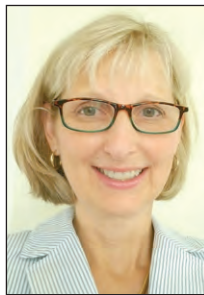
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Buzz Off Bee Co., David Drugan who is the owner and vendor, sells raw honey in all forms. Offering a variety of honey items such as honey sticks, candles, creamed honey, honey combs, honey kits and a showcase of his bees.

Elms College names Joyce Hampton as Vice President of Academic Affairs

CHICOPEE - The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named higher education executive Joyce Hampton, Ed.D., as the college's new vice president of academic affairs, following an extensive search. Reporting directly to the president, Hampton is responsible for the strategic oversight and management of the college's academic affairs. Hampton's appointment is effective June 3.



Joyce L. Hampton

"I am thrilled to announce that Dr. Joyce Hampton has been appointed the college's next vice president of academic affairs," said Elms College President Harry E. Dumay, Ph.D., MBA. "She has successfully led the strategic planning process over the past five years and has served as a member of my cabinet. I look forward to collaborating with her now in her new role, leading the academic direction of the college."

For 34 years, Hampton has worked at Elms College, where she has progressively risen through the academic ranks as assistant professor, associate profes-

or, and full professor. She has served as director of English as a Second Language and International Programs; associate academic dean; dean of Student Success and Strategic Initiatives; and most recently, she was associate vice president for Strategic Initiatives and dean of the School of Arts, Sciences, and Professional Programs.

Hampton holds both a doctoral degree and master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Tex-

as. "My tenure at Elms College has been exceptionally rewarding and I am honored to become the next vice president of academic affairs at Elms," said Hampton. "From personal experience, I know that Elms is truly a distinctive community dedicated to serving all students holistically. I look forward to advancing the college's academic initiatives over the next several years, prioritizing excellence in teaching and learning."

Michael Bozetka Inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD - Chicopee resident Michael Bozetka was welcomed into Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society on May 2nd at the Western New England University chapter's annual induction ceremony in the Campus Center.

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national criminal justice honor society. The mission of the society is to promote criti-

cal thinking, rigorous scholarship, and lifelong learning to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice profession; and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training.

Bozetka is working toward a degree in Criminal Justice.

Marisabel Isaac Named 2024 Orientation Group Leader

SPRINGFIELD - Western New England University is proud to announce the selection of Marisabel Isaac of Chicopee who will serve as one of 17 Orientation Group Leader for the 2024 Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program. These student leaders will play a vital role in guiding incoming students and their families as they transition into the Western New England University community.

The Orientation Group Leaders, known as OGLs, have been chosen based on their consistent demonstration of solid citizenship and active involvement within the Western New England

community. Their selection was influenced by their exceptional communication skills, leadership qualities, and ability to foster strong relationships with students and families alike.

The SOAR program at Western New England University serves as a cornerstone for academic readiness and the successful integration of new students into the university community. OGLs will provide essential support and guidance to entering students and parents, ensuring they receive the necessary information and structure for a smooth adjustment to the university environment.

23 Students Inducted into Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD - The Western New England University chapter of Beta Alpha Psi National Honor Society welcomed 23 students at the University's annual induction ceremony on April 18th in the Rivers Memorial Hall.

Beta Alpha Psi is an honorary organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes the study and proactive of accounting, finance, and information systems; providing opportu-

nities for self-development, service and association among members and practicing professionals; and encouraging a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

Three of those inductees are from Chicopee:

Alexander Assab of Chicopee is working toward a degree in Business Analytics & Information Management.

Michael Gauthier of Chicopee is working toward a degree in Accounting.

Blake Whalen of Chicopee is working toward a degree in Accounting.

MacDuffie School holds 134th Commencement



Class of 2024 Seven Year Seniors: Grace Marquez (Holyoke) and Emily Parnicky (Chicopee),

GRANBY - The MacDuffie School held its 134th Commencement Exercises in Abbey Chapel at Mount Holyoke College on Saturday, June 1. The 50 members of the Class of 2024, from eight different countries and seven states, stood for their traditional photo on the steps, processed through the Chapel, and received their diplomas, as friends and family watched with pride.

Courage, character, and gratitude were the embedded themes of the Senior Speakers: Gabby Benoit (Belchertown) and Derrek Zhang (New Jersey). Head of School, Steve Griffin shared that the people who make the biggest difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, but simply, the ones who care the most. His sincere hope was that "through MacDuffie's promotion of the values of community, integrity and respect, and our value of active service, that

a MacDuffie graduate is well equipped to be a caring individual; that caring nature will make a large contribution to you being an effective individual in your personal lives, your work lives, your communities, and beyond." The Class of 2024 chose highly-respected teacher, Ms. Dawn Faber (Springfield) to be their Faculty Speaker. Ms. Faber is our Director of Academic Support at MacDuffie. She presented three guiding principles to the graduates as they embrace their future: Do what you love; love what you do; Live within your means; Always look for the good and anticipate positive outcomes.

Once the prizes were awarded and the diplomas given, everyone joined in for the singing of the alma mater, The Magnolia Song. The graduates processed out of the chapel to Summer Suns Are Glowing. Refreshments and photo opportunities were plentiful on the Abbey Chapel lawn.

Junior Achievement's 18 Under 18 Class of 2024

Students recognized on May 16 for innovative spirit, leadership and community involvement

SPRINGFIELD - On May 16, Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts (JAWM) honored its 18 Under 18 Class of 2024, sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, at Tower Square in Springfield. The event, which was also sponsored by The UPS Store and Holyoke Community College, provided the opportunity to spotlight outstanding young people throughout Western Massachusetts and surrounding areas who exemplify innovative spirit, leadership and community involvement.

The program included poster board displays by the students; remarks by Ted Hebert, owner, Teddy Bear Pools and Spas; Tracey Alves-Lear, JA of Western MA Board Chair; Brooke Sokoloff-Adams, director of student development, Holyoke Community College; and individual student recognition.

"This is our third year honoring students in this special way, and we were pleased with the outstanding caliber of the nominations we received," said Amie Miarecki, president, JAWM. "We feel so inspired by the amazing young people in our community, and are delighted to highlight the impact they are making. We hope the whole community joins us in applauding them for their achievements and community contributions."

The following students from Chicopee comprise the 18 Under 18 Class of 2024:

A'jahna Johnson, Grade 12, Chicopee Comprehensive High School. As a junior, Johnson was admitted to the esteemed EMT Academy offered by Chicopee Public Schools. She is currently undergoing training to become an emergency medical technician, a pursuit that aligns with her aspirations of a future career in nursing. She has set her sights on pursuing a nursing degree at Delaware State University (HBCU) in the upcoming fall semester.

Nicholas Kendra, Grade 12, Chicopee High School. Kendra is a member of the National Honor Society and an intern at River Mills Center in Chicopee, where he troubleshoots seniors' technological issues. He also assisted in teaching a five-week iPad course and various workshops. He is a member of the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield Teen Board, plays on his school's soccer and baseball teams, and is certified in first aid and CPR. He intends to major in cybersecurity at Marist College in the fall.

Nominations for 18 Under 18 were open to anyone 18 years or younger who attends school in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire counties, as well as the Quaboag and Tantasqua regional school districts and the state of Vermont. Judging criteria were divided into three categories: innovative spirit, leadership and community involvement.

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UNIT 6026C,
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By virtue of Judgment of the Chicopee District Court (Civil Docket No. 2320CV000243) in favor of the DOVERBROOK ESTATES CONDOMINIUM against MICHAEL J. AXTON establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A, §6 on the real estate known as 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, in the Doverbrook Estates Condominium, for the purpose of satisfying such lien, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 254, §5 and §5A, the real estate be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. on the 25th DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2024** at the premises located at 70 Greenwood Terrace, Unit 6026C, Chicopee, Massachusetts. The premise to be sold is more particularly described as follows:

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Being the same premises conveyed to the grantor by deed dated November 2, 2010, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 18531, Page 33. EXHIBIT "A"

The Unit 6026C contains 871 square feet of building area, more or less, and is laid out as shown on the Unit Plan attached hereto and recorded herewith, which Unit Plan is a copy of a portion of the plans recorded with the Master Deed. A verified statement in the form provided for in Section 9, Chapter 183A, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, is attached to such Unit Plan.

The Unit is conveyed together with a 0.1621917% undivided interest (subject

to adjustment in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Master Deed) in the Common Areas and Facilities as defined and described in the Master Deed. The Unit is subject to and has the benefit of all applicable provisions contained in the Master Deed (including the provisions granting exclusive use rights), and in the Declaration of Trust (including by-Laws) of the Doverbrook Estates Condominium Trust dated December 3, 1982 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5351, Page 220, and the rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder by said Trust, including without limitation the provisions for assessment of common expenses.

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Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 8 of the Master Deed, the Unit is intended to be used for residential purposes. The Unit is subject to the restrictions on use contained in paragraph 9 of the Master Deed, which are incorporated by reference.

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ways; and (iii) one or more amendments to the Master Deed, and deeds, easements or other instruments, pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Master Deed, for the purpose of conveying a parcel of land within the Condominium to the City of Chicopee as war memorial.

Being the same premises conveyed by Quitclaim Deed from Doris I. Hebert and William V. Guiel, Jr. to Michael J. Axton dated January 26, 2022 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24375, Page 343.

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TERMS: A deposit payable in cash or certified bank check or money order of \$5,000.00 shall be payable at the Auction and the balance of the payment shall be payable by cash, certified bank check, money order or wired funds within thirty (30) days of the Auction.

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Docket No. HD24P1343EA**

**Estate of:
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Date of Death: 04/22/2024
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 **Nathan J Nietupski of Belchertown MA and Joshua J Nietupski 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: **Nathan J Nietupski of Belchertown MA and Joshua J Nietupski 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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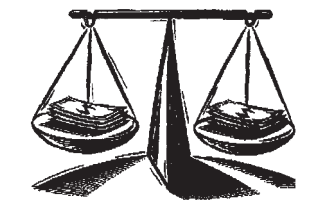
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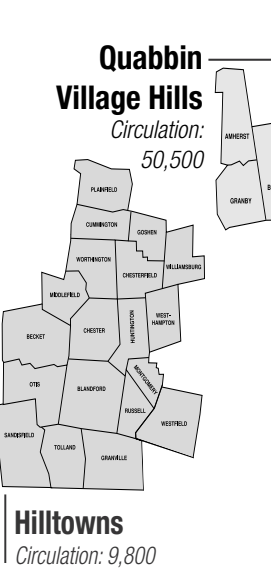
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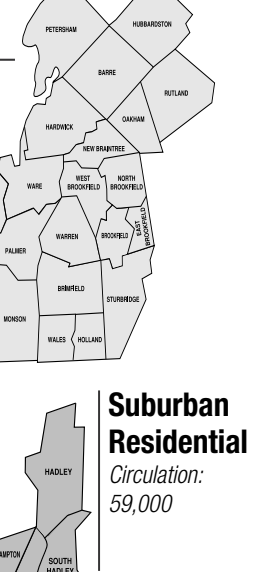
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