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**COMMUNITY**

## Community leaders honored for Back to School event

Oct. 16 also declared Ricardo Diaz Day

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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at City Hall Auditorium on Oct. 16 to honor community leaders for their contributions to the Third Annual Back to School event.

The Back to School Event was presented by Faded Barber Lounge, Breaking Oppression and the City of Chicopee and took place at Rivers Park on Aug. 25, providing free haircuts, manicures, braiding, hairstyling, backpacks and more to help support students ahead of the first day of school.

Also, Oct. 16 was declared Ricardo Diaz Day in honor of Ricardo Diaz, the owner of Faded Barber Lounge, who spearheaded the event alongside community members, the city, local businesses and more.

Later, many other individuals were also recognized for their contributions.

Individuals recognized with certificates of recognition were Magaly Roman, Reycha Isaac Madera, Kaylee Santiago, Mellyssa Matos, Angelique Ivette Carattini, Normary Cartagena Maldonado, Angely Burgos,



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From the left, Bridget Healy, district aide for State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), Mayor John Vieau, Ed Casey, Luz López, Monica Torres, community & constituent liaison for the City of Chicopee, Ricardo Diaz, owner of Faded Barber Lounge, Ofc. Johnny Jusino, Ofc. Flodemaris Delarosa, Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, Kristen Coelho, family and community engagement facilitator for Chicopee Public Schools and State Rep. Shirley Arriaga in a group photo during the Recognition Ceremony at City Hall Auditorium in Chicopee on Oct. 16.

Yaritza Perez, Orlando Perez, Kristian Gonzalez, Yadiel Montañez, Omar Peralta, Josh Rodriguez, Ruben Camacho, Emily Cicerchia, Osvaldo Moura, Daisy Perez, Dana Vazquez, Roxanne Roman, Monica Torres, Kristen Coelho, Antonio Bermudez, Sgt. Thomas Gazda, Ofc. Johnny

Jusino, Ofc. Elly Rodriguez and Ofc. Flodemaris Delarosa.

Plaques, presented by Diaz, were also given to Monica Torres, Ofc. Johnny Jusino, Ofc. Flodemaris Delarosa, Fire Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, Luz López, Kristen Coelho, Chloe Soto and Ed Casey, representing

the committee and people who went above and beyond for the event.

Mayor John Vieau reflected on the event and how it's grown since, sharing he thinks it's appropriate "to recognize people for their contributions in giving back to this wonderful communi-

ty that we all love."

"As mayor, I'm incredibly proud that we're able to stand among such caring individuals and community members like all of you. Today, we celebrate not

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Along with video and audio evidence, Paranormal Investigator Don DeCristofaro demonstrated the equipment he uses on the field.

## CPL receives ghostly visit from paranormal investigator

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The library was full of thrill-seeking individuals anxious to see the presentation from Paranormal Investigator Don DeCristofaro, founder of the Greater Boston Paranormal Associates, on Oct. 21.

The Greater Boston Paranormal Associates is a group with the belief of approaching the paranormal investigation field with open minds, open to all possibilities and to answer questions that have been asked for centuries.

The program started with a

PowerPoint presentation highlighting DeCristofaro's crew, equipment used on his investigations and personal experiences that solidify his beliefs.

Meeting with DeCristofaro, he talked about his company and his job title of being a paranormal investigator, and specifically why G.B.P.A. is based in Quincy, MA.

"The program is about my group the G.B.P.A., but the primary focus is where our heart really is, the USS Salem. A decommissioned heavy cruiser in Quincy, MA. It's very close to

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## Rev. Jonathan Tetherly releases book reflecting on jail chaplaincy

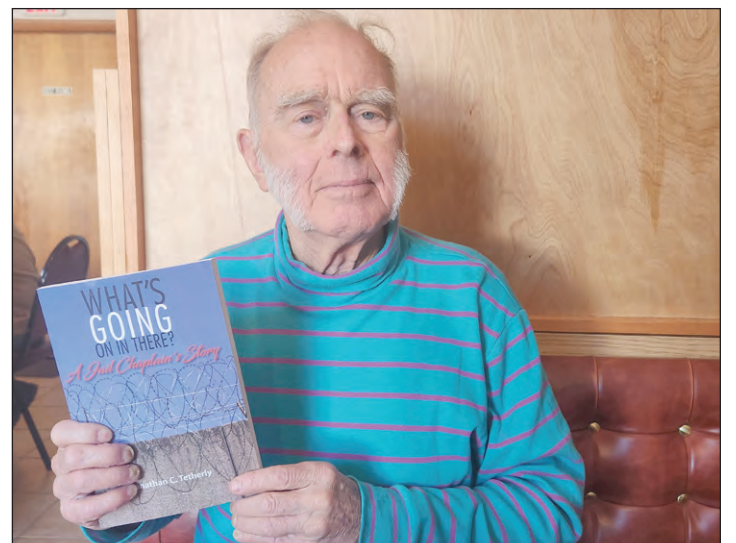
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CHICOPEE - Rev. Jonathan Tetherly recently released a book reflecting on his 30 years as a jail chaplain called "What's Going On in There? A Jail Chaplain's Story."

Tetherly also held a book signing and discussion on Oct. 16 in the fellowship wing at First Congregational Church of Chicopee and hopes to do more book signings and author talks in the future.

Tetherly's book looks back on his 30 years of chaplaincy, beginning at the Hampden County Jail and House of Correction in Springfield to the transition into the ultra-modern Hampden County Correctional "village" in Ludlow. The book's highlights include the Dennis Bateman case, the role of spirituality and chaplaincy in jails, stories about inmates and staff and a closer look at the culture and relationships within a prison's walls.

The book is available on Amazon, at Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley and through Levellers Press.



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Rev. Jonathan Tetherly poses for a photo with his book, "What's Going on In There? A Jail Chaplain's Story." The book looks back on Tetherly's 30 years as a jail chaplain.

The book was published through Off the Common Books.

Reflecting on the book release, Tetherly explained he first went to the jail in 1988, followed by the "village" in 1992, staying there until his retirement in 2018. He now spends his time as a volunteer criminal justice reform advocate.

Tetherly said the book

took him a long time to put together as he had a lot of notes written over the years, crediting his editor, Johanna Ehrmann, for her help in putting everything together.

"I talk about the staff, I talk about the people who are incarcerated there, I talk about the building itself, the buildings themselves and how

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# Elms College launches book on Srs. Mary and Eleanor Dooley

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Elms College hosted a book launch for "An Uncommon Love: The Life, Legacy, and Lessons of Sisters Mary and Eleanor Dooley," a collection of work by collaborators who have been influenced by the life and ministry of the sisters on Oct. 15.

The book launched on Founders' Day, commemorating the founding of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1650, happening 374 years ago that led to the formation of congregations of Sisters of Saint Joseph around the world on Oct. 15.

The book was edited by Father Mark Stelzer, S.Th.D., professor of Humanities at Elms and pastor of Saint Mary's Parish in Hampden.

The book launch had several speakers, many who discussed their connection with the Dooleys at the college, with opening and closing remarks by Dr. Elizabeth Hukowicz.

Beginning with the college greetings was President Dr. Harry Dumay, remarking on the significance of Founders' Day happening on the same day as the book launch.

"What a nice turnout for this book launch. I want to thank and recognize Director of Campus Ministry Eileen Kirk, who's worked tirelessly to make this event possible. Thank you for all being here. It is very humbling and a privilege to celebrate Founders' Day, which Fr. Mark Stelzer said so eloquently at Mass. The day in which we recognize the shoulders who founded this college and who left us the mission and legacy," Dumay said. "On behalf of the students, faculty, and staff at Elms, we welcome the President of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Sister Betsy Sullivan. As well as all



TURLEY PHOTOS BY AMANDA MUNSON

"An Uncommon Love: The Life, Legacy, and Lessons of Sisters Mary and Eleanor Dooley" is a collection of essays and meditations by collaborators who have been influenced by the life and ministry of the sisters, pictured here.

the Sisters of Saint Joseph and part of the board of trustees, all of the other Sisters of St. Joseph, and the day of the launch of the book. Celebrating the lives of Mary and Eleanor Dooley."

Dumay reflected on the sisters.

"On this day we celebrate the founding of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, we have had the privilege of having many Sisters of Saint Joseph with us. One can almost imagine what it was like, back in the days where the sisters taught and lived here at Elms. We are grateful to Fr. Mark Stelzer for giving us this reason to get together. An opportunity to look back at the lives of the Dooley sisters," Dumay said. "This is a labor of love, from Fr. Mark Stelzer and contributors, who worked with and were close to the sisters over the years. I never met Sister Mary, she passed before I came to the college in 2017. But Sister Kathleen

told me and my wife Maggie many stories about Sister Mary Dooley, her mentor. Through Fr. Mark and Sister Kathleen, I got a glimpse and I do know her formidable intellect, her strong presence and humanity."

Dumay added he also met Sister Eleanor Dooley.

"I did meet Sister Eleanor and was immediately captivated by her stories. All told with the utmost simplicity and humility of a life lived extraordinarily. They said that people are truly gone when their memories have been forgotten, in that regard, Sister Mary and Sister Eleanor are still very much with us. One simply cannot come to the campus and not feel the legacy of the Dooley sisters. A dual presence," Dumay said.

The program was held in the Veritas Auditorium and also included remarks



Dr. Elizabeth Hukowicz reflects on the Dooley sisters.

from Fr. Jerome Day, Sr. Kathleen Imbruno, Dr. McAuley Hentges, Dr. Peter DePergola, II, Deacon John Leary, Sr. Kathleen Reagan and Sr. Elizabeth Sullivan. A light reception followed the book launch in the Berchmans Hall Rotunda.

Stelzer reflected on the book launch.

"We relish in our shared love for the Dooleys. This book had a quick turnaround, conceptualized last year after the 10th anniversary of Sister Mary's death. It led me to think it was the appropriate time to celebrate the accomplishment of the Dooley sisters, who have impacted the lives of everyone in this room, one way or another," Stelzer said.

The book is available to purchase on Amazon and all proceeds will benefit the Compassionate Hearts Fund, which subsidizes college service learning trips for students during the semester break.

## Chicopee Public Library hosts events for kids and families

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children and families. The Youth Services Department seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that explore literacy and promote creativity. Here is the slate of events for October 2024.

Storytime will be held in the children's program room on Wednesdays, Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is a great way for preschool aged kids to practice skills they will need for school. Library staff lead a circle time where they read picture books, practice letters and numbers, and lead the children in song and movement, afterwards they do a craft or activity.

Chess Club with Andy Morris-Fried-

man will be on Thursdays at 4 p.m., Oct. 31. Learn chess skills and practice your moves. For big kids and teens. Children 10 and under need to attend with an adult. Space is limited, contact the Children's Room to sign up.

Read to a Dog on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. Meet Lina, a two-year-old chocolate lab trained as a pediatric therapy dog. She will be here to listen to kids practice reading. Therapy dogs are good listeners with calm energy and can help kids who struggle with reading aloud. For ages 5 and up. Space is limited, contact the Children's Room to Sign up.

For more information about the library and all of the upcoming events, visit [www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org)



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## CPD hosts Coffee with a Cop at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The police department stopped by the senior center on Oct 2. for a Coffee with a Cop event. The event provided an opportunity for the community to connect with local law enforcement. The police department said on their Facebook page they look forward to the next one.



## New Anglican Church in Belchertown



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# City Council approves resolution supporting 10-cent nip bottle deposit

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved a resolution on Oct. 15 supporting a 10-cent deposit on nip bottles.

As City Clerk Keith Rattell read the order, it stated how the state recognized the importance of recycling through the Bottle Bill program, which was modernized through the commonwealth in June to add other containers eligible for bottle deposits including noncarbonated beverages, wines and spirits and increase the deposit amount from five cents to 10 cents.

Nip bottles would be included on this eligible list and the deposit would increase from five cents to 10 cents.

"Whereas, the current five-cent deposit on beverage containers has been effective in promoting recycling and reducing litter and, whereas, small alcohol bottles known as 'nips' are a significant source of litter and environmental pollution," Rattell read. "Whereas, increasing the deposit to 10 cents for nips will further incentivize recycling and reduce litter."

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky explained he worked with President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme, Vice President/Councilor-at-Large Robert Zygarowski and Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie on this and how litter "is an issue in the city" and he's trying "to find creative ways to work together to try and combat this problem."

"Nip bottles are something we see a lot of in the city," Shumsky said. "I don't agree on the concept of banning them, but I do agree on the concept of putting a 10% deposit on them so we can recycle them. The goal of this is to, hopefully, have people in the community who engage in

cleaning up the city and in partnership with the Clean City initiative from Mayor Vieau's office to hopefully have people go collect these, recycle them and they can get a dime back for each one they put in. So, I'm hoping that I can have the support of this council--my colleagues--to help clean up the city."

After Zygarowski asked Shumsky about the State Senate's status on this--Shumsky replied he was unsure, but emphasized it would show the council's support to the Senate on the item--Zygarowski expressed his support for the resolution, citing a resident who spoke at public input earlier that evening about picking up litter in the Fairview area of Chicopee.

"So, this would help it. It's no guarantee because we can have every law in the books, but they got to be enforced," Zygarowski said. "I think it's a good idea otherwise I would not have sponsored it with you and everybody else."

Labrie said the Bottle Bill was put in place in January 1983 at five cents and the state "has been discussing" increasing it to 10 cents.

"If we don't do something like putting a 10-cent deposit on a nip, they could do away with nips. There's been things floated around that they won't sell nips, they'll ban nips and that would hurt some of these package stores and liquor stores," Labrie said. "And it would also put out more pint and half pint-sized bottles out there. So, instead of having nips being thrown out the window, they'll be throwing out half-pints and pints."

Labrie said he favors the resolution. "By the city of Chicopee being the size that we are, I think they'll take it seriously, this resolution," Labrie said.

Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier

called it a "very interesting concept."

"Anything to help keep the city clean, I think it's a great idea and I'm in favor of this and I hope it goes through and we can do something about it," Balakier said.

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello shared how former Ward 6 City Councilor Derek Dobosz was "very concerned" about trash in the city last year.

"He took the leadership and indicated maybe we should have a ban on nips or a conversation in regards to nips. But nothing ever took place," Costello said. "So, I just want to let people know that this individual idea has been discussed in the community based on Councilor Dobosz's leadership to have a conversation in regards to the status of nips."

Costello added she, also, would support this because "I agree that we've got to do something with the nip bottles," also praising Balakier for his wisdom on this in prior discussions.

"But I wish we had done something with more conversation earlier because there was an idea proposed in regards to the nips. But, we have to do something about trash," Costello said.

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner said he would support this, "however reluctantly," saying how he'd done research on the bill and that it also has been passed by the State House and is sitting in the Conference Committee currently.

Wagner added Connecticut enacted a 10-cent deposit on nips, water bottles, soda cans and more, seeing very marginal, if any, or any increase in the amount of returns or other litter that's decreased.

"Other parts of the country have done it, but the evidence is somewhat iffy on if it'll actually achieve what we're hoping to achieve," Wagner said. "I'm all for this sort of an incentive. Certainly, I think it

could prove useful in a city like Chicopee, but I'm just not certain that it'll have the intended effect."

Councilor-at-Large Jerry Roy thinks "it's a good start," clarifying it's not a 10% deposit but 10 cents.

"Hopefully it'll work. If not, at least we've done something," Roy said.

Zygarowski--citing earlier comments stated by Shumsky about the pints and half-pints contributing to driving under the influence--reiterated the measure is a good idea.

"It's a proven fact that their driving under the influence does come about because of these small nips and pints or whatever you call them," Zygarowski said. "The people that drive drunk--and I'm going to say it point-blank--they don't care. They'll buy a quarter if they have to if they want to drink."

On why the measure was not done earlier, Zygarowski recalled it being discussed several times before along with the Bottle Bill.

"Let's face it. Businesses will be against this. I guarantee it. They will be. But, we got to think of the safety of the Commonwealth of Mass and our city," Zygarowski said.

He added he, Labrie, Shumsky and Laflamme are hoping, "this is the time now" to move forward on this.

"Will 10 cents do it? I don't know, but we got to start somewhere like Councilor Roy said. It's better than not doing anything at all," Zygarowski said.

The motion passed 13-0.

Two other resolutions related to this--which were a resolution supporting a 10-cent deposit on water bottles and a resolution supporting an increase of deposit on bottles and cans to 10 cents--also passed 13-0.

## CPD Ofc. Jeff Sousa retires



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CHICOPEE - Please join us in congratulating Officer Jeff Sousa on his retirement. Officer Sousa joins the Chicopee Police Department in 2013 after graduating from the Springfield Police Academy. Officer Sousa spent his career assigned to the 12-8 patrol division.

In 2015, Ofc. Sousa joined the Special Response Team (SRT) and in 2016 he became the team's sniper. Ofc. Sousa was also an active member of our Field Training Program where he had a vital role in training new recruits fresh out of the academy.

We wish you the best in your future endeavors. Congratulations and enjoy.

### CORRECTION:

In our Oct. 18 story on the Chicopee High School Pacers Girls Varsity Volleyball team supporting Rays of Hope, a woman named Monica Nevez was mentioned as presenting a check with the team.

It was brought to our attention that it was, actually, Monica Torres. Torres, also, does not have a son.

We apologize for the errors.

## RiverMills Photography Club Gallery exhibition

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging invites you to the third annual photo exhibition by the RiverMills Photo Club. This year for the first time this event will take place at RiverMills Center, 5 W Main Street, Chicopee, MA.

The exhibition will feature

over 85 photographs taken by members of the RiverMills Photo Club. Many photographs will be for sale and make great holiday gifts.

The reception will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live music will be played by Jeff and Liz Schuman. Beverage

and hors d'oeuvres will be on site.

Tours of the Chicopee Senior Center will be offered to anyone interested. All are welcome to join us on the night of the reception.

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## GUEST COLUMN



### What kind of patient-doctor relationship do you have?

I've written before about the patient's role in creating a good relationship with their doctor: Be on time for your appointments; write down your questions and concerns; don't waste time on chitchat; bring someone with you; be honest about your health habits, good and bad; and if you don't understand something, keep asking until you do.

But a lot of the responsibility for a good patient-doctor relationship lies with the physician; after all, they're the ones with the greater education, knowledge and experience.

Back in 1956, two doctors, Theodore Szasz and Marc Hollender, described three types of doctor-patient relationships. Depending on your situation, you probably have one or more of these:

Active-passive, which they compared to a parent-child relationship, when the physician is acting upon the patient (useful in emergency and trauma situations);

Guidance-cooperation, a sort of parent-adolescent relationship, in which the physician tells the patient what to do and the patient complies;

Mutual participation, a relationship between two adults in which the physician helps the patient help themselves.

In this era of patient-centered care, there's a clear preference for the mutual participation model. Health-care providers who provide more than just competent care, who bring empathy, open communication, active listening and understanding into the examination room, are more likely to have satisfied patients.

Unfortunately, many aspects of our current health-care system work against the patient-doctor relationship.

There never seems to be enough time for a doctor to really talk with a patient and develop that relationship. Administrative hurdles (problems getting an appointment, for example) hurt the relationship. Sometimes both patients and doctors make assumptions about one another's cultures or backgrounds that may damage patient trust.

How many times will you put up with such roadblocks before you start looking for another doctor? A recent survey found that almost half of the respondents will give their doctor or their staff only two chances to get things right before looking elsewhere.

Why is this even important? Because a good patient-doctor relationship can lead to better health outcomes for you. If your doctor has worked to establish mutual understanding and trust, you are much more likely to divulge information needed for an accurate diagnosis. You may also be more willing to adhere to a treatment plan. A recent survey by Tebra, a health-care marketing firm, found that 87 percent of respondents believe that a strong and positive patient-doctor relationship has a positive impact on their patient journey.

Your relationship with your primary care provider is particularly important because it's likely you will access other health-care providers through them. Here are five signs that your doctor is invested in their relationship with you.

#### 1. Active communication

In my experience as a private patient advocate, the cause of a poor patient-doctor relationship usually boils down to one thing: communication – either miscommunication or lack of communication. Does your doctor:

Listen without interrupting?

Try to understand your perspective?

## GUEST COLUMN



### A question for the Garden Lady – how to move privets and grapes

Joe wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "Hello and thanks, as I am a fan of your column! I want to transplant both some privet hedges and grape vines from my childhood home. They are each at least 70+ years old. They have been mostly well maintained over the years and look fairly healthy; I think. Could you offer any advice on how to do this successfully?"

Thank you, Joe, for your compliments on the column! I am happy to try and help.

I don't know if you have any time constraints with the move. If you don't, I would wait until early spring to do the transplanting, that way it will cause the least amount of distress on the plants.

Both privet and grape are quite hardy, but it may be challenging to dig them up, especially because of their age and the size of the rootball that you can expect with the privet for sure. The picture you sent does show that

both are quite healthy.

As soon as the ground can be worked in spring – maybe in late March or in very early April, I would dig around the drip line of the privet, pointing your shovel straight down. Try to go as deep as you can.

It may help to have a friend or two on the other sides of the bush and together you can lift out the rootball. You might have to use a pair of loppers or a saw to cut some of the larger, main roots.

Without being there, it is hard to say what you will encounter. But, as you know, it will be important to get as many of the roots as you can, leaving the soil attached as much as possible.

If you don't have a pot big enough to encompass the roots, then I'd recommend using a construction grade trash bag, a tarp or even double layers of a bed sheet to keep the root ball together during transport. Getting them a few towns over, as you mentioned, might be tricky in a car.

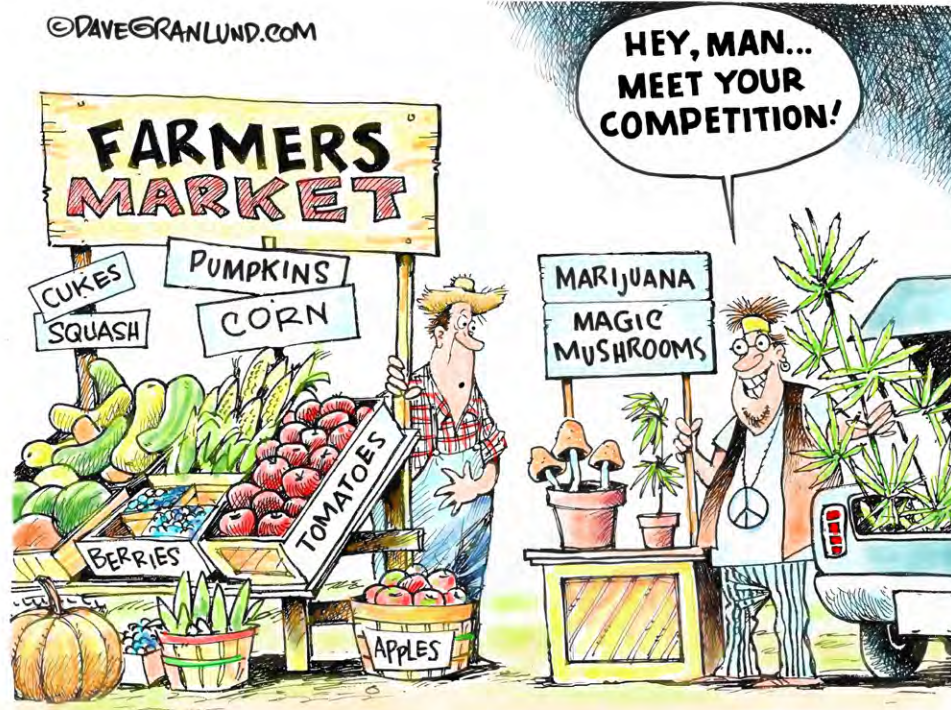
I'd probably recommend laying the privet down in a truck, braced so that it won't roll around.

Transplant it in a similar exposure in the new yard, cutting back the branches to make accommodations for a new and smaller root ball. Water it well, deeply, at least two times a week for the first couple of months.

Grape vines can be handled in a similar fashion. By the pictures you sent, they appear so lush and beautiful.

I certainly have to compliment whoever the tender is in your family. The first order of

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Validate your concerns?  
Answer your questions?  
Solicit information about what's going on in your life?

Express empathy and compassion?

These behaviors on the part of your doctor take your relationship beyond the merely clinical.

#### 2. Person-centered care

Person-centered care focuses on individuals and their particular health care needs. Clinicians are there to inform, advise and provide patient support, but it is ultimately up to individuals to determine their course of action. Does your doctor present all available options and alternatives for treatment and solicit your input in the decision-making?

#### 3. No billing surprises

No one likes an unexpected bill, which causes anxiety and frustration as we try to manage our health-care costs. Does your doctor's administrative staff provide clear, honest and transparent billing information? This goes a long way toward building your confidence and trust in the practice.

#### 4. Efficient scheduling

Efficient scheduling and office procedures respect your time. Does your doctor offer new patient forms online, online appointment setting

and flexible appointment options? Does the office minimize your wait times – and if there's going to be a delay – do they keep you informed?

#### 5. Multiple touchpoints

Is your doctor's practice keeping pace with technology? Do they send text notifications and reminders of appointments? Can you access a patient portal to check your records and ask a question? Do you get follow-up phone calls after a surgical procedure or to keep tabs on a chronic condition?

If you experience this kind of relationship with your doctor, you're more likely to stick with that doctor, follow their advice as to lifestyle changes and adhere to their prescribed treatments. An advocate can always help you find a new physician, but remember to make sure that you're doing your part to make the relationship work.

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## New Monument Commemorates Franco-Americans

CHICOPEE - If you have a French name, chances are your relatives were among the one million French Canadians who immigrated to New England between 1840 and 1930, seeking employment in the mills.

There are deep roots among those in Chicopee, the surrounding communities, and New England with musical French names. Our ancestors stepped into the unknown future when they came to New France—the journey continued from Canada to the United States. Franco-Americans inherited a rich culture, history, and heritage that must never be forgotten.

French heritage will be remembered and celebrated on Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m., with the dedication of a new monument. The rain date will be Sunday, Nov. 3.

The project, which began in August of 2023, was made possible by the former French Heritage Center. Funds were raised through various French lectures, events, donations, and membership.

The custom-made monument was carved in India and inscribed in Vermont.

The monument will stand in recognition of the contributions made by French Canadians and the generations of Franco-Americans that followed. In their adopted country, French Canadians became a major force in all walks of life. The vast array of their contributions affected every aspect of their new homeland.

Chicopee's four French parishes will

also be memorialized. Assumption of the BVM Church, Nativity Church, and St. George Church were closed in 2009. Ste. Rose de Lima Church remains active. These parishes played an important role in keeping French language and culture alive.

The ceremony will take place at the Aldenville Commons, 688 Grattan St., Chicopee, Massachusetts. Those who attend are advised to bring their own chairs. Marie Proulx Meder, former director of the French Heritage Center, and former Assistant Director, Jeanne Proulx Hebert, will officiate the ceremony.

The guest speaker will be Denis Le-doux, author of "French Boy". Born in Lewiston, Maine, Denis was raised on a farm. He has taught Franco studies at the University level, and lectures on Franco culture and history. He has won the Maine Fiction Award, and was also named

Life-writing Professional of the Year. Denis is the director of The Memoir Network, and serves as a Maine Touring Artist, leading programs on personal history preservation, and Franco-American culture. The dedication will conclude with a monument blessing by Father Bill Tourigny.

Come join us for this special occasion as we gather to celebrate, acknowledge, and embrace the rich heritage of our forefathers, thereby preserving the past for future generations. The French "Joie de Vivre" spirit lives on in all of us who are proud to say "I am French Canadian".

## CFD takes part in Kane's Crusade



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**CHICOPEE –** The fire department had fun with the furry members of the community during the Kane's Crusade Pawsome 5K Run/Walk on Oct. 19. Members got to talk about fire safety and enjoy visits with the many dogs at the event.



Ricardo Diaz, owner of Faded Barber Lounge, watches as Mayor John Vieau reads the mayor's proclamation declaring Oct. 16 Ricardo Diaz Day in Chicopee.



Ricardo Diaz, owner of Faded Barber Lounge, shakes hands with State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) as he's presented with a citation from the Massachusetts State House of Representatives. Diaz also received a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate.



Ricardo Diaz, owner of Faded Barber Lounge, and Mayor John Vieau with the mayor's proclamation.

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just an event, but the spirit of giving and the power of community," Vieau said.

Vieau emphasized the volunteers for their efforts and time towards the event.

"Whether you give a few hours of your time or you work tirelessly behind the scenes, your efforts have touched the lives of countless children and many families here in Chicopee," Vieau said. "And you may not always see the full impact of your kindness, but I assure you, it is a far-reaching effect that extends well beyond what we experienced that day and what we experience today, so thank you for that."

Vieau's message to everyone involved was this.

"To all the volunteers, the partners--especially you, Ricardo--thank you for running this and empowering the community and for showing us what it means to truly, truly be Chicopee Strong," Vieau said.

After Vieau presented him with the mayor's proclamation, Diaz shared that the work is done "for them, our community, our friends, our families and the children and family we build together."

"Whether you realize it or not, each of you has brought a bit of good into someone's life and I hope that goodness continues to ripple outward," Diaz said. "We have the privilege and responsibility to set an example of how things should be, not just accept them the way they are. Through small acts like these, we're building the future we want rather than settling for the one we're told to accept."

Diaz hopes the recognition "inspires everyone to make a difference in your own unique ways."

"Remember, you are all kings and queens shaping a brighter tomorrow," Diaz said.

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) presented a citation from the State House of Representatives, with Bridget Healy, district aide for State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), presenting a citation from the State Senate.

Arriaga stressed how having a backpack with the needed school supplies and a fresh haircut ahead of the first day can instill confidence in students and encourage them to stay in school and succeed, thanking Diaz and the volunteers for what they accomplished.

"I hope, personally, that this helped and made a big impact in those kids. To this day, I still have families whose kids don't have backpacks. How sad is that?" Arriaga said. "So, this event--if nothing else--is to help inspire kids, encourage our kids and stand up for our community, right? Because somebody always needs help."

Post-ceremony, Diaz was humbled by the community support.

"It's just amazing. It's a big honor to be part of this community here in Chicopee. Very tight-knit community where everybody comes together. I'm very proud to be able to do something for the city of Chicopee where we can come and provide resources and services for the children and for families," Diaz said.

Diaz wants the community to know

that everything he does "is to try and motivate somebody."

"I want everybody to see--not only this event, but for any event that goes on in the city--use it as motivation and do something unique for their business, for their families, for the community," Diaz said. "Everything I do is to inspire and motivate people."

His message was this.

"I would like to tell them all thank you

so much and without you, this wouldn't be possible. This is all a big collaboration. It's not just me, the barber lounge," Diaz said. "This is a lot of collaborations, sponsors and everybody that comes together and makes it happen."

He added planning for next year's event has already begun and there will be more to come, encouraging the community to stay tuned.

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## Mayor Vieau pays visit to Head Start



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**CHICOPEE** – Mayor John Vieau enjoyed visiting Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc. on Sept. 20, where he read a few books to the children. The kids surprised him with some beautifully crafted artwork and it's safe to say that the mayor enjoyed the visit just as much as the students did! A special thank you to all the teachers for their unwavering love and dedication to their students, and to Site Director Carol for kicking off the mayor's morning with little hugs and a warm welcome from the students.

## New CFD recruits begin their training



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**CHICOPEE** – The newest recruits at the fire department began their training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on Oct. 18.

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my heart since I grew up five blocks from where the boat sits. Salem, in my opinion, is the most actively haunted place in New England right now. There's another member in my group, we are both Navy. I think as silly as it may sound, when we both came aboard the ship, we both had friends of ours that we served with who died and came to the ship to say goodbye. I think those guys who came back and visited told the other guys who've passed on that it was cool to talk to us. That we understood what their lives were like and to be at sea and to be away from family. The activity after that exploded on the ship after that," DeCristofaro said.

Along with his crew, DeCristofaro communicates with the entities daily aboard the USS Salem with different equipment used to detect them, in various environments. An SLS camera, motion sensor, electromagnetic field detector, RemPod and parlight are some of the equipment used by the G.B.P.A. with audio and video evidence to back up his beliefs.

"There are about eight guys and one woman, entities, who we talk to on a regular basis. We are learning more about their lives and their family lives. We are learning about why they chose



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Guests were excited to ask further questions regarding the work of the Greater Boston Paranormal Associates and the next investigation the group was planning to go to.

to stay on the ship and why they came back. Some talk about crossing over and coming back, and others talk about wanting to cross over and what's keeping them from doing that. The way we look and approach is that we treat these guys, the entities, with the respect they deserve," DeCristofaro said. "We give them a bit of ourselves and as a result, they give themselves to us. I love spreading the word of the USS Salem, the guys aboard the ship, and how much they enjoy bringing their past back to life. It's very close to us. We do a lot of stuff on the ship and every nickel

that we make goes to the ship. It's a complete volunteer operation."

DeCristofaro gave some insight on his day to day and what brought him to the city of Chicopee.

"We have public investigations every other weekend or so, usually 20 to 25 guests. A small charge for guests and we also rent out the USS Salem for guests to use it. It's a pleasure to help them and help bring the USS Salem to life, to show people all over the state what we are doing and how interesting it is," DeCristofaro said. "I reached out to libraries to see if they would be interested.



The paranormal investigator event started with a background of the group, the work they conduct, and how they'll keep doing the work as long as it continues to be fun.

I want to make sure that people know it's not a Halloween thing, especially the ship, it's a year-round endeavor. I want to show people that it takes two weeks to get the footage they may see on a paranormal television show. Aboard the ship, we usually get all that entity activity in just one night."

Throughout the night, DeCristofaro showed off pictures, videos, audio files from investigations, and demonstrated what it would be like on the USS Salem.

Whether guests in the presentation believed or not, De-

Cristofaro had a blast showing other locations the crew visited like the Lizzie Borden House, Emery Estate, Slater Mill and the most well-known location: the Conjuring House.

The G.B.P.A. approach is simple, the entities they communicate with are the same people they were before leaving this earth and stayed on the side of the veil for many reasons, focusing on the fact that they approach their work with respect and curiosity.

To learn more about the Greater Boston Paranormal Associates, visit thegbpa.com.

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they were housing people. I talk about mass incarceration," Tetherly said.

At the time, Tetherly was hired to do a Sunday morning service and invited his parishioners to come, adding he was also a volunteer five years earlier in 1983.

"When the job opened up, I applied at the last minute because I was working full-time at

my church and now I was on the Chicopee School Committee. Do I need another job? But, I finally applied at the last minute and they hired me," Tetherly said. "I loved the job. I began with social issues programs and the people loved it. They just loved it and I loved the fact that they loved it."

On the title, Tetherly shared it "just came to me."

"No matter how much you think you know about a jail, I tell you a lot of stuff that you don't

know. So, what's going on in there," Tetherly said.

Tetherly credits Rev. Donald Wells, former executive director of the Massachusetts Bible Society, for the book becoming a reality.

"He came up to me and said, 'John, there's a book in you.' And I said, 'Well, I have had an interesting life' and he said, 'No, they don't want to know about your life. Your work at the jail.' So, that was a challenge," Tetherly said.

For his writing process, he'd write an hour at a time every morning, adding he also likes writing, including when he wrote sermons.

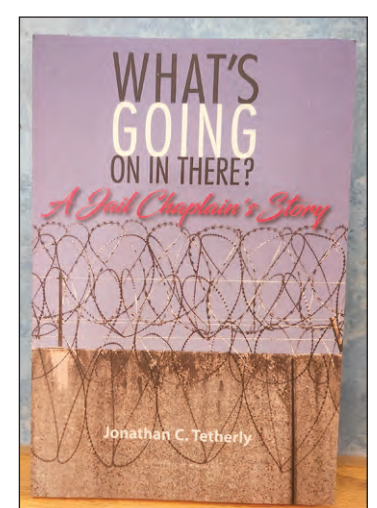
"That would allow me

to be, I think, more interesting and precise in my writing than I would any other way," Tetherly said. "I'd take an hour, I'd write a few paragraphs. Maybe I write a paragraph--something about the staff--another paragraph about the inmates, maybe another paragraph about something that happened at Bible Study."

Tetherly hopes readers take a moment to reflect on the prison system after they read the book.

"Somebody said to me, 'You're very explanatory but you're not preaching' And I said, 'That's right. I'm more of a documentarian.' For whatever reason, people may want to know about what's going on in the jail. I'm writing and telling them," Tetherly said.

Tetherly hopes residents enjoy the book and thanks them for their support, sharing he is considering working on other books down the road on other topics, so stay tuned.



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A standalone shot of Rev. Jonathan Tetherly's new book, "What's Going on in There? A Jail Chaplain's Story."

"I don't have a special goal for the people of Chicopee. This is for everybody who wants to know," Tetherly said.

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## Comp gets draw with Orioles



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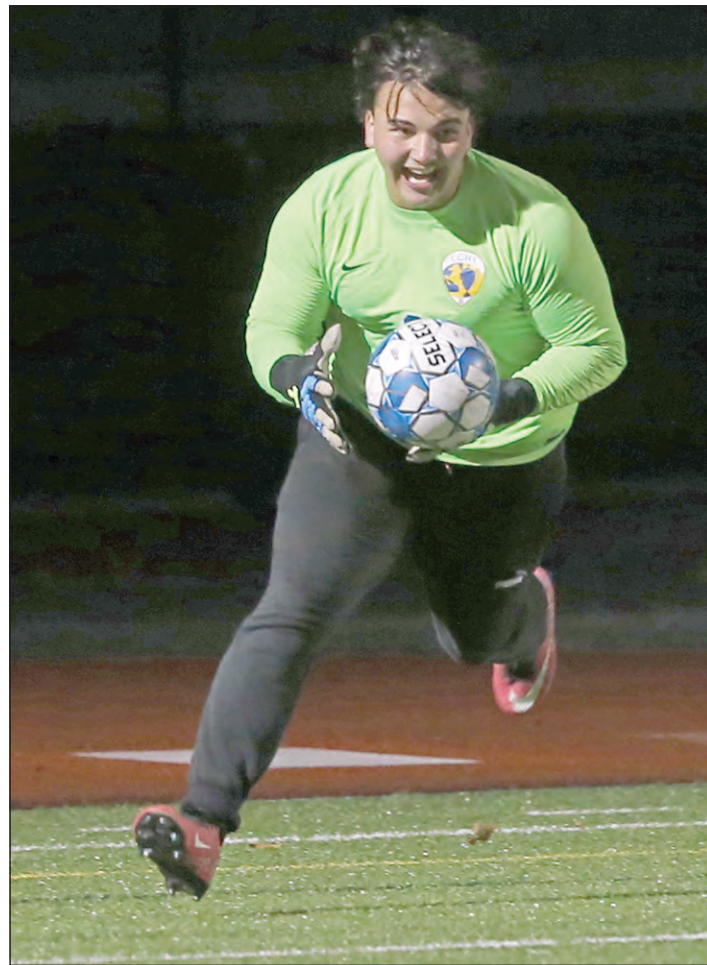
Robert Donoghue sends a free kick away.

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Comprehensive High School boys soccer team scored a big draw last Monday evening against a powerful Belchertown team.

The teams ended in a 0-0

draw and with the tie, the Colts have qualified for the state tournament at 7-5-2 with two games remaining in the regular season.

Coming up next week are the Western Mass. and Division 3 state tournaments.



Lakov Bulatov fields a save for the Colts.

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Evan Tyrrell tries to emerge with the ball.



Hunter Pirog approaches pressure from the Orioles.

## Colts prevail in cross-city battle

CHICOPEE – Last Saturday evening, Chicopee Comprehensive girls soccer shut out Chicopee High 4-0 thanks to a hat trick by Taryn Carriveau. Alexandra Sawicki scored the other goal and Mo Donoghue had a shutout with six saves for the Colts. Chicopee High dropped to 2-13. The Colts will finish the regular season above .500 and thus qualify for the state tournament. It is unclear what Chicopee Comp's week will look like. The Colts will either take part in the Western Mass. tournament, or have non-playoff games while it awaits the state tournament.

## College: Owls comeback falls short

WESTFIELD – Westfield State senior Dylan Disabella (Granby, Conn.) ran for 130 yards and caught a touchdown pass in his debut as the Owls' feature back, but it wasn't enough as Framingham State foiled the Owls' homecoming with a 21-7 win.

Both teams are now 2-4 on the season and 2-3 in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Westfield got on the scoreboard first, with QB Gabe Fernandez (Holyoke, Mass.) finding Disabella for a 13-yard scoring strike with Disabella leaping into the end-zone to punctuate a 9-play, 82-yard drive.

Turnovers again punished the Owls, as Framingham's first score came on an 11-yard Carl Renaudin (Waltham, Mass.) scoop and score fumble recovery touchdown, on a busted toss run for the Owls.

Westfield had a chance to take a lead into the half, after Tafari Proctor (Amherst, Mass.) intercepted his third pass of the season, and returned it 59 yards to the Framingham 3, but on the ensuing play Framingham forced a fumble and the Rams recovered to keep the score 7-7 heading to the half.

The Rams grabbed a 14-7 lead midway through the third quarter with a 25-yard TD toss from Luke Thompson (West

## Comp beats Holyoke to even up

CHICOPEE – Last Friday night, despite a big run in the third quarter from Holyoke, a late touchdown helped seal the deal for Chicopee Comprehensive for a 23-12 win. Both teams now have even 2-4 records after six weeks of play. Adrian Gonzalez had two touchdown runs in the first quarter for the Colts. He also scored in

the fourth quarter for three rushing touchdowns. Reynaldo Andino and Jesus Morales scored touchdowns for Holyoke, both on passes from quarterback Devin Velez. Gonzalez finished with 110 rushing yard and three scores for the Colts. Velez had 139 yards passing and a pair of touchdowns for the Knights.



Matthew Perez scrambles out of the pocket.



Josiah Feliz rushes his way through traffic.

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Anthony Cabrera-Cavette hits a field goal for the Colts.



Francis Jordan and Josiah Feliz go for the tackle.

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# T-Birds offense stymied in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Springfield Thunderbirds (2-3-0-0) could not solve the Providence Bruins (2-2-0-0) and their goaltender Michael DiPietro, falling 3-0 on Sunday afternoon inside Amica Mutual Pavilion. Colten Ellis earned a second consecutive start after defeating the Bruins an evening earlier, and the young goaltender was kept busy in a first period that saw Providence outshoot Springfield 12-4.

The Bruins eventually cracked the ice at 12:17 following an extended shift in the offensive zone. Veteran blueliner Jordan Oesterle located open ice in the left circle, stepped up, and slapped a one-time feed from Fabian Lysell over Ellis's shoulder, giving the Bruins the 1-0 edge. 5:42 later, in his second tour of duty as a Bruin, Vinni Lettieri contin-

ued his lengthy history of success against the T-Birds when he one-timed a shot through Ellis to extend the Bruins lead to 2-0 heading into intermission.



Springfield came out hungrier in the second period, but DiPietro was equal to the task, as he calmly stood tall against 10 T-Birds attempts. His best save came past the midpoint of the second, when he came out to challenge Aleksanteri

Kaskimaki on a 4-on-2, denying the rookie his first AHL goal.

As the game moved to the third, the T-Birds tried to up the ante on offense, and Marcus Sylvegard had the best chance of the day with a breakaway bid, but DiPietro had the answer to turn aside the man who had the game-winning goal a night earlier.

In the end, despite a perfect 4-for-4 showing by the Springfield penalty kill and a 31-save performance from Ellis, the offensive drought proved costly, and Patrick Brown sealed matters with an empty-netter in the final 90 seconds to seal it up for the Bruins.

The T-Birds return home to begin another three-game weekend on Friday, Oct. 25 against the Grand Rapids Griffins. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

# Bonsignore sweeps weekend at North Wilkesboro

Justin Bonsignore found himself in North Wilkesboro Speedway Victory Lane twice this weekend. The driver of the No. 51 Phoenix Communications machine for Kenneth Massa Motorsports swept the weekend of Modified competition at the historic track - winning both the SMART Modified Tour season-finale 99 on Saturday and the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour Brushy Mountain Powersports 150 on Sunday.

Bonsignore's SMART Tour victory came in his first career start

with the series. He dominated the race and held off Matt Hirschman over the final laps to score the win.

His NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour win on Sunday was his fourth of the season and second straight. It was also his 44th career Whelen Modified Tour win - tying Reggie Ruggiero for second on the all-time NWMT wins list. Bonsignore also took back the series points lead heading for the finale at Martinsville Speedway (October 26) by 10 points in search of his fourth series championship.

"This car is two-for-two this year," Bonsignore said. "Just a great job by everyone. These cars have been lights out. It's just really special. Forty-four wins... it's cool. But there's a bigger goal next week. I'm looking forward to Martinsville... it can't come soon enough."

Bonsignore and the Kenneth Massa Motorsports crew will return to the track for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season-finale at Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, Oct. 26.

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Islip, NY) to Elijah Nichols (Burlington Twp., NJ), capping an 11-play, 79-yard drive.

Early in the fourth quarter, Westfield had a chance to tie as the Owls marched the ball from their own 28 yard line all the way to the Framingham four yard line, but the Rams forced a fumble with Ronyel Pena (Lawrence, Mass.) slashing between the Owls offensive line to force a fumble.

Framingham added a 2-yard touchdown run from Jaheim Daniels (Norwalk, Conn.) with 46 seconds left in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach, after the Rams defense forced a 4-and-out from the Owls. Westfield had their backs against the wall with a drive that started inside their own 10-yard line with less than two minutes to play.

Disabella had a big day on the ground in his first action as the feature back in the Owls triple-option attack. He played two seasons as a tight end for the Owls before moving to wing back in the offense this season, but moved behind the quarterback for today's game for the first time with Owls regular starter Sean Willis out with an injury. The Owls played with three offensive regulars sidelined by injury today.

Fernandez finished 7-20 passing for 66 yards, with 1 td and 1 interception. Jacob Swinehart (Holyoke, Mass.) caught two passes for 23 yards and added six carries for 27 yards.

Blake Simpson (Bellingham, Mass.) and Corey Henderson (Gardner, Mass.) led the Owls with eight tackles each. Henderson added a sack and Cade Nelson (Shrewsbury, Mass.) had 1.5 sacks for the Owls.

Framingham QB Thompson finished 11-27 passing for 169 yards with a TD and an interception. Nichols led the Rams with eight catches for 90 yards and a TD. Daniels finished with 52 yards rushing on seven carries.

Pena was the man of the hour for the Framingham defense, getting in on 17 tackles (9 solo), with four for losses and a sack. Renaudin had the fumble recovery for TD and a 22-yard interception return.

The Owls ran 75 offensive plays to the Rams 52, and Westfield outgained the Rams 246-219 and held a 37-23 edge in time of possession, but the key turnovers hampered the Owls chances to win.

Westfield will travel to Plymouth State for a MASCAC game next Saturday, Oct. 26 at noon. Framingham will next host Mass Maritime on Noon on Oct. 26.

# CPD officers recognized with AAA Community Awards



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CHICOPEE - On Friday Oct. 18, Ofc. Neil Graham was awarded a Safety Hero Award from AAA, for his dedication to traffic safety. Capt. Lambert also accepted a Bronze Award for the City of Chicopee.

# French Night at the Elks

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Lodge of Elks #1849 will be hosting a French Night on Thursday Nov. 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$18 per person and the public is welcome to attend.

The menu includes French meat pie, whole pea soup, pork loin, roll and butter, mashed potato and gravy and a vegetable and dessert.

There will also be a raffle table and a 50/50 raffle. The event will be chaired by Hughes TD Tardif.

# CPD shares car break-in alert

CHICOPEE - The police department shared an alert to the community about recent car break-ins in Chicopee in a Facebook post on Oct. 17:

"In the past two weeks we have had seven reported breaks into motor vehicles in the Chicopee Falls section of the City. We encourage anyone who may have video footage of any suspicious activity to forward it to us.

These breaks are occurring late at night and once again, the suspects are targeting unlocked vehicles. Photos or videos can be emailed to PIO@Chicopeepolice.com, or forwarded via messenger."

## GARDEN from page 4

business would be to ease them off of the fence that they are growing on.

Prune back the tops to a manageable height and then dig them up. It will likely be a challenge to tell "what goes where."

That's why cutting the tops back will be helpful. If you can put several of the stems in one large pot for transport, that would make sense. Individual pots would also work fine.

It would be important for both of these plants that you have the new areas prepped and ready to go, so digging up and replanting can happen in a quick turnaround time.

Speaking of timing, if you absolutely must dig this fall, then do so, and water as mentioned until the ground freezes. Be careful that the plants don't heave - remember the roots won't have much grow time to anchor your plants, so check on them often throughout the winter months and stomp on the rootball should they start protruding from the ground.

It may take a couple of years for the grapes to be as productive as they were, but never fear, because of the hardness of these plants both should do fine once they adjust to their new surroundings. Good luck to you! I commend you for wanting to save a part of your history!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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# Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

I'm beginning this article with a reminder ~ GET YOUR COLONOSCOPY!! Problems detected early can save your life, I believe it did mine!

If you've followed my Random Acts of Kindness articles over the last three years then you've probably noticed a gap for the last three months. With a discovery of cancer after my procedure I've been dealing with chemotherapy, radiation treatments and healing, but now with that mostly in my rear-view mirror I'm back to tell you more stories about people in our local communities who unselfishly give of themselves with no expectations of anything in return.

This story truly is about Random Acts of Kindness from both people I know and many others. These types of acts don't always have to be from strangers. When I received the news I wasn't sure I wanted to share the information, for some reason I felt embarrassed I had cancer but after much thought I decided differently. When asked how they could help I humbly reached out to them. It was overwhelming and uncomfortable but found their offers weren't empty words but instead they truly wanted to help me with their support as I traveled this road.

The gentleness and empathy of my doctors at the D'Amour Center for Cancer Care was amazing and always felt they took their time to thoroughly answer my questions with patience. The receptionist as I entered on a daily basis for six weeks, greeted me by my name as though I wasn't "just another person". To me that was a true Random Act of Kindness, making me not feel invisible and the valet employees always greeted me with a smile. During the treatments the radiation technicians always treated me with respect and made it as least embarrassing as possible. On my last day I brought them bouquets of flowers as my Random Acts of Kindness in appreciation for their compassion.

As if dealing with all this wasn't enough I had a plumbing issue and only having one bathroom it obviously had to be rectified immediately. I was so impressed with the young man from Fletcher Sewer & Drain that came to unclog the toilet, (you'll be reading more about him in a future article) he was so thoughtful and allowed me dignity in an embarrassing situation. Just another Random Act of Kindness from one human being to another.

In life I've tried to find humor because it's gotten me through some rough patches. I still smirk remembering how I embarrassed the young radiation oncologist when I asked him why all the doctors now a days looked like "hot country singers"? (LOL-I'm older so I felt I could get away with it) He and the technician

chuckled and he turned a shade of pink! Made my day!

Here's just a sampling of some of my tribe's humor with candles they gifted me: "Well at least you don't have to wear a cone" (with a picture of a dog wearing a cone); "Smells better than the S#!% life is putting you through"; "A true friend is one who makes you laugh so hard you pee a little"; "I wish I could take your pain & give it to someone we both really hate" (but I couldn't think of anyone I dislike that much to pass this along to) and "This woman can candle anything!". Each made me laugh and gave me comfort. The amount of support I received was truly humbling.

Lucky me, this sort of cancer is rare and only affects about 1 in 500 people. Now the strange part is, I have a friend who is an eight-year survivor and she has a friend who is also a survivor from the same form of cancer, so about 1,500 of you are safe from this type because that's three of us! But you still need to get your colonoscopy!!

I've never taken friendships for granted and cherish each of them, but must say I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support and encouragement I received. I truly feel I'm a very blessed person in spite of this bump in the road. Plus, my son & daughter-in-law who live in CA came home for the duration of my treatments, how can I feel anything but blessed!

I have to share one last full circle moment. Knowing I do Random Acts of Kindness, I was donated a large amount of yarn and asked to distribute it to others. A friend's neighbor who belongs to a church group that makes prayer shawls was given some. I wound up becoming the recipient of one of the prayer shawls made from that donated yarn when they learned of my diagnosis and I've never met any of these people! Another reason I've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of kindness!

GET YOUR COLONOSCOPY PLEASE!! My journey has inspired a friend to have hers after postponing it. I'd love to do an update on the number of people who were also inspired and include that in one of my future stories. It would feel like you were supporting me as well. Thank you for reading my Random Acts of Kindness articles, we truly live among some pretty amazing folks and I can't wait to share more of their stories with you.

If would like to share a Random Act of Kindness story please contact me at bdt514@aol.com or 413-575-9385. Who knows, you might see your story in this column, 'Just 'Cause' you witnessed, did or received something nice being done.

See you soon with another Random Act of Kindness! ~ Barb

## No Plantings Allowed at Fairview Cemetery


CHICOPEE - The Fairview Cemetery Commission and Chicopee Parks Department would like to remind families of loved ones buried at the Fairview Cemetery that plantings in the ground are not allowed. The Fairview Cemetery Commission and Parks Department are requesting that all plantings (flowers, shrubs, etc.) on graves and all decorations be removed.

Cemetery staff will begin their fall cleanup that week and any remaining plants and decorations will be removed and discarded.

In an effort to improve safety of employees and those visiting the cemetery, the Chicopee Cemetery Commission ap-

proved the revisions to the rules and regulations of Fairview Cemetery in January 2019. Artificial grave ornaments, artificial flowers, enclosures of any kind, and new plantings in the ground are not allowed as they are hazardous to both visitors and workers. Holiday pots and boxes will only be allowed during the Memorial Day and Holiday seasons. Notices are being sent to deed owners regarding the removal of plants and/or decorations on their lots.

For a complete list of Fairview Cemetery rules and regulations, fees and charges, and monument policies, please visit [www.chicopeema.gov/384/Fairview-Cemetery](http://www.chicopeema.gov/384/Fairview-Cemetery) or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 594-3481.



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CHICOPEE - Learn in Motion provides exciting games and movement activities. Kids two to eight and their caregivers are invited to get active, be social, practice teamwork and have fun!

Saturdays at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 - Nov. 9 in the Chicopee Public Library Community Room.

All are welcome!

This program is supported by Headstart's Fatherhood Initiative, so dads, grandfathers and male caregivers are encouraged to come!

## Diabetes Management Series at Rivermills

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will offer the series "Diabetes Management" Wednesday, Nov. 6, 13 and 27 at Noon at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Holyoke Medical Center will be at RiverMills for this three-part series on Diabetes Management. This is a great series for those living with Diabetes, those caring for someone with the disease, or for those who want to learn more and offer support.

Each class will be led by a nurse, registered dietician and pharmacist and allow for open discussion on defining diabetes, how to eat to control blood sugar and how to manage medications and lifestyle to be able to lead a healthy, happy life.

You must register by stopping by RiverMills center or by calling 534-3698.

## Fire Safety with Chicopee Fire Dept.

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host The Chicopee Fire Department for their Fire Safety Presentation on Monday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Heating causes thousands of residential fires each year. Members of the Chicopee Fire Department will be at RiverMills to present some simple steps to take to keep warm and safe during this heating season. You must register in advance at RiverMills or by calling 534-3698.

## Fall Wood Walk!

CHICOPEE - Step into Nature's classroom and embark on a fun-filled exploration of our local plants and animals.

Our nature hike is the perfect chance for kids to connect with the great outdoors, learn about the fascinating plants and animals that call our community home.

The dates are : Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov.16, and Nov. 23.

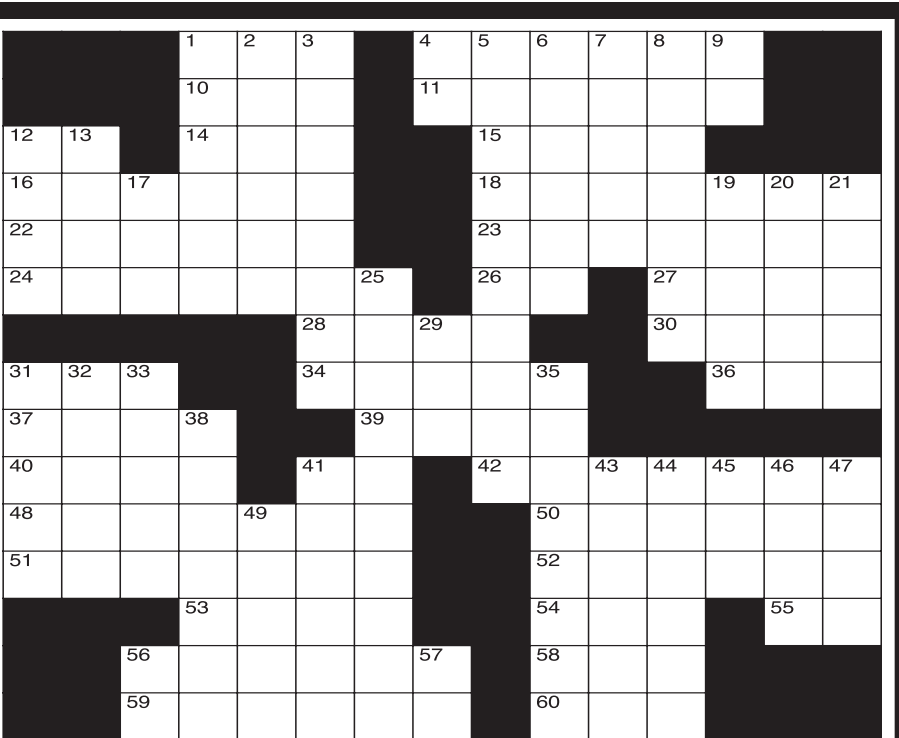
Things to bring:

- \*Comfortable shoes to walk in.
- \*Water and snack will be provided.
- \*Bring a want to explore.

Location: Ashley Reservoir, Whitney Ave in Holyoke.

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rain or Shine!

Contact [wrights@headstart.org](mailto:wrights@headstart.org) or call 413-310-1632. Sponsored by the Holyoke Chicopee Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.



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| <p><b>CLUES ACROSS</b></p> <p>1. "60 Minutes" network</p> <p>4. Train line</p> <p>10. Go quickly</p> <p>11. Straightforward</p> <p>12. Canadian province</p> <p>14. At any rate (abbr.)</p> <p>15. Genealogy</p> <p>16. Make changes</p> <p>18. Utter repeatedly</p> <p>22. In a way, turned up</p> <p>23. Type of ship</p> <p>24. Agents of one's downfall</p> <p>26. Not out</p> <p>27. Something to scratch</p> <p>28. Round water pot</p> <p>30. Refreshing green fruit (slang)</p> <p>31. Promotions</p> | <p>34. Primordial matters</p> <p>36. One-time world power (abbr.)</p> <p>37. Source of illumination</p> <p>39. The content of cognition</p> <p>40. An Arab ruler</p> <p>41. South Dakota</p> <p>42. Gnawed at with teeth</p> <p>48. Hawaiian island</p> <p>50. Smaller</p> <p>51. Of a single person</p> <p>52. Rigid bracelet</p> <p>53. Barbary sheep (Fr.)</p> <p>54. Not even</p> <p>55. Specific gravity</p> <p>56. Engage in petty bargaining</p> <p>58. Boxing's "GOAT"</p> <p>59. Split between parties</p> | <p>60. Notable offensive</p> <p><b>CLUES DOWN</b></p> <p>1. A place to lounge</p> <p>2. Skewed views</p> <p>3. Peacefully</p> <p>4. Commercial</p> <p>5. Auxiliary forces</p> <p>6. Large mollusk</p> <p>7. Take out again</p> <p>8. Sharp and forthright</p> <p>9. Knight (chess)</p> <p>12. Source of fiber</p> <p>13. Flesh covering some birds' beaks</p> <p>17. Energy</p> <p>19. Night monkeys</p> <p>20. Small, sharp nails</p> <p>21. Pleasant-smelling liquid</p> | <p>25. Affirms one's hold</p> <p>29. CNN's founder</p> <p>31. Texans can't forget it</p> <p>32. "Oppenheimer" actor Matt</p> <p>33. Expression</p> <p>35. Vessel</p> <p>38. Lacking poetic beauty</p> <p>41. Tall, swift and slender dog</p> <p>43. Sports personality</p> <p>44. Robber</p> <p>45. Liquefied natural gas</p> <p>46. Snakelike fishes</p> <p>47. The most worthless part of something</p> <p>49. City in Crimea</p> <p>56. Bad grades</p> <p>57. Reichsmark</p> |
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD24P1730EA  
Estate of:  
Robert R. Asher  
Date of Death:  
July 15, 2024

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Ronald J. Asher of Longmeadow, MA**

**Ronald J. Asher of Longmeadow, 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.  
10/25/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21P1306EA  
Estate of:

**Richard Cournoyer**  
Date of Death: 05/10/2021  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Kimberlee Ann Cournoyer of Chicopee, 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 11/22/2024.

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

Date: October 18, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/25/2024

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD24C0328CA

In the matter of:  
**Alexander Manuel Badillo Crespo**

## CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Alexander Manuel Badillo Crespo of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Alexander Manuel Crespo-Garcia**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/13/2024.**

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

Date: October 11, 2024  
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Docket No. HD24C0323CA  
In the matter of:  
**Leo Reign Despard**  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Leo Reign Despard of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Theodore Reign Despard**

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

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

Date: October 09, 2024  
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10/25/2024

## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 1st 2024, at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

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VIN: 1N4AL3AP3JC182954  
Mamadie Cisse

2018 Nissan Altima  
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Springfield, MA, 01109

2006 BMW 330xi  
VIN: WBAVD33566KV61364  
Edwin J Vera  
5 Temple St APT 603  
Springfield, MA, 01105

2007 Nissan Murano  
VIN: JN8AZ08W37W622025  
Robert Ortiz  
47 Shepherd st,  
Chicopee, MA 01013

2019 Kia Soul Plus  
VIN: KNDJP3A59K7006482  
Jacqueline Barbara Carr  
3560 Cheryl Dr  
Fairfield, OH, 45014

2013 Hyundai Sonata GLS  
VIN: 5NPEB4AC6DH682228  
Dwayne Cook  
100 Norway St, Apt 307  
Boston, Ma, 02115

2008 Dodge Grand Caravan SE  
VIN: 1D8HN44H68B184275  
Tru Care Transportation Inc  
129 s Munn Ave,  
East Orange, NJ, 07018

2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo  
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Harry Amanatidis  
2072 32nd st,  
Astoria, NY, 111

10/18, 10/25, 11/01/2024

## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A

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Newport, PA, 17074

10/11, 10/18, 10/25/2024

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VIN: 3VWS17AT7HM808551  
Larry Loew  
348 Belmont st APT 2  
WaterTown, Ma, 02472  
10/25, 11/01, 11/08/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD24P0029EA

Estate of:  
**Stephen M Joseph**  
Date of Death: 11/19/2023  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL

## REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by **Frank Kenney of Springfield, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

## 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 11/20/2024.

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

Date: October 18, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/25/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD24P2157EA

Estate of:  
**Stefania Kowal**  
Date of Death: 10/31/2015  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by **Wladyslawa Lizak 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: **Wladyslawa Lizak of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or

your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/14/2024 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: October 10, 1024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/25/2024



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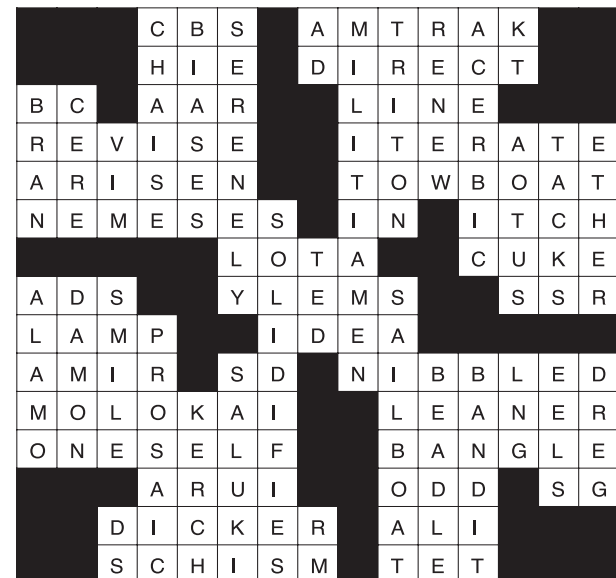
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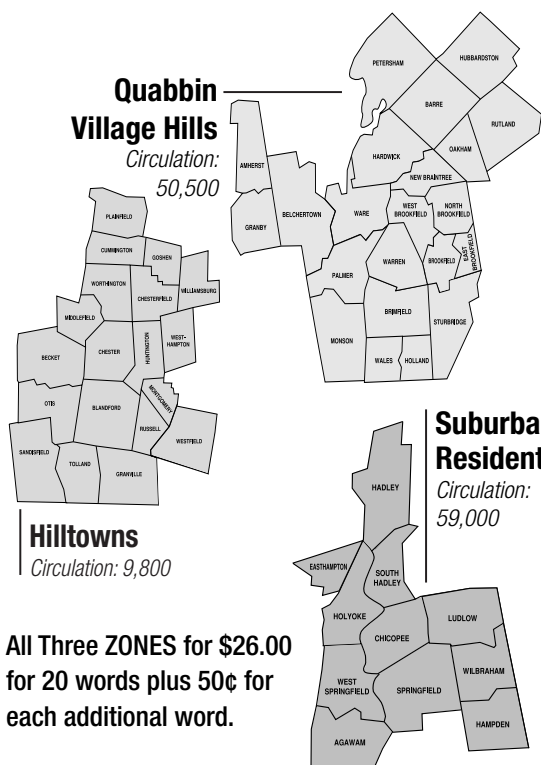
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## Chicopee Public Library lists November events

CHICOPEE - Each month the Chicopee Public Library hosts a variety of free programs for children and families. The Youth Services Department seeks to provide opportunities for entertainment and enrichment that promote literacy and explore creativity. Here is the slate of events for November 2024.

**Sensory Play Saturday** will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

**Saturday Playgroup with Learn in Motion** Learn in Motion will be here providing exciting games and movement activities on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Nov. 2 and 9 in the community room. Kids two to eight and their caregivers are invited to get active, be social, practice teamwork and have fun! All are welcome. This program is supported by Headstart's Fatherhood Initiative, so dads, grandfathers and male caregivers are encouraged to come. This program is brought to you by the Holyoke Chicopee Family and Community Program.

On Tuesdays, Nov. 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the community room, the library will have a **Little Kid Dance Party** geared for kids five and under and their caregivers. Older kids are welcome, as well. There will be songs, dancing and big movement!

While Chicopee Public Schools have the day off on November 5,

the library will host a **Kids Room Craft** at 2 p.m. Make a paper tube robot!

**Chess Club with Andy Morris-Friedman** will be on Thursdays at 4 p.m., Nov. 7 and 14. Learn chess skills and practice your moves. For big kids and teens. Children 10 and under need to attend with an adult. Space is limited, contact the Children's Room to sign up.

**Build with LEGO** on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. Freeform building time with our big pile of LEGO! Recommended for ages six and up.

**Storytime** will be held in the children's program room on Wednesdays, Nov. 13 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Storytime is a great way for preschool aged kids to practice skills they will need for school. Library staff lead a circle time where they read picture books, practice letters and numbers, and lead the children in song and movement, afterwards they do a craft or activity.

An **Art for Everyone** class for all ages will be held on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. Join us in the conference room. Join artist and teacher Dr. Amber Scoon for simple and fun exercises to help you explore mark making, color, and hand eye coordination.

**Little Movers** will be held in the children's program room on Fridays, Nov. 1 and 15 at 11 a.m. Babies crawling to 24 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for free play followed by circle time exploring songs, fingerplays and movement!

**Saturday Playgroup** will be

held at 1 p.m., on Saturdays, Nov. 16, 23 & 30. Come play at the library! The playspace will be open for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

The library will host a **Meet-up for Homeschooling Families** on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. Homeschooling families can meet each other and hang out. Chicopee's point person for AHEM (Advocates for Home Education in MA) will be there. Library staff will provide a story and an activity.

**Read to a Dog** on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. Meet Lina, a 2 year old chocolate lab trained as a pediatric therapy dog. She will be here to listen to kids practice reading. Therapy dogs are good listeners with calm energy and can help kids who struggle with reading aloud. For ages 5 and up. Space is limited, contact the Children's Room to Sign up.

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

Thursday, November 21, is **Throwback Thursday** from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Playful nostalgia is on offer for teens with storytime, foam blocks, a craft and even the big parachute.

The library's **Anime Club** will meet to celebrate Godzilla's 70th Birthday on Thursday, Nov. 14, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Expect fun facts and kaiju games.

For more information about the library and all of the upcoming events, visit [www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org).

## Chicopee Elks hosting Veterans Dinner Nov. 11

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Lodge of Elks #1849 will be hosting a Veterans Dinner on Nov. 10. The doors open at Noon, followed by the Color Guard at 1 p.m. and the dinner afterward.

Admission is free for Veterans and \$10 for non-Veterans. The dinner will be a meatloaf, mashed potatoes and vegetables, with music performed by Richie Mitnik and a raffle. The chairperson for the event is Dolly Asselin. Veterans are encouraged to wear their military affiliations. To learn more, contact the Lodge at 413-592-1849.

## Stress Management at RiverMills

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer a Stress Management workshop on Friday, Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

The holidays for some are a time of anxiety, intensity and burnout, but in this workshop you will explore simple ways to conquer stress with tools that are effective and fun. This class will be led by Jeffrey Wyda, Board Certified Holistic Registered Nurse. This workshop is \$2. You must register in advance at RiverMills Center.