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COMMUNITY

Thousands show up for a 'SPOOKtacular' night!



Clifford the Big Red Dog, the Joker, a gorilla and their mom were all smiles after receiving more candy and having a fun time at Szot Park during this year's SPOOKtacular event.

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - "It may be better than Halloween night!" Mayor John Vieau said, while talking in Szot Park surrounded by thousands of families, trick-or-treaters and local business booths for SPOOKtacular on Oct. 24.

The family-friendly Hal-

loween extravaganza is the largest trick-or-treat party in Western Massachusetts that fulfilled its promise of a safe and fun night of entertainment for all ages.

Featuring over 100 vendors distributing candy to children, SPOOKtacular is a testament to the power of a community collaboration, bringing families together, all embodying the spirit of unity and care.

Talking with Vieau, members of the City Council, State Delegates, Tom Therrien of Give Back Services LLC, and Bri Jackson of Chicopee Fresh, everyone was impressed by the mass of people in attendance, entertainment by fire jugglers and local dance troupes, the local businesses represented and grateful to the sponsors that

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Zach and Fr. Brad Milunski pose for a photo during the Parish Bazaar at St. Stanislaus School on Oct. 19. They both got Boston Bruins logos painted on their faces during the face painting.

St. Stanislaus Basilica hosts Annual Parish Bazaar

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CHICOPEE - The St. Stanislaus School gymnasium was packed from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 19 for this year's Parish Bazaar.

The annual event's proceeds will support improving the school/Parish Center.

Throughout the day, attendees enjoyed booths, games of chance, raffle baskets and prizes, the Polish Kitchen serving full Polish plates, golumbki and kapusta, while hot dogs, grilled kielbasa grinders and hamburgers were made fresh off the grill outside.

Cabbage and cheese pierogis were available for takeout.

Entertainment was provided by the Heritage "Pops" Polka Band, a Balloon Clown, Magic AI and DJ Rocco.

The booths included face painting, baked goods, a Fran-

ciscan Pet booth, Wreaths Across America, a jewelry booth, a Holiday Shoppe, religious items, odds and ends and many more.

Fr. Brad Milunski praised the event's committee for their work in organizing the event.

"The committee has done a great job. We have three co-chairs who organize the bazaar now and they've been trying to do some new things and, of course, bring back some traditional things," Milunski said. "But always music, Polish food, of course, and lots of activities. We have a lot of kids this year from our school and from the parish so it's really, really great."

Milunski was elated with the turnout and seeing the community come together.

"I think it's really wonderful that it brings the community together and it's something

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Community supports Alianza DV Services at Thriller 5K

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The 4th Annual Thriller 5K took place on Oct. 26, supporting Alianza DV Services with a fun, costume-themed run and walk.

The vibe of the Thriller 5K was immaculate, filled with pumped up runners and walkers, with participants happy to benefit a Chicopee Chamber nonprofit member.

The Thriller 5K started and ended at Grise Funeral Home, with the route running through Szot Park, and walkers had a two-mile route. The first-place runner was Tim Sears, second

place was Matt Pacheco, and third place was Brandon Balathunis who all shared how fun the event was to be in and run in.

Starting the morning with a Halloween music concert, local booths from supporting businesses, and ample space for warming up for participants, everyone was in the Halloween spirit.

The month of October is, also, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, with half of the Thriller 5K proceeds going to benefit Alianza DV Services, formerly Womenshelter/Companeras.

All of Alianza's services

are free and confidential, highlighting that safety is a human right and every person deserves to live free from domestic violence. Alianza assists, supports, and empowers those whose lives are affected by battering and abuse, with staff/advocates offering a high level of emotional support for decision making.

The Executive Director of Alianza, Carmen Nieves, shared her involvement within the nonprofit organization and how it felt to be picked this year as the recipient of the Chicopee Chamber nonprofit member for

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From the left: Elsa Bonilla, Tamicha Colon, Kara Blanchard, Johana Santiago, Emily Skoczylas, Abby Dearing, Carmen Nieves and Pamela Barnes pose while representing Alianza Domestic Violence Services.

Birds were flying at the RiverMills



TURLEY PHOTOS BY AMANDA MUNSON

Tom Ricardi of the Massachusetts Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Facility showed off his favorite bird, the turkey vulture who has a keen sense of smell.

By Amanda Munson
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Birds of Prey presentation by Tom Ricardi of the Massachusetts Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Facility visited the senior center on Oct. 22, leaving members mesmerized at the sight of all the birds.

The birds were hooked safely on Ricardi, happily atop his arm while he walked around the curious crowd.

Displayed at the front of the room, around seven birds were shown that

Tuesday afternoon, following a discussion by Ricardi on extinction and conservation, importance on environmental safety and informative bird facts.

The first bird shown was the American Kestrel, the smallest and most common falcon in North America, who was rescued and now is thriving in the care of Ricardi and the facility.

"The wings are gray so this bird is a male, if it was a female the wings would be brown. One of the few birds that hover in midair, so if it is watching a mouse from above, it can drop down and catch



Guests were able to hold the birds that were presented, calmly holding them and experiencing how gentle the birds are.

it," Ricardi said.

Ricardi showed a Great Horned Owl, also known as a Tiger Owl, that has two prominent feathered tufts on their head.

"Does anyone know why they have the tufts on their head? It's for camouflage. They flatten themselves on the side of a tree, distorting their body so you can't see them," Ricardi said.

Showing off a couple of others, like a Barred Owl that is one of the most common owls in New England, Ricardi educated attendees about the effects of human actions that led these birds into his rehabilitation facility. With all the birds that Ricardi interacts with, his favorite is the Turkey Vulture, a dark bird with a featherless head resembling a wild turkey.

Program Coordinator Casey Conroy spoke about the return of the Birds of Prey Presentation and the members' love for the birds and Tom Ricardi.

"Tom has always been great to work with. We have had him a few times and it was a program I wanted to have back at the center because our members really enjoy it. Tom had come to the center before I had started working for the city, so he has been someone who we continue to invite back," Conroy said.

When asked about why educational programs like these are important to have at RiverMills, Conroy said this.

"These types of programs are important, not only for entertainment purposes, but for educational purposes. When we have programs like this, our members learn something new and learn ways on how they can help with the conservation of these beautiful animals. We will continue to offer programs like this in the future," Conroy said.

She also appreciates the feedback. "When I get feedback from participants about the programs at the center, it makes me so happy to know that the programs mean something to our members,



The Barred Owl was very curious with all the cameras and phones surrounding it.

whether it is for socialization or educational purposes. There is something here for everyone and it makes me proud to be able to know that I, along with everyone at RiverMills, are making a difference in the lives of our older adults. I absolutely love what I do," Conroy said.

With the crowd of members and eager employees of the senior center, there is no question that this program will make another appearance.

"We will absolutely have Tom back at the center," Conroy said.

Upcoming November events, meanwhile, include on Nov. 4, Life with Bill - Songs & Stories at 1:30 p.m. The Ben & Ed Show on Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and a Violin Concert on Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

To learn more about upcoming events, check out the senior center newsletter or call 413-534-3698.



The birds were a major hit at the RiverMills Senior Center on Oct. 22.





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Chicopee Historical Society presenting film on B-52 bomber crew

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Historical Society presents a unique short film on the life of a B-52 bomber crew from Westover Air Force Base when it was part of the Strategic Air Command in the 1950s.

The title is Cowboy Five Seven, and was an episode of the anthology television show Schlitz Playhouse, broadcast July 17, 1959. The "plot" of

the story follows the average day in the life of this crew, who were real officers and airmen living in Chicopee at that time, and their families living in Chicopee.

Join us Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bazan Community Room of the Chicopee Public Library, 449 Front Street, Chicopee. The event is free and open to the public.

STEM program inspires next generation of learners

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CHICOPEE - The Holyoke-Chicopee Family & Community Program hosted a six-week STEM program for families at Szetela Early Childhood Center to help inspire curiosity, creativity and critical thinking.

The program took place from Sept. 19 through Oct. 24.

Throughout the program, children ages 2.9 through five years old along with their families took part in varying hands-on, interactive experiences to inspire the next generation of learners through science, technology, engineering and math.

The activities included building marshmallow towers with a set number of materials, building bridges that took inspiration from "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" by getting little animal figures across the bridges, creating catapults and parachutes, experimenting with pumpkin volcanoes, designing gumdrop houses and building your own creations.

Christine Zasky Cullen was elated with the program, explaining it's possible through the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant from the Department of Early Education and Care.

"Each city and town in Massachusetts has this grant. Its purpose is to support families as their children's first and most important teachers and to promote optimal child development, literacy, school readiness and parenting education also," Zasky Cullen said.

Zasky Cullen said the grant is administered by the HCS Head Start, having applied many years ago to it.

"In some districts, it's the School Department that manages the grant, like in Springfield and Westfield, but for Chicopee and Holyoke, it's HCS Head Start," Zasky Cullen said. "But, we serve all families in Holyoke and Chicopee with children ages birth to five. So, it's not based on income, it's not only Head Start students, it's all families with young children."

Zasky Cullen credited not only Educator Shane Wright for coming up with the idea for the program, but, also, the Chicopee Public Schools for their collaboration.

"The STEM program is the result of collaboration with the Chicopee Public Schools. They are providing the space and encouraging families to participate through their family engagement efforts," Zasky Cullen said.

Reflecting on her work with the Head



Shane Wright reads out loud from a book to the children taking part in the STEM program after they finished creating their gumdrop houses.

Start, Zasky Cullen shared seeing the children being engaged fulfills her most.

"I think seeing the children engaged in important learning activities, seeing children enjoying books and reading and giving parents the support they need to really be their children's most important teachers because they're the ones who are with their children the most and know their children the best and so we want to support them in that important role," Zasky Cullen said.

Wright, an educator with The Holyoke-Chicopee Family & Community Program, came up with the idea for the STEM program, explaining one of his favorite things from his prior work teaching preschool children "was to give loose parts and free explore with many different things."

"I think that creating and giving free roam to make things is very important developmentally for children. It's also a great way for interaction between families because every experiment they do they have to talk it out and plan it out together," Wright said. "It's just been such a great experience just bringing this. We've just been thinking of more ideas just to bring the community (together). One that can get everybody involved."

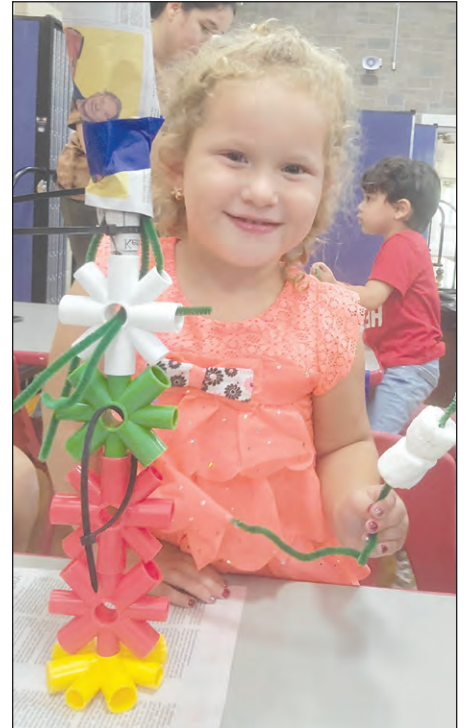
Reflecting on the program, Wright shared he enjoyed seeing all the different projects made by the children, adding it

provides children with a time of free expression and creativity along with family bonding.

"No project is ever the same. Everything's different, but everybody's working together to complete the same goal," Wright said.

After sharing he hopes to do more programs like this in the future, Wright's message to the families was this.

"I just want to say thank you to everybody for coming. Thank you so much



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY ASHLEY ZAIKOWSKI

Alexandria Medina-Zaikowski shows off her marshmallow tower.

for sharing all the great things that you've made with me," Wright said. "Thank them all for sharing all of these great experiences with me."

To learn more about The Holyoke-Chicopee Family & Community Program, visit their Facebook page at Holyoke-Chicopee CFCE.

To learn more about Head Start, visit their Facebook page or hcsheadstart.org.

To contact Wright, call 413-310-1632.



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Charlotte, Asher and JimmyLee Remillard join Alexandria Medina-Zaikowski in building bridges fun for the STEM program

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 5. Highly impressed
- 11. Pronoun to identify something specific
- 12. Uttered in an impassioned way
- 16. Outfits
- 17. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 18. Stewed game casserole
- 19. Indignities inflicted on others
- 24. Blood type
- 25. Says beneath one's breath
- 26. Taxis
- 27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 28. NFL great Randy
- 29. Where college students live
- 30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin

CLUES DOWN

- 31. Condiment
- 33. -frutti
- 34. Polish city
- 38. Astronomy unit of distance
- 39. Romanian village
- 40. Bears first overall pick Williams
- 43. Irritated
- 44. Clothing for sale has them
- 45. One-time world power
- 49. When you anticipate arriving
- 50. Farm building
- 51. Organize thoughtfully
- 53. Detective
- 54. One who reduces
- 56. Nursemaids
- 58. Partner to "Pa"
- 59. World's longest river
- 60. Commemorates
- 63. Compound
- 64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
- 65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Open-roofed entrance
- 2. Japanese religion
- 3. Dancer's garments
- 4. Distributes
- 5. Yemeni port
- 6. Spanish doctors
- 7. It cools your house
- 8. Engine variant
- 9. Makes more manageable
- 10. Days (Spanish)
- 13. Milliliter
- 14. Spread out from
- 15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
- 20. Respectful title for a man
- 21. Equally
- 22. Scarlett's home
- 23. Big Blue
- 27. Subway dwellers
- 29. One-tenth of a liter
- 30. Central European river
- 31. Distress signal
- 32. Expression of sympathy

- 33. Bar bill
- 34. Football equipment
- 35. Dance music
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Mary ____, cosmetics
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Autos
- 41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
- 42. Defeats (abbr.)
- 44. A way to color
- 45. Planet
- 46. Form of humor
- 47. Taken without permission
- 48. Go over again
- 50. Auto parts manufacturer
- 51. Detective's source
- 52. Home of the Flyers
- 54. Short official note
- 55. Emit coherent radiation
- 57. In the year of Our Lord
- 61. Atomic #18
- 62. Not from, but...

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GUEST COLUMN



Cross garlic off the list

It was a productive weekend “back at the ranch.”

I had a very long list of things to get caught up on in and around the garden. For the most part I completed everything on the list, although a new list has started. Doesn't it always?

The last task I completed was planting garlic.

I got started growing garlic because of my Uncle Tony. He always planted his garlic cloves in the spring. I think he was under the impression that garlic wasn't hardy and wouldn't survive the winter if you planted it in the fall.

It could very well have been the type he grew. As soon as the ground had thawed, I'd get out there and plant the cloves he'd given me and in just about three months I'd harvest the fists comprised of seven or eight teeny tiny cloves.

Since then, I've gone on to plant my bulbs in the fall and again, it's probably a variety thing, but my cloves are two or three times the size of those I planted in the spring those many years ago. I have a pretty good system going that I've shared with my readers a few times over the years.

Read on for a refresher on garlic planting.

Garlic should be planted four to six weeks prior to the ground freezing, much like you would daffodils or tulips. The time is now!

Your goal is to have a well developed root system to anchor the plant through the winter. Because garlic prefers a pH of 6.5 (6.0-7 is OK), a sprinkling of lime won't hurt.

Mix in a couple of inches of aged manure or compost to planting bed. I use a pitchfork to loosen and mix the soil with the manure and lime so that it's incorporated well.

Over the years I've learned that the secret to big bulbs has a lot to do with spacing. Space individual cloves eight-10 inches apart pointed side up and plant two-three inches deep (up to the knuckle if you are pushing them into the soil by hand) and firm down.

If rain has been scarce, water the planting well. A friend who attending one of my gardening talks a few years back, shared that she places a sheet of cardboard over the bed, and then applies mulch on top of that.

For the last few years, I have done this and it has worked out great to keep the weeds down. Garlic abhors weed competition.

One year, though, I had a problem. I didn't see my garlic sprouting in the spring, so I lifted the cardboard, and the top growth was stuck underneath! I made holes for it to grow through and all was well.

Last year I made sure I watered the bed a lot so that the cardboard would soften and this wouldn't be a problem ever again.

Garlic loves fertile soil, so top dress with more aged manure/compost in the spring, about the time when daffodils are up two inches. I slide back the mulch/softened cardboard and add the compost then replace it for continued weed suppression and moisture retention.

Repeat this process once per month in May and June.

If rain is scarce, make sure that your garlic beds get about one inch of water a week. Stop additional watering one month prior to harvest and cut off curly “scapes”

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White-throated sparrow, white and tan striped morphs



A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard.

He said, “Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph.” I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 ½ inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye. Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and grayer. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had

horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like “sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada.” Calls are “tseeet” when birds are in flocks and “pink” in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

Black swallow tail caterpillars

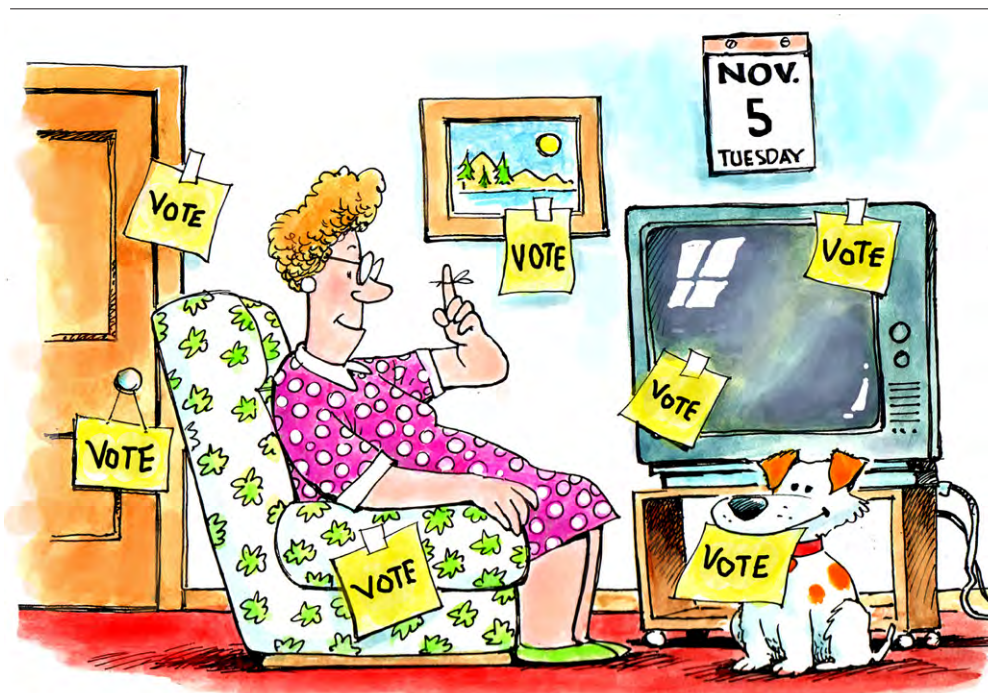
The Brimfield resident also said in an email, “Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12” tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away.”

Fun facts about Canada geese

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

The migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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Chicopee raises Polish flag for Polish Heritage Month

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members, local and state elected officials and many more gathered outside city hall on Oct. 17 to raise the Polish flag for Polish Heritage Month.

The crowd was also joined by students from St. Stanislaus School.

Mayor John Vieau reflected on his own Polish heritage during the ceremony.

"We're a very proud people and the contributions of the Polish community is really something special right here in Chicopee," Vieau said. "There's so many roots and as I look around and see so many faces--and there's so many 'skis that I went to school with--it's incredible to see this turnout."

The mayor's proclamation was presented to Olen Bielski, director of Business Development for the Polish Center of Discovery & Learning.

Bielski then shared this surprise gift. "On behalf of the Polish Center of Discovery & Learning, I'd like to present our mayor, Mayor John Vieau, with a hat from the Polish Center. It says 'Polish American and Proud' with polishcenter.net on it," Bielski said.

State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) explained how the Polish community is one of the biggest in the state.

"It's a community I'm proud to celebrate and, also, to be able to bring your voices into the Massachusetts Senate..." Gomez said.

The flag was then raised by St. Stanislaus School students Natalia Tarka and Alexandra Fettes, followed by singing the Polish National Anthem and a closing prayer from Fr. Brad Milunski of St. Stanislaus Basilica to bless the city.

Afterward, attendees enjoyed refreshments sponsored by Polish National Credit Union and Polish singalongs in the hallway outside the mayor's office.

Post-ceremony, Milunski reflected on the significance of Polish Heritage Month.

"October is Polish Heritage Month and it's a wonderful month focused on the traditions, the culture, the cultural contributions and the rich history of Poland. There's so many Polish-Americans not just in the United States, but especially here in this part of Western Mass," Milunski said.

Vieau was thrilled to see so many residents and community members turn out for the ceremony.

"One thing we try to do is recognize all the different heritage that really create this diverse city and being half Polish--my mom being a Rozinski--it's an exciting day to really exemplify what it means to be from Poland and have that Polish Pride and that Chicopee Pride,"



Olen Bielski, director of Business Development for the Polish Center of Discovery & Learning, presents the gift of a Polish American hat to Mayor Vieau during the Polish American Heritage Month Flag Raising.



Fr. Brad Milunski of St. Stanislaus Basilica leads the crowd in prayer.

Vieau said.

Vieau also encourages residents to check out the Polish Center for Discovery & Learning.

"You walk out of the Polish Center and you feel proud to be Polish and that's what it's about," Vieau said.

On also recognizing the Polish migrants and their contributions to the city, Milunski shared this.

"They were such hard-working people who--and as many immigrants are--who come to make a new life for themselves. They built the Basilica of St.

Stanislaus. It's really nickels and dimes in their sacrifices and so we still are reaping the benefits of them today and the Basilica and with maintaining Polish heritage and continuing to do things in the Polish language as well," Milunski said.

Milunski said having the students from St. Stanislaus School in attendance was important to take pride in their heritage and their school.

"There's so much in the history of the school that is based on the sacrifices. I mean, even our 'new' school building



St. Stanislaus School students Alexandra Fettes and Natalia Tarka crank the lever to raise the Polish flag



Mayor John Vieau presents the mayor's proclamation to Olen Bielski, director of Business Development for the Polish Center of Discovery & Learning.

from the 1970s is a result of sacrifices of their grandparents," Milunski said. "So, they're reaping the benefits today of the sacrifice of so many Polish immigrants and the people of faith who came to this land. We try to keep them always involved and appreciative of all their heritage, but especially the Polish heritage and the background in school."

Vieau's message to the community was to take pride in your heritage and be proud of where you come from.

"It's not just about Polish pride. It's about being proud of your heritage no matter what it is, but also being proud that you live in the city of Chicopee," Vieau said.



A group photo of the students from St. Stanislaus School who got to attend the Polish American Heritage Month Flag Raising on Oct. 17.



Polish music was to be had at the flag raising, including playing the accordion.

Call To Election to accommodate need for new polling location

CHICOPEE - There is fire damage at the Old Senior Center at 7 Valley View Court which is used as the Ward 8A polling location. We had included that location in the Nov. 5 Call to Election approved by the City Council. Due to the damage, the Old Senior Center cannot be used for the Nov. 5 election.

The City is issuing a new Call to Election announcing the use of Anna Barry School as the polling location for both Ward 8A and B. The new call is required by state law. The Ward Councilor, Gary Labrie and the City Clerk have indicated this is acceptable and have asked for a timely meeting to approve the new call to election so that we may notify the registered voters of Ward 8A of the change in polling locations for this election.

Gary Labrie has stated, "I want to ensure that all voters have an opportunity to vote in this important election."

City Clerk Keith Rattell added,

"Voters may be used to going to the Old Senior Center to vote as this is a longtime polling location for Ward 8A." "We need swift action to provide the voters information on the polling location change for this election."

Voters will receive a call from the city and a postcard informing them of the need for a change in location for this election. The change of locations will also be posted on social media.

Mayor John Vieau has called a Special Meeting to approve the new Call to Election on Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

"Our plan is to approve and communicate the location change for Ward 8A so voters will not be confused," stated Mayor Vieau. "It is unfortunate that the Old Senior Center had smoke and fire damage which made the building unusable. We are hoping to have the building available for the next election."

RiverMills Photography Club Gallery

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.

The photos will remain on display at the senior center until January 31, 2025.

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 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.

Harmony House Needs Volunteers

CHICOPEE - The doors have opened at Harmony House of Western Massachusetts and potential volunteers are invited to explore the opportunity to help others in our communities.

Harmony House of Western Massachusetts is a social model home for hospice care located in Chicopee. After closing our original home in 2019 and purchasing a house in the Aldenville section of Chicopee for renovation, the organization is actively serving our residents with the help of volunteers and staff members.

Harmony House is currently in need of caregivers and people who would en-

joy the opportunity to support our residents. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people.

Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home offering compassionate care for people who are on hospice and are in need of care.

If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please complete the online volunteer application form at www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1 or email us at harmonyhousewma@gmail.com.

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(immature flower heads) as they form.

Garlic is ready to harvest when one third of the leaves have yellowed/browned. Don't wait much past this time, or bulbs will separate within the fist, and length of storage could be affected. Cure in an airy location, free of humidity and moisture.

I get excited planting garlic. It's the first installation of the "new year!" Funny, how just three weeks ago I was al-

most sick of the garden, now it's all new again.

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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Mayor John Vieau with the three witches from "Hocus Pocus" beam with joy after kicking off one of the most popular events of the city.



Friendly's, one of the many vendors at this year's SPOOKtacular, handed out coupons for trick-or-treaters that wanted more than just candy.

'SPOOKtacular' night!

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made this event possible.

Kicking off the night was Vieau, who shared how grateful he was to the community who made this night possible.

"SPOOKtacular has been going on for years, this is the third year at Szot Park, it used to be held at Chicopee Center. Every year it has grown, people have such a great time. It's a safe way to trick-or-treat, nearly 100 vendors handing out candy, it is the new way to trick-or-treat in Chicopee. It's about community and bringing everyone together, it's family oriented with awesome entertainment. I want to say thank you to everyone, we couldn't have done this without the community's help," Vieau said.

Vieau also praised his staff and everyone in the community who lent their support.

"My staff needs to be recognized, the partnership and collaboration with all the departments who really worked together to put this on. The non-profits, stakeholders, department heads, Chicopee and Western Mass specifically. It gives the opportunity for the bands to play, it gets the dance companies and cheerleaders a chance to perform, Chicopee Fresh is here providing free dinner, free pumpkins donated from McKinstry's Farms. We get annual sponsors for the event and are so grateful. We are proud to host this event," Vieau said.

Szot Park on Thursday night was packed from local businesses to the fire and police departments, with everyone having a bag full of candy, delicious food and snacks, able to enjoy the entertainment all night long.

Talking with Tom Therrien of Give Back Services LLC, Therrien was happy to show off his new business and support the city he and his wife grew up in.

"Our goal is to attend a number of events and give back to the community. The purpose of our business is a purchase with a purpose, we have a variety of e-bikes and we are a local small business. To be part of SPOOKtacular, it's a great event for Chicopee and have the kids come out and be able to have a safe space to trick-or-treat," Therrien said.

Catching up with Carol Kruser, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services for Chicopee Public Schools, Kruser highlighted the importance of supporting the youth outside of the



The Valley Opportunity Council eagerly awaiting trick or treaters.



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) pose for a group photo with an attendee. This year was the first time the State Delegation took part in the event.

school systems.

"SPOOKtacular is an amazing event. For the School Committee we are very happy to have our family engagement team here. They are passing out information about how families can be involved in the school. It's great to see the families and ask them to be partners with us to make the kids experience that much more special. It's great to see our families outside of the school setting. Szot Park is a central location, it's a place everyone knows and is safe," Kruser said.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) talked about his experience coming to SPOOKtacular for the very first time, along with state delegation members.

"I am excited to be here and

see everyone in costume. What's nice about this event is the Chicopee community comes together, whether it's public safety or the library, all come together providing free fun for the community. You can tell this event is successful by the never-ending line trying to get into the park. This is the first time as a delegation, the six of us that represent Chicopee, wanted to be part of the community and this was a great way to get out there. We hope to participate in the future!" Oliveira said.

Adding to this was City Treasurer Marie Laflamme and Executive Assistant to the Mayor Janet Olbrych.

"We volunteer every year and it's getting bigger and better. Everything is free," Ol-



A family dressed as the mystery gang from Scooby-Doo appeared with a different van, creatively transforming their stroller into the Mystery Machine!



The Teenage Mutant Turtles posed for a family photo, gathering as much candy as they could.

byrch said.

"It's really bringing the community together. That is what the Mayor's office tries to do throughout the city. This free event is to make sure that nobody misses out, we get sponsors for this reason. The size of the bags of candy these kids are leaving with are heavier than the kids!," Laflamme said.

Bri Jackson, farm to school coordinator of Chicopee Fresh, talked being able to provide free food for the event.

"We love coming here. For the last few years, we have been providing hot dog meals for families. It's so nice to come out and see the costumes. We are giving out cookies, chips, water, and providing good vibes for the event. We are a farm to school business at Chicopee schools and a general food business," Jackson said. "We do a lot of work

with local farmers and provide breakfast and after school snacks for the kids. We come to community events because it's awesome recognition for us with our truck and seeing the whole family, along with the kids we usually see. Every year it gets better and better, I keep seeing the little ride along the train drive by, I feel the flow is better every year. It's great to see everybody!"

The event was coordinated by Monica Torres, community & constituent liaison of the Mayor's Office and organized by the City of Chicopee.

The annual sponsors for SPOOKtacular 2024 were: Alarm Works, Gym Buddies, Florence Bank, Mass Alternative Care, PeoplesBank, Polish National Credit Union, the Moose Lodge, Westfield Bank, Holyoke Medical Center, Republic Services and Dunkin Donuts.



Magic AI performs a magic trick for attendees during the St. Stanislaus Basilica Parish Bazaar.



Parishioners volunteered their time overseeing many booths during the event, including the Polish Booth with items from Poland on full display.

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that people look forward to every year," Milunski said.

The Prays--Michael and Kristie--were at the Holiday Shoppe, selling seasonal gifts to attendees throughout the day.

"I'm telling you, it's been a seasonal good fiesta here," Michael Pray said.

The couple are parishioners, with their children having gone to preschool here, and they have volunteered at the bazaar for over 20 years.

"It's always a great time every year. Good chance to talk with other parishioners and just other people in the community," Michael Pray said.

"All these items that people buy, they come from other people's homes. So, it kind of circulates around," Kristie Pray said. "Some people leave here spending hundreds of dollars and they get so many items, it's amazing. So, it's a good deal for people too."

Kristie Pray stressed how the bazaar is also multi-generational.

"It's a nice way to get people together. They celebrate with music, with food and just being together and having a nice time. It's multi-generational," she said. "Old people, young people, ev-



The 48th Annual Parish Bazaar had a variety of activities for attendees to enjoy, including getting your profile drawn.

erybody. Families, singles, everybody can come."

At the Basket of Cheer Booth, meanwhile, was the father-daughter duo John and Heather Sypek.

John Sypek explained he, his mother and the children all went to the school and he's volunteered at the bazaar for many years.

"So, it's all in the family. They went to this school, I went to the old school before it burnt down," he said. "You got to give back. They got a great education when they were here. It taught

them how to study, how to do a lot of good things and it gave them a good sense of values. That's why they're here, that's why we're here, to continue it on."

Heather Sypek reflected on her time at the school, enjoying seeing her old teachers and the next generation of students.

"It was amazing. I graduated in 2009, so I spent preschool through eighth grade here," she said. "Like my dad said, it gave me one of the best educations that I could have imagined. Going into



From the left, Deacon Michael Pray, his wife Kristie, Terry Ukleja and Laura Rivers—the mother of Chicopee Register Editor Kristin Rivers—in a group photo at the Holiday Shoppe.

high school, I was well above a lot of the other folks coming into school, going right into accelerated classes. Just great education all-around, great values, so I love coming back and seeing all the new kids coming through here as well. So, it's always been great to give back to the school that gave me so much."

The Sypeks added it's a great family event.

"It's a great event for families to come through, spend some time together. Play some games, win some raffle prizes," Heather Sypek said.

"You see a lot of the parents that went to school, the children

who went to school with them and catch up," John Sypek said. "It's great to see them again."

Milunski stressed the importance of local traditions to the community, thanking everyone for their support.

"We feel like this is one of the local traditions of Chicopee that makes this a great place to be," Milunski said. "I think it's a great tradition of the city as well that there's a great feeling of closeness and familiarity in the city of Chicopee. This is one of those events, I think."

The Prays' message was this.

"God bless them. Thank you and God bless you," Kristie Pray said.

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Colts reach WMass semifinals

CHICOPEE – Despite a four-win regular season, Chicopee Comprehensive qualified for the Western Massachusetts Class A Tournament. The Colts pulled off a 3-1 win over Pope Francis in the quarterfinals, but their season came to an end at West Springfield with a 3-1 loss. Comp finishes the season at 5-15 and will not qualify for the state tournament.



Brielle Bennett sets up near the net.



Eliza Burger bumps for the Colts.



Olivia Warren serves the ball for Comp



Alexa Haber sends a hit toward the front line.



Lorianys Vazquez sends a spike over the net.

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Lions prevail over Pacers

LUDLOW – The Ludlow High School football team defeated Chicopee at home last Friday evening. The game went back and forth throughout, with the Lions emerging later in the game. Chicopee came within one score, but was not able to tie it. The Pacers fell to 4-3 after starting out the season 4-0. The Lions are just 2-5. Both finish up their conference schedules this week, then will be in non-playoff action for Weeks 9 and 10.

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Nadir Johnson attempts a tackle.



Edwin Lozado goes for a tackle.

Boys soccer reaches WMass finals

CHICOPEE – Earlier this week, the Chicopee High School boys soccer team reached the Western Mass. finals for the first time in many years.

The Pacers, which are still undefeated this season, defeated Frontier in the quarterfinals 2-0 last Saturday, then got by Pittsfield 3-2 in the semifinals. Tiago Destapado scored and Abdulwahhab Alnuaimi had two goals in the win. Zachariah Yarovoy made eight saves for the win.

As of press time, the Pacers finals opponent as well as the time, date, and location of the match was still to be determined. That information can be found on the PVIAC website at www.pviac.net.

Next week, Chicopee will take part in the state tournament, looking to keep its undefeated streak going.



Jacob Lozado takes off on a run.



Braeden Siano takes the long snap in order to punt.



Jeremiah Elliott looks to pick up a punted ball.

T-Birds scored bounce-back win over Hartford

HARTFORD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-5-0-0) bounced back from a pair of defeats to finish the three-game weekend with a 5-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (3-2-0-1) on Sunday at the XL Center.

The T-Birds faced challenges before the game even began, as seven lineup regulars were unavailable due to injury. Despite their shorthanded lineup, Steve Konowalchuk's T-Birds came out with a purpose, generating a pair of power plays in the opening half of the opening period, and forcing Louis Domingue to make many great saves in tight. Domingue's best work was when he reached back the paddle of his stick and pulled a loose puck dangerously close to the goal line.

The Wolf Pack, though, still managed to get on the board first, as top-line centerman Bo Groulx pounced on a loose puck in center, roared in on the right wing, and snapped a perfect wrist shot off the inside of the post behind Colten Ellis to make it a 1-0 game at 8:16.

That precise shot would be the only blemish on Ellis's record in an opening period that saw the young T-Birds backstop deny 11 Hartford chances, including several on a pair of Wolf Pack power plays.

At the other end, the T-Birds' third line evened the slate less than three minutes after Groulx's opening marker as Drew Callin swooped in front from behind Domingue's net and surprised the veteran with a wraparound

through the legs to make it a 1-1 tie at 11:12.

The gutsy effort continued in the middle stanza, and Dalibor Dvorsky was rewarded at 8:52 with his third goal of the campaign. After skating the puck out of danger and entering the offensive zone, the 19-year-old pulled up on the left-wing boards and created a shooting lane. The rookie's flip shot into traffic found a home through Domingue's legs and gave Springfield its first lead of the day, 2-1, at 8:52.



Not even three minutes later, Tanner Dickinson entered the scoring realm as he took a beautiful setup from Michael Buchinger and lifted a forehand over Domingue's stick at 11:08. Dickinson's first AHL goal of the season also marked Buchinger's first career point as a pro, and it gave Springfield a 3-1 lead into the third.

Just nine seconds into the final period, Springfield added to the lead as Hugh McGing spotted a wide-open Marcus Sylvegard at the net front for a tap-in. It tied for the fastest goal in any period in team history and propelled the

T-Birds to a 4-1 advantage.

Ex-Hartford defenseman Hunter Skinner exacted some payback against his old team at 3:28, taking a drop from Dylan Peterson and rifling a wrist under the crossbar to build the lead up to 5-1.

Hartford mustered only one goal in response when Dylan Roobroeck stuffed a rebound through Ellis at 10:32. The Springfield goaltender put up his fourth consecutive start with just two goals allowed, stopping 27 shots for the game.

The T-Birds look to build upon the win on Friday night when they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the first time this season. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

PORTLAND, ME—The Worcester Railers HC (2-2-0-0 4pts) beat the Maine Mariners (1-4-0-0, 2pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 2,947 at Cross Insurance Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at Norfolk Admirals on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started tonight with Justin Gill (1-2-3) breakaway goal 6:22 into the period. Seven minutes later at 13:33 Matthew Kopperud (1-0-1) finished backside to give the Railers a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The Railers continued their scoring late in the second when Riley Piercey (1-0-1) got his first goal of the season. Piercey scored with two minutes remaining in the period extending Worcester's lead to 3-0. Worcester finished



the scoring off on the player play with a power play goal from Mason Klee 8:41 into the third, cementing the Railers 4-0 win.

Worcester found the back of the net first tonight, as Justin Gill (1st) forced a turnover and took it down the ice all alone scoring with his backhanded shot just 6:22 into the first. Matthew Kopperud (2nd) took an intercepted pass down the ice and scored off passes from Justin Gill and Jack Randl out in front 13:33 into the period. Neither team scored after Kopperud, ending the period with Worcester leading 2-0. Maine outshot Worcester 16-9.

The second period seemed as if it would come without a score from either team until the Railers extended their lead to 3-0 thanks to Riley Piercey (1st). Piercey broke the scoreless period 18 minutes in when he got one by Brad Arvanitis on the crossing dish from his teammate Justin Gill. Shots favored Worcester 12-11 in the second.

The Railers kept their great scoring night going in the third. Mason Klee (2nd) found the back of the net on the power play at 8:41 to make the Railers lead 4-0. The Mariners had a late power play opportunity, but the Railers penalty kill held strong on their perfect night. Shots favored Worcester 10-4 in the third and were even on the game 31-31.

Hall of Fame Series heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup,

is set to provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

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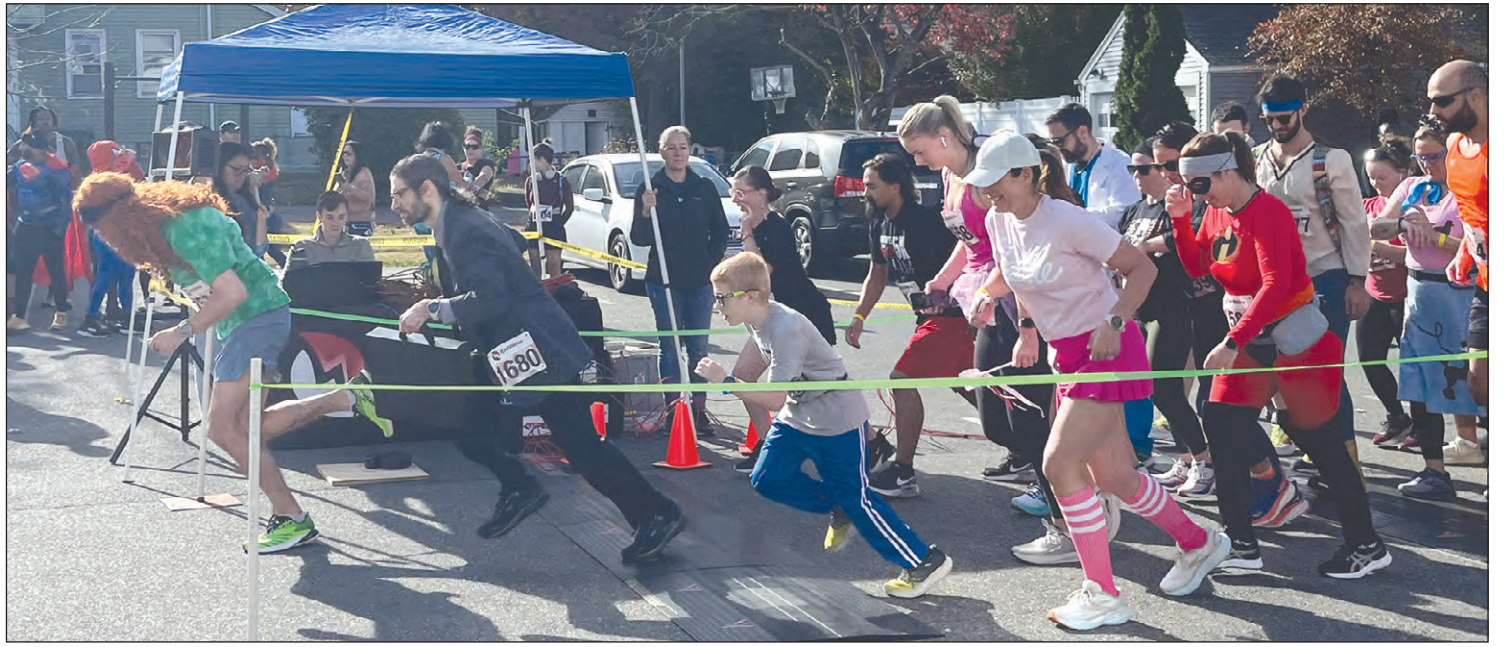
“We are a domestic violence agency that provides services in Hampden County, specifically to Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield. Our support services include obtaining restraining orders in Chicopee District Court, we also have a shelter in a confidential location, provide support groups and anything else to help men and women survivors experiencing harm in their relationship. I am the agency’s cheerleader, I am always in awe with the work the Alianza team does,” Nieves said.

Nieves was thankful for the organization being supported by the 5K this year.

“Today we are at the Thriller 5K for the Chamber of Commerce. We are appreciative and lucky to be the recipient of this fundraising. We were here early setting up and making this event happen, we are very grateful to be recognized this year. I’m sure there were many other deserving organizations, we were voted in. It felt so nice to be selected from our own peers, for those at the Chamber of Commerce. At our booth, we have transitioned into using QR codes since most people don’t want to take information on paper. It’s also safer. If you are in a relationship where the other person is constantly looking at your phone, it’s a quick and easy way to find our services. We have a safe exit on our website, located on the top left of the landing page. Any way people can get our information is what we care about. I am grateful to be here at the Thriller 5K,” Nieves said.

Founded in 1980, Alianza has assisted more than 30,000 individuals seeking refuge by providing a 24-hour Crisis Hotline, emergency shelter placement, individual safety planning, and court-based assistance. Call 413-536-1628 or visit alianzadv.org for more information.

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Runners started in the front and walkers followed, but if you blinked, you would’ve missed all the amazing costumes seen on Saturday morning.



Dressed up with various costumes, runners finishing the Thriller 5k only had a short distance to go after turning the corner.



These runners were pumped up full of energy, finishing the race with impressive times.

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From the left: Matt Pacheco who finished in 2nd place and Tim Sears who finished in 1st place were all smiles after finishing the 5K in under 19 minutes.



A group photo comprised of runners, Boomer from the Springfield Thunderbirds and employees from the Holyoke Medical Center Oncology and Hematology Department at the Thriller 5K on Oct. 26.

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Events & announcements schedule

FunnyRaising Comedy Show to Benefit Harmony House

CHICOPEE - Harmony House of Western Massachusetts, a home for the terminally ill located in Chicopee, will be the beneficiary of a "FunnyRaising Comedy Show," presented by Jess Miller Comedy Shows. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, and will be held at the Moose Club Family Center located at 244 Fuller Road. Doors will open 6:30 pm with the show beginning at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person and can only be obtained at www.funnyraising.com. This show is rated R for adult content and language and people must be aged 21 or older to attend.

It will be a great evening of fun while supporting the mission of Harmony House. The FunnyRaising Comedy Shows are "Built on Laughter and Sustained by Kindness." The headlining comics in this show will be Jess Miller, who has performed at Caroline's on Broadway, Peaches Rodriguez who has performed at the Apollo Theatre in New York City, and Linda Belt, who has performed on Royal Caribbean Cruises. Get ready to laugh!

There will be a raffle with great prizes along with a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds go directly to Harmony House of Western Massachusetts. A cash bar will be available, and patrons can bring their own dinner and snacks. Tables of 8 are available to reserve with pre-payment.

Harmony House is a local organization whose mission is to provide a loving home providing compassionate care for the terminally ill. Harmony House is primarily staffed by trained volunteers including licensed nurses, caregivers, companions, and others. If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please contact Harmony House at 413-315-9784 or by email at harmonyhouse-wma@gmail.com.

Craft Fair and Bake Sale to benefit Cancer patients

CHICOPEE—Come enjoy our 3rd Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale for some holiday shopping with 40 crafters on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft fair and bake sale will be at the Family Moose Lodge, 244 Fuller St., Chicopee.

There will be food to purchase for lunch and baked goods. There will be a raffle for everyone to participate in.

Proceeds benefit American Cancer Society, Quaboag Valley Relay for Life., which will be held on May 31, 2025, on the Belchertown Common.

Free Parent Workshops

CHICOPEE - The Family & Community Engagement Team is hosting free parent workshops at Stefanik School.

The free workshops are designed especially for parents. Enjoy a fun evening while your kids have a blast with free childcare and games!

Plus, we'll provide a free dinner. Space is limited.

You will also be entered into a giveaway for a Stanley Cup basket at every workshop that you attend.

Thursday, Nov. 21 6 to 7 p.m.

Secure Your Future: Budgeting, Saving and Credit Management

Join Polish National Credit Union for a family budgeting workshop to learn practical tips on managing finances and making your money work for you!

To learn more and register, contact Kristen Coelho at kcoelho@cpsge.org.

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.

Mayor Vieau visits Westover Early Childhood Center

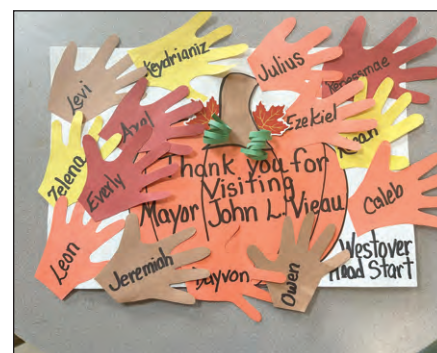


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CHICOPEE - On Oct. 16, Mayor Vieau had the privilege of visiting the Westover Early Childhood Center, part of the Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc. agency, where he spent time reading to the students. A special thanks to Nicole and Christina for the warm invitation.

This month's theme is Trees & Leaves, and the mayor was excited to be part of the students' learning experience.

We also want to recognize the dedicated teachers who give their time, care, and energy to educate and nurture these young learners. Ms. Teresa and Ms. Maritza have been teaching together for an incredible 18 years, and we appreciate their unwavering commitment.



The mayor also had the pleasure of visiting Ms. Elizabeth and Ms. Damaris's classroom, where he was greeted with a heartfelt welcome.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff for the important work you do!

Diabetes Management Series

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 dis-

ease, or for those who want to learn more and offer support. Each class will be led by a nurse, registered dietitian 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.

Motor Vehicle Crash Update

CHICOPEE - At 8:37 a.m. on Oct. 25, WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch began to receive multiple 911 calls reporting a serious motor vehicle crash involving a car and a tractor trailer unit. The first arriving officer updated dispatch that there were in fact three vehicles involved and that one of the operators appeared to be trapped in the car.

Chicopee Fire was then dispatched to assist with removing the operator from the vehicle.

The operator, a 62-year-old male from West Springfield was transport-

ed to Baystate Medical Center where he later died as a result of his injuries. The operator of the tractor trailer was not injured and the operator of the third vehicle was also transported to the hospital but has since been released without injury.

This crash is being investigated by the Chicopee Crash Reconstruction Team as well as the Mass State Police and the Hampden County District Attorney's Office. The Chicopee Police Department offer our condolences to the friends and family of the victim.

Arrest made after pursuit throughout Chicopee

CHICOPEE - The police department shared this update on Facebook after an arrest was made during a pursuit that took place throughout Chicopee on Oct. 18:

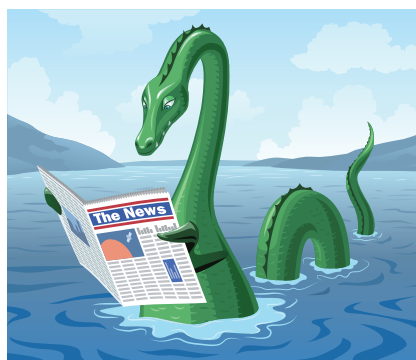
"Around 10 p.m. on Friday Oct. 18, multiple cruisers were involved in a motor vehicle pursuit throughout the city. At one point the suspect vehicle crashed through one of the side gates at

Westover Air Force Base and the operator was taken into custody.

It should be noted that at no time was the security of the base jeopardized. Aside from the multiple cruisers that sustained damage, there were no injuries to the officers or the parties in the vehicle. Due to the nature of the call the arrested party, or the pending charges cannot be released at this time."

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CFD enjoys trunk or treat



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CHICOPEE – Members of Engine 4 from the fire department enjoyed a trunk or treat event at Litwin Elementary School on Oct. 28. The fire department said on their Facebook page, “A great time was had by all.”



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. Walks will take place 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
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Location: Ashley Reservoir, Whitney Ave Holyoke Saturdays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rain or Shine!

Contact 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.

Fire Safety with Chicopee Fire

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.

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.

Saturday Playgroup with Learn in Motion

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!

Local accountant named to MassCPAs 2024 Women to Watch List

BOSTON - Chicopee resident Lauren Foley, MSA, was selected as a 2024 Women to Watch Award winner by the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs), the professional association of certified public accountants, representing over 11,500 members.

The awards recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to the accounting profession, their communities, their firms or companies and to the development of women as leaders.

Foley, a senior associate at Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C. (MBK), is one of seven women selected to receive a 2024 Women to Watch Award. She is being honored in the Emerging Leader category, reserved for women with fewer than 15 years of experience in accounting. Awards are also presented in the Experienced Leader category, which is reserved for women with more than 15 years of experience in the profession.

“MassCPAs is proud to recognize these exceptional women for their outstanding contributions to the accounting profession and their communities,” said Zach Donah, CAE, president and CEO of MassCPAs. “Lauren’s leadership and dedication have made a significant impact on our industry, and we’re excited to celebrate her achievements.”

Foley is a skilled accountant specializing in corporate partnership and individual tax returns, as well as compilation and review engagements. With exceptional communication skills and a collaborative approach, she fosters a positive and innovative environment at MBK. Dedicated to client satisfaction, Foley is known for delivering reliable and valuable support. She is actively involved with MassCPAs, serving on the Young Professionals Committee, speaking at industry events and earning recognition for her thought leadership. Beyond her professional achievements, Foley is committed

to community service and mentoring within MBK, where she contributes to process improvements, promotes ethical standards and inspires junior accountants to excel. “From the moment Lauren joined MBK, her spirit and energy were contagious,” says Kristi Reale, CPA, CVA, partner at Meyers Brothers Kalicka, P.C. “I knew right away she would succeed and progress quickly. Lauren is always eager to contribute - whether it’s training junior staff and interns, attending networking events or volunteering in the community. She’s highly respected by both clients and colleagues, always responsive and an inspiration to all. I am certain this is just the beginning of what is to come.”

Award recipients will be honored on Oct. 29 at MassCPAs’ Women’s Leadership Summit at the Westin Hotel in Waltham.

To learn more about the 2024 Women to Watch Award winners, visit masscpas.org/winners2024.



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The Town of Huntington is seeking a part-time **Water and Sewer Administrative Coordinator** for 18 hours per week. Applicants must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook and well organized. Hours are flexible but must be worked during the regular Water and Sewer department hours of Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist the Water and Sewer Department as needed. Application and complete job description are available online at www.huntingtonma.us or by emailing WaterandSewer@huntingtonma.us. Position is open until filled.

Town of Huntington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WARREN WATER DISTRICT is hiring for part-time office help. Please apply in person at **988 Main St., Warren 413-436-9819**. EOE.

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Town of Wilbraham is looking for a Director of Veterans Services. For application and more information please visit www.wilbraham-ma.gov. EOE

HELP WANTED

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

HIGHWAY POSITION OPENING

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill **two full-time Equipment Operator/General Laborer** positions in the Town Highway Department.

Valid MA CDL operator, Hydraulic Hoister's licenses and OSHA-10 certification is preferred.

- Highway maintenance laborer salary rate range: \$18.16 - \$26.46
- Highway maintenance laborer with CDL and Hoister's license salary rate range: \$25.00 - \$36.41

Further information can be found on the Town's website:

www.worthington-ma.us

Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; 413-238-5830 or send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: worthingtonhighway@gmail.com or to Worthington Highway Department, PO Box 643, Worthington, MA, 01098. This posting will remain pertinent until the two positions are filled.

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HELP WANTED

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OPENING

Highway Department

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest and resumes from qualified candidates to fill the position of Highway Superintendent.

Nature of work: The Highway Superintendent is responsible for administering and overseeing the daily activities of the Highway Department including the maintenance and repair of town roads, parks, bridges, equipment maintenance and snow/ice removal operations.

This is a benefited position which requires a thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of highway department maintenance, construction and procurement.

Salary rate range: \$62,941.00 - \$91,707.00, with potential for winter overtime.

More information can be found on the Town of Worthington website:

www.worthington-ma.us

Please send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: selectboard@worthington-ma.us. This posting will remain pertinent until the positions are filled.

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HELP WANTED

Worthington Police Department 51 Huntington Road, Worthington, MA 01098

FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER
The Worthington Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for Full-time Police Officer.

Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age or older, a U.S. Citizen and possess a valid driver's license.

They should also have a high school diploma/GED, license to carry and be certified by Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and be POST certified.

This is a benefited position with a salary range of: \$52,000.00 - \$75,733.00. The successful candidate shall be highly motivated, self-disciplined and possess a community policing philosophy and live in, or near Worthington. Previous candidates must reapply.

Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:

**Worthington Police Department
P.O. Box 246
Worthington, MA 01098**

Or via email to: chief@worthingtonpd.org
Subject line: Employment
Responses will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled.

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ALL REAL ESTATE advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24P2182EA
Estate of:**

Mark Andrew Minkos

Also known as:

Mark A Minkos

**Date of Death: 08/16/2024
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 **Stephanie M Minkos of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Stephanie M Minkos 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 17, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
11/01/2024

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.

2008 Infiniti G37
VIN: JNKC64E98M122639
Edwin Llorens
49 E Hooker St APT 49
Springfield, MA 01107

2018 Nissan Altima
VIN: IN4AL3AP3JC182954
Mamadie Cisse

2018 Nissan Altima

228 W Mentor St,
Philadelphia, PA, 19120

2003 Honda Accord
VIN: JHMCM566X3C059729
Tania Cruz- Montanez
7 Beverly st,
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
VIN: 1J8GS48K79C535708
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

Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 15, 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.

2011 Subaru Outback 2.5i Premium
VIN: 4S4BRBCC0B3311800
Robrt H Irwin Motors Inc
59 Bisson Ave,
Laconia, NH 03246

2013 Infiniti G37
VIN: JN1CV6AR2DM359253
Kathleen Grimes
25 Dexter St, Fl 1
Holyoke, Ma 01040

2018 Honda Cr-v Exl
VIN: 7FARW2H83JE011223
Kelvy Hamburgo- Lopez
355 Tyngsboro Rd, APT 16
Dracut, MA 01826

2011 Audi A4 2.0T Prem Plus
VIN: WAUFFAFLXBN007685
Damien Hart
27 Bissel St,
Springfield, MA 01119
11/01, 11/08, 11/15/2024

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,

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

that on November 8, 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.

2017 Volkswagen Beetle
VIN: 3VW517AT7HM808551
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 Division Docket No. HD24P2134EA Estate of:

**Melvin Paul Ogonowski
Date of Death: 09/04/2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sarah J. Brandt of Monson, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Sarah J. Brandt of Monson, 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.
11/01/2024

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C3 Willimansett Unit takes part in trunk or treat



CHICOPEE – The police department's C3 Willimansett Unit enjoyed some scary good fun at Stefanik Elementary School on Oct. 28 as part of the school's Trunk or Treat event. PHOTOS AND CAPTION COURTESY OF CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Health Care Options at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will host a representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield who will present the program "Health Plan Options" on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St. This 45-minute presentation is geared towards individuals on Medicare or approaching Medicare who may have

questions about their health plan or other available plan types. The presentation will focus on the differences between Medigap and Medicare Advantage plans and explain when enrollees can switch plans. All are invited to attend regardless of insurance coverage. Although this is a free program, please register at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

A UNIQUE WAY TO HONOR THE VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE

The Veterans' Memorial at St. Rose Cemetery was dedicated on Veterans' Day in 2022 to honor our local heroes.

As the two-year anniversary approaches, engraved bricks are still available for purchase, allowing you to provide a lasting tribute to the veterans in your life or in our community. There are currently 1,621 veterans buried in our cemetery.

To purchase an engraved brick for a donation of \$100, pick up an order form from the paver box near the memorial at the cemetery or at the St. Rose Pastoral Center on 15 Chapel Street. You can also call 413-536-4558 to request a form. You need not be a parishioner to participate.

Weather permitting, a memorial mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Veterans' Day, November 11, at St. Rose Cemetery. All are welcome.

