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The Gift Shop tree on the left and Friends of the RiverMills tree on the right had an impressive amount of ornaments, decor, and themes that show the dedication RiverMills are to their members.

## Deck the Trees Fundraiser supports Friends of RiverMills

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Deck the Trees is happening now at the senior center until Nov. 22, with a variety of decorated trees donated by local businesses and organizations.

The Friends of RiverMills Senior Center is holding this event by offering a holiday tree raffle, and for \$5 a ticket, winners receive the decorated tree and all the items beneath it.

The Friends of RiverMills is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping older adults, offering a variety of events and activities.

President of the Friends is Michael Wilk, whose love and

support of the older population shines through his work at the senior center.

"We are definitely happy with everything that's been going on. We've had some great events and support. This event is a 'mini' festival of trees, where different businesses and city departments have decorated Christmas trees. For \$5 a ticket, you can vote for your favorite tree and if you win, you win the tree and everything with it. It's absolutely beautiful. You don't have to be a member to see the trees, everyone is welcome. All the money goes towards the budget to fund more activities and events for the seniors," Wilk said.

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## Franco-American Monument unveiled in Aldenville Commons



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Marie Proulx Meder and Jeanne Proulx Hebert, the former director and assistant director of the former French Heritage Center, respectively, unveil the Franco-American Monument in Aldenville Commons in Chicopee on Oct. 27.

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CHICOPEE - A monument honoring the Franco-Americans who called Chicopee home was unveiled in the Aldenville Commons on Oct. 27.

The project for the monument began in August 2023 and

was made possible through the former French Heritage Center, with Marie Proulx Meder, its former director, at the helm.

Funds for the project were raised through various French lectures, events, donations and membership, with the custom-made monument carved in India, followed by being inscribed in Vermont.

The monument also memorializes the four French parishes in Chicopee: Assumption of the BVM Church, Nativity Church, St. George Church and Ste. Rose de Lima Church.

Assumption of the BVM Church, Nativity Church and St. George Church closed in 2009

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## Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee celebrates opening of Haven Teen Center

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CHICOPEE - The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee cut the ribbon on Nov. 1 to mark the official grand opening of Haven Teen Center.

The new teen center was designed with input from the teens and will offer programming for workforce readiness, nutrition and well-being and more, with numerous spaces inside including a Zen Room, a Digital Media Lab which also includes a recording booth and other multimedia tools, classroom spaces, a gaming den, a full kitchen, a large gathering space and much more.

The grand opening also comes as basketball courts were dedicated in honor of Ofc. Ange-

la Santiago earlier in the week on Oct. 27, another exciting occasion for the club.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included remarks from Executive Director Jason Reed, Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), Sam Gray, the new vice president of Field Services for the Northeast Region at Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Mike Vogel, president of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee Board of Directors, Kevin Vann, chair of the Haven Teen Center Campaign Committee, and two local teens from the club, Cody and Nevaeh.

Reed said, "Today, we begin

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State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow), teen members of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Jason Reed, executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Kevin Vann, chair of the Haven Teen Center Campaign Committee, Club Members Cody and Nevaeh, Mayor John Vieau, State Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield), State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) and Mike Vogel, president of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee Board of Directors, get ready to cut the ribbon for the grand opening of Haven Teen Center on Nov. 1.



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# Community begins their holiday shopping at the Elks Craft Fair

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - "This is our first time doing the craft fair and it's been a success so far!" The Chicopee Elks Lodge #1849 held a craft fair that featured over 30 vendors.

Lodge members, guests, and friends were excited to shop the crafters items on Nov. 3.

The local vendors represented were Gammy's Craft House, S&V Jewelry and More, Iridescence LLC, Valerie's Galerie of Cards, Pillow Creations by Marguita, Messer Photography, Kave Custom Laserworks and much more.

Catching up with Denise Wessig, the Event Chairmen of the lodge and mastermind of the craft fair, Wessig talked about the behind the scenes of putting on an event like this and praised her fellow members and volunteers who made this event possible.

"We started this process three months ago. We wanted to get crafters into the building, to show the facilities off and what we offer and show local people making crafts. Also, getting people in before the holidays, most guests want to buy stuff for their family. These are small businesses and at the Elks, this is what we are about, to support them and the community," Wessig said.

Wessig added the craft fair has everything.

"Today we have over 30 vendors, a variety of pillow covers to paintings on rocks. It's about getting people out as a community. We are offering holiday drinks, mocktails, mimosas, snacks and a lunch later on. It's an opportunity to show our upcoming events and a raffle to support the Elks. I just want everyone to have fun!" Wessig said.

Walking around the banquet hall, vendors were happy with the space they were given to sell their items and pleased with the locals and neighbors who showed their support for the Elks and their business.

Commenting about the process, Wessig said this.



MG Designz showed off her sport inspired snowmen, decorative plate sets and wooden trees to put anywhere around the house.

"Getting it all put together, it's a lot of emails and contacting people. Making sure we give the vendors what they need to be successful. I always say that if you have a great location, it's all right there for the business to be successful. We have a great space to use and get people together. I am so happy that it's been successful for these vendors. We are doing well, but this event is for them," Wessig said.

Carole Tardif, wife of Hughes "TD" Tardif, the Lecturing Knight and volunteer at the Elks Lodge discussed her involvement with the fair and praised Wessig for her dedication.

"Today I signed the vendors in and showed them where to set up. If the vendor donated an item for the raffle they got \$5 off their entry fee, which is pretty awesome. It was supposed to be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. but at 10 a.m., guests were already arriving and wanting to shop. It was a great thing to see and we gladly let them in. We always say if they come once and they like us, they'll come back. Denise and her helpers did a great job," Tardif said.



Bryson Busiere from Bryson's Maple Syrup LLC, located in Monson, presented a mouth-watering collection of regular, coffee infused, and cinnamon infused maple syrup, along with maple candy and holiday inspired gift baskets.

To those who made this craft fair possible, Tardi said this.

"We have Jack who helped set up the tables, he does it every week for Bingo Nights. Carol, Sandy and Therese who are doing the raffles. TD and John who will grill lunch and Nicole who is working at the bar today. When you have a special group of people that work together, that's what makes it successful, I couldn't do this without them," Wessig said.

Upcoming events at the Elks is the Veterans Dinner on Nov. 10 at Noon, Color Guard at 1 p.m. and a dinner to follow.

Veterans eat free, non-vets tickets are \$10 and veterans are encouraged to wear their military affiliations.

The Elks Lodge #1849 is located on 431 Granby Rd.

To learn more, visit the Chicopee Elks's Facebook page.

Jamilette Thornton, owner of JL Candle Company, displayed her impressive collection of candles, wax melts and a variety of home fragrances.



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## CHS prepping students for college and careers



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CHICOPEE - Melissa Strange, Chicopee High School College & Career Center Assistant, provides a visual for students of the do's and don'ts of professional dress at lunch time on Thursday, September 19, 2024. The experience is part of a series the center is offering throughout

the school year.

Students are welcomed to make an appointment in the College & Career Center to gain assistance with searching for jobs and internships, researching colleges, creating a resume and exploring careers and other opportunities

## 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 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.

## 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 Oct. 5 - Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. 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!

# Chicopee raises Italian flag for Italian Heritage Month

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members and local and state elected officials gathered outside city hall on Oct. 28 to celebrate Italian Heritage Month by raising the Italian flag.

Celebrated in October, Italian Heritage Month recognizes the contributions, achievements and culture of Italian Americans and Italian immigrants.

During the ceremony, Mayor John Vieau reflected on how many Italian Americans call the United States home and their contributions to the community.

"When you have Italian Americans who have settled in areas of the city, specifically here in Chicopee, they also bring a lot of amazing cuisine and art and culture and other things," Vieau said. "And today we want to celebrate that."

Vieau then read the proclamation.

"Whereas, Italian Americans have made significant and long-lasting contributions to the history, culture and progress of our nation, bringing with them rich traditions, a deep commitment to family and a passion for hard work," Vieau said. "And whereas, Italian Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the cultural heritage, achievements and enduring legacy of Italian Americans, whose influence touches every aspect of our society from arts and science to food and politics. And whereas, this month allows us to honor Italian values of community, creativity and dedication that continue to inspire new generations and enrich our lives."



Mayor John Vieau talks about Italian Americans and their contributions during the Italian Heritage Month Flag Raising ceremony in Chicopee on Oct. 28.

Vieau then said this.

"And now, therefore, as mayor of the city of Chicopee, I do hereby proclaim this month of October Italian Heritage Month and I encourage all citizens to join in celebrating the contributions and cultural heritage of Italian Americans and to recognize their impact on our shared storied history," Vieau said.

After, also, declaring Oct. 28 as Italian Heritage Day in the city, Vieau presented the mayor's proclamation to Carla Grace, who serves as clerk for the City Council.

Grace shared she was proud of her Italian heritage.

"I'm just proud to be an Italian American, coming from a background of the Avandos and the Rovellis who came over here, worked hard. They lived in the city of Chicopee," Grace said. "Some of them even worked in the mills back here.

So, with that being said, I'm very proud to have the background I did and the upbringing I did with them and learned a lot from them."

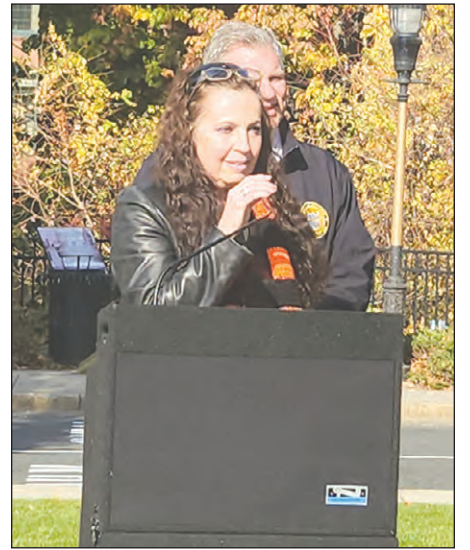
State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) praised the Italian community for their contributions "not only here in Chicopee, but across our nation."

"Our Italian community is the fifth largest group across our nation and, if nothing else, please take the time today and this month to learn a little bit more about the culture and their beliefs," Arriaga said. "As we all know, we're very proud of that diversity we have here in Chicopee and we are just very proud to have you here and raise this flag today."

Then, Frank Cerrone cranked the lever to raise the Italian flag, followed by attendees enjoying light refreshments inside city hall, including cannolis, the classic Italian dessert treat.



Mayor John Vieau presents the mayor's proclamation to Carla Grace.



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Carla Grace reflects on her Italian heritage.

## 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.

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. 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. 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!

Chess Club with Andy Morris-Friedman will be on Thursdays at 4 p.m., Nov. 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.

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. 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 AHM (Advocates for Home Education in MA) will be there. Library staff will provide a story and an activity.

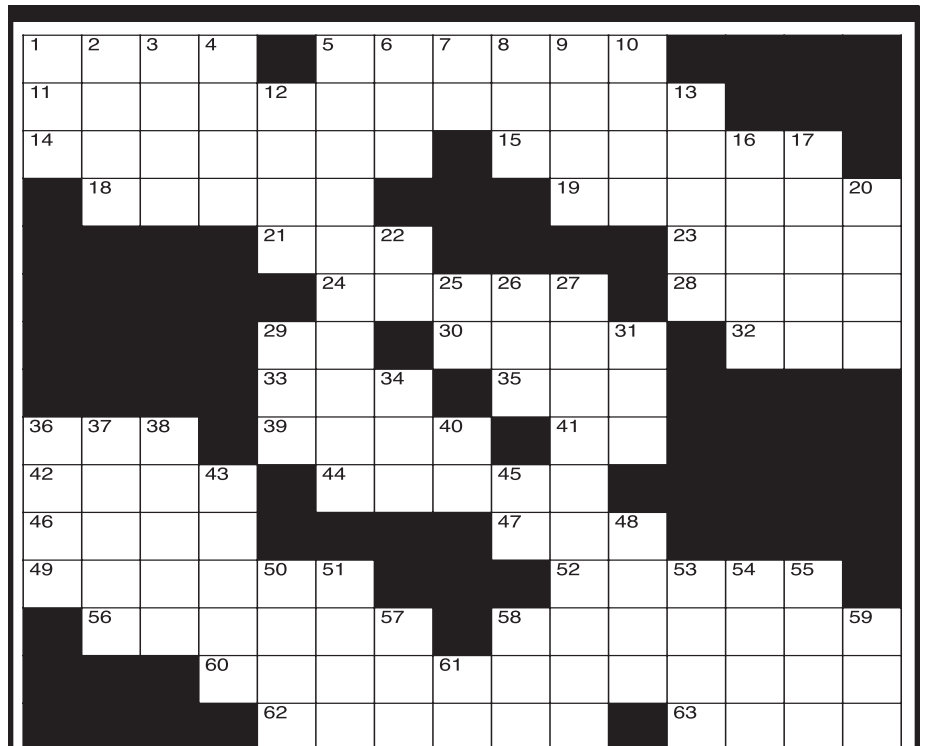
Read to a Dog on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. Meet Lina, a 2 year old chocolate lab trained as a pediatric therapy dog. She will be here to listen to kids practice reading. Therapy dogs are good listeners with calm energy and can help kids who struggle with reading aloud. For ages 5 and up. Space is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



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and

passports are two types

- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. \_\_\_ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly

- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang)
- 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating

- 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the \_\_\_ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

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## GUEST COLUMN



### Tulips and daffodils on vacation, oh my!

My spring flowering bulbs have traveled quite a distance to make it to me, and what a debacle in the process.

Usually, my order, placed in late July comes effortlessly around mid October. The east coast port strike may have only lasted three days, but it sent my bulbs that had come from the Netherlands first to New York, then to Mobile, Alabama, then to the Bahamas and finally, a week ago, to New Jersey, where they will be sent to me, hopefully.

I say this because it is time to get the tulips and daffodils I ordered in the ground, so they can do their thing before the calendar finally decides it is November and not September.

We learned how to plant garlic last week, and we plant spring bulbs each fall nearly the same way. Read on for a refresher course, and if you haven't gotten your bulbs in yet, there is no time like the present!

Let's consider these main points:

#### Timing

We do our best to plant our bulbs in early fall, so that they can take advantage of optimal temperatures for rooting. Strong roots will keep the bulbs in place, well-anchored during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter.

#### Location

Most bulbs thrive in full sun, in fertile, well-drained soil. It is important to avoid "wet feet" at all costs when planting bulbs. This means you should steer clear of low areas in your yard, or those that tend to pool water, such as under downspouts or roof overhangs.

#### Fertilization

I like to use a well-balanced granular organic fertilizer for my bulbs, mixing it into the soil at planting at the rate recommended on the bag. Bone meal was always the fertilizer of choice for bulbs, but this is no longer so.

It has been shown that in addition to phosphorus and potassium, bulbs require small amounts of nitrogen and trace minerals for optimal growth. These days advanced methods of cleaning bones by steaming have all but eliminated the nitrogen and trace minerals from bone meal.

In the spring, another fertilizer application can be made, and if you have an option, choose one with a higher nitrogen to support strong leaf growth. Daffodils are less dependent on fertilizer than tulips and hyacinth- the size of these flowers will diminish over time.

#### Spacing

Most folks will agree that drifts or clusters of bulbs are more stunning than one or two sprinkled here and there about the garden. Spring bulbs can come in all sizes, so the general rule is to plant them two times the width of the bulb apart from one another.

For example, if the bulb is three inches wide, plant it six inches apart from its neighbor.

#### Depth

The same rule applies for depth. Two times the height of the bulb is the ideal planting depth; you can even go a tad deeper.

This is especially true if you are hoping your tulip bulbs will return year after year. If your garden soil has been loosened up, planting lots of bulbs is easy.

I have described the fast, "jab and grab" method before, but here it is in a nutshell: Holding your trowel facing in, jab it into the soil and pull forward. If you have not achieved the desired depth, repeat the motion.

Grab the bulb and drop it into the hole,

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Greater Springfield Habitat needs your help; see how your time, talent, and treasure can make a difference

By Brandice J. O'Brien

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WEST SPRINGFIELD - Donations and fundraisers are an integral part to the vitality of Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH). Without a steady stream of income, projects and programs struggle, and the affiliate cannot help as many families in need of services. This holiday season, the nonprofit organization has several easy ways in which community members can participate and provide support.

Contrary to popular belief, Habitat is not a government-funded organization. Habitat does apply for and receives grants, as well as municipal funding, and donations from corporations. But, in the era since the COVID-19 pandemic and the steep rise in costs, it's just not enough. To remain productive, Greater Springfield Habitat is taking advantage of other opportunities.

"Donations are crucial to the success of Habitat, but giving doesn't have to be an 'all-or-nothing' frame of mind. Do what your bank account and peace of mind can afford. If that means a one-time donation of \$100, that's OK. If it includes small purchases from our wish lists or purchasing a Stop and Shop Give Back bag, that's alright as well," said Brandy O'Brien, GSHFH Marketing and Communications manager. "If someone wants and can afford to do more, that's fantastic, too."

Greater Springfield Habitat's Building Dreams Benefit is Thursday, Nov. 7, at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow. Doors open at 6pm. The event features entertainment, a cocktail reception with appetizers from local restaurants, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 each. All proceeds benefit GSHFH. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [habitatspringfield.org/building-dreams](http://habitatspringfield.org/building-dreams)

"Our fall benefit is always a great time to celebrate the work that we have completed and show members of the community how they can support future projects," said Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director.

A Pampered Chef "FUN"raiser is underway at [bit.ly/3APqHT2](http://bit.ly/3APqHT2). Open until Sunday, Dec. 15, Pampered Chef is a line of high-quality kitchen tools, including cookware and bakeware, small appliances, mixes, oils, seasonings, spices, and more. Ten percent to 15% of each order will be donated to Greater Springfield Habitat.

Beginning Nov. 1 through the end of the month, Stop and Shop at 1282 Springfield St in Feeding Hills will sell their reusable Community Bags with proceeds going to Greater Springfield Habitat. Each bag is \$2.50 and GSHFH will receive \$1 from every bag sold.

GSHFH also has registries or "wish lists"



A recent load of aluminum cans is packed into the Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity van and is ready to be dropped off at the recycling site.

at both Amazon.com and Walmart.com. The items listed are practical, everyday necessities that help the office and build sites run smoother. Items on the wish lists support ongoing and future projects. Among the items requested are a heavy-duty watering hose, paint roller frames with comfort grip handles, Sharpie permanent markers, light fixtures, and heavy-duty trash bags. To shop at Amazon, visit [a.co/85KjRjL](http://a.co/85KjRjL). To shop at Walmart, go to [bit.ly/4eJwcli](http://bit.ly/4eJwcli).

Please remember the best way to keep your support local is to give directly to your local Habitat affiliate. Donations can be mailed to our office, made online via the donation page on our website visit [habitatspringfield.org/donate](http://habitatspringfield.org/donate) or they can also be received via text message. Simply text "BUILD413" to 44-321 and follow the prompts.

Cars for Homes is a program managed by Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI). A large variety of vehicles from cars to snowmobiles are accepted. All that is needed is certificate of title and four tires. HFHI will take care of the rest and arrange for pick up. The vehicle, based on its condition, will be sold through a national network of fully-licensed, insured, and bonded auctions and direct buyers. Roughly half of vehicles are sold to licensed dealers at wholesale auctions and are reused for transportation. The remaining half are brought to auto salvage yards where the reusable parts, batteries, tires, and fluids are removed. Vehicles that can be recycled are crushed, shredded, and turned into steel. On a monthly basis, 78-86% of revenue from vehicles donated to Habitat through Cars for Homes support local Habitat affiliates, like GSHFH. Based on a donor's zip code or personal request, the donation is transferred to your local affiliate.

"The pickup was wonderful. Everyone was very patient and nobody objected to our 2008 Obama sticker," said Catherine Shap-

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# Chicopee hosts final cleanup for season

CHICOPEE – On the morning of Nov. 4, we held one of the final neighborhood clean-ups for the Clean City Initiative as winter approaches.

Our efforts focused on the Willimansett neighborhood, covering areas from Adams Street, Rivers Avenue, and Lucretia Avenue to Tourtelotte Avenue, Charbonneau Terrace, and Riverview Place Terrace. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, we made a remarkable impact.

We were fortunate to have students and teachers from Pope Francis Preparatory School join us through the United Way of Pioneer Valley volunteering program. Their enthusiasm and dedication made a real difference, alongside the invaluable support from The Home Depot The Home Depot Foundation. We also want to recognize Sgt. Blankenship and Officer Jusino from the Willimansett Chicopee Police Department C3 Unit for their commitment to keeping us safe with their detailing throughout the clean-up process. Our Facilities Director Dave Rice for assisting in the retrieval of the bags after the event ended. We have a great team here in Chicopee.

Our starting point was the parking lot of Our Father's House Ministry Church, and we are incredibly grateful for their generosity in allowing us to park there. By 9 a.m., we were ready



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to tackle the neighborhood, and by the end of the event at 11 a.m., over 25 bags were filled with trash, transforming the area.

We encourage everyone in our community to join the Clean City Initiative and care for your neighborhoods. Together, we can maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our city. Let's continue to build a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant community for all!



## DECK THE TREES from page 1

When asked about the Friends tree that was donated, Wilk shared the story behind it.

"Sue from the gift shop was part of decorating the Friends tree, as well as members of the Friends. Our theme for the tree was homemade ornaments," Wilk said. "We had people make and donate those, while also having gift cards on the tree too. The people are loving the trees at the RiverMills, I try to come in as much as I can. It's so cool seeing how many people are really into it."

The funds for the Deck the Trees fundraiser goes directly back to members of the senior center.

Wilk discussed the teamwork between departments on creating successful events.

"The Executive Director is Sherry Manyak and we usually sit down and come up with different events like the summer concerts and the dinners. We figure out the budget and talk to see what she needs to make these events happen. As the Friends, we are here to support her ideas and future events for the members of RiverMills. As the Friends President, we are only a faction of the RiverMills. I have always been a big proponent of having people do their jobs and we are here to support them. The people that are part of the senior center are incredible, it's because of them doing these events they become so successful," Wilk said.

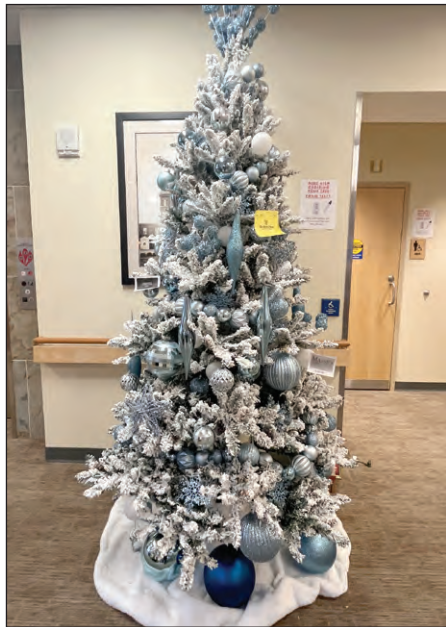
There is no limit to how many tickets guests can buy, so the community is encouraged to support local senior citizen programming by participating in the "Deck the Trees" fundraiser.

Visitors are encouraged to look at the trees during regular business hours too.

"The Christmas trees are up, come take a look. People will get a chance to see what we do at the senior center," Wilk said. "They will be able to see the number of rooms available for activities, like the exercise room, card room, where the seniors have lunch. If people see all the good work Sherry and her staff are doing and you are motivated to, we ask you to donate."

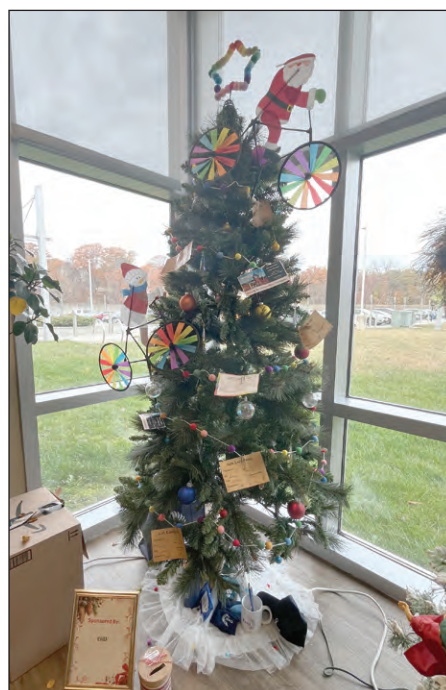
The Deck the Trees fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of RiverMills Senior Center, with this year being its 5th Annual event.

Trees were donated by Mayor John Vieau, the RiverMills COA Board, the Friends of RiverMills, the Center For Human Development, the Polish National



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This tree was donated by The Polish National Credit Union and had a snowy winter theme, with various blue ornaments



Donated by the CHD, this tree featured multiple gift cards and colorful decorations, part of the 5th Annual Deck the Trees Fundraiser to support the Friends of RiverMills Senior Center.

Credit Union and the RiverMills Gift Shop.

To learn more, check out the senior center newsletter.

## Chicopee Elks hosting Veterans Dinner

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.

## 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.

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## MONUMENT from page 1

while Ste. Rose de Lima Church remains open today.

The ceremony was officiated by Meder along with Jeanne Proulx Hebert, former assistant director of the French Heritage Center, with author Denis Ladue reading excerpts from his book “French Boy” and a monument blessing and prayer from Fr. Bill Tourigny, retired pastor at Ste. Rose de Lima Parish.

During the ceremony, Meder said she and Hebert—her sister—were thrilled to celebrate the occasion with the community, reflecting on the ancestors and history of Franco-Americans.

“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 where industrial boom was taking place. Hard-working, religious, skilled, determined. These are words often used to describe Franco-Americans,” Meder said.

Hebert shared how French Canadians have “a very rich history in Chicopee” and highlighted Edward Alden, who in the 1880s bought six hundred acres of land to develop a community bearing his name, Aldenville.

“He advertised in French and English to attract French-Canadian workers from Chicopee Falls and Chicopee Center. Alfie Realtors, Cecile’s (Gift) Boutique, Grise Funeral Home, Worzel’s Pharmacy, Leclerc Brothers, Paquette’s Garage,” Hebert said. “Yes, the vast array of contributions made



A shot of the Franco-American Monument unveiled in Aldenville Commons in Chicopee on Oct. 27.

by French-Canadians affected every aspect of their new homeland.”

Ladue, after greeting the audience in French, then read several excerpts from his book.

After closing remarks from Meder, Tourigny said he was honored to be there for the dedication.

“As you know, that part of that great immigration to the United States, Canadians brought their great French traditions and have founded so many Catholic Parishes within the counties of Massachusetts,” Tourigny said. “So, we’re very much aware of the great contributions that the Franco-Americans made here in Western Massachusetts and beyond.”

Following the prayer, and a blessing of the monument, the audience sang renditions of the Canadian National Anthem and the United States National Anthem.

Post-ceremony, Meder said the main thing was “honoring the legacy of French-Canadians being carried on through generations.”

“When I was growing up in the 1950s through the 70’s, French-Canadians were one of the largest ethnic groups in Chicopee. They changed the landscape of Chicopee, Holyoke, Western Mass and New England,” Meder said. “The Polish Center has their great center in Chicopee, the Irish have their center in West Springfield,



Marie Proulx Meder and Jeanne Proulx Hebert look as Fr. Bill Tourigny blesses the Franco-American Monument after its unveiling in Chicopee.

the Italians have their center in the South End of Springfield, so French-Canadians were the missing piece of the ethnic puzzle and now, they will be remembered for all their contributions.”

On choosing Aldenville for the monument’s location, Meder explained it was a “Little Canada” and due to Alden.

“He brought in the French workers from the mills of Holyoke and Chicopee. They all settled in this particular community. Everything was French, all of the businesses—some are still here—we thought it would be a fitting location to have this monument,” Meder said.

Meder shared she was “in a state of ecstasy” now that the monument was unveiled, along

with gratitude for the community coming out for the unveiling.

“I’m so thrilled that this has been completed. It’s something I’ve had in mind since I started the French Heritage Center in 2010, so it’s been a long time,” Meder said. “That this has been a dream to have a monument dedicated to French-Canadians for all their contributions and everything they did for the city and throughout New England, So, I’m just overwhelmed and thrilled that this has been completed and now, we have the monument in remembrance.”

Meder’s message to the community was this.

“We’re always going to be proud to say ‘I’m French-Canadian!’” Meder said.

## HAVEN TEEN CENTER from page 1

a new chapter in the history of this organization.”

“We have been serving the young people of Chicopee since 1912. That is over 112 years of ensuring great futures begins here,” Reed said. “Now, for the first time, our teen members will have the dedicated space they so deserve. A space designed by them and for them. A space to learn and grow and a space that is a true haven.”

Vieau, an alum of the club, reflected on the club’s history and growth in the Willimansett area, expressing excitement for the grand opening.

“It’s all about making sure that these kids have such a great experience in Chicopee that when they become adults, they go out to college or that trade or that ability or that natural skill they have, they choose Chicopee for their permanent home,” Vieau said. “We want to retain the talent of the people who live here and places like this teen center are really going to make a difference and I’m excited about the opportunities and the doors that we’re opening in Chicopee.”

Velis stressed how “something really, really special happens within the four walls of any single club.”

“No human being in the history of human beings has ever left worse than they were when they got there,” Velis said. “Good things happen here.”

Gray, a club kid in Richmond, Virginia 40 years ago, shared how the club “helped me find my voice.”

“I think about those mentors and those board members that really poured me into me, and I know that they would be proud. I know that you all would be proud of each and every one of the young people that walk through the doors of this Boys & Girls Club, the haven,” Gray said. “That is the best name ever because when you think about the haven, it coincides with safety, right? And that’s what a club was for me growing up and I believe that’s the same impact it’s going to have for all those young people in the back right there.”

Vogel shared that when Reed first presented the idea to the Board of Directors two years ago, they were “quick to agree that the project was a necessary one.”



Jason Reed, executive director for the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, provides opening remarks.

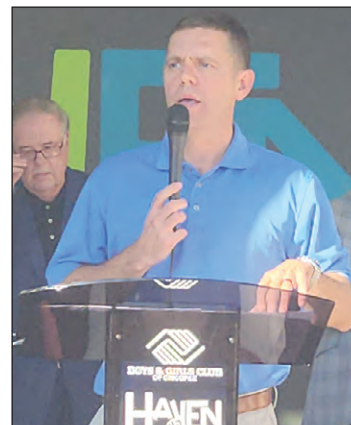
“Over the last few years, he’s done no less than take on a second full-time job overseeing the facility’s improvements on the campus, all of which you see this afternoon,” Vogel said. “The parking lot which you pulled into today, the basketball court that’s already been spoken about and then, of course, the teen center construction and all of the other work that’s been required to make these projects happen, so, again, thank you. The board appreciates your continued dedication and congratulations on making it to this day.”

For the teen center members, he said this.

“This space is for you, okay? We hope that you enjoy it because you guys deserve it,” Vogel said.

Vann advised teens to stay focused on the pathway journey at the teen center and remember they have every opportunity at their disposal.

“The Haven is here to help you and you are here to help other members as well. Someday your



State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield) reflects on the impact of local Boys & Girls Clubs.

own brothers, sisters, friends might need and want to be part of your haven. You must keep the pathway open for them as well,” Vann said.

After the ribbon was cut, Reed was feeling many emotions.

“It’s been a long process, kind of from conceptual through design through construction to today,” Reed said. “But, being able to welcome our teens into the building for the first time today for the first day of official programming here, it’s a great feeling. Just overcome with emotion.”

Reed said over \$1 million was raised so far to support the project, noting how each space in the teen center was dedicated to someone who lent their support.

He added how the “really hard work” now begins in offer programming and supporting the teens.

“The community has been so supportive. Businesses, individuals. It’s great to see,” Reed said.

Reed also looks forward to



Kevin Vann, chair of the Haven Teen Center Campaign Committee, talks about the campaign that brought Haven Teen Center to its grand opening day.

seeing everyone at the 13th Annual Black Tie and Sneaker Gala on Nov. 8.

“It’s a party that people really look forward to because they get to dress up, but they get to wear sneakers. We do the sneakers as a nod to the fact that we are a Boys & Girls Club and we should kind of remember that kid inside of us,” Reed said.

Reed’s message to the community was this.

“I think the biggest thing is if you haven’t gotten involved, get involved in your community. Whether it’s us at the Boys & Girls Club or any of the other organizations in our community, find a way to get involved, find a way to give back,” Reed said. “Something else that we’re trying to teach our teens is to be part of the community and appreciate what we have and find ways to be involved. So, hopefully, everybody has the opportunity, at some point, to get involved and give back a little bit to the community.”

# Sports

## Pacers make WMass finals

CHICOPEE – Last week, Chicopee High School boys soccer advanced to the Western Mass. finals, staying undefeated in 2024 with wins against Frontier Regional and Pittsfield in the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Western Mass. Class B Tournament. Unfortunately, the Pacers would suffer their first defeat in the tournament finals against Pope Francis. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week’s edition. The Pacers have moved into the Division 3 State Tournament, facing Newburyport in the Round of 32 earlier this week.



Jason Brown tries to clear the ball away.



Jason Gregoire goes for a header.

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Yousif Hamid cuts off his opponent.



Dominic Garcia hustles up the field for Chicopee.



Zachariah Yarovoy looks to punt the ball away.

## Colts season ends in state tournament



Derek Lonczak hustles up the field.



Gabriel Montes tries to get around an opponent.

CHICOPEE – After splitting a pair of nonplayoff games during the final week of the season, Chicopee Comprehensive opened up the state tournament in a preliminary round effort against Melrose High School. The Colts fought hard, but were defeated 2-1, ending their season. The Colts season ends at 8-9-2.

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Dillon Harris makes a stop



Nicholas Byrnes turns to go after the loose ball.



Aiden Devlin follows a pass.



Tyler Lavigne heads up the field.

## Paces fall to Tigers

SOUTH HADLEY – Last Friday night, Chicopee High School had a disappointing end to the regular season with a 47-20 loss at South Hadley High School.

After a very promising start to the season, Chicopee would lose its last four games, finishing the first part of the season at a disappointing 4-4. Also tough for Chicopee was its Suburban North schedule, where it went 1-4 after winning three independent games to start the season. Chicopee is scheduled to be in nonplayoff action, facing Smith Vocational on Thursday night.

The Pacers will have a nonplayoff game in Week 10 followed by its Thanksgiving game on Thursday, Nov. 28 against Chicopee Comprehensive.

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# T-Birds fall to Phantoms at home

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-7-0-0) and the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (3-3-1-1) combined for 88 penalty minutes on Saturday night inside the Mass-Mutual Center. After the dust settled, the Phantoms came away with a 5-2 victory.

Before the opening draw even happened, there were indications of fireworks as Springfield bruiser Sam Bitten and Lehigh Valley captain Garrett Wilson exchanged pleasantries, leading both players to be separated by the officials. Still, the two enforcers' inevitable showdown occurred just 21 seconds into gameplay, as the two combatants traded fists in the neutral zone and elevated the noise level of both the benches and the crowd.

Two subsequent scraps followed the Bitten/Wilson tangle as Hunter Skinner squared off with rookie Hunter McDonald, and Marcus Sylvegard got his chance to drop his gloves for his first AHL fight against J.R. Avon. All three concurrent sets of fighting majors happened in the first 7:49 of the period.

All the while, both teams had numerous chances to crack a score-

less draw, but the starting goaltenders were calm in the eye of the chaos around them. Colten Ellis made 16 first-period saves in the Springfield net, while Eetu Maki-niemi denied 10 Springfield offerings in the opening 20 minutes.

Both teams left power play chances on the table in the opening half of the period, but in the dying minutes, Lehigh Valley earned a 5-on-3 on two straight high-stick minors to Springfield. Jacob Gaucher finally opened the scoring with just 48 seconds left in the frame, jabbing a rebound between Ellis's legs just outside the goal crease.

Gaucher added to his total just 38 seconds into the middle period. Moments after the T-Birds killed off a power play, the puck took a fortuitous kick to Gaucher's stick in the slot, and he chopped a backhander past Ellis to give the Phantoms a 2-0 advantage.

2:59 later, the Lehigh Valley power play continued its early-season surge as Samu Tuomaala wristed one through traffic on the left side and past Ellis to make it a 3-0 lead for the visitors.

Springfield's power play en-

tered the night with just two power-play goals over its first nine games, but the man advantage found its groove late in the second as Drew Callin cleaned up a rebound from Nikita Alexandrov in the blue paint to make it a 3-1 game with 5:04 left in the frame.

Unfortunately, the momentum did not carry into the third. Gaucher completed his hat trick just 6:33 into the final period, scooping up a centering pass after a misplay behind the Springfield net and making it 4-1.

Dalibor Dvorsky continued his torrid run with a goal in his third straight game, picking up Springfield's second power-play goal at 8:14 of the third period, cutting the lead to 4-2.

That would be as close as the T-Birds would come, and Anthony Richard capped the scoring with a breakaway goal at 12:56 to round out the scoring.

The T-Birds complete their homestand on Wednesday morning for the annual School Day Game against the Bridgeport Islanders. Puck drop is set for 10:35 a.m. for the second meeting between the rivals.

# Owls win conference title

WESTFIELD – Westfield State women's cross country ran to a dominating win at the 2024 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday at the Doyle Conservation Center in Leominster, Mass.

Westfield placed eight runners in the meet's top 10, finishing with 20 points, 42 points better than runner up Bridgewater State.

The Owls individual performances were highlighted by a runner up placing from Tealei Chandonnet (Dracut, Mass./Greater Lowell Tech) in a time of 18:56.16, and conference rookie of the year honors for Sophia Rebenciuc (Southwick, Mass./Bedford), who placed sixth overall in 19:27.51.

"Our goal was to get nine

runners in the top 10, and we just missed it," said Owls head coach Marlee Berg-Haryasz, who was named the league's women's cross country coach of the year. "We got 20 points as a team, which is the 2nd best team score in MASCAC history. We set that as a goal, as we knew we came into the meet favored, so it gave us something to work for, and the women 'packed up' and really stepped up for a memorable day. We had a bunch of times that were personal bests or very close to them."

While Bridgewater's Naomi Cass won the individual title, Westfield runners ran 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-10 among their scoring seven runners.

Julianne Kelly (Natick, Mass.) was third in 19:05, Shea Hamel

(Longmeadow, Mass.) fourth in 19:20. Molly Kennedy (West Springfield, Mass.) placed fifth in 19:23, Reese Stevens (Agawam, Mass.) seventh in 19:34, and Brynn LeCours (Haverhill, Mass.) eighth in 19:39. Eliza Lee (Walpole, Mass.) placed 10th in 20:06. The top 10 runners in the race will earn all-conference honors when formally announced by the league later this week.

For the Owls, the conference title is their fourth in a row, and 26th overall in the league's 39 championship meets since the meet was first held in 1985.

Westfield will be idle next weekend before competing at the NCAA Regional meet in Connecticut on Nov. 16.

# Fall Wood Walk!

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## GARDEN from page 4

pushing the soil back over as you do so.

### Care during bloom time

I always deadhead the spent flowers on my bulbs. The theory behind deadheading is that you remove the flower as it withers, before the plant wastes energy forming a seed.

That way energy is redirected to the bulb, and to forming next year's flowers. In college we were taught to do it, for the above rationale as well as to keep the plant looking tidy.

Most folks simply remove the entire stem at ground level. One part about this process always bothered me though, why don't we just pop off the spent flower parts and leave the stem – it is very leaf-like in appearance and will do a fair job of photosynthesizing and adding to the plant's energy reserves.

### Care during post bloom

Unfortunately, foliage should remain in place until it is completely yellow and withered. It seems to take a long time to get to that point, especially for daffodils, and we can get impatient in the process.

There is good reason for leaving it there – it is making energy for flowers next year. The best way around the inevitable ugliness is to camouflage them with other plants.

Try interplanting daffodil bulbs such as alongside daylilies or other leafy plants. Once the foliage yellows it is safe to remove it – a gentle tug is all that is necessary to release the leaves.

I will certainly have my hands full when the shipment of bulbs arrives, but the beautiful gardens around Old Sturbridge Village come springtime will be well-worth the effort!

*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.*

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY from page 4

leigh, who with her husband Alexander, donated their 1996 navy blue Volvo 850 sedan. "It was just great. We were very happy to make the donation."

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**Docket No. HD24P2282EA**  
Estate of:  
**Olimpia Daniele**  
**Date of Death: 08/21/2024**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Anne Molinari of East Longmeadow, 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: **Anne Molinari of East Longmeadow, 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 12/10/2024. 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)**

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

Date: November 06, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
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. HD24P2263EA**  
Estate of:  
**Gerard Alfred George**  
Also known as:  
**Gerard A George,  
Gerard George**  
**Date of Death: 06/10/2024**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Nancy A George 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: **Nancy A George of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s)

of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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

Date: October 28, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
11/08/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2116GD**

In the matter of:  
**Andrew Harris**  
Of: **Chicopee, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Baystate Medical Center of Springfield, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Andrew Harris** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Nancy Kirilenko of Chicopee, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/22/2024.**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: October 25, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
11/08/2024

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

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Ronald Hill  
48 George St.  
West Springfield, MA 01089

2010 Audi A5 Premium Plus  
Vin :  
WAUCKAFR0AA018686

Aman Chaudhry  
11 Overlook Dr.  
Warren, NJ 07059

2007 Subaru Outback  
VIN: 4S4BP61C176319930  
Margaret Jean Maclay  
137 N Main St., Apt. 1  
Florence, MA 01062  
11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2024

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

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Holyoke, Ma 01040

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VIN:  
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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**

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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  
(413)748-7758**  
**Docket No. HD24P2277EA**  
Estate of:

**Dian Ossolinski**  
**Date of Death: 07/28/2024**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **David Skiba of Enfield, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **David Skiba of Enfield, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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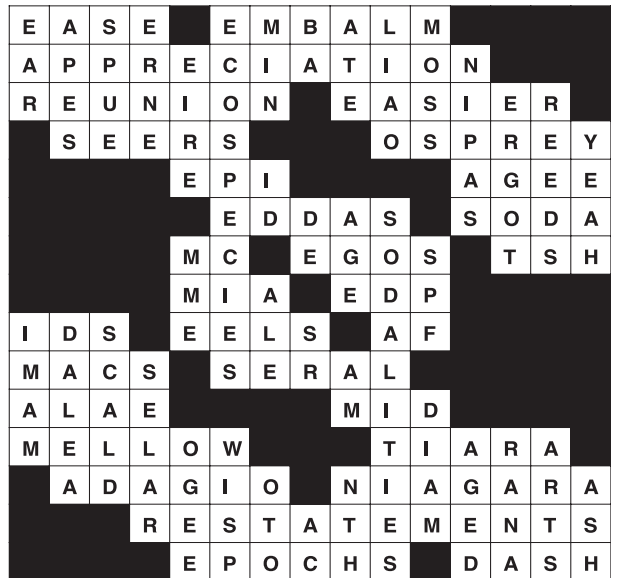
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 30, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
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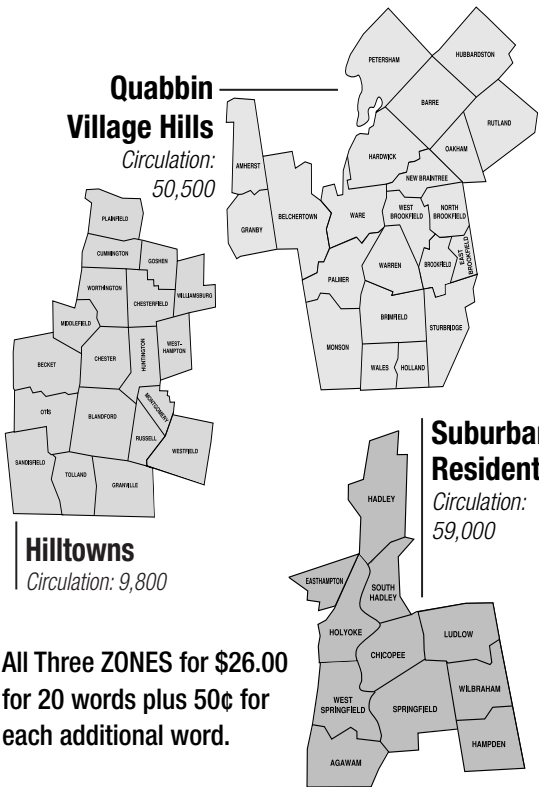
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## Phil Beaulieu & Sons Home Improvement announces Veterans Project: Home Renovations for Heroes winners

CHICOPEE - Phil Beaulieu & Sons Home Improvement (PBHI), a family-owned business based in Chicopee, MA, is proud to announce the winners of its annual Veterans Project: Home Renovations for Heroes, which provides essential home renovations to local veterans at no cost. This year, Thomas Muncy of West Springfield and Adam Cutter of Chicopee have been selected as the recipients of critical home repairs.

The Veterans Project is an initiative created by PBHI, a business with over 50 years of history serving the Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut areas. Fully self-funded, the project provides up to \$10,000 worth of home improvements, ensuring that veterans receive the support they need to improve their homes and their quality of life. The Beaulieu family is deeply committed to giving back to the community, and this project is a testament to their values.

Thomas Muncy, a Navy veteran who served during Desert Storm, was nominated by his mother-in-law, Barbara. Tom and his family live in an aging home in West Springfield that requires new windows, doors, and repairs to the handicap ramp.

"Tom is a dedicated family man and a hard worker," Barbara wrote. "This renovation will make a real difference for him and his family, giving them the comfort and safety they deserve."

Adam Cutter, an 80% disabled Marine Corps veteran, was nominated by his mother, Jeannette Lawrence. Adam recently purchased his first home in Chicopee, but the home needed significant trim repairs. PBHI has since been able to make these repairs for him and his 3 year

old autistic son.

"Adam has always been committed to giving back, both as a veteran and now as a licensed social worker helping other veterans with mental health challenges," Jeannette shared. "This project will provide him the security and comfort his family needs."

Al and Fran Beaulieu, brothers and co-owners of PBHI, emphasized the importance of the Veterans Project:

"We created the Veterans Project to give back to the people who have given so much for our country. It's our way of honoring their service by making sure they and their families are safe and comfortable in their homes."

The renovations for Thomas will take place on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024, and will include replacing multiple doors to ensure safety and comfort for his family.

PBHI is also now accepting applications for its 2025 Veterans Project, with an application deadline of July 31, 2025. Veterans and their families are encouraged to apply through the project's website on the Veterans Project Page, [beaulieuhomeimprovement.com/veterans-project/](http://beaulieuhomeimprovement.com/veterans-project/). The winner will receive up to \$10,000 in home improvement products and services, with all work carried out by PBHI's skilled craftsmen.

For more information about the Veterans Project and to follow the progress of the renovations, please contact the PBHI Customer Service Team, at:

Phone: (413) 592-1498  
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Website:  
[www.beaulieuhomeimprovement.com](http://www.beaulieuhomeimprovement.com)

## 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](http://www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1) or email us at [harmonyhousewma@gmail.com](mailto:harmonyhousewma@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Diabetes Management Series

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Council on Aging will offer the series "Diabetes Management" Wednesday, Nov. 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

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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](http://www.huntingtonma.us) or by emailing [WaterandSewer@huntingtonma.us](mailto:WaterandSewer@huntingtonma.us). Position is open until filled.

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#### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.worthington-ma.us)

Please send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to:

[selectboard@worthington-ma.us](mailto: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:

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

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

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# CFD celebrates completed capital improvement projects at Station Five

By Kristin Rivers  
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CHICOPEE - The fire department celebrated the completion of two capital improvement projects at Station Five on Oct. 23.

The long-awaited capital improvement projects include a new fire truck and infrastructure improvements for the station's parking lot and a new state-of-the-art tank.

In remarks to members of the fire department and city officials, Mayor John Vieau stressed the importance of supporting public safety and the fire department's needs.

"As mayor, I think that public safety is paramount to the success of Chicopee and we will continue to invest in it," Vieau said. "Making sure that when people call people, someone comes. When they're at their worst, they're always at our best and I'm really thankful for the professionalism of the fire department and all of you for what you do."

Vieau expressed excitement for the fire department--and Station Five--having the tools that they need.

"I'm excited that you have the tools you need not only to protect yourselves, but to protect this community and I think we're doing a pretty good job," Vieau said.

Chief Dan Stamborski explained the projects were started two and a half years ago when the capital improvement requests were submitted to the City Council, with the council approving them both.

"It started out with removing the underground storage tank first, followed by replacing (it) with an above-ground



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A group photo of members of the Chicopee Fire Department, City Councilors and Mayor John Vieau in front of the new Engine Five fire truck at Station Five on Oct. 23. The parking lot was also paved as part of the capital improvement projects.

storage fueling facility," Stamborski said. "From there, the city's Engineering Department did all of the design work for us and that went through the same city process any business would have to go through, have to go through all the stages of approval."

From there, Stamborski said it went out to bid and got a contract to replace the sidewalks, the drainage and complete paving.

The new fire truck, Engine Five, meanwhile was a separate capital improvement project.

"That replaced an older truck that had a lot of frame rot, they call it rust jacking. The truck from the outside looked pretty decent but it needed to be replaced. It

wasn't safe anymore," Stamborski said. "We're very happy and appreciate the City Council's support on every project we try to do."

Stamborski shared there are a couple of ways the improvements will help enhance responding to emergencies in Chicopee.

"Number one, it's just the safety--believe it or not--just getting in and out of your vehicles on the daily, right? You don't want a big pothole someone can trip and fall and get hurt. From time to time, we did some improvements on this because of the weight of trucks. In the past, they did a quick repair and didn't go right down deep and really beef this all up as you can see now. We've been driving on it for weeks and there's no problems," Stamborski said. "As far as the fuel, it's right here on-site. They can fuel up quickly. They're not wasting fuel going to another facility to fill up, and then with the brand-new truck, there are a whole lot of

new safety features with it."

On the support from the City Council, the Engineering Department and the city, Stamborski said, "It makes my job a lot easier."

"Ever since I've been in here--a little over five years--the mayor and the council have backed up all of our proposals. They're not going to back up frivolous projects, but do the homework and express the need to them for what you need for the city, for our vehicles and facilities. They jump right on board with it," Stamborski said. "Obviously do their due diligence, ask a few questions, but they approve the necessary things that we ask for."

Stamborski thanked the community for their support of the fire department, sharing this message.

"We appreciate their support. Their tax dollars pay for all of these things and we appreciate it and we try and do our research and just get the best value for our dollar," Stamborski said.



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A wide shot of the Engine Five fire truck.

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