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United States Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA 1st District) addresses the crowd by speaking about the importance of honoring Veterans Day, with State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) and Mayor John Vieau.

City salutes local heros on Veterans Day

By Amanda Munson Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The city held services throughout the early morning to afternoon to honor veterans on Nov.11, with activities including a memorial service at St. Stanislaus Basilica, a wreath laying service at Veterans Memorial Plaza and a luncheon ceremony at the Knights of Columbus.

Guests at the memorial service were given red flowers, symbolizing the sacrifice of soldiers and remembering those who served, and then immediately after walked next door to Veterans Memorial Plaza to listen to speeches from Director of Veterans Services for Chicopee Stephanie Shaw, United States Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA 1st District) and State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee).

At the Veterans Memorial Plaza, many people were in atten-

dance to view the ceremony and come together as a community, with many saying they come every year. Beginning with opening remarks was Shaw, who then introduced Neal to address the

"I always try to come to this event, largely because I know the role of military service patriotism plays in Chicopee. Veterans Day is special for many reasons, not least in which the sacrifice that you witness sitting over here to my right and left. It's a unique holiday, we honor the veterans day individuals on what they did on a certain occasion. America is the greatest country in the world in large measure of your sacrifice and service, thank you from the United States of America," Neal

Shaw then introduced Arriaga to say a few words.

"Good morning and thank you all for allowing me to enjoy

and celebrate Veterans Day with you all. To my Veterans, thank you for your service to our nation. It is not easy serving and for that we will always be indebted to you. I want to share a few remarks from the House of Legislation in regards to what we are doing currently at the state level," Arriaga said. "We have great relationships within the government and the PACT Act, which is very helpful for our residents who may be struggling with VA issues. At the state level, we signed the HERO Act (Honoring, Empowering, Recognizing our service members and veterans) that will help create more funding for veterans and their loved ones. We thank you for your selflessness, your dedication and love for our country."

Shaw began the wreath laying ceremony by 1st Sgt. Kevin A. Dupont Middle School by re-

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COMMUNITY

Community supports Rotary Club at 'Dinner & a Show!'



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Michael Wilk, president of the Friends of RiverMills Senior Center, was brought up on stage to sing "Shallow" with Nicole Fuller as Lady Gaga during the "Dinner and a Show!" event at the Castle of Knights on Nov. 1.

By Kristin Rivers

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CHICOPEE - The community gathered at the Castle of Knights on Nov. 1 for the Second Annual "Dinner & a Show!"

The event supported the Rotary Club of Chicopee and featured Ashley Kohl as host, with performances by Robert Black as Elvis, Amanda Meli as Dolly Parton, Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond, Nicole Fuller as Lady Gaga, Lisa Carter as Cher and Rick Larrimore as Rod Stewart.

Dinner music was provided by Joe Pereira and Atoa Ripley. The event raised over

Rotary Club Co-President John Arthur encouraged attendees to consider becoming members of the club, as they meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. at the View Street Tavern.

Arthur also thanked everyone for their support.

"We'd love to see new members. We'd love to get involved in the community. The monies we end up here--net profit--are going right back to the community," Arthur said.

For Meli, who has performed as Parton for five years, it's all about smiles, laughs and "heart feels," adding how she feels valued and gives value when she performs at shows that give back.

"I have watched people tear up in front of me holding our hands. It's about bringing spirit back to life and, like, lighting of hearts. I've done a lot

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COMMUNITY

City Council appropriates \$100,000 to HR Expenses Account

Director also approved

By Kristin Rivers

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved on Nov. 7 to appropriate \$100,000 to the Human Resources Expenses Account for Special Services.

The funding will come from available funds in the following HR Salary Accounts: \$64,115.72 for the Chief HR Officer/Director and \$35,884.28 for the Senior Generalist.

Chief of Staff Michael Pise--speaking on behalf of Mayor John Vieau at this meeting-read a statement from the mayor about the order.

'We are asking for \$100,000 in anticipation of engaging a consultant to not only assess the department, but provide support to the mayor as he runs the

\$73,000 for Economic Dev. department while seeking new leadership for that department,' Pise read. "Obviously, this will take some time and we are asking for this conservative sum so we can be in good position to negotiate a contract and anticipate what the cost of those services might be over the next few months. We'll be issuing an RFP that will explore possible fee structures for the consultant responding with proposals in order to ensure that we are able to engage a vendor as soon as possible."

The statement from Vieau added how "it is of the utmost importance to identify available funds."

"It may turn out to be more or less once we get responses, but the \$100,000 is not necessarily for all the upfront fees and cost..." Pise read.

The request, Pise read on, comes after the termination of the Chief Human Resources Officer after two investigations conduct-



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The City Council approved appropriations for a vacant position and a new position for the city on Nov. 7.

ed by retired judge Mary-Lou Rup, who is now senior counsel for the Buckley Richardson and Gelinas law firm.

The CHRO was Stephen Za-

jchowski, who was hired by the city in July 2023.

"After the first investigation, a corrective action plan was prepared for the CHRO. However, within a matter of a few weeks, other serious issues developed which created a second investigation," Pise read. "The findings and recommendation of the second investigation necessitated a change in leadership. I can't go into any further details due to the fact that they are personnel issues."

After Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner asked if the council "would be able to be briefed in an executive session as to the specifics of this," Pise replied he was not sure.

"Because I believe, the individual would have to be present in the executive session under Open Meeting Law rules," Pise said. "So, I don't know if he would attend or I don't know how that would be accomplished."

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello sought clarifica-

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CFD presents 'Keep Warm, Keep Safe' event at RiverMills

By Amanda Munson Correspondent

CHICOPEE - "We are here because we care about our community and want to be there for them before and after an emergency." The Fire Safety presentation at the senior center presented simple steps to take to keep warm and safe during this heating season on Nov. 4.

From the CFD was Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh, who went over a variety of fire safety tips as Chicopee approaches the winter months.

In the classroom, senior center members were able to sit down and take notes, ask fire related questions, and Kalbaugh was able to suggest services that the CFD offers all year round. When asked why have a presentation for the older adult population, Kalbaugh says it's an important reminder for everyone.

'Today's class was about safe heating and always making sure you have working smoke alarms. That was the purpose of this event. Heating season usually runs from mid to end of October and runs to March. We tend to see heating fires peak in January and February, so we want to get ahead of it, have everyone get their equipment serviced, and have efficient safe equipment running in their home,' Collins-Kalbaugh said. "If they ever have an emergency, ideally we will help them get them good working smoke alarms ahead of time so that if there is an emergency, they will be able to leave.

At the event, Kalbaugh had handouts for carbon monoxide safety, safety etiquette when using fireplaces and solid fuel stoves and space heater tips to avoid a potential fire. A heating fire is caused by central heating units, fixed or portable local



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Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh from the Chicopee Fire Department presented a Fire Safety presentation at the RiverMills Senior Center on Nov. 4.

heating units, fireplaces, heating stoves, chimneys and water heaters.

For any emergency, especially a fire emergency, Kalbaugh heavily stressed the need for a home escape plan.

"Practice that plan and what to do during an emergency. Make sure you have your phone in your pocket, if you use a walker to put all your necessities in the walker, if individuals have medical alert bracelets use that as well. We want to teach people prevention to keep them safe, that's the bottom line. If we prevent an emergency, everyone is safe," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

When asked about presentations CFD has conducted in the past at the senior center, Kalbaugh said this.

"Cooking safety is a big one, we know that unattended cooking can be the leading cause of fires in the home. So we've done a lot of presentations on standing by your pan, never leaving your cooking unattended, and if you ever have a fire in a pan, put a lid on it. We have worked hard getting that message out in the community. We've done a fall prevention and fire prevention program in the past here too," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

CFD has also partnered

with the Hampden County Sheriff's Department and the Triad, with Chicopee participating in the Sand for Seniors program.

"We will be picking up buckets of sand and delivering them to older adults who've requested them. The objective is to have them sprinkle them over the driveway to prevent falls during the winter. It's a simple measure to make sure older adults are safer at home," Collins-Kalbaugh said.

The fire department also installs free smoke alarms, free carbon monoxide alarms, lock boxes, sand for seniors and much more to ensure the safety of the community.

To learn more, contact the fire department at 413-594-1600.

To ensure safety requirements are being met, from space heaters to smoke detectors, make sure they are labeled with (UL) Underwriter's Laboratories or (ETL) Intertek. The label means the product has been certified to meet scientific safety, quality or security standards.

For more safety information, go to mass.gov/keepwarm-keepsafe.



With the colder months approaching, the Chicopee Fire Department presented simple and easy steps to ensure residents are warm and safe during the heating season.



CPD takes part in Toy Run



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CHICOPEE – The police department took part in the Toy Run for Brightside on Nov. 3. The department shared this message on their Facebook page: "It was a beautiful day for a ride today. Thank you to our Motor Unit for assisting with the Toy Run for Brightside. Once again it was a great turnout to support such a wonderful cause."

City Council approves Cabotville Mill special permit application withdrawal

Decision comes after Oct. 30 Zoning Committee meeting

> **By Kristin Rivers** krivers@turley.com

CHICOPEE - City Council approved the withdrawal of a special permit application for Cabotville Mill on Nov. 7.

The decision comes after the Oct. 30 Zoning Committee meeting.

The report concerned a special permit application for the purpose of a mixed-use development including up to 600 new, residential units and up to 400,000 square feet of commercial space within the former Cabotville Mill Complex on Front Street.

It's under the city's Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District, which means mixed-use of residential and commercial for a property.

The motion called for a withdrawal of the application without prejudice and accepting the favorable Zoning Committee report. The application being withdrawn means it can be resubmitted at any

The mill was condemned in 2022 after building and fire inspectors determined multiple code violations, deeming the building unsafe. After, many small business owners who had rented space in the mill were ordered to vacate.

The mill, in the past, had been considered for high-end condominiums and or up to 600 apartments, ways to help redevelop Chicopee Center.

Earlier this year, on Aug. 6, the City Council approved two appropriations for \$45,000 and \$90,000, respectively, to the **Building Special Account for Emergency** Demolition/Emergency Security.

The first appropriation was this as Mayor John Vieau explained at the time.

'There is a prospective new buyer, but the current owner has not been keeping up with the security expense and the city has incurred that expense," Vieau said. "We've had numerous meetings with the fire department, the Building Commission and our attorneys, and we feel is in the best interest of our city to protect that asset with the continuing of the security that was ordered by the courts."

Vieau added at the time the city was, also, going to try to lien the property to recoup the funds.

The second appropriation was a consideration looking at the long-term, which included bordering up the entire first floor of the 770,000 square foot building "if this is going to be a longterm commitment on behalf of the city and the taxpayers."

"We've been monitoring it very closely. It's something that's out of our hands, but what is something we have to maintain is the security," Vieau said.

During the Oct. 30 Zoning Committee meeting, Ward 4 Councilor George Balakier read a letter submitted by Mark Junger, the prospective buyer and applicant who is president of Bridgewater Capital Partners LLC and a real estate entrepreneur.

Junger had bid at auction in the spring to buy the mill from Aaron Papowitz, the current owner under the 4 Perkins LLC, a subsidiary of Silverbrick Group

The sale has not been finalized as of

The letter, which Balakier read to the committee, explained how it was brought to the applicant's attention by the ODRC Committee "that the documents submitted were not complete" and how "a full review of the project cannot be conducted

"We apologize for this inconvenience. We're working to remedy the situation. Unfortunately, we'll not be able to do so prior to the October 30, 2024, City Council meeting," Balakier read. "As a result, we are requesting a withdrawal of our special permit petition without prejudice. The application will be submitted again in the future when all required information is assembled."

The Zoning Committee unanimously approved that evening to accept the withdrawal request.

Fast forward to the Nov. 7 City Council meeting, Balakier explained the letter and decision to the council members.

"So, they did the right thing in that they withdrew because, otherwise, they would have to wait two years before they could have gone and submitted another application. So, our recommendation is that the motion to withdraw without prejudice by the applicant be the acceptable thing to do tonight," Balakier said.

The motion to accept the withdrawal without prejudice and approve the favorable Zoning Committee report passed 12 yes, one abstention.

The one abstention was due to medical reasons.

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.

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 move-

Storytime will be held in the children>s program room on Wednesdays, Nov. 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.

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

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.

Art Show and Sale at the Chicopee Library

CHICOPEE - The "Artists at the Crossroads" would like to invite you to view and enjoy their artwork that is hanging in the gallery downstairs at the Chicopee Public Library on Front Street

in Chicopee. The show will hang for the month of November during library

Most pieces are for sale. Ask at the



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Comedy Show and Dinner at St. Stanislaus Parish on Nov. 23

CHICOPEE - The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Lucjan Krolikowski Chapter at Basilica of St. Stanislaus Chicopee, will be hosting a comedy show and chicken dinner on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Come join in the fun as comedian Dave Kane brings you "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me", a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the

Irish sense of Humor. Tickets are \$30 per person for the comedy show and dinner, which includes roasted chicken and potatoes, salad, coffee/tea, and dessert.

A cash bar will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the St. Stanislaus Parish Office at (413) 594-6669. Tickets will also be sold after all Masses on the weekends of Nov. 16 and 17.



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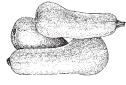
OPINION

GUEST COLUMN



Surprise squash or is it a pumpkin?

I compost the lazy person's way – no thermometers, frequent turning or aerating is done at my house.



I simply pile my vegetable refuse, leaves, coffee grinds and plant parts in a pile with copious amounts of chicken bedding. Once in a blue moon I'll mix it all up with a pitchfork, but that is all I do.

I'm not saying it's the right way, but it's my preferred way. After a certain point in the fall, I start a new pile and let the old one sit until spring when I use the compost in the garden.

Often, I end up with some surprise plants growing in the pile from the previous year after I've taken what I need. I call them volunteers.

For the last two years I've grown my best tomatoes in the compost pile. No accolades need to come my way, I did nothing to earn the luxury of garden fresh tomatoes

Well, maybe covering the plants with layers of cloth on the few cold nights has helped some, I guess, otherwise they would be frosted like the rest of the tender plants.

But alas, once again I digress. I am not here to talk about the tomatoes that grew in the compost pile, but the squash that did. I may have mentioned these white pumpkin lookalikes in an earlier column, but as I sit here devouring a squash muffin, they deserve another mention.

While my hills of butternut were not very prolific, the white pumpkin lookalike squash were unbelievably so. Honestly, I am not sure how many plants sprouted. Maybe three at the most, and I easily ended up with maybe two dozen, so the average is seven or eight fruit per plant!

I bought the original at a local farm and as it turned to an imploded pile of mush, it got chucked into the compost pile last fall. After sprouting it took no time flat for the vines to cover the pile and adjoining fence and lawn, much to my husband's dismay.

After a quick internet search, the white pumpkin lookalike squash still doesn't have a name. It could be part acorn squash, or a variant of a white pumpkin.

All I know is that they made excellent fall decor!

Just for the fun of it I cooked one up, in the same manner I do butternuts, by slicing in half, removing the seeds and roasting cut side down in a 400 degree oven for about

The pale yellow flesh caramelized a little. Perhaps I should have finished the cooking cut side up to attain more of that caramelization.

While not incredibly sweet, it didn't taste bad or bitter, so I whipped it up with the immersion blender and decided I'd try it in my favorite squash muffin recipe. Not bad, not bad at all.

My husband asked if I was going to raid the porch of it's decorations to process more of them, but I don't think I'll go that far. If November is mild, I'll certainly have a windfall once we switch over to a Christmas theme.

What do I learn from the compost pile? Although the garden is right next to the compost pile, the white squash pumpkins had virtually no damage from the squash

GUEST COLUMN





Turkey vulture

A Brimfield resident, who emails quite often noticed three turkey vultures on Sunday, Oct. 20

He said, "I went outside and I saw soon seven turkey vultures flying by along the ridge east of the house. The birds drifted off to the south east. A few minutes later a group of ten vultures drifted slowly south about a half a mile west of the first group. These birds flew around for awhile, cir-

and gaining altitude until the were quite high. The ten birds then drifted out of sight."

The turkey vulture is 26 inches tall and has black feathers. The trailing end of the wings are silver and the head has no feathers and is red. Immature turkey vultures have gray heads. They are often seen soaring with wings held in a V. They rock side to side, but rarely flap their wings.

Turkey vultures feed by scavenging on carrion, fresh or decayed. They find their food by both sight and smell. Sometimes, they are seen in roads feeding on road kill. They are often seen coming or going to nightly roosts. They use thermals of warm air and updrafts to stay in the air. When the thermals and updrafts end and they have to flap, they usually stop flying and land. When perched, they will spread their wings. I saw one several years doing this against a high tension pole in Oakham.

The female lays one to three dull white eggs, occasionally with dark marks in a nest scraped on bare ground, in a hollow stump, cave, cliff edge or old building. Grunts and hisses are heard at the nest site often during competition over food.

Pond tour

The Brimfield resident sent an emailing and reported he and his wife did a tour of some of the ponds in Brimfield, Holland and Warren on Sunday, Nov. 3. He said, "In Brimfield (Sherman Pond) and Holland (Holland Pond) we saw a few pairs of hooded mergansers and a belted kingfisher at the pond in Warren on South Street. Other ponds had lots of Canada geese and mallards.

He also said, "In the yard recently the most exciting sighting was a Carolina wren that showed up briefly a couple of times. Then yesterday we had an immature accipiter was seen sitting on top of one of our feeding stations." He wrote, "The bird was either a female sharp-shinned hawk or a male Coopers hawk based on size, it was a little bigger than a mourning dove, the bird's size was in the area where the sizes of the two species overlap. The tail shape is suppose to help differentiate the species but I'm not confident about the tail shape, I'm not sure which species we saw?"

Later in the day he saw a fox sparrow doing the sparrow feeding behavior, jumping back and forth to stir up ground looking for seeds. He said, "That was the first fox sparrow seen this fall. One or two are usually seen during fall migration."

Moose

Although not bird related – no feathers on this critter - I saw a moose cross New Braintree Road in Oakham one evening. It was dark, but I did get a good view of its rear portion as it went over a stone wall and into

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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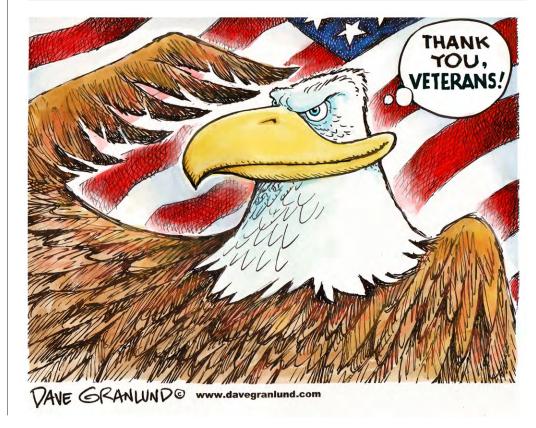
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The plants were so much healthier than those I planted in the garden. The leaves were large and deep green.

I've said it before and I'll say it again times three: Nitrogen, nitrogen, nitrogen. That's one thing my compost pile has that the garden needs. I will definitely not skimp on that nutrient come springtime so that maybe, just maybe, I can grow my beloved butternut squashes on purpose and healthily!

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IN THE CITY

New Tax Incentives for Chicopee Company

CHICOPEE- State Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) has joined the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) to announce a \$250,000 tax incentive being awarded to a local life science company, Agilent Technologies, Inc. to go towards the creation of ten new, long-term positions. The award comes as part of a \$21.4 million investment in the industry across the state, provided through the MLSC's Tax Incentive Program, which are expected to create 1,155 new life sciences industry jobs in Massachusetts.

"We must continue to meet the moment and send a strong signal to companies here in Massachusetts and globally that our state remains the best place in the world to launch and scale life sciences solutions," said Governor Maura Healey. "Becoming the global hub of the life sciences doesn't happen by accident. These awards will allow our state to accelerate innovation and job creation and transform lives around the world."

"Massachusetts is a world leader in the field of science and technology for not just one reason but a multitude of factors," commented Senator Gomez. "It's because of our public education, our infrastructure investments, our commitment to looking forward for solutions that plague society instead of wallowing in despair. These tax incentives reflect that feeling that we must continue to push forward and create jobs that reflect the world we'd like to live in, and I am proud of this administration for investing so thoughtfully in areas outside of Greater Boston."

The MLSC Tax Incentive program is offered to companies engaged in life sciences research and development, commercialization, and manufacturing in Massachusetts, and provides incentives to companies of all sizes looking to expand their efforts by creating new, long-term jobs in the state. Out of the 19 companies receiving tax incentive awards, 17 companies-accounting for 72 percent of the new jobs-are expanding in communities outside of Boston and Cambridge. Through this program, life sciences companies have committed to the creation of more than 18,000 jobs since the MLSC's inception.

The MLSC jointly administers the Tax Incentive Program with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, which oversees the technical administration of the incentives. Awardees are required to maintain job commitments over a five-year period. The program includes regular reporting requirements for awardees to document jobs created as a result of the incentive. MLSC has continued to use the Tax Incentive Program to leverage diverse life sciences assets across Massachusetts and encourage growth, expansion and retention on a statewide basis.

Health and Outreach Fair at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will have a Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, November 15th from 1 to 3 p.m. at RiverMills Center, located at 5 W. Main Street.

Join RiverMills Center for the Annual Health and Outreach Fair at RiverMills Center. There will be an array of info tables with various community agencies, blood pressure/cholesterol screenings, food samples, and of course, goodies! Registration is not required.

Diabetes Management Series on Nov. 27

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

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

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

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



SUBMITTED PHOTOS DENISE WESSI

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Lodge of Elks #1849 honored the city's veterans on Nov. 10 with a Veterans Dinner. The event chairman was Dolly Asselin and comprised of a Color Guard, a dinner of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and vegetables, with music performed by Richie Mitnik and a raffle.





Harmony House in need of 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 enjoy 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.

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IN THE CITY



State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) speaking to the veterans who attended the Annual Veterans Day Celebration ceremony.

VETERANS DAY from page 1

membering the 11,000 Chicopee veterans who have passed on and asking the wreath layers and cadet escorts to begin.

Following the Wreath Laying Ceremony was the Veterans Luncheon Ceremony that presented the Charles H. Tracy Award to U.S. Air Force Veteran Alfred Kendall, Patriotic Business of the Year to Daigle's Truck Master and Patriotic Organization / Non-Profit of the Year Award to the Chicopee High School Air Force Junior ROTC Cadets, with a word from Mayor John Vieau and words from the State House.

State Sen. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) said this.

"I asked myself, what can I do as a legislature to support our veterans in every way possible. To ensure the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is the number one state to be a veteran in because of how we treat our veterans when they return home



The Salute to our Veterans activities was put on by the Chicopee Department of Veteran Services, a yearly service to take time to honor those of us who have served and continue to serve.



The Wreath Laying Ceremony occurred at Veterans Memorial Plaza by 1st Sgt. Kevin A. Dupont Middle School, where a total of six wreaths were laid to honor veterans.

from fields of battle and serving this nation," Oliveira said. "We are here to support our veterans in Chicopee as one of the friendliest veteran communities, not just because we have Westover, because you have veteran service officers at the local level who continuously prioritize our veterans and service."

Vieau shared this.

"Happy Veterans Day. It's wonderful to see so many people here, the City of Chicopee will always be a veteran city with over 4,000 veterans. Today we come together to honor and remember the extraordinary men and women who have served our country with bravery, dedication and service. It is truly a privilege to stand here on behalf of the City of Chicopee to express our deep gratitude to our veterans who have fought for our freedoms and through courage continue to inspire us each and every day," Vieau said. "Veterans Day is the reminder of the enduring spirit



From the left, Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks, Ward 6 City Councilor Samuel, Shumsky, Ward 9 City Councilor Mary Beth Costello and City Council President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme in a group photo

of those who answered the call to serve. To our veterans, we owe you more than words can say. You have faced hardships and sacrifices that many of us will never understand. To the families, you have also sacrificed, provided support with separation with resilience and love. We are grateful to you as well. Thank you to our veterans and everyone here."

ROTARY CLUB from page 1

of performances in different reins of things and this, I don't want to give up because (of) the heart behind it," Meli said.

Reflecting on the Rotary Club, Meli said the show helped her better understand their mission.

"It gives you purpose. It makes you feel purpose. It makes you feel really good at the end of the night when you could affect people and know that you're really doing good for the world and for the community," Meli said.

Carter, who has performed as Cher for 15 years, felt honored to perform alongside her fellow performers.

"It was such a joy to be on stage with my peers. I adore everyone that's in the show, I respect everyone so much and I just feel like what a great way to fundraise for the rotary and a great night out," Carter said. Carter said, "It's our sole purpose as performers to make the audience happy."

"That's our purpose. We want people to feel differently than when they came in and if we could just bring like a little essence of the artists that we're tributing--I mean they're icons--you know?" Carter said. "And if you could just, for a minute, get lost in the legends that we're portraying, we did our job. It's such a great honor when someone says, 'Wow, you really sounded like her. You really captured her facial expression.' I work at it like we all do or I try really, really hard to emulate her in so many ways. To bring her music to the stage? It's a gift for me and I get to bring that gift to my audience."

Lask has performed as Neil Diamond for 19 years, reflecting on community support

"For years, the shows we did at the Hu Ke Lau we gave a lot back to the USO. If you're able to give back to a worthwhile organization like the Rotary tonight, USO, that makes it even more special," Lask said.

Lask said the shows also bring the community together.

"It's just wonderful to see the community come out for an event like this and like I say, getting to work with all the people I've worked with for years," Lask said. "It just is a special night, a lot of fun."

The performers' messages were this.

"I cannot believe how much support there is. It's just incredible how much support's actually going on," Meli said. "That there are some people out there giving back, there are people out there who care. I know a lot of demeanors are down right now in the world and I think that they should know that there are amazing, kind people smiling on the other end."

"I'm so grateful that they spent a large sum of money for a beautiful dinner and a beautiful show and a beautiful cause and I would just love to thank each and every one of them," Carter said. "Because if it weren't for the audience we wouldn't be here."

"You missed a great show if you weren't here," Lask said. "It's wonderful when everyone comes out to an event like this to support a great organization like the Chicopee Rotary."



TURLEY PHOTOS BY KRISTIN RIVERS

Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond performs a classic Neil Diamond hit.





Lisa Carter as Cher brings down the house with an audience volunteer.

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7Kaius Campbell-Langelier shoots for the Pacers.

Unified season winds down

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive Unified basketball teams faced off during the regular season, which expanded to six games for many teams with more pro-

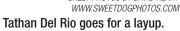


Josian Baerga reaches out for a layup.

grams involved in the region. Coming up on Friday, Nov. 15, Chicopee Comprehensive will host Chicopee, Monson, and more schools in an end-of-season jamboree.



URLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY





Yeaneer Perez goes for the layup.



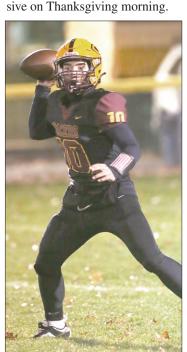
Deliyone Rodriguez drives to the hoop.



Sebastian Galarza drives for a

Tough stretch continues for Pacers

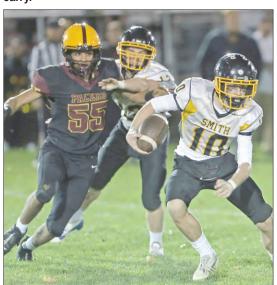
CHICOPEE - Last Friday night, the Chicopee High School football fell to Smith Vocational 28-14. It marked the fifth straight loss for the Pacers after they started out with a 4-0 record. The Pacers continue nonplayoff action with a matchup at Palmer High School on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. They then face Chicopee Comprehen-



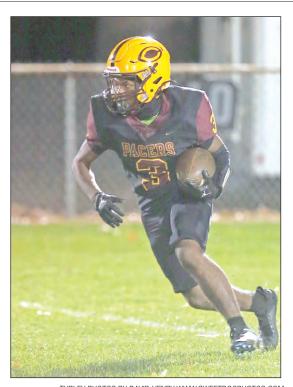
Braeden Siano looks to pass.



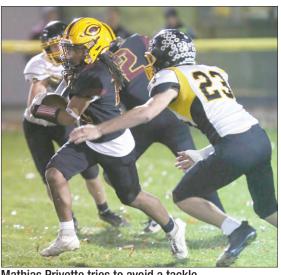
Mathias Privette holds the ball tight as he starts a



Nadir Johnson attempts to make a tackle.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM Jeremiah Elliot charges forward with a return.



Mathias Privette tries to avoid a tackle.

Colts make it into first round

CHICOPEE - Last week, the Chicopee Comprehensive High School girls soccer team squeezed into the state tournament and scored a 1-0 win over Ashland High School in the preliminary round of the tournament.

Taryn Carriveau would score the only goal for Comp in that game and the Colts moved on to the Round of 32, where it fell to Mansfield, also on the road, last Wednesday evening 3-0.

With the defeat, Chicopee Comp's season ends at 9-8-3.

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T-Birds pick up point in OT defeat

HERSHEY, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-8-1-0) incredibly erased a two-goal deficit in the final minute of the third, but the Hershey Bears (9-3-1-0) survived to pick up a 3-2 overtime win at the Giant Center on Sunday.

Like the opening 20 minutes on Saturday, the homestanding Bears were ferocious in getting shots at the Springfield net, this time on Colten Ellis. However, like the night before, the T-Birds got a sensational first period from their goaltender, as Ellis had a response to all 20 shots the Hershey attack unleashed, including chances that came from two power plays. The 20 stops were the most in a single period this season by a Springfield netminder.

At the other end, Clay Stevenson was starting his first start in nearly a month after missing six games with an upper-body injury, and the Hershey goaltender had a distinctly quieter workload, turning aside seven Springfield offerings and helping the Bears' penalty kill

fend off one T-Birds power play.

Shots on goal did not come as easily for Hershey in the middle period. Still, the fourth line did get the Bears on the board first at the 10:14 mark when Matt Strome retrieved a loose puck below the goal line and fired a pass into the blue paint to a crashing Riley Sutter, who chipped it over Ellis on the glove side to make it 1-0.

The Bears' defense proved to be an impenetrable force in the second, as Springfield managed just four shots on goal in the entire period, and the Hershey penalty kill dispatched two more Thunderbirds man-advantage opportunities.

Stevenson and the Hershey defense corps showed no signs of relenting anything to the T-Birds, and when Spencer Smallman tucked a puck into an empty net with 2:06 remaining, the Bears' 2-0 lead seemed secure.

However, the never-say-die T-Birds refused to go down. Samuel Johannesson scored his first AHL goal with 40.5 seconds remaining, squeezing a wrist shot between Stevenson's legs to end the shutout

Just 27 seconds later, with Ellis at the bench for an extra skater, Nikita Alexandrov beared in on the right wing side and backhanded the puck into the paint. With Matthew Peca crashing the net, the shot attempt slipped under Stevenson's legs, and the game was tied 2-2 heading into overtime.

With momentum on their side, the T-Birds could not quite complete the miraculous comeback attempt. Ellis denied his 40th shot of the night to stop Pierrick Dube in the opening minute of overtime. Unfortunately for the T-Birds netminder, the loose rebound went right on the stick of Mike Vecchione, who pushed it across the line to give Hershey the 3-2 victory.

The T-Birds return to home ice for five of the next six games, beginning on Friday, Nov. 15 when they host the Lehigh Valley Phantoms.

Elms College Celebrates Chicopee's Cultural Heritage in New Exhibit, Open to Public

CHICOPEE - The College of Our Lady of the Elms is showcasing an exhibit titled 'The Diverse Cultural Heritage of Chicopee' in the Borgia Gallery, which is open to the public until Nov. 21. The unique exhibit highlights the rich cultural history of Chicopee through a collection of photographs, artifacts, maps, books and interactive media.

WHERE: Borgia Gallery, Located in the Mary Dooley College Center, 2nd Floor at 291 Springfield St. Chicopee, MA 01013

WHEN: Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., free of charge, until Nov. 21

Highlights of the exhibit include hand-crafted lace from Le Puy, France; a brick recovered from the original Chicopee High School building following a historic fire; and a series of photographs by Lewis Wickes Hine (1874-1940). Hine's photography played a pivotal role in the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, documenting child labor conditions in Chicopee's fac-

For over 25 years, the Borgia Gallery at the College of Our Lady of the Elms has been a dynamic space for promoting the arts. Through exhibitions like 'The Diverse Cultural Heritage of Chicopee,' the gallery continues to enrich our understanding of history, culture, and art. Don't miss the chance to explore Chicopee's diverse heritage in this immersive exhibit and other upcoming exhibits in the Borgia Gallery.

Railers score big overtime win

WORCESTER - The Worcester Railers HC (5-3-0-0 10pts) beat the Norfolk Admirals (6-2-3-0, 15pts), on Sunday by a final score of 4-3 in front of a crowd of 2,539 at the DCU Center.

It was Norfolk who scored first tonight when Carson Musser (1-2-3) scored just under three minutes into the game. The Railers then scored back-to-back goals, coming from Ryan Verrier (1-0-1) and Griffin Loughran (1-0-1). Norfolk finished the first period scoring when Connor Fedorek (1-0-1) tied the game at 2-2. Norfolk retook the lead in the second with a goal from Josh McDougall (1-1-2). The Railers tied it back up less than a minute later when Anthony Repaci (2-0-2) cashed in. The third period was scoreless ending regulation tied up at 3-3. It was Repaci who scored

the game winner 38 seconds into overtime sealing the 4-3 win for

Norfolk jumped out to an early 1-0 lead tonight. Carson Musser (3rd) squared up and ripped one by the glove of Worcester's John Muse just 2:43 into the first. Later in the first Ryan Verrier (1st) found the back of the net to tie the game 1-1 7:30 into the first. Griffin Loughran (2nd) later made it 2-1 Worcester when he scored just after their power play expired. Norfolk tied it up at 2-2 with just under three minutes left in the first with a goal from Connor Fedorek (2nd). Worcester outshot Norfolk 15-12.

Norfolk took back the lead to start the scoring in the second period. They made the score 3-2 in the second when Josh McDougall (2nd) scored on the powerplay 8:09 into the period. Not even a minute later Anthony Repaci (6th) got free on a

breakaway and cashed in to tie the game back up at 3-3. Shots favored Worcester 11-8.

The Admirals had a chance to regain the lead midway through the third when they had a 5-on-3 powerplay, but the Railers penalty kill held strong. The Railers killed 35 seconds of 5-on-3, and then successfully killed the remaining 1:25 of Norfolk power play time. Neither team would find the back of the net before the end of regulation. Worcester outshot Norfolk 10-7.

It took less than a minute for Anthony Repaci (7th) to seal this one in overtime. As he skated in on the net and buried the overtime winner just 38 seconds into overtime. Shots were even 1-1 in overtime and favored Worcester 37-28 overall.

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Pawzaar Craft Fair Nov. 16

Event to Benefit the Foundation for TJO Animals

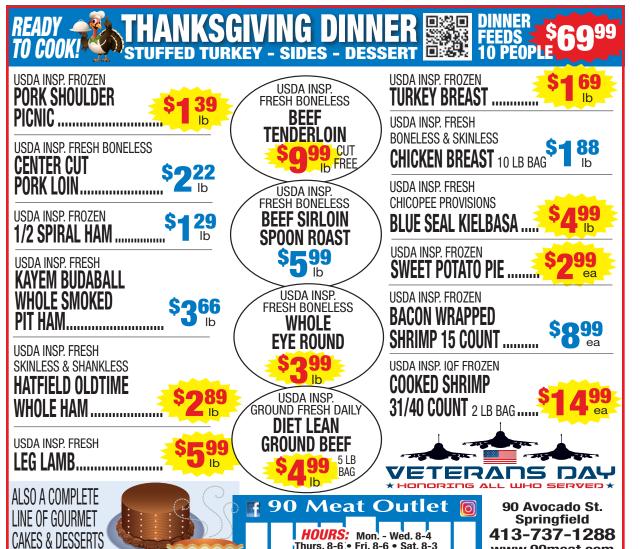
SPRINGFIELD, MA - The annual Pawzaar Craft Fair is a signature event for the Foundation for TJO Animals. It is a local craft fair that attracts some of the Pioneer Valley's finest crafters, along with hundreds of animal-loving patrons, all to benefit homeless animals in the community.

The event will be held at the Polish American Club at 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be 40 vendors, raffles, pet merchandise, baked goods, festive music, and a special raffle for a fully decorated, pet-themed Christmas tree.

The Foundation for TJO Animals provides financial assistance and grants for veterinary care to benefit animals with extraordinary medical needs at the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center, thereby helping to save lives.

More information is available on www.tjofoundation.org, by emailing info@tjofoundation.org or by calling 413.306.5161.



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CPD thanks 99 Restaurant for supporting mentorship program



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CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Police Department would like to thank Chicopee 99 Restaurant for their generosity in providing a meal to the Chicopee Police Mentoring Program.

99 Restaurant treated the Chicopee Youth and Chicopee Police Mentors to a meal in celebration of completing the 10 week program. The program ended on Nov. 5, but thanks to the Charles E Shannon Grant and the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club the connections will last a lifetime.

We are looking forward to holding the program again in 2025.

If you are interested in joining us in 2025 please reach out to Captain Doug Lambert or Officer Elly Rodriguez at C3@chicopeepolice.



HR EXPENSES from page 1

"In regards to this money, is it going to be only for a consultant but not for a new HR Director?" Costello said. "Will the mayor continue as HR Director on a temporary basis, and then, this consultant will advise him?"

Pise said Vieau is acting as HR Director currently "in the absence of having that position filled," later confirming it was reviewed by the Law Department to make sure, legally, this could be done.

We're not sure exactly how long it will take to fill a position, but we want to make sure we get it right and do it correctly and have the consultant determine what is needed for that department. And once we get the consultant's report, the request to fill the position would go out, I believe, and we've followed the normal hiring process," Pise said.

Ward 3 Councilor Susan Goff also asked about the amount requested.

"Is there \$100,000 left in the account?" Goff said.

Pise confirmed yes.

"That's why we're doing a transfer, not an appropriation," Pise said.

During the later discussion, Goff explained she wanted the motion to be referred to the HR Committee for a public hearing to seek more information "on who they would be hiring as a consul-

"Consultants normally charge anywhere from \$100 to \$300 dollars per hour or go by the amount of employees that we have," Goff said. "So, I know he put in an RPO and I'd really like to see where this stands."

Costello agreed.

"This isn't something that we normally do. This is something that came up as an event and that has to be addressed and I think doing it through HR through

a public hearing would be the appropriate way to inform the public of what's happening in regards to finances for this department," Costello said.

After Ward 7 Councilor William Courchesne asked Attorney Tim Riley for clarification about going out to bid "on a position without money being allocated," Riley was unsure.

For Wagner's question on the council's role in approving a contract, it was clarified the council would approve the appropriation, with hiring and firing left to the mayor.

The motion to send this to the HR Committee for a public hearing was defeated 9-3, with one abstention due to medical reasons.

However, the motion to approve the \$100,000 appropriation passed 10-2.

Another highlight was the approprin of \$73,000 to the Mayor's Salary Account for the Economic Development Director role.

"This is a position the City Council requested and the mayor is happy to bring it forward to the honorable council," Pise

Wagner expressed approval for this.

"I would just like to offer my thanks to the mayor's office for bringing this forward. It's a position we used to have and I think is very badly needed," Wagner said. "I wish you success in filling the

He later explained to the council his hopes it would help bring new growth to the city and offset costs to the taxpayers.

Ward 1 Councilor Abigail Arriaga agreed.

"I really hope this position does what it needs to and I'm really excited to see Chicopee move forward and definitely looking forward to new growth," Arriaga

The motion passed unanimously.

Don Roy's Auto Body & Appearance Center closing its doors

CHICOPEE - It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closing of Don Roy's Auto Body & Appearance Center

Located at 1416 Granby Road in Chicopee Ma., we have operated a quality Auto Body repair shop for 32 years.

We want to extend our thanks to all of our customers and friends over the years that have helped us to be successful. Your Patronage will never be forgotten.

We made the decision to close shop because of several reasons beyond our control. The primary and most important factor is we can no longer afford to pay our technicians and employees a proper wage for their service to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Our industry in Massachusetts has always been under the influence of the Insurance Companies who somehow set the labor rate that Auto Body repair

That Rate is not adequate for shops to be able to maintain quality repair technicians, keep up to date with all the new repair concepts and tooling needed to repair today's new dimension of ve-

Aluminum body builds, electronic cameras, lane changing and radar sensors , high voltage batteries and new repair techniques to name a few are out of reach due to insufficient funding.

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Polish Plate Dinner at Immaculate **Conception Church Nov. 16**

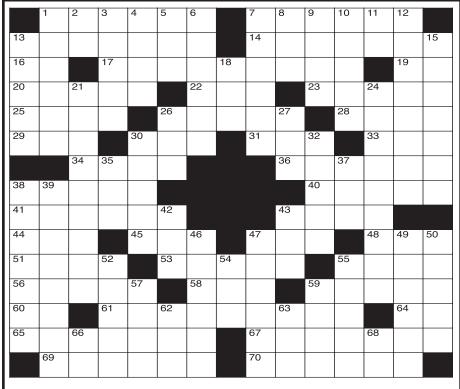
INDIAN ORCHARD - A Polish Plate Dinner with four pierogi, Golabek, Kielbasa, Kapusta and Rye Bread will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Hall 25 Parker St. Indian Or-

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announcements schedule

Fall Wood Walk!

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

Our nature hike is the perfect chance for kids to connect with the great outdoors, learn about the fascinating plants and animals that call our community home. The dates are Nov.16 and Nov. 23

Things to bring

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*Bring a want to explore

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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.

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.

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

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The Superior Court Hampden, ss CIVIL DOCKET# 2379CV00211

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT v. Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Bertha A. Blanchard et. Al.

ORDER OF NOTICE BY **PUBLICATION**

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GREETING:

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by U.S. Bank National Association. not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT wherein it is seeking to deposit surplus funds with the Court following a foreclosure sale.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 12/27/2024 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at the Hampden Superior Court at 50 State St., P .0. Box 559, Springfield, MA 01102 further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suite may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service and whose present whereabouts is unknown, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the Chicopee Register, a newspaper of general circulation in Chicopee, Massachusetts once a week for 3 successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20 days before said return

Dated at Hampden this 25th day of September, 2024. Judge Hodge, Justice

Shana M. Wilson Assistant Clerk of Courts 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2024

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL LICENSE COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The License Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Application for a Home Occupation License for the purpose of doing frozen desserts located at 34 Riverview Terrace. Applicant Alexzander Delgado, 34 Riverview Terrace, Chicopee, MA 01013.

The December 2, 2024 License Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on

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St. Joan of Arc School Receives \$500 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy

Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

CHICOPEE - The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded St. Joan of Arc

School a \$500 grant to support its youth literacy program. This local grant is a part of more than \$4 million recently awarded to nonprofit organizations, libraries and schools in Dollar General's hometown communities across the country to help extend a brighter future for K-12 students.

There are 43 third and fourth grade students enrolled at St. Joan of Arc School in the 2024-2025 school year. A Book Club was formed for these students to encourage reading and literacy at a young age. We are hopeful that the students gain a deeper understanding of their reading, develop deeper understanding of other people through their conversations, and provide an opportunity to safely fail and celebrate success. Books are purchased by the Book Club leaders

and are read by the students. The club meets monthly to discuss the book, write a brief summary and share their findings. A new book is assigned at the end of the meeting. This \$500

grant will go a long way in supporting this year's Book Club, and well into the future.

"We understand investing in youth literacy means investing in the future of students and our collective communities," shared Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. "Through these grants, we hope to enhance the programs' efforts to foster students' critical thinking skills, creativity and confidence so they can unlock their potential and achieve their dreams."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General

store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs.

The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online here or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store. A comprehensive list of grant recipients may be found online at www.dgliteracy.org

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The Tommy the Mouse stuffed animals will be distributed to patrol officers who then will give them to kids while out on calls.

