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## COMMUNITY



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Members of the Chicopee Fire Department and volunteers joined Kim Caisse, executive director at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, and Donna Marratta, president of the Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry Board of Directors, during the city-wide food drive ahead of Thanksgiving.

## Campaign raises over 1,500 pounds of food for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - "Hunger never takes a vacation." The City of Chicopee supported Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry with a food drive on Nov. 21 and 22 outside of Big Y, which helps Lorraine's have enough food each and every day.

Through this city-wide campaign, donations were collected in emergency management trailers and, in total, collected 1,500 pounds of food and over \$800 of donations for the pantry.

Known for providing access to food with respect and dignity, Lorraine's held its food drive right before Thanksgiving to ensure food for families through the holiday season.

Talking with Board of Directors president and executive director, Donna Marratta and Kim Caisse, both spoke about

their experience at the food drive and what was donated.

"A lot of the items were holiday-themed, which is good since we will be offering holiday bags from now until Christmas for our guests, but we are still in need of turkeys and hams," Caisse said. "We will be going into the Christmas season at our pantry, a few weeks before Thanksgiving we will be giving out holiday food and that will run until Christmas. It's really nice seeing the people who are donating at the food drive, people were so generous with their donations."

Caisse was humbled by the community support.

"Since this is a city-wide campaign, schools are calling us to pick up donations gathered by the faculty and kids there, so volunteers to pick those donations up would be helpful. At the drive, Chicopee High dropped off their donations of 726 pounds

of food!" Caisse said. "For our Thanksgiving dinner, the Castle of Knights are donating the entire meal which is wonderful and so supportive of Lorraine's."

When asked how she gives back to the community, Caisse talked about her love of the big holiday dinners Lorraine's offers to the families and the support of the community that makes it all happen.

Marratta added this.

"Mayor John Vieau extended the food drive to Dec. 12 to give people more time for city employees, schools and others to donate. The food drive was great. There was an older couple that bought a turkey to donate and would tell us that was all they could donate, we made sure to tell them that every donation was appreciated," Marratta said. "A lady donated three turkeys

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## COMMUNITY

## Belcher School PTO holds 1st Annual Belcher Bazaar Craft Fair



Turley photo by Amanda Munson

A combination of PTO, a librarian, teachers, and the Belcher School principal all huddled together to take a quick photo before getting back to sell a variety of crafts for families and friends.

By Amanda Munson  
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CHICOPEE - "I attend craft fairs for homemade items and to support local businesses." On a cold, rainy Saturday afternoon on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Belcher School opened its doors to families and friends to showcase their talented staff and craft vendors for the very first time.

The event was a fundraising event hosted by the Belcher School PTO.

Held in the "cafetorium", the crafters were spread out on the perimeter of the gym with a long table in the middle showcasing the raffle for prizes, which were donated by each vendor.

Shelly Tomlinson, a librarian, media tech, and co-president of the PTO at the school, talked about her love of craft fairs and why she wanted to bring it to her own workplace.

"I've been on the PTO for over 10 years with my kids

growing up and now I still wanted to be part of the school, so I got a job here as a librarian. It worked out great! I am co-president of the PTO with Dominique Harper who's been here for a couple of years," Tomlinson said. "The start of wanting a craft fair was seeing other schools having them and being successful. We actually have a lot of teachers that sell stuff and are very crafty in their personal lives. There's at least five to six teachers here, our school nurse too. Most of this is our Belcher School community and family."

The vendors at the craft fair were Belcher School teachers and faculty that wanted to support their workplace, along with a variety of talented artists featured on Saturday. The vendors included Arbonne by Aly, Sunchild Oasis, Annette's Crafts, Artistic Aurora Creations, Avon, Belly's Creations, Dulce Santana, Kathy

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## COMMUNITY

## Mark McCarthy selected for vacant School Committee At-Large seat

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CHICOPEE - Mark McCarthy has been selected to fill a vacant At-Large School Committee seat in a joint City Council and School Committee meeting on Nov. 18.

McCarthy will be filling the seat left by former At-Large Representative Chester "Chet" Szetela, who stepped down from the position last month.

After five rounds of voting did not have a candidate receiving the required 13 votes, the sixth round of voting had McCarthy securing the seat after receiving 14 votes, while Jason Fay received eight votes.

Mayor John Vieau--who re-

ceived the letter of resignation from Szetela on Oct. 9--later made the announcement to the School Committee on Oct. 16, with him, Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware and School Committee members paying tribute to Szetela for his many years of service to the committee and school district.

Szetela--who focused on student achievement, school safety, financial responsibility and innovation during his over two decades in the position-- received the Massachusetts Association of School Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award last October and taught for 40 years and, also, served as a counselor, with 34 of those years in the Chicopee Public Schools.

His daughter, Susan Sze-

la-Lopes, also serves on the School Committee as an At-Large member.

The chosen candidate will serve the rest of Szetela's term through December 31, 2025. If the candidate would like to keep the seat, they would have to run for the seat during the November 2025 election.

To be appointed, the chosen candidate had to receive 13 votes total from the joint body.

### Who is Mark McCarthy?

McCarthy--who has a son in his second year of Pre-K at Szetela Early Childhood Center--served as PTO President there last year and also recently volunteered to support Principal Janet Reid as a School Council member, sharing he wanted to contribute "to better outcomes for

students, including those identified as underserved" including students from low-income families, multilingual learners and students with disabilities.

McCarthy believes state and federal government are "important partners that can support districts" but has concerns "about the ways that politics shape educational policy and reform."

"I hope that when we strive for excellence for our students that we do so through the professionalization of teachers, not the enrichment of curriculum publishers," McCarthy said.

While not a licensed teacher in the state, McCarthy is a literacy researcher and, also, a literacy teacher educator, helping teachers to teach kids how to read. He also spends time as

a supervisor of student teachers, partnering with principals and mentoring teachers "to develop those students' teachers into great teachers" along with being part of grant-funded literacy initiatives through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

He stressed the importance of making schools and teachers better.

"The desire for improvement is not an indictment of public schooling. Amidst all of the hard work, innovative instruction, community collaborations, in the midst of all the great work our schools do, there are places to get better," McCarthy said. "It's both and, not either or. We

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# Yankee Home Improvement donates \$5,555 to Harmony House

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CHICOPEE - Volunteers and staff from Harmony House of Western Massachusetts received a special \$5,555 donation from Yankee Home Improvement on Nov. 20 to support the nonprofit organization's mission.

Harmony House, located on View Street, was founded in 2007 by the late Ruth Willemain and has five bedrooms, multiple accessible bathrooms, a kitchen, common room space, a chapel area and more.

A social model home, Harmony House provides end-of-life care and support to its residents.

Harmony House reopened to the community on May 31 and since that grand reopening has been seeking volunteers and holding fundraising events to support their mission.

Gina Mazza, executive director at Harmony House and president of its Board of Directors, was grateful for the donation.

"Yankee Home has been an incredible supporter and friend to Harmony House for years. We are so very grateful for this generous donation because it helps us continue to care for people in our beautiful home," Mazza said.

Jennifer Faustino, a member of Harmony House's Advisory Board, also expressed gratitude.

"Ger, his family, the employees, Yankee Home, they've done so much for us, so much over the years. It's a blessing to have them in our lives," Faustino said.

Ger Ronan, president of Yankee Home Improvement, explained the business was involved with Harmony House "almost from the beginning," including the organization having held meetings there.

"Ruth paid us some visits way, way back and we immediately fell in love with Ruth. We helped out with various aspects of the build, roofing and windows and doors, all kinds of things we helped out with and most of their staff chipped in too all the way along which was great seeing it come to fruition," Ronan said. "It's nice



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

A group photo comprised of staff from Yankee Home Improvement and staff and volunteers from Harmony House of Western Massachusetts with the \$5,555 donation presented on Nov. 20.

seeing a group of local people coming together on a mission to fulfill this woman's dream, which was to build a house where people could die with dignity. Such a sweet lady, such a great mission and such an honor to be part of it."

On the donation, Ronan shared Harmony House was the beneficiary of a Fundraising Comedy Show on Nov. 9 and had a fundraising goal of \$10,000. Unable to attend, he and the team wanted to make up the difference from what was raised at the show to get them to the goal.

Giving back to a nonprofit in Chicopee, specifically, he added, means a lot.

"It means quite a bit because I came to America with literally \$80 in my pocket and I lived the American dream. Very, very grateful to this country for the opportunity they've given me and we try to filter that spirit of gratefulness down through the entire organization," Ronan said. "The spirit of gratitude fully permeates throughout the entire company and

Harmony House is just one of the organizations we're very happy to support."

That spirit of giving also extends to other organizations including Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, Pedal Thru Youth, The Jake Story, Hartford Bags of Love and the Sunday Love Project. Also, giveaways to homeowners, including the \$15,000 Home Makeover Sweepstakes with over 12,000 entries sent in this year.

Yankee Home Improvement is currently picking out the winner, which will be announced on Dec. 2.

Ronan continued to emphasize giving back.

"The company's been in Chicopee for many, many years and we feel that Harmony House is a local charity based in Chicopee. It's very unique," Ronan said. "As far as I know, there's very few in the country that do this type of operation, so we felt that this was a very local charity we could feel that because Chicopee's

taken us in and been so good to us, this was a way of giving back locally."

Ronan encourages the community to support Harmony House and to know it's right in their backyard. Also, all their donations go right to the charities they support.

"Ruth was an incredibly inspirational individual and we feel that when we seek out charities, we want all of the money to go to the charity," Ronan said. "If there's people in Chicopee that do want to donate around Christmastime, this would be a charity that they know that in their backyard and they know that all of the money is going to a phenomenal cause."

Ronan's message to Harmony House was this.

"They are just incredible. They're carrying on Ruth's legacy and I know she's looking down and she's extremely proud. I can't say enough about her," Ronan said.

## Food Bank of Western Mass Tour and Cooking Demonstration

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer a trip to The Foodbank of Western Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 12:45 p.m.

Take a trip to the Food Bank of Western Mass for a tour and a healthy cooking demonstration. Van space is

limited. You are welcome to drive yourself if you would like.

When you register at RiverMills Center, please specify if you would like to be on the van or if you would like to drive yourself. You must register in advance.

## Sound Bath Healing at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer the workshop "Sound Bath Healing" on Friday, Dec. 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

This is a one hour group sound healing meditation experience, helping to calm, ground and rejuvenate as we face the continual daily stressors in life, while

utilizing gongs, crystal and metallic singing bowls, vocals, percussions and strings.

This workshop is led by Jeffrey Wyda, Board Certified Holistic Registered Nurse, who specialized in integrative health and wellness. The cost is \$2.00 and you must register in advance at RiverMills Center.

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# Giving Pump Campaign raises \$1,200 for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen

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CHICOPEE - The Giving Pump Campaign held at Shell Gas Station pumps three and four in September and October has raised \$1,200 for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

On Nov. 18, Raj and Kamy Sanghvi, the owners of the Shell Gas Station on Grove Street, presented the check to Executive Director Kim Caisse and Donna Marratta, president of the Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry's Board of Directors, with Mayor John Vieau also in attendance for the presentation.

Vieau explained the donation was part of a partnership between the nonprofit organization, Shell and the Sanghvis.

"We're really excited about this donation and the community coming forward with this wonderful opportunity to help with food insecurity at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen," Vieau said.

Sanghvi was happy to lend his support.

"We thought it's important to give to a charity which does good work in Chicopee and feeds the people who are not able to get the nourishing food (they need)," Sanghvi said.

Caisse expressed gratitude for the donation, stressing how Lorraine's Soup Kitchen always needs help and donations all year round.

"We're always looking for donations. Monetary, food donations, whatever you can donate. It's a great cause and we appreciate everything," Caisse said. "We appreciate the community always coming out and supporting Lorraine's. Thank you, thank you to Raj and Kamy."

After the check presentation, Sanghvi explained the campaign ran from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, with drivers filling up their vehicles at purple Giving Pumps and during the two months, the profits were shared with Lorraine's Soup Kitchen.

Sanghvi added they plan to do it again next year and be continuous through the years.

"So, it was a profit-sharing. It's giving to a Chicopee charity. We love doing that because, before, Shell used to do directly--the charity they selected--but this time we insisted that, 'Why not do (a) local charity because Lorraine's Soup Kitchen does a great job,'" Sanghvi said. "The families don't have access to the



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

From the left, Kim Caisse, executive director at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry, Kamy and Raj Sanghvi, Mayor John Vieau and Donna Marratta, president of the Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry's Board of Directors, with the \$1,200 check from the Giving Pump Campaign at Shell Gas Station.

nourishing food, so the families deserve some support from local businesses and (the) community to help them out. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen does a great job, I feel."

Sanghvi was thankful for the amount raised.

"It was satisfying," Sanghvi said. "Lorraine's Soup Kitchen needs a lot of help and they do a great job in Chicopee, food drives and free food at the library. The economy's such that they need the help now."

With the holiday season coming up, Sanghvi also encouraged the community to give back.

"Definitely. Thanksgiving's coming up--all the holidays--Christmas is coming up," Sanghvi said.

Sanghvi also stressed the importance of businesses giving back to those in need.

"You have to give back to the society, the community, at least, in a part of your profits. It shows that you are in the community," Sanghvi said. "So, it's very important to do that. So all businesses, I think, should contribute in any way they

want. Food, money, it's always welcome."

On that, Sanghvi encouraged fellow local businesses to get involved.

"I think just do it. It's important to give to charity. It's a very important part of any culture," Sanghvi said. "Charity's an important part in any part of the world...and the city of Chicopee has been kind to us, so definitely helps everybody."

Sanghvi thanked the community for

supporting the campaign and for supporting Lorraine's.

"It was amazing that (the) city of Chicopee always helps and supports such kinds of things," Sanghvi said. "All of them appreciate that they came and gave some time to this thing."

To learn more about how to support Lorraine's Soup Kitchen any time of the year, visit [lorrainessoupkitchen.com](http://lorrainessoupkitchen.com).

## CFD responds to fire at St. Anne's Church



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CHICOPEE - The fire department responded to a fire alarm activation at St. Anne's Church just after 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 22. Upon arrival, crews discovered a fire which they extinguished quickly. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The cause of this fire is under investigation.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

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- 5. Emaciation
- 10. "Bewitched" boss Larry
- 14. Combining form meaning "different"
- 15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes
- 16. Older
- 17. Large, stocky lizard
- 18. Ringworm
- 19. Actor Pitt
- 20. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 22. Data at rest
- 23. Jeweled headdress
- 24. Indicators of when stories were written
- 27. Check
- 30. Cigarette (slang)
- 31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 35. Delivered a speech
- 37. A place to bathe
- 38. Postmen deliver it
- 39. Surface in geometry

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Piece of felted material
- 2. Ancient Greek City
- 3. Aquatic plant
- 4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
- 5. Body art (slang)
- 6. One who follows the rules
- 7. Ordinary
- 8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
- 9. Relaxing space
- 10. Japanese socks
- 11. Indian city
- 12. Rip
- 13. Icelandic book
- 21. Satisfies
- 23. Where golfers begin
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Snag
- 27. Determine the sum of
- 28. A distinctive smell
- 29. Exposed to view
- 32. Stain or blemish
- 33. Small loop in embroidery
- 34. River herring genus

**CLUES DOWN**

- 36. Large beer
- 37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. At a deliberate pace
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Of each
- 44. Angry
- 46. Popular beverage
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Blocks
- 50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
- 51. Polio vaccine developer
- 52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
- 53. Popular soap ingredient
- 54. NBAer Bradley
- 57. Popular movie about a pig
- 58. Musician Clapton
- 59. Not a sure thing
- 61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- 62. Father



## GUEST COLUMN



### Older Veteran asks about Special Social Security credit for military service

Dear Rusty  
I served in the U S Army from January 1958 to February 1961.

What increase should I receive for those years and who do I call and at what phone number?

Signed: Proud Veteran

Dear Proud Veteran

First, thank you for your military service. I expect you are referring to the "special extra credits for military service," which are available to some who served in the US Military in earlier years. It is important to note that these "extra credits" take the form of an adjustment to your military pay record while serving and are not an incremental amount added to your monthly Social Security benefit because you served.

Military pay has been subject to deductions for Social Security since 1957. Thus, while serving between 1958 and 1961 you paid SS tax on your military earnings. But, for purposes of determining your Social Security benefit, your military earnings record would be increased by \$300 for each quarter you served on active duty, up to a maximum of \$1,200 increase per year of service.

That means for 1958 - 1960, when calculating your SS benefit, \$1,200 would be added to your military earnings record for each year you served. FYI, for those who served after 1967, this adjustment was automatically made by Social Security. But for service years prior to 1967, as in your case, you would need to inform Social Security of your service when you claimed SS and provide a copy of your military form DD-214, your discharge papers. SS would then make the appropriate adjustment to your military earnings record prior to calculating your benefit amount. And, for clarity, additional credits for military service are not available to those who served after 2001.

A key point to understand is that this adjustment to your military pay may or may not affect the amount of your Social Security benefit. Social Security determines your benefit amount based on your highest earning 35 years over your entire lifetime, adjusted for inflation.

If, after you served in the military, you had at least 35 years of civilian employment where you earned more than your military pay, it is probable that your military pay is not included when calculating your Social Security benefit. If that is the case, it is likely that the "special extra credits for military service" would have no effect on your Social Security payment. If, however, your military pay including those special extra credits for any year is more than you earned in civilian life, then you can contact Social Security (1-800-772-1213), provide them with a copy of your DD-214, and ask that they recalculate your Social Security benefit to include the extra credits for your years of military service.

Again, thank you for your service to our country, and please do not hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions. FYI, you may also find the "For Veterans" section of our AMAC Foundation website by visiting [www.amacfoundation.org](http://www.amacfoundation.org).

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## GUEST COLUMN



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Guest Column

### Why your adult child needs a HIPAA form

Research indicates that the brain doesn't fully mature until around age 25, but nonetheless: In Illinois (as in most states), 18 is the age at which a child is considered to be a legal adult. And it's when parents lose their right to that child's medical information.

That's why – if you want to be involved in your young adult's health care once they hit that magic age – you need their authorization under the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA.

HIPAA required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. The law doesn't care if your young adult is on your insurance and you're responsible for the bills. It also doesn't care whether your child is an 18-year-old college freshman or a 45-year-old out on their own.

Or maybe they were out on their own, but came back to the nest. Thanks to the pandemic and associated job losses, the share of adults ages 25 to 34 who lived with their parents reached historic highs in 2020, according to the U.S. Census: 22 percent of men and 13.4 percent of women.

The numbers aren't quite as high now, but they're still significant. In 2022, 19 percent of men and 12 percent of women in the 25-34 demographic cohabit with their parents. Young adults who are disabled or have mental or emotional disorders also tend to live with mom and dad.

Health issues arise unexpectedly – the young adult could be involved in a car accident, diagnosed with cancer or need an emergency appendectomy. You know my mantra: Be prepared with documentation so that health care can proceed according to your child's wishes.

Verbal authorization can take the place of a signed HIPAA release. Your child only has to tell health-care providers, "I authorize my parents to receive my medical information and be involved in my health-care decisions."

That works if the patient is awake and alert. But what if every parent's nightmare

comes true? You get a phone call in the middle of the night that there's been an accident and your child is unconscious. Now what?

A spouse is considered by default to be authorized to receive medical information. If the partners are separated, though, does your child want their soon-to-be ex-spouse involved in their health care? If not, they need a HIPAA authorizing someone else. Your child may be single and not have anyone to designate.

If your child does end up in the hospital, the HIPAA authorization will come in handy. Because hospitals do not want to be fined for violating HIPAA, most will err on the side of caution and refrain from disclosing any information to family members without the properly executed documentation. Without this exchange of information, families can be left out of the loop and doctors may miss important family medical history.

As a companion to the HIPAA authorization form, it is also important for young adults to have a Health Care Power of Attorney so that someone will have the authority to make medical decisions on behalf of your child if they are incapacitated. Without this document, you may have to go to court in order to have someone appointed to make crucial medical decisions.

These aren't necessarily easy conversations to have with an adult child because no one – particularly a young adult who is healthy – wants to think about the possibility of illness or injury. And as parents we need to be careful that we're not acting like mother hens and intruding on their privacy.

It might be worthwhile to have a trusted family member or advisor suggest your child should consider executing a HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney, designating you or another individual of their choosing to be an authorized recipient of medical information and make decisions on their behalf.

HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney forms are available on the [Illinois.gov](http://Illinois.gov) website, or an attorney can help you execute them. The signed forms should be shared with your child's health-care providers and kept in an accessible place in case they're needed.

We buy insurance and hope we never have to use it. Encourage your child to prepare a HIPAA authorization and health care power of attorney, and then hope they're never needed.

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## Random Acts of Kindness

By Barb Turcotte

The name Joanne Costello may be familiar to you for many reasons. Though now retired, this mother of three began her career in nursing for a private practice, then went onto working at Baystate Medical Center for thirteen years. She started in the Neonatal ICU then moved to the Labor and Delivery department. Her son Ryan lives in Italy with his family, her son Mike lives with his family in Georgia and her daughter Meghan (Terone) lives in Connecticut with her husband. After motherhood began she then switched to part-time teaching childbirth classes.

Another reason Joanne's name might be familiar is she was a strong advocate for her daughter who was a Children's Miracle Network poster child at Baystate Children's Hospital in the early and mid-nineties. When the now 38-year old was diagnosed with cancer she was only six years old. Joanne talked about the amazing Random Acts of Kindness that she and her family received while she stayed at the hospital with her daughter. She spoke of these niceties being received from not only the hospital personnel but the sharing and comradery of other parents of pediatric patients. Neighbors and family came forward to help with meals for the family as well as helping her then husband with the care of their two sons.

We often think of Random Acts of Kindness only being bestowed upon strangers, but these gestures can be shared with people we know as well. Perhaps sending a quick text in the middle of the day just letting them know you're thinking of them or maybe sending a card, bringing back a lost art of communicating. These can make such a difference in someone's day.

When Meghan became ill Joanne stopped her professional nursing and instead used her skills to help her daughter continue to the next plateau of wellness. Meghan has had a difficult medical journey and the biggest Random Act of Kindness that has ever been bestowed on her has happened recently, that being her brother Mike was a willing and qualified kidney donor for her. Her older brother Ryan unfortunately though willing, wasn't able to do that. Though this wasn't a 'random act', what an incredible act of unselfishness to offer this.

In those early Joanne felt she wanted to help other pediatric parents going through their own hardships and decided to add another qualification to her nursing by becoming a licensed massage therapist. This gave her more flexibility and her intention was to give parents back massages

to help ease their tensions. She did this at no charge, instead doing as Random Acts of Kindness for others. Then as Meghan got older and her medical needs became less demanding, Joanne turned her massage therapy into a second career of which she retired from.

Joanne being a mother of an ill child as well as being a nine-year breast cancer survivor herself, knew well the value of this service. She proposed her idea of giving children, their parents and adult cancer survivors chair massages while they were being administered their chemo therapy. It was a way for them all to relax and take their minds off of their worries for a little bit.

Because Joanne was so adamant knowing this was such a valuable service she kept working with the director of the cancer center. The director also believing the same brainstormed but unfortunately they were unable to get an actual position approved for a program. Well with Joanne's persistence and the director's belief in this idea a plan was established and was successful. She would be paid one-half through a charity and one-half from a second budget in order to do this which would entail her being a private contractor rather than an employee. Joanne developed the process and implemented the plan as well as trained other therapists. She is still asked to return on a per-diem basis to train new therapists. You may well have experienced a massage and thanks to her, many people have benefited from this practice with this ongoing service still in effect. Another way Joanne enjoyed giving back was giving Random Acts of Kindness chair massages at charity events.

Joanne and Jim have now been together for seven years and are enjoying retirement while relishing trips to locations such as Africa, India, Poland, Ireland and many sites within the states. There are many more places they want to see so wishing them many safe journeys as they continue to explore! I know they will also go on doing Random Acts of Kindness while experiencing these travels.

Doing a Random Act of Kindness not only feels wonderful for the recipient but it will also add an indescribable joyfulness to your day. As the saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it!"

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

## Porter and Chester Institute Dental Assisting students bring Holiday Cheer to families in need

CHICOPEE - Porter and Chester Institute's Dental Assisting students are stepping up to make a difference in their community this holiday season. Beginning Nov. 16, and running through Dec. 10, students will collect toys and diapers for The Gray House, a nonprofit organization in Springfield dedicated to helping families in need.

Collection boxes will be available at the Chicopee Campus, and all donations will go directly to supporting local families during the holidays.

"This initiative is a great way for our students to give back while spreading holiday cheer," said Sheri-Lynn Toner - Campus Director of Operations and Education "It reflects our commitment to community

service and the values we instill in our students."

The Gray House has been a cornerstone of the Springfield community, offering critical resources to families facing economic hardship. The generosity of donors ensures these families experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

Join us in making this holiday season brighter! Donations can be dropped off at the Porter and Chester Chicopee Campus.

For more information about the drive or to learn more about Porter and Chester's Dental Assisting program, visit [www.porterchester.edu](http://www.porterchester.edu).

Let's come together to make a difference!

## 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 December 2024.

On Tuesdays, Dec. 3 and 17 at 10:30 a.m. in the community room, the library will have a Little Kid Dance Party geared for kids 5 and under and their caregivers. Older kids are welcome, as well. There will be songs, dancing and big movement!

Build with LEGO on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Freeform building time with our big pile of LEGO! Recommended for ages 6 and up.

The library's annual winter celebration, The Cocoa Carnival, will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Play some games, enjoy a craft, and warm up with a cup of hot cocoa! No registration required. For kids and families of all ages! Walk down to City Hall for the tree lighting afterwards.

Sensory Play Saturday will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. Come let your babies socialize and explore sensory play! We will have our play area set up with some sensory activities and other play opportunities. For babies 0-24 months and their caregivers.

Saturday Playgroup will be held at 1 p.m., on Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28. Come play at the library! The play space will be open for families with kids of all ages to meet up and play.

Stop by for a Kids Room Craft on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. Make a beaded winter decoration. No registration required.

Storytime will be held in the children's program room on Wednesday, Dec. 11 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.

Art for Everyone with Dr. Amber Scoon returns on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. Art classes consist of simple and

fun exercises designed to help you explore mark making, color and hand eye coordination. Great for kids and adults.

Little Movers will be held in the children's program room on Friday, Dec. 13 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!

Read to a Dog on Wednesday, Dec. 18 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 five and up. Space is limited, contact the Children's Room to Sign up.

The library will host a Meet-up for Homeschooling Families on Thursday, Dec. 19 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 an activity.

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

The library will host a Breaker Space for teens on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Ever wonder what the inside of a computer looks like or how a VHS tape works? The best way to find out is by taking them apart with your own hands! (And of course putting them back together again afterwards!) Registration is required, contact the Children's Room to sign up!

The Anime Club will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. This month's theme is sushi. Who knew sushi could be so sweet! Recreate some fishy dishes, with a twist, and learn a little about them in the process.

Teen Throwback Thursday will be on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. Teens are invited for an afternoon full of "kid" programming that is just for teens! Enjoy playtime with foam blocks, an exciting craft, and even the big parachute!

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

## Chicopee Community Band presents its Annual Christmas Concert

CHICOPEE -- Please join the Chicopee Community Band for a night of holiday music on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024 at 7 p.m. The concert will take place at Stanley F. Kozikowski Auditorium, Chicopee Comprehensive High School, 617 Montgomery Street, Chicopee.

Enjoy songs that will be familiar to you and some we hope will be brand

new! This is our annual gift to the Pioneer Valley. Admission and parking are free.

The school is handicap-accessible.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Chicopee Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## Update on shots fired report

CHICOPEE - The police department shared the following information about a shots fired report on Nov. 20:

"At 2:39 p.m. WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch received a 911 call reporting an incident on Chicopee Street near the dry bridge. It was reported that shots may have been fired in that area.

Responding Officers located a male

party with an apparent gun shot wound to the leg, medical aid was provided and the party was transported to the hospital and is expected to survive.

We are asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the incident to contact our detective bureau at 413-594-1740. If you have video footage of the incident please contact us.



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## Meghan Kalbaugh recognized for Miss Western Massachusetts run



*SUBMITTED PHOTOS KATIE COLLINS-KALBAUGH*  
**CHICOPEE –** Chicopee resident Meghan Kalbaugh was recognized by State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) on Oct. 23 for her run as Miss Western Massachusetts 2024. The honor took place during a Global Impact event in the Bazan Community Room at the Chicopee Public Library.

## Elder Fraud Prevention With Liberty Bank

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer an Elder Fraud Presentation on Friday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Join Dawn Creighton, Community Outreach Officer with Liberty Bank, as she discusses how to avoid scams from IRS scams to Charity Fraud and what can be done if you have become a victim of a scam. You will also play a fun game of Fraud BINGO. You must register in advance.

## Kwanzaa Celebration at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging will offer a Kwanzaa Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Kwanzaa Collective President Ayanna Crawford and her team are excited to present and teach African Dancing and Drumming to our seniors. There will also be stories and a historical poem about the history of Kwanzaa. You must register in advance.

## Elms College and UNE agreement opens doors for students in five Graduate Health programs

CHICOPEE - Elms College has signed an articulation agreement with the University of New England (UNE), creating a streamlined pathway for Elms graduates to pursue advanced degrees in five, high-demand health professions.

Under this agreement, Elms College students who meet a specified minimum GPA and fulfill additional program requirements will be guaranteed an interview in the admission process for UNE's graduate programs. Starting in Fall of 2025, this collaboration broadens educational opportunities for Elms students, offering them direct access to UNE, Maine's leading provider of health professional training.

The five graduate programs included in this agreement are:

Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)  
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Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (M.S.O.T.)

Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)

Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)  
 These fields represent growing areas within healthcare, and this agreement positions Elms graduates for success in meeting the increasing demand for skilled professionals.

For students at Elms College, this agreement not only provides a more accessible route to graduate-level education but also serves as a testament to the value of an Elms education in preparing them for meaningful careers in healthcare.

## Events & announcements schedule

### 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 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.

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).

### Holyoke Chicopee Head Start holding Raising A Reader Family Shared Reading Program

HOLYOKE - The Holyoke Chicopee Family & Community Program is currently hosting a "Raising A Reader" Family Shared reading program.

The program is for families with children from infant to five years old.

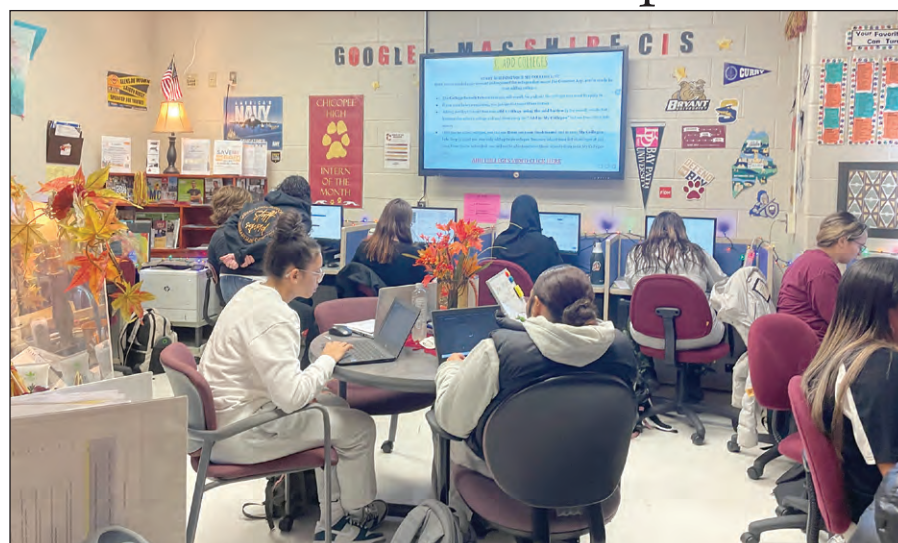
Let's get together for fun activities that develop reading readiness and social emotional skills! Take home a red bag each week with books to borrow.

The program takes place on Wednesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. at HCS Head Start the first and third Wednesday of the month at 41 Commercial St., Holyoke.

Please call or email Shane at [ShaneW@headstart.org](mailto:ShaneW@headstart.org) or 413-310-1632.

This program is funded by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) grant awarded to HCS Head Start by the Department of Early Education and Care.

## What the CHS College & Career Center has been up to



*SUBMITTED PHOTOS AND CAPTION NATASHA MURIEL*

CHICOPEE - Take a look at what the College & Career Center at Chicopee High School has been up to this Fall! Students are preparing for their post-secondary plans by attending Common App Workshops, Career Connections, Field Trips, and Financial Aid Prep. They will also be using their networking skills for their upcoming event- Networking Forward in which they will be exposed to many opportunities such as employment, volunteer, trades, and college. Visit their Website for Resources and Upcoming Events. Let's Go Pacers!



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# IN THE CITY



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Members of the Chicopee Fire and Police Departments and volunteers pose for a group photo during the city-wide food drive to support Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

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and two baskets of food in memory of a son who has passed. People's generosity needs to be highlighted."

Marratta loves spreading the mission of Lorraine's to the community.

"I always love to tell people what we do and how many people we serve. There are so many businesses that are really coming forward this year like Curry Honda, the Chicopee Schools and Mountain View Landscaping Company who dropped off 485 pounds of food and a check for \$500 dollars. It's so nice seeing the people in the community help us and help us feed the people," Marratta said. "Our shelves are full now, but in February and March is when our shelves are bare. We get this big influx during this time of

year, serving the same amount according to the size of the family, but this will only carry us through so long. We are working with the city to have a drive in one of the 'off' months. People love to give, but sometimes they need the suggestion on what to give and when."

Suggested donations consist of one pound rice bags, pasta, mac and cheese boxes and peanut butter. Donations are always accepted and can be dropped off at 170 Pendexter Ave.

Volunteers are, also, needed to sort and organize stock, and night shift to help serve food and distribute meals.

If you are interested in volunteering, visit the Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry website or contact Caisse at executive-dir@lorrainessoupkitchen.com and 413-592-9528.



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## CFD and CPD team up for Sand for Seniors

CHICOPEE – On Nov. 8, the Chicopee Police Department and Chicopee Fire Department participated in the Hampden County Sheriff's Office Sand For Seniors program.

They delivered almost 140 buckets of sand/salt mix to help prevent slips and falls this winter. Fall prevention is imperative as falls are a leading cause of injury in older adults. The sand was delivered in buckets that were donated to the program by Massachusetts Fire Technologies. To obtain a refill or to inquire about the program, please call 413-858-0060.



Members of the Chicopee Police Department pose for a group photo with one of the youngest donors to the city-wide food drive.



Members of the Chicopee Fire Department pose with young volunteers in front of their fire truck.



Residents were happy to lend their support and donations to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry during the city-wide food drive at Big Y on Nov. 21 and 22.



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From jewelry, to snowman crafts, to 3D printing...the first Belcher Bazaar craft fair was a big hit.

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Mac's Originals, Lake Town Publishing, Kimbtree Cards, L&M's Stocking Stuffers, Loved by Tee's Creations, M&M Rustic Designs, Rapa Beauty Essentials and Tupperware.

"We are offering a raffle for 10 tickets for \$5, every vendor donated something to raffle off, and that money will go back to support the school. Anybody can win a prize from each vendor here," Tomlinson said.

When asked about her favorite vendor, Tomlinson had to mention this special person in her life, who was raffling off a sporty prize.

"My Mom is here! She made a perfect Patriots wreath, it's sporty enough but also pretty enough. She originally started doing it for fun, she makes wreaths because she loves them. By word of mouth, she was selling them, so I encouraged her to make more for the Belcher Bazaar," Tomlinson said.

Folks were encouraged to support the Belcher School PTO by buying chili, hot dogs, and drinks from Audra & Harper's Concession Stand and Cinnabon cinnamon rolls. From volunteers to the janitor



A closeup of Meme's Wreaths, a Patriots wreath that's a perfect gift for any sports fan.



Amanda Buckley of Knot Mama Made and Mark Buckley of Head Alchemist pose with their homemade creations.

and Amy Meneguzzo, setting up the tables, the planning process required a lot of communication from all parties.

"Amy was in charge of all the crafters, what they were going to donate and acquiring all their business information. We were all in a text thread and email chain, constant communication to make sure everybody had the information for today. We had specific times the vendors needed to come, we had spots ready for them to set up in the space, it worked out," Tomlinson said.



Melanie Wilk (left) is the owner and designer of Harper Moon, a clay art business that has unique jewelry who is also the Director of Food Service at Chicopee Public Schools; alongside her friend who is the owner of Elite Beading.



A closeup of Elite Beading, a jewelry company that specializes in classic beaded bracelets.

Since this was the first Belcher Bazaar, the PTO, school faculty, and friends in attendance are hopeful this continues next year in 2025. From guests walking into the school for the first time to friends of the school faculty catching up, everyone was leaving with

a purchase and a smile.

"I think we are doing good so far!" Tomlinson said.

For more information, visit the Belcher Elementary School website for future upcoming events.

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are doing well and we can get better."

McCarthy also stressed his commitment to earning the council and committee's confidence along with the residents and school district, putting students first and acknowledging teacher well-being, hopeful "creativity and innovation may light our way

"I'm committed to using my time in this role as an advocate for the promise of what education can be when local governments assert their right to empower teachers, represent communities in the curriculum and center the values that tie us to one another," McCarthy said. "Dr.

Ware is off to a strong start and I want to serve Chicopee and this committee in helping him craft and enact the vision that leads us to excellence and equity for all."

### The Candidate Process

For the At-Large seat, there were 11 candidates: former Ward 1 City Councilor Joel McAuliffe, McCarthy, Felicity Cintron, Christopher Acevedo, Jessica Avery, Jason Fay, Theresa Thibault, Rafael Nazario, Yvette Tootle, former Ward 1 School Committee Representative James Tanhauser Jr. and Omar Irizarry.

Tanhauser was unable to attend due to travel planned prior to the joint meet-

ing, with a statement read by Superintendent Dr. Marcus Ware on his behalf.

After each candidate spoke for five minutes and answered two questions, Vieau shared his excitement at how 11 people were interested in serving the city and school district.

"So, I want to thank you for your commitment to education, first and foremost, and your passion for our school district is duly noted," Vieau said.

The nomination pool was, then, narrowed down to Fay, Irizarry, Avery, Thibault, Acevedo, McAuliffe and McCarthy after receiving 12 yes votes for consideration.

It was later announced by Vieau that Tanhauser would be added to the list, explaining what happened when he received 11 yes votes.

"Those 11 votes, during that--again--the full convention, one person had stepped away and was out of chair. So, because that happened, that created a majority of not needing 12 (votes), but 11," Vieau said. "So, we have to add the eighth candidate, James Tanhauser, into our discussion as he is now forwarded into the second round."

After the extensive discussion and six rounds of votes, McCarthy was appointed to the vacant seat.

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## Three late touchdowns lift Pacers to win

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER—The non-play-off football game between the Chicopee Pacers and the Palmer Panthers was scoreless at the end of the opening quarter. The two offenses would combine to score 66 points during the final three quarters.

The Pacers, who were trailing, 26-18, entering the fourth quarter, scored three touchdowns in the final 12 minutes of the contest en route to a 40-26 victory at historic Legion Field in Palmer, last Friday night. The road victory also snapped the Pacers five game losing skid.

“We’ve been struggling with a lot of injuries during the past five weeks, and it does feel great to get this W tonight,” said Alex Efstratios, who has been coaching the varsity football team at Chicopee High School for more than 20 years. “Even when we were trailing entering the fourth quarter, the kids kept playing very hard and continued to make the plays.”

Senior wide receiver Jacob Lozado led the way offensively for the Pacers. He caught four touchdown passes from sophomore quarterback Braeden Siano and added a rushing touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

“Braeden threw for more than 200 yards in tonight’s game.



Jacob Lozado comes up with a big interception for the Pacers.

He’s now thrown for more than 2,000 yards so far this season,” Efstratios said. “Jacob is an unbelievable receiver. He now has more than 1,000 receiving yards this season. We’ve always been a running team in the past, but

we’re a passing team this year.” While the victory evened the Pacers overall season record at 5-5, the Panthers, who also have a 5-5 record, lost their third consecutive game.

“I thought we battled them



Aaron Dominquez-Sanchez looks to make a tackle.



The offensive line blocks for the Pacers.

for three quarters before suffering a couple of injuries in the fourth quarter,” said Palmer head coach Matt Marciniec. “We had several players step up and play positions that they’ve never played before.”

One of those players was junior Gavin Smola, who’s a starting offensive lineman. During the fourth quarter, Smola switched numbers from 77 to 22

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## Comp all over Lions in Week 10



Noah Johnson looks to get the sack for Comp.

LUDLOW – Though both teams had struggles at times during the regular season, the matchup was not close between Ludlow and Chicopee Comprehensive last Thursday night. Comp did all the scoring and took advantage of great offense and turnovers in a 51-0 win. Ludlow fell to 3-7 heading into Thanksgiving. The Lions were scheduled to host Palmer while Comp was set to host Chicopee in the “Sword Game.”



Matthew Perez catches a high snap.



The offensive line blocks for the Colts.



Anthony Cabrera-Cavette kicks the extra point for Comp.

## MIAA seeks to throw out judge’s decision

Minnechaug, Monson unaffected by appeals

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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Minnechaug Regional High School and Monson High School filed injunctions at the beginning of the month with the Hampden Court Superior Court.

The schools were appealing a ruling from the MIAA that forced the schools to take forfeits for Western Mass. tournament games because of a procedural issue that was not followed by Minnechaug, Monson, Pathfinder Regional, and several other schools in the region.

According to information sent by the MIAA to member schools, they were supposed to input games to their schedule on the Arbiter website used to track results and formulate tournament data.

Those games, which were not yet known due to the how the schedule is structured, were

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# T-Birds, Blues, announce long-term extension

SPRINGFIELD – Last month, the Springfield Thunderbirds and St. Louis Blues announced the extension of their affiliation agreement through the end of the 2030-31 season. The deal further solidifies the long-term future of the American Hockey League in Springfield, one of the league's charter cities.

"We are thrilled to continue our richly rewarding long-term partnership with the St. Louis Blues," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "The Blues and Thunderbirds share similar core values regarding player and staff development and maintaining a deep commitment to their communities. Our collaboration has enabled us to grow our franchise both on the ice and throughout the region. We cannot wait to see the next generation of Blues stars hone their talents in Springfield in front of the best fans in the AHL."

In the first three seasons as the Blues' AHL affiliates, the Thunderbirds have experienced tremendous success on and off the ice. In 2022, the team captured the Richard F. Canning Trophy as Eastern Conference Champions, reaching the Calder Cup Finals for the first time in club history. The T-Birds received the AHL President's Award as Team of the Year that same year.

"On behalf of our local ownership

group, we are proud to announce an extension of our affiliation agreement with the St. Louis Blues. I want to thank Blues Chairman Tom Stillman, General Manager Doug Armstrong, and the Blues staff, as well as our President Nate Costa and his team, for building a culture of cooperation and success that is unparalleled within the AHL. This agreement will ensure that AHL hockey has a home in Springfield for many years to come," commented Paul Picknelly, Thunderbirds Managing Owner.

The club built upon their success last season, posting a franchise-record 20 sellout games, including a 14-game sellout streak to end the campaign. 2023-2024 also marked the T-Birds' eighth consecutive season of attendance growth (6,321 fans per game).

"First, I want to thank Springfield Thunderbirds President Nate Costa, the local ownership group under managing partner Paul Picknelly, and the entire team and staff for their continued dedicated efforts and support and belief in our City of Springfield," said Springfield Mayor Domenic J. Sarno. "Special thanks and appreciation to the St. Louis Blues organization for their continued strong commitment to our local T-Birds! Both organizations are class acts that share a strong emphasis on community



and fan engagement and putting a quality product and team on the ice.

Since the start of the partnership, the Blues have also promoted several Springfield staff members to the parent club in St. Louis. Most notably, Drew Bannister became the first T-Birds coach to earn a promotion to an NHL bench when he was named the Blues' head coach on May 8.

"Springfield provides a first-class environment for players in the Blues organization to develop on and off the ice and continue their progress toward the NHL in a well-established, supportive market with strong, experienced leadership," said Blues Assistant General Manager Ryan Miller.

In addition to Bannister's rise to the NHL, 26 players have skated in games for both the Thunderbirds and the Blues, including young stars Jake

Neighbours, Zack Bolduc, Matthew Kessel, Joel Hofer, Scott Perunovich, and Zach Dean.

"This is an exciting day for both the St. Louis Blues and the Springfield Thunderbirds organizations," said Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell. "This agreement provides stability for our players and staff, and it will continue to offer our fans the chance to identify with our prospects and follow their careers as they graduate onto the Blues."

The affiliation extension assures Springfield's continued tenancy in the American Hockey League, which dates back to 1936. The City of Firsts has had an active AHL franchise on the ice every season since 1954.

"The city of Springfield has been a cornerstone of the American Hockey League for more than 80 years," said AHL President and Chief Executive Officer Scott Howson. "Hockey in Springfield has experienced a renaissance since the arrival of the Thunderbirds. Stability with an NHL affiliate is very important for AHL clubs, and we're pleased that Springfield's partnership with the St. Louis Blues will continue to bring excitement and entertainment to the fans of Western Massachusetts."

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and became a running back for the first time in a varsity game.

It was the final high school football game at Legion Field for Palmer seniors Guillermo Rodriguez Rivera, Julien Valentin, and Luis Rivera Alica.

Junior Dylan Doherty, who's one of the Panthers leading players, didn't play in last Friday night's game due to an injury. Sophomore Taydem Haley helped offensively by catching a couple of touchdown passes from junior QB Matt Santos in the second quarter. Haley, who also led the way defensively, left the game with an injury in the fourth quarter.

"Our game plan defensively coming into tonight's game was to stop (Doherty)," Efstراتيج said. "During the game, we tried our best to stop their number 7 (Haley). When he left the game in the fourth quarter, it did help us a little bit."

Less than two minutes into the second quarter, Haley intercepted a pass at the Panthers 37.

The Panthers were forced to punt four plays later, but that series continued when Haley recovered a fumble on the



Aaron Dominquez-Sanchez looks to make a tackle.

punt at the Pacers 22. He also recovered another fumble on the opening drive of the game.

Following two incomplete passes, Santos connected with Haley down the left sideline for a 22-yard TD pass with 8:04 left in the first half.

"Taydem runs a very good pass route, and he always catches the ball," Marciniac said. "He's a really good football player."

Sophomore Dylan Holbrook added the extra point attempt.

A little more than three minutes later, the dynamic duo of Siano and Lozado hooked up for a 46-yard touchdown pass play. Another pass attempt on the two-point conversion play was picked off by junior Jordan Jones which gave the home team a 7-6 advantage.

Both teams scored another touchdown during the final minute of the second quarter.

With 45 seconds remaining on the scoreboard clock, Santos picked up a fumble snap before completing a 23-yard TD pass to Haley. The extra point attempt was blocked by Lozado, who also had an interception in the first quarter.

The Pacers answered right back when Siano completed a short pass to senior Cyair Charles, who then lateraled the ball to Lozado. After breaking away from a couple of tacklers, Lozado sprinted down the left sideline into the endzone completing the 70 yard scoring play with 28 seconds left in the first half.

The Panthers held a slim 13-12 halftime lead, as Santos batted away a pass in the endzone on the conversion play.

Palmer, who received the second half kickoff, marched 75 yards down the field on 10 plays. Jones capped off the scoring drive with a 7-yard touchdown reception in the middle of the end zone with 7:56 remaining in the third quarter. Holbrook made the extra point.

Less than twenty seconds later, Siano threw a long bomb to Lozado which resulted in a 60-yard touchdown.

The visitors didn't tie the score, as the Panthers managed to tackle Lozado before he reached the goal line on the conversion play.

Following a fumble recovery by junior Hunter White, Jordan caught his second TD pass from Santos giving the home team a 26-18 advantage with 2:58 remaining in the third quarter.

The score was tied for the first time at 26-26 early in the fourth quarter when Siano completed a 7-yard TD pass to Lozado, who outjumped a defender for the ball. The duo also hooked up once again on the conversion play.

With 8:43 left in regulation, the Pacers finally took the lead following a 75-yard touchdown catch by Lozado.

After the Pacers' defense, which was led by senior Haven Caulde and sophomore E.J. Lozado, forced the Panthers to turn the ball over on downs, Jacob Lozado capped off his memorable performance with a 54 yard rushing touchdown with 2:43 left in the game. It extended the Chicopee lead to 40-26, as Siano completed a TD pass to Charles on the two-point conversion play.

Both teams will be playing on the road on Thanksgiving morning.

The Pacers will be looking to capture the Sword for the first time in ten years when they make the cross-town trip to face archrival Chicopee Comp.

The Panthers will be looking to end their season with a victory when they battle rival Ludlow on the new turf field at the Ludlow Sports Complex.

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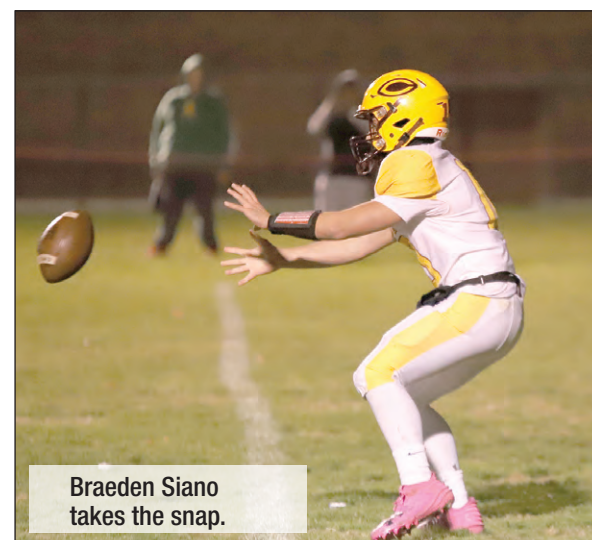


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Braeden Siano takes the snap.



## Tough start hurts Railers in loss

PORTLAND, ME – Worcester was outshot in a fateful and fatal first period, 21-1, and outscored by the Maine Mariner 4-0, on the way to a 5-2 defeat.

Lincoln Hatten and Cole Donhauser had the Railers goals. It was the first ECHL goal for Hatten, the first in a Worcester uniform for Donhauser. It was also shorthanded.

Drew Bavaro, Patrick Guay, Bennett Stockdale, Wyllum Deveaux and Evan Vierling had the Portland goals. Former Railers forward Jimmy Lambert had three assists for the winners.

Hatten scored from in close at 3:35 of the second period to make it a 4-1 game, Donhauser assisting. Donhauser scored unassisted with a wrist shot from the right wing at 19:29 of the third period to make it 5-2. He was plus-2 for the night.

Henrik Tikkanen made 33 saves for Worcester. Ryan Bischel had 27 for the Mariners.

Bavaro opened the scoring with a power play goal at 6:30 of the first period, just before the Railers would have gotten Jordan Kaplan out of the penalty box. He snapped a 40-foot wrist home from above the circles.

Guay made it 2-0 at 9:02. He finished off a 2 on 1 break, converting a pass from Lambert. Stockdale scored a little more than a minute later with a shot from the left

circle. Deveaux scored on a deflection at 16:23 to make it 4-0 on the scoreboard.

The Railers actually won the last 40 minutes, 2-1. Vierling had the only Maine goal in that span, scoring on the power play at 16:40 of the third period, but there was no way Worcester could climb out of its early hole.



## Volleyball World Congress elects new president

HOLYOKE – The 39th FIVB World Congress unanimously elected Fabio Azevedo as the new FIVB President, ushering in a pivotal era for the global volleyball community. Azevedo will serve an eight-year term, building on the achievements of his predecessor, Dr. Ary S. Graça. During his campaign, Azevedo outlined his Strategic Vision 2024-2032, focused on advancing volleyball's professional standards, expanding its global reach, and doubling the sport's current 800-million-strong fanbase

through innovative engagement and the global volleyball movement. Following his inauguration, Azevedo announced 2018 IVHF Inductee Hugh McCutcheon as the new FIVB Secretary General. McCutcheon, a former Olympic medal-winning coach for the USA men's and women's national volleyball teams, brings extensive experience to the role. With this dynamic leadership team, the FIVB is set to elevate volleyball's global prominence and growth.

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simply supposed to feature the school and opponents TBA (to be announced). Those fillers in the schedule would eventually be filled with Western Mass. tournament games, or nonplayoff games if teams did not qualify.

Those filler games were supposed to be on team schedules by mid-September. Because the procedure was not followed, the MIAA imposed forfeits on the schools that did not follow the rule. Under the MIAA's ruling, Minnechaug and Monson, which had soccer teams in the Western Mass. tournaments, would have to take losses affecting their standing for the state tournament. If the schools won, they were still able to advance in the tournaments. Monson girls soccer reached the Western Mass. finals. Pathfinder boys soccer did as well. Minnechaug girls soccer made it to the semifinals.

An injunction was filed by Monson and Minnechaug, seeking to not have the athletes punished for an administrative issue. Judge Tracy Duncan granted the

injunction, and both schools had their forfeits changed to whatever their actual results were.

Minnechaug boys soccer benefited the most from the change, securing the No. 5 seed in the Division 2 state tournament. The changes had the ability to affect schools such as Agawam, Ludlow, Holyoke, and Chicopee Comprehensive in Division 2. Monson's injunction affected seedings for schools such as Granby, Quaboag, Palmer, and Pathfinder.

Pathfinder did not appeal to a court, and was defeated on the road in the first round of the tournament.

The injunctions also led to delays in the state tournament starting in the case of field hockey and girls volleyball.

Northampton and Pioneer Valley Regional also won injunctions, though the MIAA is appealing those rulings. They are appealing despite the fact the tournaments have already concluded. The MIAA is not commenting on the court cases.

No schools from Western Massachusetts made it to the state finals in boys soccer, girls soccer, or field hockey.



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## Holyoke Community College Summer 2024 Dean's List

HOLYOKE - Each semester Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the Dean's List. A student is placed on the Dean's List if their G.P.A. is 3.2 or higher.

The students listed below have earned Dean's List honors for the Summer 2024 term.

### Chicopee:

Lisa M. Belisle, Arleen Marie Berrios, Maritza Bravo, Franklin Thomas Button, Eduard M. Chadayev, Hanna Chernytska, Kostiantyn Chernytskyi, Natasha Marie Davis, Victoria Alexis Deida, Renea N. McClemmon, Adrian Ivy Page, Renee Pierre, Wilmary E. Ramos and Olga Elisa Rodriguez-Lebron.

## Students receive Academic Honors from Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, Iowa - The following students have received academic honors for the 2024 summer quarter and semester terms at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.749 for a minimum of six semester credit hours or four quarter credit hours in their most recent academic term.

To qualify for the President's List, Mercy College students must attain a minimum grade point average (GPA)

of 3.75 for a minimum of six semester credit hours or four quarter credit hours in their most recent term.

To learn more about the health science programs offered at Mercy College, visit our website at <http://www.mchs.edu>. Mercy College is the only Catholic college in Central Iowa and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Chicopee, Massachusetts

Aimee Kai, President's List  
Christopher Kelleher, President's List

## SNHU Announces Summer 2024 President's List

MANCHESTER, NH - It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2024 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved

by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

The following students from Chicopee made the President's List this summer:

Keyionta Johnson, Jeremy Oliveras, Olivia Blais, Paris Beaudette, Stephen Colaluca, Andrew Morin, Mohamad Kariem Allam and Tara Tessier

## Johnathan Cardona on SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH - Johnathan Cardona of Chicopee has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2024 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

## Elms College Summer 2024 graduates

CHICOPEE - Elms College congratulates 101 students who graduated in August 2024.

Anna Korman received a Master of Business Administration

Ruth Nawrocki received a Master of Arts in Teaching

John Serrano received a Bachelor of Arts

Congratulations to our 101 graduates this past summer who are now joining our more than 13,000 alumni.

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## Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee dedicates basketball courts to Ofc. Santiago



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CHICOPEE – The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee honored Ofc. Angela Santiago on Oct. 27 with a dedication and ribbon-cutting for the Officer Angela Santiago Basketball Courts. Through the city, Community Development Block Grant funding and fundraising events with the family and community coming together, the space was made possible. After opening, many took out to the courts to play basketball.

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## CFD takes part in mayday training



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CHICOPEE – The fire department took part in a Mayday training exercise on Nov. 21. The training included crews learning about Mayday Response, Reduced Profile, Entanglement and Bailout Training.

## CFD holds pump training



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CHICOPEE – The fire department spent the morning of Nov. 5 performing pump training evolutions.



# PUBLIC NOTICES

## CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM\*** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street., Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (C 7) for the purpose of operating a towing and storage business located at 78 West St. Applicant – Cruise Control Transportation, Inc., Joshua Roy, President, 210 Charloton Rd., Sturbridge, MA 01566.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

The December 11, 2024 Zoning 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](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov). 11/22, 11/29/2024

**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. HD24P2432EA  
Estate of:**

**Edward R DeJordy  
Date of Death: 09/18/2024  
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 **Thomas E DeJordy 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: **Thomas E DeJordy of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/19/2024. 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.**

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## UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

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

Date: November 21, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
11/29/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Hampden  
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

**T O : H E I R S ,  
DEVISEES, AND LEGAL  
REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE ESTATE  
OF MAURICE J.  
BLANCHARD**

#### 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 day.

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

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2405GD**

**In the matter of:  
Korrine Puente Sanchez  
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 **Evelyn Puente of Chicopee, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Korrine Puente Sanchez** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Evelyn Puente 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 **12/17/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### 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: November 18, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/29/2024

## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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John Martocchio  
81 Mountain Rd,  
East Hartland, CT, 06027

2003 Mitsubishi Eclipse  
Spyder Gt  
VIN: 4A3AE55H73E097364  
Doris Champagne  
64A Parsons St  
Easthampton, MA, 01027

2010 Toyota Camry LE/Xle/  
SE  
VIN: 4T1BK3EK8AU106619  
Rusvell Reyes  
11 Phoenix St,  
Springfield, MA, 01104

2024 HMDE Utility Trailer  
VIN: MATR1779720928  
Maralaisy Gil  
92 Johnson St Apt 1  
Springfield, MA, 01108

2008 Saturn Vue Xc  
VIN: 3GSC133P78S639225  
David Goda  
94 Dubis St  
Indian Orchard, MA, 01151

2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
Lar/Col/Fe  
VIN: 1J8HR48P87C638712  
Imani Cain  
81 Ellington St Apt 2  
Boston, MA, 02121

2006 Ford Escape XLT  
VIN: 1FMYU93156KD49941  
Tracy Burgess  
57 Maple Ave, Apt 1C  
Willimantic, CT, 06226

2012 Kia Rio EX/SX  
VIN: KNADN4A30C6075640  
Jamie Violano  
83 W Pond Rd,  
North Branford, CT, 06471

2012 Nissan Rogue S/sv  
VIN: JN8AS5MV2CW702134  
Marcus Kinchen  
15 Girard Ave, Apt106  
Springfield, MA 01109  
11/29, 12/06, 12/13/2024

## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**  
Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on December 6, 2024 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2008 Honda Cr-V Lx  
VIN: 3CZRE38368G709767  
Robert Austin Lingerfeldt  
117 Rocky Hill Rd,  
Hadley, MA 01035

2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
VIN: 1J8GS48K79C535708  
Harry Amanatidis  
2072 32nd st,  
Astoria, NY, 11105

2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
Laredo  
VIN: 1J4RR4GG6BC510727  
Matthew Oneiglia  
66 Riggs Ave,  
W Hartford, CT, 06107

2003 Ford F150  
VIN: 1FTRF17WX3NA62373  
Lisa Baillargeon  
46 Lyman St,  
South Hadley, MA, 01075

2005 Ford Ranger Super Cab  
VIN: 1FTZR45EX5PA68541  
Philip White  
39 W Sand Lake Rd

Wynantskill, NY, 12198  
2012 Nissan Rogue S/SV  
VIN: JN8AS5MV2CW702134  
Marcus Kinchen  
15 Girard Ave Apt 106  
Springfield, MA 01109

2014 East Manufacturing  
Base  
VIN: 1E1D2S389ER051348  
Kylegrenier Enterprise  
18 Chace Rd,  
East Freetown, Ma, 02717

2002 Honda Accord ex/se  
VIN: JHMCG66832C005766  
Juan Rivera  
40 Wayside St #1  
Springfield, MA, 01118

2013 Chevrolet Equinox LT  
Awd  
VIN: 2GNFLEEK2D6407122  
Wanfel Aristy Alcantara  
80 Pine St,  
Chicopee, MA, 01020

2007 Mercedes Benz C280  
VIN: WDBRF92HX7F910077  
Josiah Wells  
35 Upsala St APT 2  
Worcester, MA, 01610

2015 Nissan Altima  
VIN: 1N4AL3AP5FC264790  
Reyna Dismney  
465 Chicopee St,  
Chicopee, MA, 01013  
11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2024

## SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A**  
Notice is hereby given by Interstate Towing, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 255, section 39A, that on November 29, 2024 at Interstate Towing, Inc the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicles.

2016 Freightliner Cascadia  
125  
VIN: 1FUJGLD52GLHA7835  
Liftgate Interstate Trucking  
LLC  
141 Quinapoxet LN,  
Worcester, MA 01606

2011 Kia Soul +/I/Sport  
VIN: KNDJT2A21B7288595  
William Howard  
125 King Phillip Dr,  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

2009 Chrysler Town &  
Country  
VIN: 2A8HR54109R663654  
Megan Lemcke  
19 Hawthorne Rd  
Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

2015 Nissan Rogue Select S  
VIN: JN8AS5MV5FW758072  
Diane Duprey

PO Box 915  
Southbridge, MA 01550  
11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD19P1188GD  
In the interests of  
Korrine Puente-Sanchez  
Of: Chicopee, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
PETITION FOR  
REMOVAL OF A  
GUARDIAN OF AN  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Evelyn Puente of Chicopee, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Remove thethe Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

**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 **12/19/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### 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 expenses.**

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

Date: November 21, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
11/29/2024

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## Gomez Announces Grant Funding for Local Park Projects

SPRINGFIELD- State Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield) joined the Healey-Driscoll Administration today to announce 3 grant awards coming to the Hampden District as part of a \$27.8 million package of funding for park improvements and open space acquisitions across Massachusetts that will conserve 2,375 acres. The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) awarded Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC), Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND), Conservation Partnership, Cranberry Bog Acquisition for Restoration, and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants

that will support 54 communities. The five grant programs will help municipalities and land trusts safeguard land for outdoor recreation, biodiversity, climate change mitigation, and other purposes.

“Grant funding of this magnitude can have an enormous impact on a local community, helping them reimagine and bring life to an area that may have previously gone neglected or unused,” commented Senator Gomez. “With our cities and towns becoming increasingly congested, it’s important that we find areas to develop that offer new forms of recreation and relief while conserving the land for future generations.”

The three grants being awards in the Hampden district include:

Chicopee will be receiving a \$500,000 PARC Grant to make improvements to Sarah Jane Park. The project will make improvements to soccer fields and baseball/softball diamonds, install irrigation to the baseball field, add spectator bleachers, install universally accessible playground equipment, replace the pedestrian loop and skatepark, and add picnic tables with pads.

Springfield will receive a \$500,000 PARC Grant for use on Phase 2 of the Blunt Park project. The project will include an improved park entrance and

parking lot, accessible walking track and outdoor fitness equipment, softball facilities, improved playing field, tree plantings, and landscaping improvements.

Springfield will receive a \$1,000,000 LWCF Grant for use in Magazine Park. The project will include installation of an accessible splash pad, playground and picnic amenities, restrooms, a softball diamond, walking path, open space improvements, tree plantings, and landscaping.

For more information on the grants being awarded, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/healey-driscoll-administration-awards-over-27-million-for-conservation-open-space-and-park-projects>.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24P2395EA  
Estate of:  
Eugene Leon Moreau  
Date of Death: 01/03/2022  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal

Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Gina Formhals 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: **Gina Formhals of Chicopee, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/13/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection**

followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested

in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration

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

Date: November 15, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
11/29/2024

## The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what’s going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents’ lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

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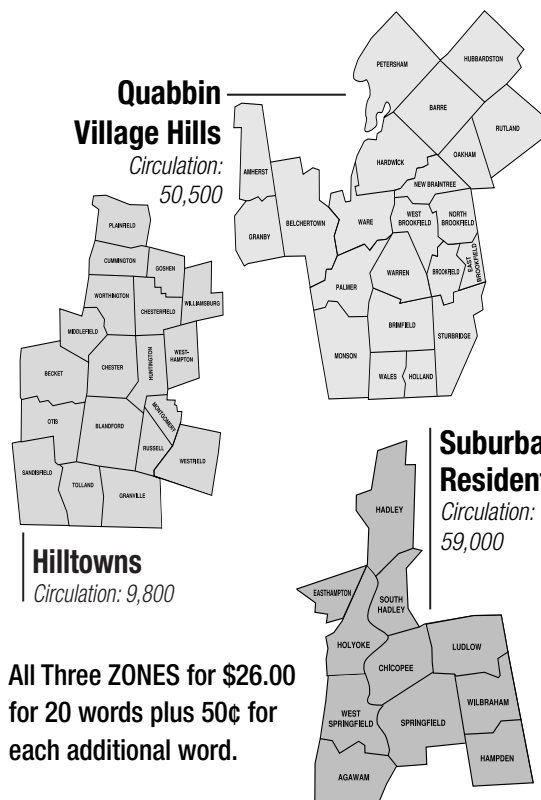
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## CFD celebrates retirees at retirement party



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CHICOPEE – The fire department recently celebrated the retirement of five of their members, who in total had over 136 years of combined service to the City of Chicopee! The fire department extended their congratulations to Dan Genie, Glen Olbrych, Rich Roy, Tim Zabik and David Dybski. The fire departments thanks them all for their service and dedication to the community.

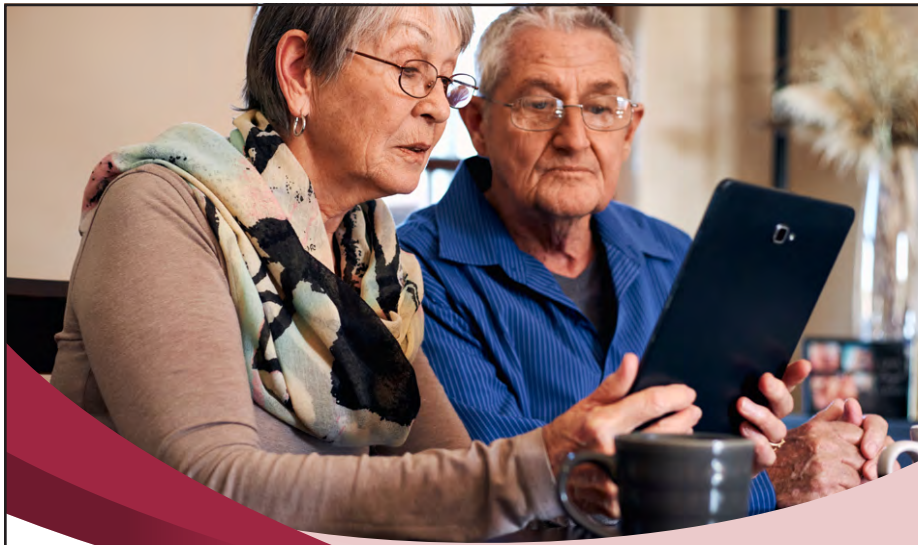
## Violin Concert at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE - The Council on Aging a Violin Concert on Friday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m. at Chicopee Council on Aging's RiverMills Center, 5 West Main St.

Cynthia LaBarre will be at RiverMills Center for a Holiday Violin Concert with some of your favorite holiday songs. Although this is a free program, please register at RiverMills Center or by calling 534-3698.

## Art Show and Sale at the Chicopee Library.

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 hours. Most pieces are for sale. Ask at the desk.



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## CFD takes part in Home Depot's Annual Safety Day



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CHICOPEE - Our very busy shift on Oct. 27 began with some of our members participating in Home Depot's Annual Safety Day! We joined the Westover Fire Department, Massachusetts State Police, Chicopee Police Department, Massachusetts Child Passenger Safety Program and other community agencies. Visitors of the event were able to learn important safety information, have car seats inspected for proper installation, see safety vehicles firsthand and meet first responders in the community! Our members put an excellent vehicle extrication demonstration for the crowd! A fun time was had by all.



## CFD shares brush fire reminder



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CHICOPEE - We are currently experiencing high fire risk conditions. We are asking everyone to do their part to help prevent wildfires. Chicopee is one of 22 densely populated cities and towns where open burning is prohibited year round. We ask everyone to continue to abide by these regulations.

Please refrain from all outdoor cook-

ing. Dry vegetation can easily be ignited by sparks and embers.

Please properly extinguish all cigarettes in a large sturdy ashtray or metal pail that contains sand or water. Please do not toss or throw smoking materials from a porch or deck, from a vehicle or into mulch. Please put it out, all the way every time.

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