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**COMMUNITY**

## Community enjoys Christmas Tree Lighting at Elms College

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CHICOPEE - During a chilly afternoon at Elms College, the school held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony serving cookies and hot beverages, with a visit from Santa Claus and Christmas caroling led by Freddie Marion on Dec. 2.

With a good turnout of students and faculty members and little kids running around excited to see a glimpse of Santa Claus, the night was filled with joy and excitement.

Beginning with a few words from President Dr. Harry Dumay, first addressing the crowd and the colder weather, Dumay was pleased with the size of the crowd and recognizing familiar faces. "Hello everybody! I hope that everyone had a restful, much deserved Thanksgiving break. It's good to see everybody out here for our annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Welcome friends and family, especially the little ones, who are here braving the cold to be out here with us. I want to say thank you to everyone who had a hand in organizing this traditional tree lighting," Dumay said. "Thank you to the facilities team for finding us a tree this year! No matter how



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The Elms Field Hockey Team were all smiles while attending the tree lighting ceremony and meeting Santa Claus.

cold the day is, through the simple act of coming together, our community can generate the warmth and life needed to resist the worst December has in store for us. This tree lighting ceremony seems like a simple thing. We all know that traditions, large and small, are not simple things

at all. They are vital to the health of communities, allowing people to come together, during good times and bad times. Traditions make communities. We are all part of this community, we are one community. Please join me in the countdown of this lighting..."

In front of the large tree in the middle of the Elms College lawn, Freddie Marion waited until it was his turn to begin the Christmas carols, which started when Dumay ended his speech. Talking with the Chicopee Register before the ceremony, Marion spoke about his beginnings

as a musician and what brought him to the city of Chicopee.

"I've been singing forever, since I was a kid. Today's music is all Christmas. This is what we are here for, in the spirit of the holiday season. My mother was

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## Rotary Club of Chicopee volunteers with Knights for Thanksgiving dinner

*Knights, other volunteers reflect*

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CHICOPEE - The Rotary Club of Chicopee joined volunteers at the Castle of Knights on Nov. 27 to help prepare the Knights' Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

The preparations included everything from turkeys, bread stuffing and mashed potatoes to cranberry sauce, rolls and butter and desserts, with the club joining other volunteers from the Knights, former Mayor Richard Kos and his family and the Girl Scouts to children from St. Stanislaus School and more lending a hand.

The Thanksgiving dinner was held from Noon to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in the banquet hall.

Rotary Club Co-President John Arthur explained after the club's Dinner and a Show event at the Castle of Knights on Nov. 1, he met a woman assisting with the event and connected with her, leading the club to connect with the Knights from there.

Arthur said the Rotary Club helped out with the food



TURLEY PHOTO BY KRISTIN RIVERS

The Rotary Club of Chicopee gets to work in the kitchen at the Castle of Knights as they help fellow volunteers prepare the Knights' Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 27.

assembly line in the kitchen, preparing 200 trays of bread stuffing scoops with turkey and breaded turkey put on top. Some members, also, volunteered on Thanksgiving Day.

"They sacrifice a good amount of that day before to pitch in. No function was beneath anyone. We all did what had to be done, I was even sweeping floors for a little bit. So, they gave up their time to do this," Arthur said.

Grand Knight Ron Greiner shared volunteers were hard at work since the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

"We take the turkeys out of the freezer and we cook them on Monday and then Tuesday we're cutting them up--taking the meat off the bones--and then we're deboning on Wednesday," Greiner said. "Right now, they're putting the little meals together so they can go in the oven in the morning and then out the door because we also deliver to, I think, this year it's around 2,000 people."

For the deliveries, Western Mass Elder Care helped the

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Mayor John Vieau provides remarks on the importance of Diabetes Awareness Month, reflecting on his daughter, Jenna, who has Type One Diabetes.

## Chicopee marks Diabetes Awareness Month

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CHICOPEE - Residents, community members and local and state elected officials gathered on the steps of city hall on Nov. 26 for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Diabetes Awareness Month.

Diabetes Awareness Month, observed in November, is dedicated to educating the public about diabetes, how it affects the body and the ways to prevent it.

This flag-raising is also a first in Chicopee, requested by Mayor John Vieau's daughter, Jenna, who later received the

mayor's proclamation from her father.

After Vieau reflected on how his daughter was diagnosed with Type One Diabetes when she was eight years old, he focused on the advances in technology to help many people living with diabetes today.

"The advancement with long-lasting and quick insulin has really changed the way people are able to treat and manage their lives," Vieau said. "And as that continued to grow with technology, there's now continuous glucose monitors, there's insulin pumps and, ultimately, we love to

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# City Council approves controversial truck stop licenses for public hearings

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CHICOPEE - City Council approved on Nov. 19 to send two licenses related to a controversial Burnett Road truck stop project to the License Committee for public hearings.

Both motions passed 12-1 and the public hearing date is forthcoming.

The fuel storage license applicant is Chicopee Inn, Inc. and the new service station license is from Pilot Travel Centers LLC.

For the fuel storage license, an amendment changed the total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored at 28,000 and all combustible liquids at 48,000. The previous gallon amounts were 32,000, with 25,000 for gasoline and 7,000 for diesel.

The votes come after several residents--who wore "STOP The Truck Stop" stickers--voiced opposition, sharing concerns about traffic and safety and, also, noting recent accidents earlier that afternoon, a six-car accident the week before and a three-car accident that took the life of a West Springfield man on Oct. 25.

### A Quick History

The controversial project is a truck stop and travel center from Pilot Travel Centers LLC on 7.9 acres of land at 357 Burnett Rd. next to the Massachusetts Turnpike and the Interstate 291 intersection.

The plans call for an 11,421-square-foot building, a 16-pump gas station, a seven-position refueling area for tractor-trailer trucks and a Wendy's restaurant. Other features would pertain to a convenience store and showers for truckers.

The project was originally approved by the Planning Board in May 2022, but the City Council rejected permits for fuel storage and gas station licenses in September 2022. This led to a court case requesting the council's decision be vacated and the licenses granted, as lawyers for Pilot Travel argued the council's decision was unlawful.

The City Council's decision was upheld by Hampden Superior Court in June.

### Thoughts from the Councilors

After public input, President/Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme addressed residents' concerns about how they were notified too late about the evening's meeting, along with the voting process.

"Our normal process is it comes before the City Council, we look at it, we send it to a committee, we have public hearings. We would not have voted for this without people being in public input. We do it all the time," Laflamme said. "This particular one, he just put it in--I don't know the date he put it in to be honest with you--but it would never have gone (to) a vote tonight. All our things go to public input, always, so we hear from the residents."

Ward 6 Councilor Samuel Shumsky apologized to the residents, hoping to do better with communication.

"I think I owe it to all the residents up there who don't know and found out late notice who couldn't come tonight to have a discussion further in subcommittee. I feel like I owe it to them and to the rest of my ward," Shumsky said. "So, the only reason I'm going to vote for this is for that reason to make it up to everyone who doesn't know and couldn't make it tonight."

Councilor-at-Large Jerry Roy was

originally going to vote for this, but after hearing the residents, felt "it's going to be a public safety issue."

"I definitely want to see some kind of business go up there, but I don't think that the gas station would be the answer to go into that area," Roy said. "So, I'm voting against this."

Councilor-at-Large Tim Wagner sympathized with the residents about the traffic concerns, reflecting on the struggle to find balance between public safety and the substantial increases in taxes falling on residents.

"So, I have to say that I'm at least going to give this particular application a fair shake in committee. I'm going to look over all the documents, I'm going to listen to all the residents' concerns--and thank you all for coming out tonight--but, for me, it's not as clear-cut as voting for or voting against because there's going to have to be a trade-off. Taxes over traffic and we have to try and find that balance," Wagner said.

After Ward 5 Councilor Frederick Krampits asked Attorney Tim Riley about litigation concerns if the licenses were denied or sent to committee, Riley replied he wasn't sure.

"That would be a question for the Litigation Team and you would do it in executive session since it's a litigation strategy," Riley said. "I couldn't answer that question tonight."

Ward 8 Councilor Gary Labrie said in his 11 years on the board, he's never recalled something not being sent to committee.

"We got to hear everybody. In my opinion, I don't want to kill it tonight. I'd like to send it to committee. We're going to have a public hearing on it and we're

going to see a presentation, I'm sure, and there's going to be a lot of discussion on it," Labrie said. "I want this to go to committee so we can have some more discussion on it."

Ward 9 Councilor Mary Beth Costello asked Shumsky about any traffic studies done through the state or city about the area.

"The city does a great job in regards to traffic studies, so that would guide us and guide the residents and I don't know if it's been done," Costello said.

Shumsky replied at a meeting on Nov. 6, Attorney Tom Murphy had conducted a traffic study and those results are forthcoming.

### Shumsky receives threats

After the votes, Shumsky shared a statement on Nov. 25 in response to threats he had received, including numerous phone calls "with two that included threats of acts that go as far as to wish severe injury and even death against me."

"In another instance, the lug nuts were loosened on my car, so my tire would fall off while I was driving, which almost happened while I was driving on I-291," Shumsky said. "In the face of this and for the sake of civility, I am asking everyone to please step back and attack the nature of this issue, not a physical attack towards me or others. No other individuals on the council or committee should be at the receiving end of such vitriol."

Shumsky ended his statement by reminding the public that "we do not have the right to threaten those with whom we may have a difference of opinion."

"I ask that everyone please curtail violent political discourse and remember that we all have the right to disagree respectfully," Shumsky said.

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## Hampden Charter School of Science surprises CFD with Thanksgiving Dinner



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CHICOPEE -- On Nov. 27, students from Hampden Charter School of Science stopped by the fire department to drop off a surprise Thanksgiving dinner. The students also surprised the police department with a Thanksgiving dinner too.

## 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.

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# “Ensure your ability to share critical data with 9-1-1”

By Amanda Munson  
Correspondent

CHICOPEE - In an effort to get first responders' vital information in an emergency, the emergency technology company RapidSOS began to ensure first responders have live-saving information needed, giving Chicopee residents the ability to share opt-in medical information to provide real-time health and location information, before an emergency happens.

Since December 2019, WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch has been an active RapidSOS user, with Executive Director Erin Hastings being an active spokesperson for this important program. Talking about the beginning of the program and situations that this program would be helpful in, Hastings highlighted that this free program only shows your personal information when you call 9-1-1 and only 20 minutes afterwards.

“We are a regional dispatch that serves the towns of Monson, East Long-

meadow, Longmeadow, Ware and the city of Chicopee. We are just getting ready to celebrate our fifth year as a regional dispatch center. Emergencyprofile.org is a website where you can sign up and put in your information in a profile that transmits anytime you call 9-1-1. If you have a chronic health condition or immobile, for example, you can put that information in your profile and when we get that profile, we can read that information that is helpful to us,” Hastings said. “You can also put in your key location, emergency contact information, if you have a large dog in the residence. It's to notify the responders on what they are walking into when they arrive on scene.”

Introducing the RapidSOS Emergency Health Profile was Capt. Katie Collins-Kalbaugh of the fire department, who wanted to focus on this program for responders and why residents of Chicopee should highly consider putting their information in.

The process is very easy, simply

go to the website and click on ‘Sign Up For Free’ and add the information that is needed, during a time when you have a clear head. In a state of emergency, that information that would be important for responders to know like what type of medicine you take or certain allergies, could be easily forgotten.

Continuing on this point and the security of the program is Hastings.

“The information is only transmitted when you make a 9-1-1 call and we can access this only 20 minutes after making that 9-1-1 call. Responders and 9-1-1 dispatchers’ response after being able to use this tool has been all great feedback,” Hastings said. “They love it as a tool that helps them do their job. RapidSOS Emergency Profile is available state wide and when you call 9-1-1, that information is transmitted and is used when that dispatch center is using RapidSOS. We do use it and there are several in our area that use it.”

When asked about calling from different numbers during an emergency and if

the dispatch would recognize the number, a home phone and a cell phone number for example, this is what Hastings suggested.

“You can attach both numbers to one profile. For families, I suggest that you note each person and who they are in your own profile, along with the number that is used daily. Then create separate profiles for each household member so that the whole household is covered,” Hastings said.

Safety is important and spreading this life saving program that could help families in and around Chicopee is critical.

“Helping people in the community is the best part about my job, it's very satisfying to go home and know that you helped somebody that day,” Hastings said.

As stated by WESTCOMM Regional Dispatch, “To ensure data privacy, information is associated with an individual's phone number and is only made available to first responders when a 9-1-1 call is placed from the associated phone number. To learn more and create a free emergency profile, visit emergencyprofile.org.”

## 21-year-old woman found dead in West Street home

Vieau later releases statement

By Kristin Rivers  
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CHICOPEE - A 21-year-old woman was found dead and a 28-year-old man is in custody after the police department investigated a domestic violence incident on West Street on Nov. 26.

According to Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni, the Hampden District Attorney's Office State Police Detective Unit and the police department are investigating the incident, which occurred in the early hours last Tuesday morning.

“9-1-1 operators received a call reporting a disturbance in the 0-100 block of West Street. Upon arrival, responding officers discovered a male victim in a bedroom suffering from a neck laceration. Immediate life-saving measures were rendered, and the victim was transported to the hospital,” Gulluni said. “During a protective sweep of the residence, officers located the body of a deceased female displaying conclusive signs of death. The Hampden District Attorney's Office State Police Detective Unit responded to investigate, and preliminary findings indicate that this is an isolated incident with no ongoing threat to the public.”

Gulluni said in his statement the investigation is ongoing.

“Additional information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation,” Gulluni said.

During the investigation, a portion of West Street was closed for a time as the police department's Detective Bureau conducted their investigation, with the public having been encouraged to seek alternate routes at the time. The street has

since reopened.

Later that day, Mayor John Vieau also released a statement to the community, addressing what happened.

“Early Tuesday morning, Chicopee Police and Fire responded to a location on West Street for a report of a disturbance. Our first responders arrived to find a horrific crime scene, and from what I have been briefed this afternoon to understand, it was an act of domestic violence,” Vieau said. “A 21-year-old woman was killed and a 28-year-old man is in police custody. The investigation remains active and ongoing, led by the office of Hampden County District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni, and we have been in contact with DA Gulluni's office. At this time, I can confirm that this was not a random act of violence, and Police Chief Patrick Major informs me that police are not seeking any additional suspects at this time. This news, while reassuring, does not take away from our sadness about this senseless act of violence.”

Vieau also expressed his sympathy about the tragedy.

“We lament the scourge of domestic violence in our nation, and we send our deepest sympathies to the family and loved ones of the victim,” Vieau said.

Vieau then concluded his statement thanking the first responders, again stressing the investigation is ongoing at this time.

“I wish to commend the work of our responding police officers and firefighters who conducted themselves with the utmost professionalism when faced with the most difficult of circumstances this morning,” Vieau said. “On behalf of our public safety and city leaders, we appreciate the patience and partnership of our community members as this investigation remains active and ongoing.”

More on this as it develops.

## 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.

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).



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## 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.



GUEST COLUMN



The last of the autumn questions for the Garden Lady

Lori, a reader of the column, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "I put my garlic cloves in three weeks ago and they have sprouted! The variety is a German White hardneck. Will they come back in the spring?"

Thank you for your question! It is not uncommon for garlic to send up shoots when fall weather is warmer than normal, much like ours has been.

Typically, the shoots survive the winter just fine, and will resume growth come spring time. To be on the safe side, I would mulch around your plants with straw or chopped up leaves to provide some insulation.

Once spring arrives, pull back the mulch and provide some fertilizer that is nitrogen rich to give the shoots a boost. A sprinkling of blood meal, fish emulsion, or composted manure would all do the trick.

Push the mulch back in place; it will help to keep weeds down. Garlic hates competition in this arena.

Early on, ample water and nutrients make the big fists of garlic we all want to see at harvest.

Hardneck garlic is typically the garlic grown in our area. Unlike softneck garlic, it needs the cold to complete its life cycle. It has fewer, but larger cloves.

Cloves from hardneck garlic are more pungent than softneck, but don't last quite as long in storage. Softneck don't grow stiff scapes as stems but have leaves that at harvest can be braided together to make a nice kitchen decoration.

Often you will see these garlic braids for sale at craft shows or in catalogs.

Michele, who gardens in Ware, has a question about tidying up her hydrangea bushes.

"The flowers at the tips of the branches of my blue hydrangea bushes have all browned and look unappealing. Some of the leaves are hanging on too. Altogether it's not a pretty sight. Can I cut down the branches to the ground? In effect, cleaning up the plant by the easiest way possible? It will sprout again when spring arrives, of that I'm sure."

I know exactly what you are talking about. From where I am writing, I can see my own hydrangea and it looks just as "pretty" as yours sounds!

Rest assured that the leaves will fall off. The flowers, on the other hand, will stick around awhile. Wind and wet weather will eventually cause them to degrade and fall away from the plant.

If you don't want to wait that long, feel free to cut the flower heads, and just the flower heads off. You see, most hydrangeas bloom on old wood.

Newer varieties – those bred in the last 20 years or so, often bloom on both new wood and old wood, so you'd never really want to cut them all the way down because you would be missing out on an opportunity for flowers to form. In case you don't follow my logic, flowers can form on the new growth the plant puts out in the spring, and the old growth from the previous year. Lots of gardeners remarked about what an amazing year it was for hydrangeas. So many flowers!

We attribute that to a mild winter last year and ample rainfall. I'm uncertain what

GUEST COLUMN



By Ellenor Downer

Pied-bill grebe



A Brimfield resident, who frequently emails about bird sighting saw a pied bill grebe in Warren on Nov. 6.

The pied-bill grebe is about 12 inches long. It is stocky and brown with a short stout bill. During the summer months, the grebe has a black ring around a white bill with a black chin. In winter the bill either shows a faint ring or no ring at all and the chin is light.

This grebe feeds by diving underwater and catching fish, aquatic insects, frogs and crayfish. The pied-bill grebe is one of the earliest migrant grebes to return and often arrives on ponds before the ice is all melted. They summer on lakes and ponds and winter in sheltered saltwater bays.

The female lays six to seven bluish green eggs in a platform nest of decaying vegetation, attached to growing vegetation in shallow water. In territorial skirmishes, males come together and tilt their heads up while calling. Parents may do a distraction display of flapping their wings between dives when their young are in danger. Their white rear feathers may be flashed when alarmed.

During breeding, calls are a "cow cow cow cow," a loud "keck keck" in alarm and a softer "cuk cuk cuk." The grebe generally remains quiet in winter.

Wild turkeys

I continue to see either one to three Tom turkeys or larger flocks of hens in my travels

around Central Massachusetts. Although wild turkeys are now a common site, I never tire of spotting them.

Low flying geese

A few days a low flying flock of geese flew over my yard just above tree top level. They honked as they went. I assume they landed in one of the beaver ponds near my home.

Birds at feeders

I put out shelled peanuts and sunflower mix seeds in the morning in my tray feeders. I have black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, white breasted nuthatches, an occasional downy woodpecker, mourning doves and squawking blue jays.

I have not put out suet cakes yet as I want to be sure the black bears are hibernating. Last year, I bought a new suet holder for this winter. I don't want to put it out to early in case a bear shows up and walks off with it. Somewhere in the woods around my home, there must be a large pile of suet feeders taken by bears. If I was lucky enough to find them, I think most would be smashed and unusable.

Common raven

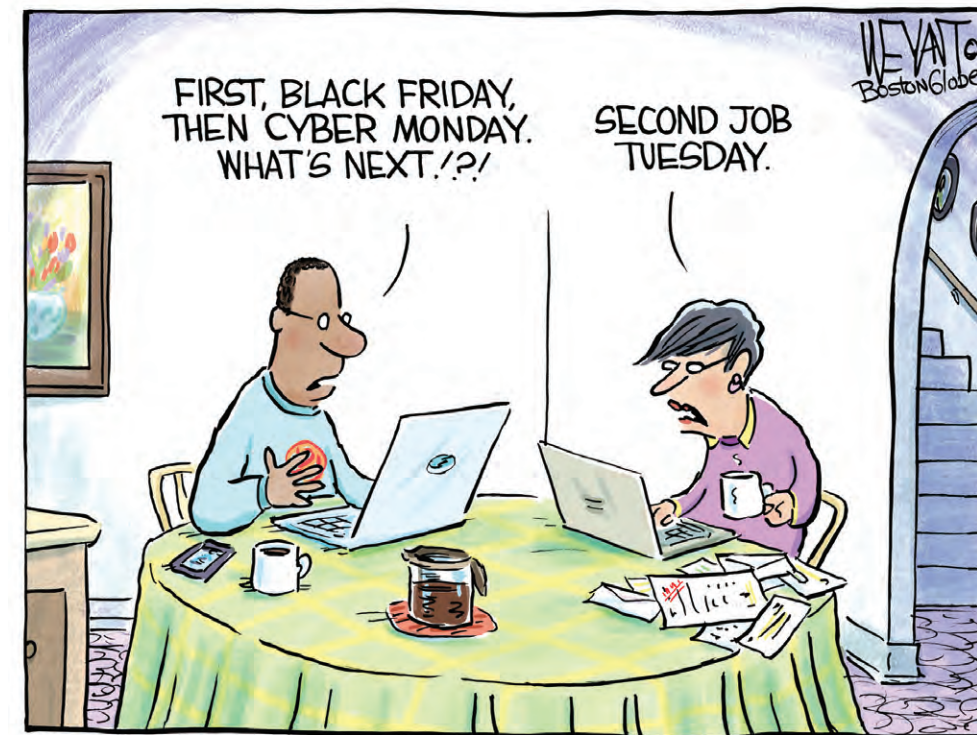
I continue to hear the common raven and sometimes see them flying overhead. They are much larger than the crow and make a low gronking sound.

Mass Audubon bird sightings

Cape Cod weekly wildlife sightings are sponsored by the Bird Watchers General Store in Orleans and Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The following sightings were reported between Nov. 13 and Nov. 19. Cape Cod's second-ever record of a spotted towhee was found at the Provincetown Airport on Nov. 16. A very rare pine grosbeak, two white-winged crossbills and a late prairie warbler were also seen there. A snowy owl was seen in Provincetown. Along Race Point Road a western tanager and two evening grosbeaks were seen.

Birds from Race Point in Provincetown this week included a pacific loon, 400 long-tailed ducks, 1,300 white-winged scoters, 1,500 red-breasted mergansers, 500 sanders, 400 dunlin, five Pomarine jaegers, 1,080 razorbills, a common murre, two dovebies, 85 black-legged kittiwakes, 70 Cory's shearwater, 215 great shearwaters, four sooty shearwaters, two Manx shearwaters, 3,200 northern gannets, two Lapland longspurs and 24 snow buntings.

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



the droughty fall will do, if anything, to next year's show.

I also wonder if hydrangeas put on a banner year one year, if the following year will be sparser because they are in recovery mode? I know it happens that way for fruit trees, my Asian pears for example, but not certain if it works the same way with flowering shrubs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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# Yankee Home reveals winner of \$15,000 Holiday Giveaway

CHICOPEE- As the holiday season approaches, Yankee Home is thrilled to give back to the community that has supported us for over 16 years. In celebration of the trust and loyalty we have received from local families and homeowners, we are excited to announce the winner of our \$15,000 giveaway! This giveaway is our way of saying "thank you" for the trust, loyalty, and friendships we've built over the years.

Every year we host a Home Makeover Giveaway that is open to all homeowners within Yankee Home's service area. After receiving over 12,000 entries, we selected one deserving winner to surprise this morning. On Monday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m., the Prize Patrol surprised our winner, Jessica Cherival of Springfield, MA, outside her workplace at 387 Union Street, Springfield. Jessica was excited to meet with us under the premise of being one of our "giveaway finalists" and agreed to take a break from her work at Christina's House for what she believed was a "final



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interview." Little did she know; she was revealed to be the winner of our \$15,000 giveaway!

Christina's House, located at 387 Union Street, Springfield, MA, is a Christ-centered ministry with a mission to educate,

embrace, and encourage women and children who are homeless or near homeless through the love of Jesus Christ. Their vision is to provide mothers and their children with the life skills needed to become self-sufficient as

they transition from homelessness to permanent, stable environments. The homes at Christina's House are designed to offer both educational programming and transitional housing for these families.

Jessica shared with us that she was thrilled to receive this giveaway as she can use the money towards improvements to her home and use the money she would have spent on these improvements to give back to the community in other ways.

We extend an invitation to all members of the press and local media to share this heartwarming story, providing an excellent opportunity to showcase the spirit of giving and community that defines Yankee Home. Yankee Home is proud to be part of this vibrant community. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our neighbors, friends, and family and are so pleased to have had the opportunity to bring some cheer to Jessica's holiday season.

Congratulations Jessica!

## Elder Fraud Prevention Dec. 6

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 BIN-GO. You must register in advance.

## 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.



A beautiful shot of the Elms College quad with all the lights luminating the night after the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 2.



Students from Elms were happy to enjoy the hot drinks and sweet treats offered during the event.

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an alum who graduated in 1959, who went into teaching. I've been involved with the Elms for years, I was involved with musical production here for over 35 years with Sister Rosemary Sullivan. Singing is my retirement, I

sing from morning till night, this time of year, I have 67 events just in December!" Marion said.

The evening was filled with laughter and greetings from old friends, walking around the lit-up tree to taking multiple photos with Santa Claus.

After the event, Santa Claus

spoke about his involvement with the Elms and his impression visiting the college for the very first time.

"This is my first year here, I have a few connections here and was offered to come to the tree lighting. This is great! This college has a strong faith base

which is different from all the other locations I've visited. My favorite part about what I do is being with the children. If you think about it in global terms, these children are the next generation. If you teach them the right things and make them happy, it'll create a better future," he

said. "When I was in Disney a couple of years ago, some older kids were coming up to me questioning if I was the real one. I asked them what do you believe and they responded saying I believe it's you. That is all that matters, belief in the Christmas spirit."

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# IN THE CITY



Richard Sabourin and Dave Sroka, members of the Knights of Columbus, smile as they take a break from getting the bread stuffing together.



Members of the Knights of Columbus had different tasks to complete ahead of their big Thanksgiving Dinner, including chopping the squash.



Members of the Rotary Club of Chicopee work like a food assembly line as they put together the bread stuffing scoops.

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Knights out and 200 meals were, also, delivered to Kate's Kitchen and Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

"We have a lot of people helping out, lot of kids. It's when we all get together, we love doing it. We've done it for 31 years," Greiner said. "It's dedication, all of these volunteers."

Greiner also expressed his gratitude to the Rotary Club.

"It's great that we can all come together like that. That's what we're here for, to help people that don't have what we have and they're in need. We enjoy doing it," Greiner said.

Kenneth Vautrin has volunteered for many years and was thrilled to see everyone come together.

"It always seems like we have a great crew here. We have husbands and wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, they're all here,"

Vautrin said. "Even past deputies!"

For Vautrin, he loves how the dinner is open to all.

"You feel good that you can give to other people. The good thing about this is it's not about your income. If you want to come and have a nice dinner, just come and have a nice dinner. No questions asked," Vautrin said.

Julian Moylan, one of four students at St. Stanislaus School volunteering that Wednesday, enjoyed putting the food together alongside his family and friends.

"I want to tell them--the people of Chicopee--that this is really fun," Moylan said.

His sister, Amelia, shared it's the first year the siblings were volunteering and the family saw information about it online.

She's thankful for her family this Thanksgiving.

"Those people that we're actually

making food for--well, preparing food for right now--they probably don't have a mom and dad to be with. Or have any food that they (have) or anyone that can provide food for them. So, it just makes me feel good that I'm doing this right now," she said.

Lucas Leonard was joined by his sister, Zoey, with the siblings volunteering for their second year.

He was looking forward to spending time with family and giving thanks, enjoying the opportunity to volunteer again.

"I just enjoy doing it and helping people out that don't have food," Leonard said.

Leonard said it's important to give back.

"Just helping people is the right thing to do," Leonard said.

Lucas Leonard and Amelia Moylan encourage the community to get involved next year.

"It's good if a lot of people could do this," Leonard said.

"I want them to know that they should advertise this a little more so more people can come in and help," Moylan said. "And I want them to know I'm thankful for all we have and that I'm thankful for that we have Chicopee and we can be here doing this right now."

Greiner's message was this.

"We just wish everyone well and have a prosperous next two months. Stay healthy and we're there to help any way we can," Greiner said. "That's what we're here for. That's our main goal to help the community and the surrounding areas."

Arthur wants the community to know the Rotary Club is here for them and they're happy to support all community efforts.

"I believe we'll have even more next year," Arthur said.

## DIABETES AWARENESS from page 1

see someday a cure for diabetes but, also, the external pancreas is probably not far away from being in our future and that's something we're excited about."

Vieau next shared some statistics.

"There's over 38 million Americans, including children, who are living with diabetes and it's estimated that 97 million Americans are becoming pre-diabetic. The disparities in diabetes prevalence among racial and ethnic minority groups in communities with lower socioeconomic status is relevant," Vieau said. "And it's often due to social determinants of health such as limited access to nutritious food, food deserts and, also, healthcare services."

Vieau's message for those who are pre-diabetic or diagnosed with diabetes stressed the importance of healthy eating habits and exercise.

"It's really a key component to longevity and also, those, like I had mentioned with pre-diabetes, it can also be helpful in

preventing it," Vieau said.

Ward 2 City Councilor Shane Brooks, who coached Jenna Vieau since she was a child, reflected on her growth.

"I've watched Jenna grow into a strong, vibrant young woman--same age as my daughter--she's defied remarkable challenges and it's really amazing to see how far she's come and how far she still has to go," Brooks said.

State Rep. Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee) encouraged the community to familiarize themselves with the topic, having skimmed some facts of her own, including how one in five adults have diabetes and they don't even know it.

"Whether it's an onset or later on in life, many of us have family members and loved ones who developed diabetes, whether it's at an early age or later on and we understand the difficulties with that," Arriaga said. "A healthy lifestyle, you have to change a lot of things, the medicine, just maintaining and it's difficult and we're here for our loved ones and our friends."



Ed Proust, Jenna Vieau and Mayor John Vieau with the mayor's proclamation marking Nov. 26 as Diabetes Awareness Month in the city of Chicopee.

Arriaga shared she hopes to help the next generation "stay a little healthier" and has proposed--and secured--funding for the city "to help all of our youth participate in sports of their choosing at no cost to them or their family."

"Just a little way to help them stay healthy. Just to help our kids learn and develop good lifestyle skills, eating habits," Arriaga said. "Physical activity is important. It does help whether you have it or don't have it just to maintain and we all need a little bit of physical activity, we understand the financial burden."

She added her goal is to do this for the entire Commonwealth.

"So that all the kids in Massachusetts can play in a sport, hopefully develop some skills to keep them healthy and hopefully we can curb childhood diabetes, adult diabetes and just have people be a little bit healthier," Arriaga said.

After reading the mayor's proclamation, Vieau presented it to his daughter,



With umbrellas held by City Treasurer Marie Laflamme and Mayor John Vieau, Ed Proust and Jenna Vieau crank the lever to raise the Diabetes Awareness flag.

who later raised the Diabetes Awareness flag at City Hall Plaza alongside Ed Proust. Vieau ended the ceremony with these words.

"It's really about making sure people understand how diabetes is impacting so many lives and, really, we'll continue to pray and hope for a cure," Vieau said. "Like I started, we all have something to be grateful for, so let's share that with the rest of the world."

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## Sword remains with Comp in rainy rout

CHICOPEE – Despite an impressive season from Chicopee High School this year, the Pacers were still no match for rival Chicopee Comprehensive on Thanksgiving morning. Playing in the pouring rain and raw conditions, Comp took it to High with a 52-0 rout last Thursday morning. Since moving the Sword Game to Thanksgiving morning, Comp has not lost to High.



Chicopee Comprehensive once again celebrates victory in the Thanksgiving Sword Game.



Victor Ferrer makes a tackle for Comp.



Josiah Feliz heads into the crowd of blockers.



Adrian Gonzalez holds the football in traffic.



Gavin Williams makes the catch.



Chicopee's Cyair Charles tries to avoid Comp tacklers.



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Anthony Cabrera-Cavette kicks a point-after for the Colts.



Cristian Riberio plays the ball.

## All-Star soccer action

SPRINGFIELD – Last Monday night on the turf of Pope Francis High School, high school soccer held all-star games. Class C and D played in one match while A and B clashed in another. Among the all-stars were Cristian Riberio and Jason Brown, who represented Chicopee High School in the match.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM Cristian Riberio and Jason Brown were chosen as all-stars.



The Chicopee all-star makes his way toward the goal.

## Hall of Fame hosting pair of college matchups

SPRINGFIELD – The MGM Springfield Basketball Hall of Fame Classic, presented by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, takes place on “World Basketball Day,” Saturday, Dec. 21, at the MassMutual Center and will be televised nationally on CBS Sports Network.

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## T-Birds climb back above .500 with win over Bruins

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Springfield Thunderbirds (10-9-1-0) got off to a quick start en route to a 3-2 win over the Providence Bruins (8-10-2-0) on Sunday afternoon at Amica Mutual Pavilion on a day when the two teams sported throwback jerseys. Springfield donned the Indians jerseys circa 1979, while the Bruins wore their late 1990s gold “Pooh Bear” logo jerseys.

The T-Birds jumped ahead on the scoreboard for a sixth consecutive game, this time just 3:51 into the contest. Scott Harrington settled a puck at the right point and fired it toward the net mouth with two teammates setting up screens. Aleksanteri Kaskimaki showed terrific hand-eye coordination, successfully spiking it down to the ice between the legs of Bruins goalie Michael DiPietro, giving the T-Birds a 1-0 lead. Harrington picked up his first point as a T-Bird, and Dalibor Dvorsky earned the secondary assist to extend his point streak to five games.

Colten Ellis drew the net for a second consecutive start, looking to extend a five-game streak without a regulation loss, making nine stops in the opening period. The Bruins’ first and only power play of the period, though, got the game evened when Patrick Brown cleaned up his own rebound following a splendid Ellis save at 13:49, evening the slate, 1-1.

Springfield failed to connect on its first power play, but the T-Birds took advantage with 1:56 of man-up time to

begin the second. Samuel Johannesson got the play started from the right point, whipping a pass in the left circle to Marcus Sylvegard. The winger uncorked a shot that DiPietro deflected but could not cover. The rebound sat in the blue paint, where Matt Luff swooped in to backhand the puck across the goal line to give the T-Birds the 2-1 lead just 38 seconds into the middle period.

The Bruins attack could not get anything going in the T-Birds end, registering just four shots on Ellis for the duration of the second. Springfield’s offense remained opportunistic and extended the lead at 13:04 when Dylan Peterson flipped a puck toward the net, allowing Reece Newkirk to slip it into the blue paint and Drew Callin to bury the loose change to make it a 3-1 score.

Providence did not go down easily as defenseman Mason Millman connected for his first goal as a Bruin with a slap shot just 1:36 into the final period to make it a 3-2 game. The Bruins had the bulk of the offensive chances in the final period, but Ellis and the Springfield defense did enough to prevent the home side from finding an equalizer. Ellis, who is now 5-0-1 in his last six starts, had 25 saves in the victory.

The T-Birds, who now sit above the .500 plateau for the first time since they won their season opener, rest up before welcoming the Bridgeport Islanders on Friday night at the MassMutual Center, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m.

## Railers takes two of three on the road

WICHITA, KS — The Worcester Railers HC (8-10-0-1 17pts) fell to the Wichita Thunder (10-9-1-0, 21pts), on Saturday night by the final score of 6-2 in front of a crowd of 4,009 at the INTRUST Bank Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at the Cool Insuring Arena taking on the Adirondack Thunder on Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. EST.

It was Wichita who tallied the first goal on the board as they took an early 1-0 lead 1:08 into the first period, with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (1-1-2). Joe Carroll (1-0-1) extended the lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. Colin Jacobs (1-0-1) then netted one for Worcester making it a 2-1 game. Wichita then scored two unanswered to finish the first period coming from Nolan Kneen (1-0-1) and Nolan Burke (1-0-1) making it a 4-1 Wichita lead headed into the second period. Anthony Repaci (1-0-1) scored the only second period goal with his power play goal with under a second remaining in the period. Wichita closed the game out with two third period goals, the first coming from Michal Stinil (1-1-2) on the power play while Braden Hache (1-1-2) was able to score on the empty net to close out the scoring, leaving the game with a 6-2 final score.

The scoring came early from Wichita through the first 20 minutes of play.

Wichita got started with a goal from Jeremie Bucheler (4th) just 1:08 into the game. Joe Carrol (7th) extended the Wichita lead to 2-0 6:01 into the first. The Railers answered back with a goal from Colin Jacobs (2nd) with just over eight minutes to go in the first. Wichita finished the period by pushing their lead to 4-1 with goals from Nolan Kneen (1st) and Nolan Burke (3rd). Shots favored Worcester in the first 22-12.

Despite the five total goals in the first both teams scoring slowed down in the second period. It looked as if the second period would go without a score until Anthony Repaci (14th) scored a power play goal with under a second to go in the period making it a 4-2 game heading into the third period. Shots Favored Worcester 12-8 in the second.

The third period was another low scoring period on both ends. The stalemate was broken when the Thunder got on the power play and cashed in with a goal from Michal Stinil (10th) 16:15 into the third period. The Railers went with an empty net late in the third trying to make the comeback, but the Braden Hache (1st) of the Thunder was able to get the puck all the way down the ice and score on the empty net making the final score 6-2. Shots favored Worcester 16-12 in the third and 50-32 in the game.

## Parade Committee announces Marshal and Awards for 2025



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### 2025 Chicopee Award Recipients

CHICOPEE - Chicopee Parade Committee President Kathy Sliwa has announced the following award recipients for the 2025 parade season. The announcement was made at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grill on Dec. 3.

Billy Stetson, owner of the Rumbleseat and Past President of the Chicopee Parade Committee, will serve as Parade Marshal and will lead the Chicopee contingent in the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 23, 2025.

George A. Balakier will receive the Woods Award, which recognizes a committee member for long-time, exemplary service.

Corridan Funeral Home will be recognized with the Atkinson Award, which recognizes a person or organization in the community that has supported the committee. Kevin Culloo, Owner and Funeral Director, will accept the award for the organization.

Brady Procon, who in July intervened to prevent a tragic boating accident on Lake Winnepesaukee, will receive the

Meara Award, which is presented to an individual who has performed heroically to come to the aid of others.

Award recipients will be formally recognized at the President’s Dinner on February 1, 2025, to be held at the Portuguese American Club on Exchange Street, Chicopee.

Tickets will go on sale after the new year.

Applications for the 2025 Colleen Contest will be available soon and posted on the committee’s website. March Money Madness cards are available for \$10.00 each from any committee member.

Other events being planned for early 2025 include the Colleen Contest and Coronation Ball, and Irish Night. Watch the committee’s website and Facebook page for further details and ticket information.

The committee meets throughout the year, and new members are always welcome. Anyone interested may contact the committee through its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/chicopeespc/>, or website at [www.chicopeespc.com](http://www.chicopeespc.com).

## CPD receives donation from Home Depot



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CHICOPEE — The police department received a donation of cold weather buckets from Home Depot on Nov. 22. The buckets include a coat, hat, gloves and a hand warmer and will be handed out to people in need in the community.

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“This iconic event in the birthplace of basketball is a hoop dream realized for many of the sports’ up and coming stars,” said Louis Therios, MGM Springfield President and COO. “MGM Springfield is incredibly proud to support and celebrate the Classic, honoring basketball’s

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Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Classic are on sale now via [massmutualcenter.com](http://massmutualcenter.com) and the MassMutual Center Box Office. For more information, please visit [hoophall.com](http://hoophall.com). Group ticket pricing and hospitality opportunities are also available.



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by Ann L Tabb of Enfield,  
CT requesting that the Court  
enter a formal Decree and  
Order and for such other relief  
as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests  
that: Ann L Tabb of Enfield,  
CT be appointed as Personal  
Representative(s) of said  
estate to serve Without  
Surety on the bond in unsu-  
pervised 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 proceed-  
ing. 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  
01/03/2025. This is NOT a  
hearing date, but a dead-  
line 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 Represen-  
tative appointed under  
the MUPC in an unsuper-  
vised 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 admin-  
istration directly from the

Personal Representative  
and may petition the Court  
in any matter relating to the  
estate, including the distri-  
bution of assets and expens-  
es of administration

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

Date: December 03, 2024

Rosemary A Saccomani,  
Register of Probate  
12/06/2024

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD24P2459EA

Estate of:  
Richard J Farrell  
Date of Death: 10/22/24  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interest-  
ed in the above captioned estate,  
by Petition of Petitioner  
Anne G Chernick of  
Springfield, MA.

Anne G Chernick of  
Springfield, MA has been  
informally appointed as the  
Personal Representative of  
the estate to serve without  
surety on the bond.

The estate is being admin-  
istered under informal pro-  
cedure by the Personal  
Representative under the  
Massachusetts Uniform  
Probate Code without  
supervision by the Court.  
Inventory and accounts  
are not required to be filed  
with the Court, but inter-  
ested parties are entitled to  
notice regarding the admin-  
istration from the Personal  
Representative and can peti-  
tion the Court in any matter  
relating to the estate, includ-  
ing distribution of assets and  
expenses of administration.  
Interested parties are entitled  
to petition the Court to insti-  
tute formal proceedings and  
to obtain orders terminating  
or restricting the powers of  
Personal Representatives  
appointed under informal  
procedure. A copy of the  
Petition and Will, if any,  
can be obtained from the  
Petitioner.  
12/06/2024

Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2483GD

In the matter of:  
Anahizuley Garcia  
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 per-  
sons, a petition has been filed  
by Baystate Medical Center  
of Springfield, MA in the  
above captioned matter alleg-  
ing that Anahizuley Garcia  
is in need of a Guardian and  
requesting that Heather  
Beattie of Hampden, 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 incapacitat-  
ed, 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  
12/31/2024.

This day is NOT a hear-  
ing 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 appear-  
ance 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 law-  
yer, one may be appointed  
at State expense.

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

Date: November 29, 2024

Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
12/06/2024

#### SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Under G.L. c.255 Sec. 39A  
Notice is hereby given by  
Interstate Towing, Inc. pur-  
suant to the provisions of  
G.L. c. 255, section 39A,  
that on December 13, 2024  
at Interstate Towing, Inc the  
following Motor Vehicles will  
be sold at private sale to sat-  
isfy our garage keeper's lien  
thereon for storage, towing  
charges, care and expenses of  
notices and sale of said vehi-  
cles.

2008 Scion TC  
VIN: JTKDE167780226652  
Heather Lamoureux  
269 Stony Hill Rd, Apt 137  
Wilbraham, MA, 01095

2005 Nissan Armada Se/Le  
VIN: 5N1AA08B35N714217  
Melissa Blue  
217 Francis Ave, Apt 1A  
Pittsfield, MA, 01201

2003 Honda Odyssey Exl  
VIN: 5FNRL18903B095379  
Leonardo Marcos De Souza  
241 Littleton Rd, Apt 202  
Chelmsford, MA, 01824

2009 Ford Fusion Se  
VIN: 3FAHP07109R219380  
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: 3GSCL33P78S639225  
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. pur-  
suant to the provisions of  
G.L. c. 255, section 39A,  
that on December 6, 2024 at  
Interstate Towing, Inc the fol-  
lowing Motor Vehicles will  
be sold at private sale to sat-  
isfy our garage keeper's lien  
thereon for storage, towing  
charges, care and expenses of  
notices and sale of said vehi-  
cles.

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 Oneglia  
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. pur-  
suant to the provisions of  
G.L. c. 255, section 39A,  
that on December 20, 2024  
at Interstate Towing, Inc the  
following Motor Vehicles will  
be sold at private sale to sat-  
isfy our garage keeper's lien  
thereon for storage, towing  
charges, care and expenses of  
notices and sale of said vehi-  
cles.

2011 Mitsubishi Lancer Es/  
Es Sport  
VIN: JA32U2FU7BU004253  
Keila Garcia  
258 Jasper St.  
Springfield, MA 01109

2012 BMW 528xi  
VIN:  
WBAXH5C51CDW10284  
John Pangelinan  
99 Woodland Dr., Apt. C  
Uncasville, CT 06382

2015 Buick Enclave  
VIN: 5GAKVBKD8FJ360501  
David Long  
54 Lyman St., Apt 2  
South Hadley, MA 01075

2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee  
Limited  
VIN: 1C4RJFBG9JC107906  
Michael Mercadante  
87 South Ave.  
Longmeadow, MA 01106

2005 Honda Accord Ex  
1HGCM558X5A109582  
Maria Colon  
491 Bridge Rd., Apt. 1102  
Florence, MA 01062

2015 Nissan Rogue S/SL/SV  
VIN: KNMAT2MT8FP553667  
Bijoy Marina  
901 Better Days Pl  
Valrico, FL 33594

2012 Honda Fit  
VIN: JHMGE8H34CS003634  
Jorge Cruz  
155 W MainSt.  
Plainville, CT 06062

2005 Hyundai Tucson Gls/Lx  
VIN: KM8JN12D15U210985  
Daquan Jackson  
6025 North Hills Dr., Apt. G  
Raleigh, NC 27609

12/06, 12/13, 12/20/2024

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**Early Deadlines**  
for all LEGAL NOTICES...

**All Papers  
Will Deadline  
Thursday, Dec. 19  
at Noon for  
Publication  
Dec. 23-27**

**Happy Holidays!**

**Happy New Year!**  
**All Papers  
Will Deadline  
Friday, Dec. 27  
at Noon for  
Publication  
Dec. 30-Jan. 3**



# 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. 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!

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 playspace

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)

## 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.

## CPD takes part in Battle of the Badges Blood Drive



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHICOPEE - The police department joined the fire department to take part in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Dec. 2. The event took place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the police department's training room and was in memory of Det. Michael Dion and Firefighter Tony Spano. Eligible donors also received a \$10 gift card for Dunkin', Starbucks, Big Y, Amazon, Panera and Chipotle.



## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD24P2394EA  
Estate of:  
Stacia F. Moriarty  
Date of Death: 9/13/2024  
FORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jeffrey F. Snide, Sr. of Chester, VT**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Jeffrey F. Snide, Sr. of Chester, VT** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to

notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
12/06/2024

**CHICOPEE CITY  
COUNCIL LICENSE  
COMMITTEE  
LEGAL NOTICE**

The License Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, **December 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM** in the Auditorium, 3rd floor, City Hall, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Application for an amended fuel storage license - loca-

tion of land: 357 Burnett Road. Total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored: 28,000. Total quantity of all combustible liquids to be stored: 48,000. Previous amount of gallons: 32,000; 25,000 gasoline, 7,000 diesel. Applicant - Chicopee Inn, Inc., 851 East Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA 01105.

Application for a Service Station License at 357 Burnett Road. Applicant - Pilot Travel Centers, LLC, 5508 Lonas Dr. Knoxville, TN 37909.

The December 16, 2024 License Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. Zoom credentials are available upon request by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM or by email at [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](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, Chicopee, MA 01013. You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email [aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov](mailto:aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov).  
12/06/2024

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**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.**

## Porter and Chester Institute Chicopee 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 val-

ues 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).

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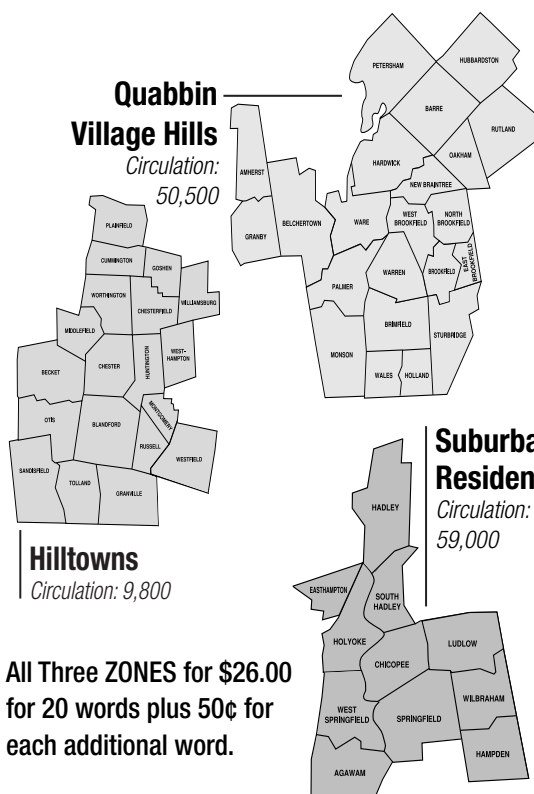
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## CPD delivered turkeys ahead of Thanksgiving



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CHICOPEE – Ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday, the police department delivered 30 turkey dinners to families in need on Nov. 26. The police department shared this message on their Facebook page: “We recognize the continued support from our community and are grateful to be able to give back when we can. Thank you to the First Congressional Church of Chicopee for helping us make this happen.”

## CFD takes part in Battle of the Badges Blood Drive



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CHICOPEE – The fire department joined the police department for a Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Dec. 2. The fire department shared this message on Facebook: “Thank you to everyone who participated in today’s Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. Although the Fire Department did not have the most donors, we are grateful to all of those individuals that were willing to donate blood to potentially help save lives.”

## Upcoming Frozen Polish Food Sales

INDIAN ORCHARD - Immaculate Conception Church, 25 Parker Street, Indian Orchard, is having two more Frozen Polish Food Sales.

Pierogi (Cabbage, Potato & Cheese, Sweet Cheese, Blueberry), Golabki and Kapusta will be on sale on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and The Rosary Sodality is selling Lottery

Calendars for the month of December for \$20 each, which make good Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers after Mass.

Contact Jean Duperre at 413-592-1965 or Julie Chmura at 413-543-4750.

On Saturday, December 14, 2024, the sale will be from 8 a.m. to Noon and The Youth of the Parish are sponsoring a Basket/Silent Auction.

## Food Bank of Western Mass Tour and Cooking Demonstration Dec. 11

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

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