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## Students tour Veterans Home new construction

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Carpentry students at Dean Tech High School got a chance to get a tour of the construction of the Veterans Home.

The goal of this trip was to expose the students to real life application of the work that they hope to do in the future.

“We’re creating that pipeline, kids learning the trades to get the next generation of the workforce ready to step into these trades,” Mayor Joshua Garcia said.

“It’s important for them to see a project this size in their own backyard and really help them understand the work they’re doing in school, how it is applied to the real world,” Dean Tech Career and Technical Education Director Joel McAuliffe said.

The students were able to tour the construction site and learn firsthand from the construction workers directly. They were invited to ask questions about the job throughout the tour.

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## Fountain dedicated to Helen Norris

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The fountain at Laurel Park was dedicated to former City Councilor Helen Norris thanks to her work in restoring it.

Laurel park was originally established in Holyoke in 1909, after residents had requested that the city keep the space a park. The fountain in the park

was constructed in 1918.

Over the decades the fountain and the park fell into disrepair. The park was restored in 1998 thanks to the leadership of Norris and collaboration from city departments and community members.

Norris’ work inspired continued efforts to keep the park and the fountain in good condition. In 2016, Former Mayor Alex Morse invested \$37,000

into the park to build and restore the fountain.

Now the fountain is the only one that remains in operation in all of Holyoke’s parks.

Norris was inspired to restore the fountain and the park as she knew how much it meant to the residents in the neighborhood.

“I heard from many longtime residents how Laurel Park brought good memories,”

Norris said. “By the time I was elected, the sparkle of Laurel Park was dimming. Its beauty faded as vandalism, broken glass and disrepair set in.”

Norris was dedicated to ensuring that the park could be restored to its former glory. She worked with students from Dean Technical High School, city departments and neighbors

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## City gathers at War Memorial to honor fallen veterans

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke celebrated Memorial Day with a ceremony at the War Memorial Building on Appleton Street.

Mayor Joshua Garcia, members of the city council and State Representative Patricia Duffy were all present for the event in order to honor fallen veterans.

“It’s always an honor to

come to events where neighbors come together and stand side by side together,” Garcia said. “Today with prayer, music, words and ceremony remember the heroes who gave their lives so that we can con-

tinue to be free.”

City Council President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti shared her gratitude for the sacrifices of the fallen veterans.

“I have never lived in a world where there was a military draft,” she said. “This peace is a direct result of the courage and selflessness of our service members throughout history.”

All present wanted to show their gratefulness for the safety and peace in the United States that exists due to the work of veterans.

“I’m constantly reminded of the principles of democracy for which they fought,” Garcia said. “The freedom to vote, to choose our own leaders, the freedom to express our beliefs without fear, the freedom to assemble, including the folks who assemble right outside my office every single day and the ability to self-govern ourselves.”

Throughout the ceremony fallen heroes were honored by performances from the Holyoke High School Madrigal Choir



The American Legion Post 325 Honor Guard posted the colors for the ceremony.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

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## Council looks at spending options for opioid funds

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – At their meeting on May 21, the city council discussed what they wanted to do with the about \$75,000 in the stabilization fund created to receive the Opioid Settlement Stabilization funds.

The city has received about \$475,000 so far to the stabilization they set up to receive the Opioid funds.

However, the state has implemented a new law stating that the rest of the Opioid funds, to be given out over the 17 or so years, will be given directly to the mayor through a revenue fund.

“The bottom line really is the state forced us to close the account and open up a new one, so now we can use the new one in a better way than we were able to use it before,” Councilor

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## Genealogy consultations available at the library

**HOLYOKE** – The Holyoke History Room of the Holyoke Public Library is now hosting free Drop-in consultations with professional genealogists twice a month from 2 to 4 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays. Anyone with an interest in family history research is welcome to drop by to ask for guided help or share their progress.

Hillary Schau, certified professional genealogist, has more than 20 years of experience in the field and has particular expertise in helping people get organized. Iris Alicea Flores, also a certified professional genealogist, offers general help and brings with her an entire library of reference works on Caribbean and Central and South American genealogical

research. Iris is fully bilingual. Both genealogists, as well as History Room staff, can help visitors navigate online sources and explore the resources at the History Room. Extra computers will be available for patron use.

Hillary, who has been involved in the genealogy lab at the Chicopee Public Library for several years, is excited to be offering her services for free in Holyoke. Iris, who works remotely with clients far and near and is the author of the Descubre Tu Historia blog, is enjoying offering in-person help to local residents. Since winter, the program has attracted more than two dozen drop-in visitors and there is room for more. For more information, call the History Room at (413) 420-8107.

## Nueva Esperanza to hold concert

**HOLYOKE** – Nueva Esperanza, in partnership with Holyoke Media and MIFA victory Theatre, is excited to announce a special community event celebrating the vibrant artistic culture of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. Join us for “Puerto Abierto” on Thursday, May 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Holyoke Media, located at 1 Court Plaza.

Admission is free, please RSVP for front seating via Nueva Esperanza. This free event invites all local and non-local

residents to come together and enjoy an hour of captivating performances featuring: Giovanni A. Pérez, Flutist Eric Lemmon, Composer Julio Quiñones, Composer

Families are welcome to bring their children to share in this unique artistic experience. While walk-ins are encouraged, those wishing to sit up front can RSVP by calling Nueva Esperanza. For more information about the Thursday event and to RSVP for front seating, please contact Nueva Esperanza at (413) 437-7666.

## Gun violence awareness event set

**HOLYOKE** – A Gun Violence Awareness observance will be held at the Holyoke City Hall on Monday June 3, at 2 p.m. The public is invited.

Anne Thalheimer, area representative for Wear Orange and a survivor of gun violence when she was a college student, is the organizer.

The program will include statements from individuals whose lives have been affected by gun violence, and the reading of a proclamation by

Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia.

Orange has been the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement nationwide. It is the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. In January of 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was killed in Chicago at the age of 15 one week after performing at President Obama’s second inaugural parade in 2013. Friends of Hadiya wore orange in her honor.

## City announces July 4th fireworks

**HOLYOKE** – The City of Holyoke will be hosting the annual 4th of July fireworks on Friday, June 28 (with a rain-date of June 30). The event will take place on the grounds of Holyoke Community College, at 303 Homestead Ave.

Vendors interested in taking part in the event should contact the Parks and Recreation Department before June 16, for a permit application at 413-322-5620.

Everyone is encouraged to come early to enjoy the music and food from a variety of vendors as well as many children’s activities. The event begins at 6 p.m. with the fireworks display scheduled to start at dusk. For any questions, please call the Mayor’s Office at 413-561-1600.

## Senior Center offers Mystic Seaport Museum trip

**HOLYOKE** – Visit Connecticut’s Mystic Seaport Museum with the Holyoke Senior Center’s Travel Club. The club will adventure to the nation’s leading maritime museum on Tuesday, June 18, to delve into ocean exploration, innovation, recreation, art, artifacts and more. Find a sea story by exploring the Museum’s exhibitions, historic village, collections, and working shipyard. A

ticket to the museum, bus transportation, and a boxed lunch are included in the price of the trip.

The trip is \$80 per person. Payment in full is required to reserve your a and must be received no later than Thursday, June 13. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 8 a.m., and will leave Mystic at 3:30 p.m. to arrive back in Holyoke by approximately 5:30 p.m. Limited

seats are available and reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. These are rain or shine events, and tickets are non-refundable unless the space can be filled by someone on the waitlist. Payment for tickets can be made by check, payable to the Holyoke Senior Center, or by cash. Please plan to drop a payment by the front desk at the Senior Center.

## Council to review school naming plan

**HOLYOKE** – The naming plan for the new middle school that was developed by the Holyoke School Committee in April will be headed next to the Holyoke City Council for review.

The next step is to refer the matter to the Joint Subcommittee of the City

Council and School Committee when they meet on June 13.

The new middle school is currently under construction on the site of the former William R. Peck School, with an anticipated opening date in fall or winter 2025-26.

### COLLEGE NOTES

## Lasell University dean’s list

**NEWTON** – **Ciro Zanetti**, a Lasell University student from Holyoke, was named to the dean’s list for their academic performance in the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the dean’s list, Lasell students must complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

## Manzi graduates from Holy Cross

**WORCESTER** – **Emma Manzi** of Holyoke received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross.

Manzi is among 751 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 178th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 24 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

## Tennis social mixer offered weekly

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Springfield Tennis Club, located at the Public Red Clay Tennis Courts at Forest Park, announces weekly Saturday social tennis mixer

The first social tennis mixer was held Saturday May 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. and is open to the public, and there will be no charge for participation. Refreshments will be served. The weekly Saturday mixers will run from May to October.

The social mixers are a fun morning of tennis. Join for a chance to meet new players, improve tennis skills, and enjoy the sport in a friendly environment. Players should be advanced beginner level and above, 2.5 rating and up.

For more information about the Social Tennis Mixer or the Springfield Tennis Club, please email our Membership Director Mary Martin at Springfieldtennisclub@gmail.com or phone at 413-896-1475.



## Build a fairy house June 17

**HOLYOKE** – Join storyteller, Maryjo Maichack at the Holyoke Public library for fairy tales and fairy houses, on Monday, June 17, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Maichack will be telling fairy tales at patrons make their own fairy house.

Maichack will bring supplies, but participants should feel free to bring any supplies for the fairy houses. Space is limited, please call 413-420-8101 to reserve your seat.

## Golf fundraiser to benefit food pantry

**WEST SPRINGFIELD** – The Parish Cupboard, a food pantry and hot lunch program located in West Springfield will be holding a fundraiser on Saturday, June 1 with it’s annual golf outing. Golf is \$125 per person. To attend the dinner only is \$30. Sponsors and prize donors are also needed to make the event suc-

cessful. A tournament sponsor is available for \$1500, which includes a four-some. Silver Tee sponsors are available for \$125 and Gold Tee sponsors are available for \$250.

For more information contact Bob at the Parish Cupboard at 413-794-7969 or email parishcupboard@aol.com.

# Enjoy Wisty Wednesdays at Wistariahurst Museum

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is thrilled to revive our family summer event, Wisty Wednesdays. Come and join all the wonderful events available in the gardens for Wisty Wednesdays right in the heart of Holyoke every first and third Wednesday of the month, from June until the end of September. Enjoy competing in fun lawn games with friends in historic gardens that are brought to life by vibrant plants and foliage. Children and adults can also stop by to enjoy free face painting for the first hour of Wisty Wednesdays. Join neighbors, families, friends, and local community members to share some fun and make amazing memories that will last for years to come.

When you finally work up an appetite after all the fun and games, local food trucks are available. Mis Frituras is back for another exciting summer season at Wistariahurst. Their empanadillas, tacos, pollo fritos, and fresh juices will satisfy your cravings. Holyoke Ice Cream will also be available on certain dates.

Wistariahurst Museum is celebrating the 150th year since the historic home moved to the City of Holyoke. To add to this exciting anniversary, specialized celebrations will occur on certain Wisty Wednesdays dates. On June 5, all are



Adults and children enjoy ice cream and competing in fun lawn games.

invited all who are part of or allies to the LGBTQ+ community to Celebrate Pride. June 19, there will be a Juneteenth event. July 3 celebrate Independence before kicking off your 4th of July festivities.

“We’re so excited to bring back our summer series, Wisty Wednesdays,” enthuses Megan Seiler, Wistariahurst’s Museum Director. “We had so much fun with all of our museum friends and community members, we can’t wait to do it



all over again this year but better!”

Wisty Wednesdays are your ticket to a spontaneous date night or a fun-filled family outing. Get ready to sing, dance, laugh, and experience a whirlwind of excitement at these fantastic happenings. Best of all, admission to Wisty Wednesdays is completely free and open to the public.

To learn more about Wisty Wednesdays, visit: <https://wistariahurst.org/events/>.



Submitted photo

Wisty Wednesdays adates are June 5 and 19 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., July 3 and 17, August 7 and 21, September 4 and 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wistariahurst is an educational and cultural center owned and operated by the City of Holyoke and supported by The Wistariahurst Foundation. More information is available at [www.Wistariahurst.org](http://www.Wistariahurst.org).

## Girls Inc. of the Valley celebrate Women in Trades Day May 31

HOLYOKE – Girls Inc. of the Valley is thrilled to announce their new event, Women in Trades Day, a meet and greet with professionals from diverse careers to help expose youth to different career opportunities that they may not be familiar with. The event will be on Friday, May 31, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Girls Inc. headquarters, 480 Hampden St.

Girls Inc. of the Valley’s after-school program youth will have the opportunity during this event to visit different

trade stations and learn how they can join each particular field. The Holyoke Fire Department, Sherwood Auto Performance, and LiftTruck Parts & Service, Inc. will be joining the event, along with a variety of other professionals in all different fields. This is a wonderful chance for kids to explore their interests, ask questions, and get inspired about their future.

“Women in Trades Day was created during the pandemic to introduce our

youth to fields that are traditionally dominated by men. Now, we are able to offer this experience in-person, giving youth a chance to get hands-on experience and see themselves in positions they may never have thought of,” said Ana Gerena, Special Projects and Volunteerism manager at Girls Inc. “Providing girls and trans youth opportunities like these are so important in expanding the workforce.”

Girls Inc. of the Valley encourages all girls to seize this opportunity for con-

tinuous learning, professional networking, and personal growth that’ll support their future successes. This fun and educational event will provide a positive outlet for youth to learn about a variety of careers directly from professionals within each field.

Media are invited to attend. If interested or have questions regarding this event, please contact Meghan Rothschild at (413) 218-4994 or [meghan@chikmedia.us](mailto:meghan@chikmedia.us).

## Senate adopts Velis amendments to support Veterans health, needs

BOSTON – Ahead of Memorial Day, the Massachusetts State Senate adopted two amendments put forth by Senator John C. Velis (D-Westfield) focused on expanding access to veterans’ behavioral health and supporting the unique needs of women veterans.



Sen. John Velis

It is estimated 1 in 3 veterans return home with an invisible wound of war, whether it be PTSD, a traumatic brain injury, depression, or something else. Left unaddressed, these issues can have tragic outcomes. Since 9/11 over 1,400 veterans have lost their lives to suicide in the Commonwealth. Amendment 804 would allocate an additional \$500,000 to the Home Base program operated by Massachusetts General Hospital to support their expansion and training efforts across the state to provide veterans with behavioral health treatment close to home.

“In my opinion, Memorial Day is the most sacred day of the year. And as we honor and remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, we are also reminded of our sacred duty to ensure that we are doing everything we can for our veterans,” shared Senator John Velis, Chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs. “Home Base is truly a one-of-a-kind program that is dedicated to treating the behavioral health needs of our veterans, including those invisible wounds, at no cost. It is critical that our Veterans, regardless of where they live in the Commonwealth, have access to these services close to home.”

Senator Velis’ second amendment focused on women veterans. Women veterans are the fastest growing population of veterans in the country. The Massachusetts State Senate has historically championed women veterans’ issues including providing additional funding for outreach to women veterans and funding a study on the changing needs of women veterans. Amendment 454 adopted by the Senate on Tuesday evening would build upon that work by codifying the Women’s Veterans Network into state law and establish clear requirements to ensure outreach to women veterans.

“The reality is there are countless women veterans residing in our Commonwealth that are not utilizing the services and benefits available to them because they are simply not aware that they exist,” said Velis. “Women veterans face entirely different challenges than their male counterparts and it is critical we recognize this and tailor our outreach efforts so that every woman veteran who calls Massachusetts home can access the services they’ve earned in service to our nation.”

A 2022 report from then Auditor Bump found that the Women Veterans Network had only identified 6% of the over 25,000 women veterans living in the Commonwealth at that time. This amendment, which was unanimously adopted by the Senate, would also require the Network to submit annual reports to the Legislature on their outreach efforts to identify and support women veterans residing in the Commonwealth.

## Canoe, kayak river cruise set for June 8

WESTFIELD – On Saturday, June 8, the Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA) will sponsor a scenic six-mile paddle from the Great River Bridge in Westfield to Robinson State Park in Agawam. For those used to seeing the river only in glimpses from the road, the family-friendly canoe and kayak cruise offers a new, close-up view of the waterway.

“We’re excited to be back on the water this year for our Canoe and Kayak Cruise after needing to cancel last year

due to river conditions. This is a fun section of river to paddle for anyone who enjoys being on the water and it is ideal for beginners looking to develop their skills,” says Mark Damon, WRWA Board president. The Cruise begins just below the Great Bridges in Westfield and continues down to Robinson Park in Agawam.

“Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the early summer vegetation and birdlife. Perhaps you’ll spot some of the more

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Guest Column



## I'm working after age 65; Why aren't I exempt from Medicare Part B Premium?

Dear Rusty:

Why, as I continue to work after age 65 and have FICA taxes taken from my check, am I or anyone also compelled under the threat of penalties, rate increases, etc. to immediately take Medicare Part B?

Am I not then effectively paying into the system twice? As more and more people over 65 continue to work, isn't that a consideration that should be evaluated by Congress, if one is working past 65, above a specific level of income and paying FICA taxes, the Medicare Part B premium is waived?

Signed: Working Senior

Dear Working Senior:

FYI, 6.2% of the FICA payroll taxes you pay while working goes to Social Security and another 1.45% goes to fund Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage, which is free to you). None of the FICA payroll tax you pay from your work earnings goes to fund Medicare Part B, coverage for outpatient services, which is the part of Medicare for which you must pay a premium.

Said another way, your FICA payroll taxes do fund Medicare Part A, which is free to you, but do not provide any funding for Medicare Part B. Part B is funded from two primary sources: the premiums paid by beneficiaries and the federal government from the general Treasury. Premiums from enrollees pay for about 25% of Part B healthcare expenses and the remaining 75% of Part B operating expenses are paid from the general U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security money.

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## Election letters to the editor welcome

The Holyoke Sun welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Holyoke Sun, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [thesun@turley.com](mailto:thesun@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Friday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call 413-283-8393.

### Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Holyoke Sun.



Guest Column

## There's still time to sow Morning Glories seeds



It's amazing how quickly some seeds can germinate. I was worried that I was late in sowing my Morning Glory seeds when I planted them on the 17th of May. Lo and behold, two days later they are sprouted, and here we are a week plus more and they are nearly ready to be planted in the garden!

My first experience with Morning Glories was with a childhood friend. Her dad used to grow them so that they climbed up his fancy, road-side mailbox.

That memory has to be over four decades old at this point, but I still remember how well he grew those morning glories.

Are you interested in enhancing a lamp post or trellis with summer color? This annual flowering vine can put on upwards of ten feet of growth in just two months!

Although the trumpet-shaped flowers bloom from just dawn to late morning, most gardeners are enamored by them and their lovely heart-shaped leaves.

Here are some tips to get them off and running:

Morning glories have hard seed coats. To speed up germination, nick the seeds lightly with a file and soak them overnight in luke-warm water.

If you are nervous about the nicking part, even just soaking will help. Sow them one-half inch deep directly in the ground in a spot in your yard that receives full sun or light shade.

It is not necessary to fertilize the soil heavily prior to planting. In fact, soil that is too rich will produce abundant foliage at the expense of flowers.

Once the plants are up and growing, thin morning glories to at least three inches apart. It is important to provide them with some sort of support immediately.

Therefore, install your trellis before planting and provide enough twiggy low branches up against lamp posts or fences for twining

stems to reach for until they get established. Wire fencing and twine "cages" will also do the trick.

Morning glories require little care other than water during droughty periods.

The hardest part about growing these climbers is deciding which variety to grow! Choose the deep purple, red-throated heirloom "Grandpa Ott's."

It climbs to a remarkable 15 feet with support and will self-sow abundantly each year. Another old favorite and readily available morning glory is "Heavenly Blue."

This variety has five-inch sky blue flowers with creamy white throats. It will top off at six to eight feet.

How about the 1939 All American Selections award winner "Scarlett O'Hara?" Her rosy red flowers are three to four inches wide, borne on vines eight to ten feet tall.

A new and most interesting morning glory goes by the name "Cotton Candy." Its flowers are double and ruffled, with a shape similar to that of a nasturtium.

With a height of just six feet, this variety is useful on shorter trellises. Another double variety goes by the name of "Sunrise Serenade."

This one boasts three inch flowers with ruby red, frilly petals. Although its height tops off at 15 feet, "Sunrise Serenade" will bloom earlier and stay open longer than most other varieties.

Consult your favorite seed catalog for other neat morning glories, including a pure white, a rosy "chocolate" and numerous bicolors. The sky is literally the limit, and these plants will sure reach for it!

If you want to get a head start next year, sow the seeds indoors two weeks prior to setting out. You will be delighted with flowers earlier in the summer.

Be careful when transplanting, however, or the vines will be set back. Also, use caution when handling the seeds around children and pets; they are considered poisonous.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*



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**BACKYARD**  
By Ellenor Downer

Guest Column

I received an email from a Brimfield couple, who spotted a male and female rose-breasted grosbeak at their feeder. They also had an indigo bunting and reported their hummingbirds were back.



Female rose-breasted grosbeak

The female rose-breasted grosbeak like many female bird species lacks the brilliant colors of the male. The female has a white eyebrow, brown in color with heavy streaking and two white wing bars. She shows yellow "armpits" in flight.

The male has a black head and back with a red triangle on its white breast. In flight it shows white patches and rose-red "armpits." Grosbeaks are eight inches long. Their song is a rapid series of whistles often called a "robin in a hurry." Their call is a distinct squeak like a "sneaker on a gym floor."

The female lays three to six pale blue eggs with irregular brown spots in a nest of coarse and fine twigs lined with horsehair, rootlets and grasses placed in the branch of a tree 5 to 25 feet above the ground.

**Belchertown birds**

A Belchertown resident sent this email, "We saw our first Northern oriole this year on Thursday, May 9. He was scolding my husband as he changed the bird bath water. We usually have a pair nesting in the shagbark hickory in front of our house. Hopefully, they will do so again this year."

She also said she had not seen any chickadees and usually has many in her yard. She wonders why. She also has redwings, goldfinches, house finches, mockingbirds, cat birds, robins, bluebirds, swallows and house wrens.

**Birds at Warren ponds**

A Brimfield resident often reports on the birds he sees. He visited a pond on South Street in Warren on May 9 and saw an osprey and six great blue heron. There were two new nests at the pond making a total of four nest there. Other birds were a red-tailed hawk, turkey vulture, two mourning doves, one crow,

three three swallows, one barn swallow, six common grackles and six red-winged blackbirds.

On the same day, he visited a pond on New Reed Street in Warren and saw two spotted sandpipers, two

double-crested cormorants, two turkey vultures, three Eastern kingbirds, five tree swallows, four red-winged blackbirds, six common grackles and on yellow warbler.

He said, "This week in the yard we have 4 catbirds, and a pair has started a nest in the quince bush near the house. I've see two female ruby-throated hummingbirds and one male. A male was seen April 29t a little earlier that usual."

**More birds**

The same Brimfield resident saw two female Baltimore orioles and one male at the orange and jelly feeder. A common yellowthroat and an American redstart, both males, were in the yard recently as was a house wren. The

wrens have nested in nesting boxes the last several years. He also said a Cooper's hawk has been patrolling the area the past week or so, but hasn't seen any piles of feather.

**Another visit to Warren ponds**

At the South Street pond in Warren, he said, "The ospreys are continuing to tend their nest

and there are now four for sure, maybe five great blue heron nests. One of the heron nests has three chicks as of a few days ago."

On New Reed Street in Warren, there were two double-crested cormorants for about a week until yesterday and I saw a blue-headed vireo there.

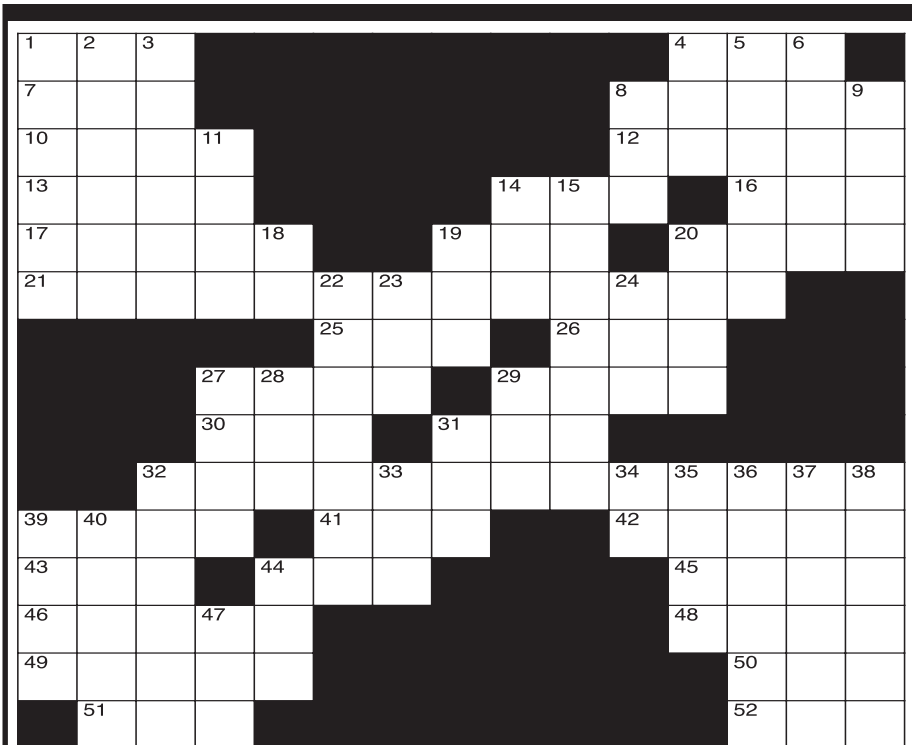
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So, it's necessary to separate Part B from your thinking about the payroll taxes you pay while working you're not paying anything to fund Part B through your FICA taxes. You aren't compelled to enroll in Part B (it's optional), but if you don't enroll during your initial enrollment period (3 months on either side of the month you turn 65) and don't have other equivalent "creditable" coverage from an employer, and you enroll in Part B later, a late enrollment penalty will apply (10% additional premium for each full year after age 65 you go without creditable healthcare coverage).

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# Chambers unite to raise funds for food bank



Local chambers of commerce united to raise money for the Western Mass. Food Bank recently. *Submitted photo*

The East of the River Chamber, West of the River Chamber, Greater Chicopee Chamber, Greater Holyoke Chamber, Greater Westfield Chamber, and the Springfield Regional Chamber all came together on March 27 to fill the Food Bank. The event took place at the new Western Mass. Food Bank in Chicopee on March 27 for an evening of networking showcased the new building to the community while giving all of the area chamber members the opportunity to meet for a great cause.

Melissa Breor, Executive Director of the Greater Chicopee Chamber said "When Diana Szynal from the Springfield Chamber reached out to me with the idea for this event, I was all in. I thought it would be a great way for all the Hampden County chambers to unite for the first time in one event."

Grace Barone, Executive Director of the ERC5 said they all met collectively every other month to plan the event, and it came together quickly and easily.

"We all had the same vision, to support our local community while partnering together." Donations starting rolling in, and sponsorships were given. Many thanks to our generous

sponsors: Baystate Health, Country Bank, KNF&T, Latino Economic Development Center, PeoplesBank & Westfield Gas & Electric, Andrews Associates, Comcast, Commercial Distributing, Employers Association of New England, Markens Group, The Polish National Credit Union, Blaze Express, Center for Ecotechnology, Development Associates, Florence Bank, Greenfield Cooperative Bank, Holiday Inn Ludlow, Holyoke Gas & Electric, MassHire Holyoke & Park Square Realty for their generous support. The Fill the Food Bank event raised \$10,863.00, and 1,400 pounds of food, which will give over 30,000 meals to people in need right here in our community.

The festivities were captured by Micheal Epaul photography, raffle donations by Six Flags New England, and the Valley Blue Sox. Catering was provided by Partners Restaurant/Tanseys Catered Table in Agawam who provided an amazing potato bar with baked and mashed potatoes and all the fixins'. To top off the event, Icecream Emergency was parked out front offering samples from their elaborate ice-cream truck.



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The class of 2024 nursing graduates from Holyoke Community College. *Submitted photo*

## HCC celebrates nursing graduates

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated the graduation of 36 students from its Associate in Science in Nursing degree program on Thursday, May 23.

The students were recognized during a pinning ceremony in HCC's Leslie Phillips Theater, during which they were formally inducted into the healthcare field as soon-to-be registered nursing professionals. During a traditional pinning ceremony, new nursing

graduates light candles, receive their nursing pin from a registered nurse, and recite the Nightingale Pledge.

The graduates, many of whom are already working, will sit for their exams before becoming licensed as registered nurses.

Holyoke Community College, Associate of Science in Nursing program graduates for 2024 from Chicopee are Kayla Mitchell and Annmarie Swaby.


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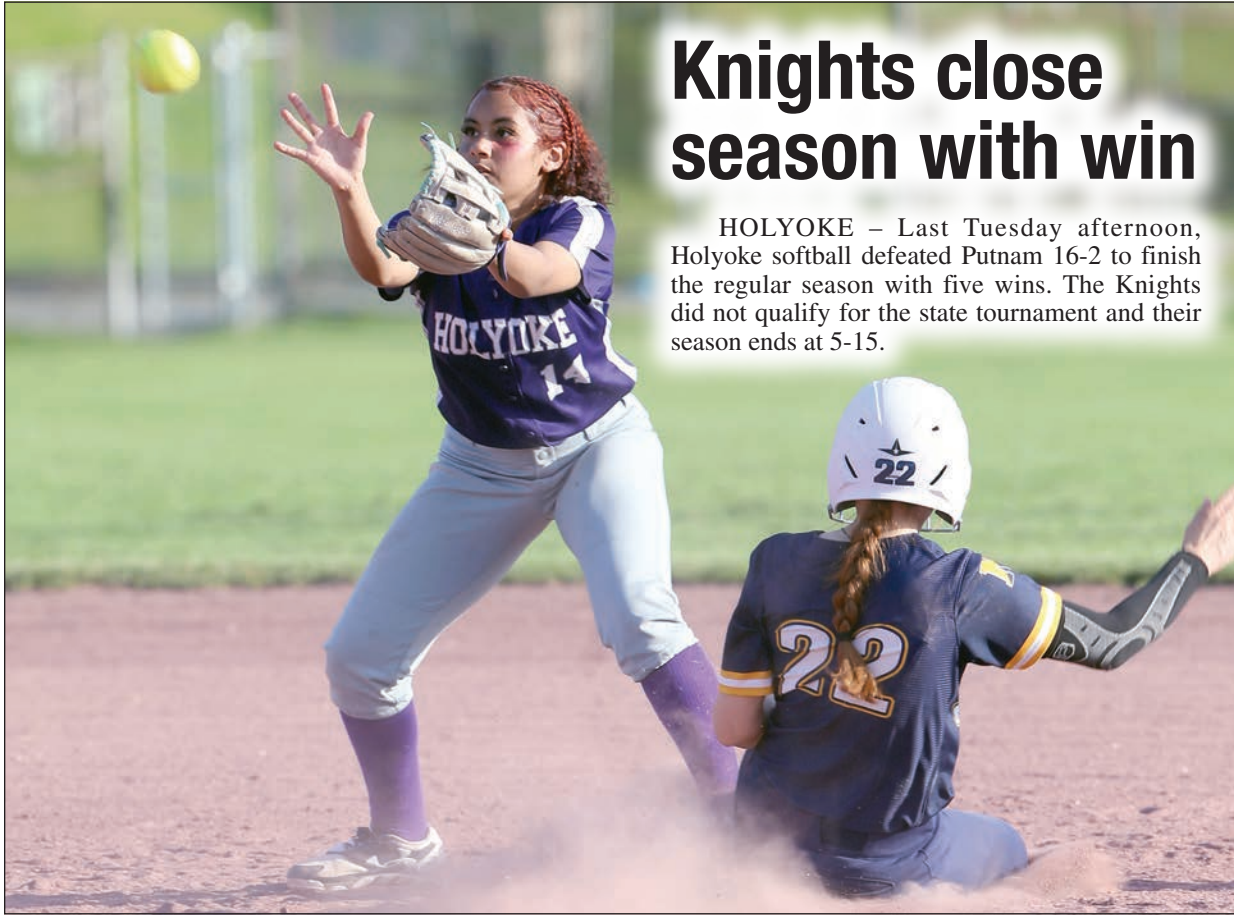
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## Knights close season with win

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Holyoke softball defeated Putnam 16-2 to finish the regular season with five wins. The Knights did not qualify for the state tournament and their season ends at 5-15.

Kelcy Brunelle looks to catch the ball at second base.

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Samantha Rodriguez makes a throw to first.



Giselle Piedra takes a swing.



Alexis Letellier goes for the base hit.



Kylie Blaha slides safely home.

## Regular season ends with pair of wins

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School boys volleyball team finished off the regular season with a pair of wins, defeating both Southwick and Putnam by 3-0 scores. The wins would put Holyoke at 12-6 for the season. The Knights did not make the Western Mass. tournament, but did make the state tournament in Division 2. Holyoke was scheduled to face SICS, but the date and time of the game has not been determined due to Holyoke and Dean Tech's graduations taking place this week.



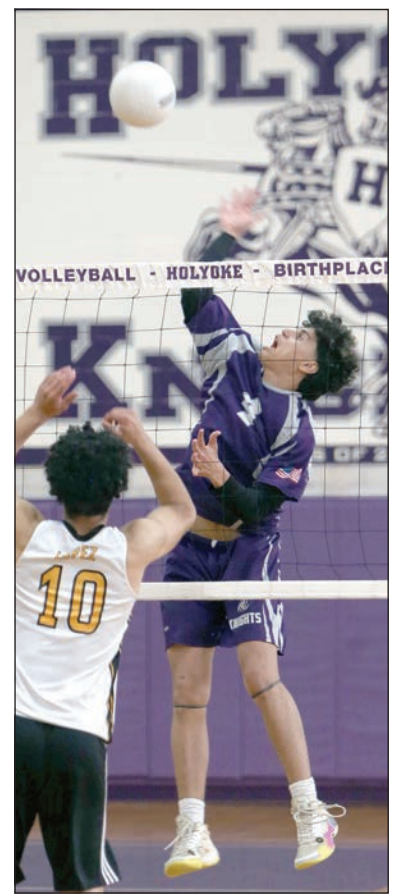
Xavier Matos gets things started with a bump.



Alexander Dumas sets the ball back over the net.



Jeduar Colon goes for a point. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Adrian Centeno-Feliciano looks to spike past an opposing player.

# Western Mass. Pioneers post shutout in home opener

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – A couple of hours after winning his first soccer match as the New England Mutiny head coach, Federico Molinari guided the Western Mass. Pioneers to another win in their home opener.

The Pioneers, who held a 2-0 lead five minutes into the contest, posted a 4-0 shutout victory over Pathfinder FC at Lusitano Stadium on May 18.

“It feels very good to win our first game of the season in front of our fans. I’m happy for them,” Molinari said. “Scoring the two early goals gave the team a lot of confidence.”

The Pioneers (2-0) began the regular season with a 1-0 shutout road victory against the Boston Bolts on May 14.

The only goal of that contest was scored on a header by Scott Testori following a corner kick in the middle of the second half.

“Our first game of the season was very close,” Testori said. “It was still scoreless going into the last twenty minutes. Then Jared Smith sent a perfect corner kick to me, and I headed it home. We were able to keep the clean sheet in that game.”

Testori, who’s one of the Pioneers first-year players, assisted on the Pioneers first goal in the home opener, which was scored by Alec Hughes during the third minute. Hughes is a second-year Pioneers player.

A couple of minutes later, Testori received a pass from Camilo Comi before lining a shot into the right corner of the net.

“We really needed to have a quick start in tonight’s game,” said Testori, who’ll be a senior member of the UConn men’s soccer team this fall. “Alec got things going with a huge goal. Then Camilo made a perfect pass to me, and I was able to finish the play by scoring a goal of my own. I’m very excited about being a member of this soccer team.”

Testori and Hughes, who was a senior on last year’s UMass men’s soccer team, both graduated from different high schools in Connecticut.

“My high school soccer team never played against Alec’s team,” Testori said. “Our club soccer teams did face each other a few times. It has been a lot of fun being teammates with him for the first time. He’s an outstanding soccer player. We complement each other very well.”

Last Saturday’s home opener wasn’t the first time that Testori played a match



Jared Smith looks to get around an opponent.



Alec Hughes clears the ball away.



Scott Testori looks to center the ball.



Patrick Gryczewski advances the ball up the field.



Kwame Adu-Gyamfi sends a pass up the field.

on the turf soccer field located on Winsor Street in Ludlow. A couple of years ago, he played for AC Connecticut, which lost to the Pioneers.

“I’ve played a game in this stadium two years ago, so I already knew what the atmosphere was like here,” said Testori, who signed several autographs following the match. “To have these fans rooting for you is just a great feeling. This is a talent-

ed soccer team, so I wanted to join them this year. I’m hoping that we can qualify for the playoffs.”

During the 36th minute, Patrick Gryczewski dribbled the ball down the right side before cutting into the middle of the box. He then slid a shot into the lower right corner for the Pioneers third goal of the match, which was unassisted. Gryczewski, who’s also from the Nutmeg state, plays college soccer at U.R.I.

Holding a commanding 3-0 halftime lead, the Pioneers final goal was scored

by Lawrence Goddard, who’s a returning player, during the 72nd minute.

Western Mass goalie Gianluca Cersosimo didn’t see very much action in recording his second consecutive clean sheet.

The Pioneers defensive unit is led by Jared Smith, Zach Sauer, Aidan Kelly, and team captain Nicholas Oberrauch.

The Pioneers were scheduled to play at the Albany Rush on Wednesday night (May 22) before returning home to face Black Rock FC at 7 p.m. on May 31.

## Doiron dominant in Granite homecoming

CLAREMONT, N.H. – The last time the Granite State Pro Stock Series raced at Claremont Motorsports Park, Joey Doiron turned in a dominant performance to take home the big winner’s purse. And neither a year away from the tricky third-mile nor a different car could keep the two-time GSPSS champion from the winner’s circle. Doiron led every lap of Sunday night’s Key Auto Group 125, earning his seventh career GSPSS win and a \$5,000 check.

The veteran racer from Berwick, Maine, was quick all night, turning the fastest lap in time trials and handily winning his qualifying heat. Former series regular Jeremy Sorel lined up alongside Doiron after his own heat win, but Doiron jumped out to an early lead as Sorel faced challenges from Casey Call and Cory Casagrande.

Call and Casagrande settled into second and third, and as the field stretched out over a long green-flag run, the three leaders drew closer together, setting up a thrilling battle for the closing laps.

Contact between Alex Quarterley and Ryan Green brought out the race’s second caution on lap 77, though, and

as the yellow flag waved, Call made a beeline for the pits with a flat tire. Casagrande, still searching for his first GSPSS win, lined up alongside Doiron for the restart, but Doiron slipped away with the advantage.

Once again, Casagrande reeled in Doiron, closing the gap as the laps wound down. But he could not catch Doiron to make a move, and the veteran racer held on for his third career win at Claremont.

Doiron joins Gabe Brown and Ray Christian III as drivers who have scored consecutive GSPSS wins at Claremont. Doiron’s third win also ties him with Brown, Christian and D.J. Shaw for the most series wins at the track.

Casagrande matched his GSPSS career best with his runner-up performance. Outside polesitter Sorel matched his own career best in third. Call drove back from his flat tire to place fourth, while Sorel’s teammate and crew chief, Quarterley, was fifth in his GSPSS debut.

With top-five finishes in the first two races of 2024, Casey Call unofficially leads the point standings headed to the series’ next race, a stop at Speedway 95 in Maine on June 16.

## Konowalchuk named new head coach of Springfield Thunderbirds

ST. LOUIS, MO – St. Louis Blues President of Hockey Operations and General Manager Doug Armstrong announced today that the team has named Steve Konowalchuk head coach of its AHL affiliate, the Springfield Thunderbirds.

“We went through an extensive interview process, and through those conversations, it became clear that Steve best fit what we were seeking in a head coach,” said Thunderbirds General Manager Kevin Maxwell. “We look forward to seeing him work with the next wave of Blues prospects and developing them into successful NHL players in St. Louis.”

Konowalchuk, 51, spent last season as an associate coach with the AHL’s Colorado Eagles, where he helped lead the team to a 40-25-7 regular-season record and a 5th-place finish in the Western Conference. The Salt Lake City, Utah, native’s coaching career began in Colorado where he served

two seasons as an assistant coach for the Avalanche. Then, in 2011, he was named head coach of the WHL’s Seattle Thunderbirds and went on to spend six seasons behind their bench. During his tenure, he guided the Thunderbirds to five postseason appearances, including 2017 when they captured the Ed Chynoweth Cup (WHL championship). Following his time in Seattle, Konowalchuk served one season as an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks before spending two seasons as head coach of the WHL’s Red Deer Rebels.

As a player, Konowalchuk was drafted by the Washington Capitals in 1991 and enjoyed a 14-year NHL career. Overall, he dressed in 790 career NHL regular-season games, including 693 with the Capitals. He also represented the United States in several international competitions, including the 1996 World Cup of Hockey, where he captured a gold medal.



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P1098GD  
In the matter of:  
Deqa Ali  
Of: Holyoke, 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 **Careone Holyoke** of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Deqa Ali** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Farhia Ali** of Roxbury, 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 **06/17/2024**. 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: May 17, 2024

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 5:15 pm.** You can join via Zoom.com; ID 853 1505 2277; CALL IN: \*67 646 558 8656 or in person at **Holyoke Media 1 Court Plaza**, regarding the application for a **Transfer of an on premises Wine & Malt Beverage License for D-Hotel & Suites Inc. DBA D-Hotel & Suites at 1 Country Club Road** pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant:  
Michael Corduff  
& Frank DiMarinis  
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Applicant:  
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Applicant:  
Monica Velez  
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Docket No. HD24P1069EA  
Estate of:  
William G Lyons  
Date of Death:  
April 1, 2024**

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John W Lyons of Newbury, NH**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **John W Lyons of Newbury, NH** 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.  
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**CITY OF HOLYOKE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
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The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for the provision of plumbing repair services as needs at twelve municipal buildings.

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05/31/2024

**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. HD24P0955EA  
Estate of:  
Paul F Ripa  
Date of Death: 05/12/2010**

**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 **Mark W Ripa of Westfield, 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: **Mark W Ripa of Westfield, 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 06/27/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance**

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

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

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 29, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
05/31/2024

**City of Holyoke  
Office of Procurement  
536 Dwight Street, Room 3  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
INVITATION TO BID  
2024-55MB (REBID)**

The CITY OF HOLYOKE, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Roof Renovations to City Hall Annex, DPW and Children's Museum/Volleyball Hall of Fame at Holyoke City Hall Annex, DPW and Children's Museum/Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by ARCHITECTURE EL, INC. The Project consists of but not limited to:

The Work of Project is defined by the Contract Documents and consists of re-roofing three buildings for the City of Holyoke:

1. City Hall Annex building, which includes approx. 8,000 sf. roof replacement, masonry chimney repair, partial stone and masonry repointing. Demolition of penthouse exterior stucco skin. Re-skin penthouse with metal wall panel system. Removal of exist pyramid style skylights and replaced with new gable style glass skylights in existing openings. Limited site work includes rain leader tie-in to existing storm drain and pavement patching and repair.
2. DPW building, which includes approx. 5,000 sf of partial roof to be replaced, new drains with new locations, demolition of masonry chimneys and new boiler flue. Removal of one skylight

with new gable style placed in existing opening.

3. Children's Museum, which includes approx. 14,000 sf. roof replacement and adding overflow scuppers. Demolishing exterior thin brick skin of clerestory. Re-skin clerestory with metal wall panel system. The work is estimated to cost \$3,425,000.00.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & CFR 200. Minimum wages/Davis Bacon wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H and CFR. 200 inclusive.

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FILED SUB BIDS will be received until June 12, 2024 @ 2:00PM and publicly opened online, forthwith GC Bids will be received until June 24, 2024 on 2:00PM EDT and publicly opened online, forthwith.

This project is funded with Federal Funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility and must comply with all Federal requirements including Part 200. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. This is a rebid of IFB 2024-46MB  
05/31/2024

**City of Holyoke  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOTICE**

The Holyoke Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the City Hall Annex, Room 403, Holyoke MA to hear the petition of Tony Taylor, who is requesting an appeal from the zoning officer determination letter dated 04/02/2024, from Section 2.0 refuse transfer station, at property 618 South Summer St (027-01-006).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Rm 401, 8:30-4:30, M-F.

Applicant:  
Tony Taylor  
Board of Appeals:  
Josh Knox  
05/24, 05/31/2024

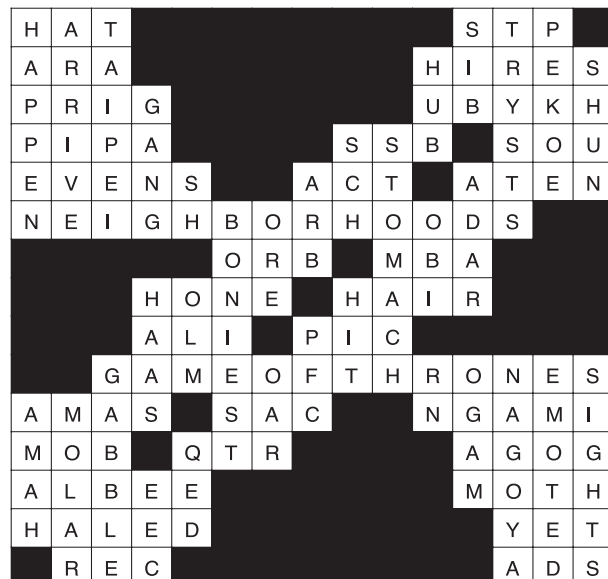
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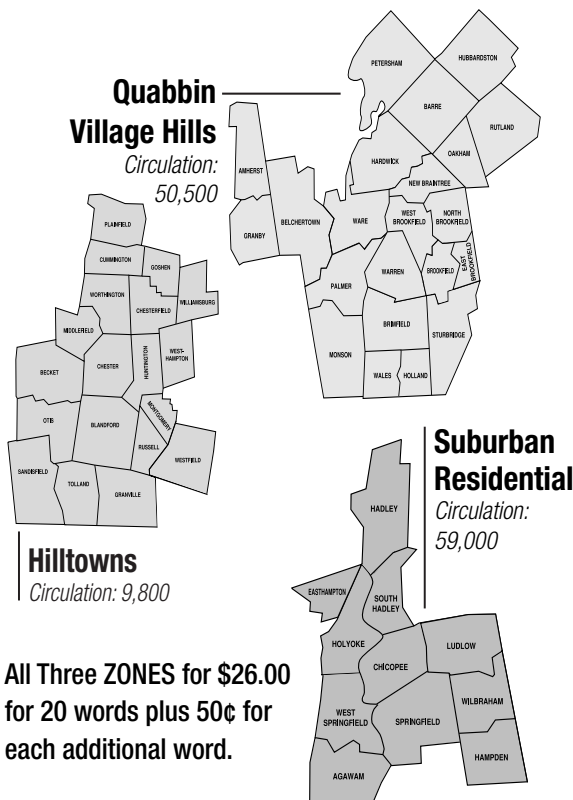
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## CONSTRUCTION, from page 1

"What's neat about this is that it takes them out of the classroom and into a real life site," Garcia said.

Garcia hoped that this project would allow students to see for themselves what a career in carpentry or construction can look like.

He was also glad the students got to go to the Veterans Home itself.

"What's great about this particular site is that it is a \$400 plus million project, it isn't just building a house,"

Garcia said. "And the positive impact this is going to have for our veterans, kids will be able to drive by and say, 'hey, I toured that site and I was a part of that.' Hopefully that will inspire them to want to go into the career and continue to build more."

Garcia and McAuliffe both wanted the students to feel inspired by this field trip.

"They get a chance to make connections, particularly with the carpenters union, and really to see the opportunities that exist within their trade of carpentry," McAuliffe said. "The more we can make this real to them, the better chance they have to get hooked on their respective trades and the more likely they are to take on opportunities available to them."

Of the trades offered at Dean, a large portion are facing a work-

er shortage in the field. Garcia and McAuliffe hope that Dean students can help to fill those gaps in the community.

"There's not replacement level employees available as the older generation of tradesmen and women retire, so the opportunity is there for long term success for our students and we want them to have access to those good paying jobs with good benefits that allows them to build long term success," McAuliffe said.

Next year, the students are going to come back and tour the area again in order to see the progress made on the site.

"It's continuing to cultivate their learning path as they try to understand what their future is going to be in this field," Garcia said.

The students themselves enjoyed the opportunity to go out and see construction workers doing their jobs.

"We got to see what we're going to do in the future and how it's done and we also got to speak with the actual carpenters that went through what we're going through right now," Student Kelvin Gautier said.

The opportunity was important, and not even the only trip of this type that Dean Tech offers its students. These same carpentry students will get to see the Peck Middle School site in the next few weeks.

*"What's neat about this is that it takes them out of the classroom and into a real life site,"*

**- Mayor Joshua Garcia**

## OPIOID, from page 1

Patti Divine said.

Currently the stabilization fund has about \$75,000 in it.

"\$400,000 is already in and then another \$75,000 is the amount that was replaced in stabilization," Attorney Michael Bissonnette said.

Initially the council was uncertain if they could keep the existing stabilization fund, but Bissonnette explained that they did not need to dissolve it.

"Technically you could not dissolve the stabilization fund and the council would continue to control approval of that expenditure of that amount of \$74-76 thousand," he said. "The remainder of the fund, which I've calculated to be \$2.2 million over 17 years, that's going directly into the fund by state law."

Once this issue was clarified, the council was then divided over what they should do with the current funds in the account, which is about \$75,000.

Some councilors want to keep those funds in the stabilization account so that they can continue to have more overt control over how it is used.

"By taking the money out of this stabilization fund and moving it into this other dedicated fund, this other fund does not require the vote of the city council to expend, this is now going to take the authority away from the city council as it relates to these funds," Councilor Kevin Jourdain said.

Jourdain and others were hesitant to give over control of the \$75,000, they felt it would be giving the mayor added power over the funds, as the mayor would no

longer have to check in with the council before spending the funds.

"I believe government works best when there's accountability and checks and balances," Jourdain said. "Theoretically if you listen to these arguments you'd say, 'why do we even have a city council? Why do we even have a city budget? Just give the mayor \$150 million and you just do what's best and just show us where in the checkbook you spent the money.'"

However, others felt it was best to transfer these funds over to the special revenue fund.

"I would like to have control over the stuff, I'm not saying that I wouldn't have that. But that's just not my role right now," Councilor Israel Rivera said.

These councilors felt that it was not necessary to keep the funds in the stabilization fund. They argued that there would be check-ins as to how the money would be spent.

"We have an auditing department that will be tracking all of this stuff, there are procedures in place," Rivera said.

Additionally councilors pointed out that there are rules around how the Opioid funds can be used, which the mayor would be restricted by.

"There are reporting requirements for cities, so I think there's a lot of questions that can be answered just looking at the Opioid fund settlement and the rules from the state," Councilor Kocayne Givner said. "I don't believe there's unfettered power of the mayor to just do whatever he wants with the funds because there are requirements of what can and cannot be done."

The council voted to send this issue to finance so that they could discuss it further.

## CRUISE, from page 3

charismatic animals such as bald eagles, beavers, or snapping turtle," adds Damon. "We hope you can come out and join us!" In the past, participants paused paddling to watch a pair of nesting bald eagles as they soared and landed in a tall tree along the river. "Wow! Those eagles were amazing—and so close up! It was my first time down the Westfield, and I loved it," recalled a previous Cruise participant. "It was easier and a lot more fun than I expected. I'm a novice kayaker, so I really appreciated the help we got in the trickier spots, although no one who is experienced would call that water fast!"

For those who wished they could participate in the Wildwater Races sponsored by the WRWA in March, Damon suggested, "For anyone interested in building up to the Wildwater Races this is a chance to expand your knowledge and experience. There will be some experienced paddlers participating in the Cruise and they will likely be glad to share their knowledge of the river and paddling in general."

"People are amazed that the pollution is now gone and the river is really clean. You don't see any of the commercial businesses near the river while paddling, just birds, wildflowers, even beaver dams and animals native to our area," states Phil Sousa, who is a long-time member of the river organization. He encourages paddlers to "Come and meet new people. You'll have a great time. This cruise is suitable for people with at least a little

paddling experience. The water is mostly flat—we guide folks around any really fast spots."

Participants need to bring their own canoe or kayak, paddles and personal safety devices, as well as sunscreen and drinking water. Organizers recommend that participants have some experience paddling, given that river conditions may be unpredictable. Children under 18 must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Children under 14 must paddle in the same boat as an adult. Other suggestions for what to bring include a picnic for a late lunch once you reach Robinson State Park and snacks for munching along the way.

An participation fee of \$15.00 per person will help cover shuttle service, insurance and light refreshments. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the municipal parking lot off Meadow Street near the Great River Bridge in Westfield. Participants will register, unload boats and gear, drive their vehicles to Robinson State Park and return by shuttle to the launch area. Staggered Cruise departures will begin around 10:30 a.m.

Low or high water conditions or severe weather may require cancellation of the event. If you plan to participate and would like to receive a cancellation notice by email the evening before the event, email markjdamon@gmail.com and put the word "Notify" in the Subject line. WRWA will also post the cancellation on its facebook page and website, www.westfieldriver.org the evening before. For more information about the Canoe and Kayak Cruise, visit www.westfieldriver.org.

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**FOUNTAIN**, from page 1

to fix up the park.

Norris' work in restoring this park and fountain, and her other work helping the city of Holyoke is what inspired this dedication ceremony.

"I want to give my sincerest gratitude to Mayor Pluta and Councilor Jourdain that had reached out and said we need to do this," Mayor Joshua Garcia said.

Jourdain and Pluta wanted to ensure that Norris' work for the city of Holyoke would not be forgotten.

"It just cried out that this recognition, this day needed to occur," Jourdain said. "And I'm just so thankful that so many people came out today to give her her just desserts and she more than deserves this honor."

Jourdain also made sure to acknowledge Norris' efforts in Holyoke's acquisition of the Holyoke dam. Without Norris' work, Holyoke would not have been able to purchase the dam.

"She was the leader and she deserves the credit," Jourdain said. "This is a woman who is extremely bright, does the homework, gets the job done and

produces results for the city of Holyoke."

Norris' family was honored by this dedication ceremony. Her son, Tim Norris, was proud that his mother was receiving this recognition for her dedication to Holyoke.

"My mom is a Holyoker, a student of Holyoke history both old and new, she has always been a champion of the oppressed and working class of this city, giving them a voice at city hall, she has given so much to this city as a city councilor, a nurse and for me as my mom," he said. "She is a true champion of the constituents of ward three and is passionate about the community and its people."

Helen Norris herself was touched by the dedication.

"I'm in awe and humbled by it," she said. "It really is quite an honor, I was only doing what I was elected to do."

More than anything, Norris hopes that Laurel Park remains the beautiful place it is so that all can come to enjoy it.

"It is my wish and desire that Laurel Park's character be preserved for the next 100 years so it continues to provide hope and comforts for the young and old in this working class neighborhood," she said.



A plaque was put up at Laurel Park dedicating the fountain to former City Councilor Helen Norris.



Mayor Joshua Garcia showed his gratitude for the work of former City Councilor Helen Norris.



City Councilor David Bartley was honored to be at the ceremony for former City Councilor Helen Norris.



Former Mayor and City Councilor Elaine Pluta gave her thanks to former City Councilor Helen Norris for all she has done for the city.



Son of former City Councilor Helen Norris, Tim Norris shared his pride in his mother.



City Councilor Kevin Jourdain and Mayor Joshua Garcia and Former Mayor and City Councilor Elaine Pluta presented former City Councilor Helen Norris with a plaque to take home.



Parks and Recreation Director Tom Reynolds welcomed everyone to the dedication ceremony.



Former City Councilor Helen Norris received a standing ovation from the gathered guests at her dedication ceremony.

*Turley photos by Quinn Suomala*



Master of Ceremonies, Commission Chair Laddy Rua welcomed everyone to Holyoke's Memorial Day celebration.

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The Caledonian Pipe Band led the procession for Holyoke's Memorial Day celebration.



Holyoke High School's Madrigal Choir performed the National Anthem and Amazing Grace.

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and the Caledonian Pipe Band.

The American Legion Post 325 Honor Guard also posted the colors for the ceremony.

Additionally, there was a table set aside in order to honor all who are or were prisoners of war or missing in action.

Duffy took the time to highlight the Heroes Act, which is a piece of legislation the state is working to pass.

"The Heroes Act is really going to fortify a lot of the benefits, services and resources we in Massachusetts provide to our veterans, well deserved benefits," Duffy said. "As one of the chief architects and negotiators on that bill, under Senator John Velis' hand, I know it is going to be a great piece of legislation."

Duffy also acknowledged that this year on June 6 it will be the 80 anniversary of D-Day.

On top of this Sargent Brendan Quinn was invited as a guest speaker to the ceremony.

Quinn told the story of his great uncle, Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class Merle Hillman, whose remains were discovered and identified this past year.

Hillman had been on the USS California during the attack on Pearl Harbor, and he was one of many killed in the attack.

His family had been unable to give him a proper burial until Jan. 27, 2024, 83 years after his death.

Quinn had been inspired by his uncle to begin his own service, and he was grateful that his uncle had finally been returned to Holyoke soil.

"It was a huge honor to render a salute to my uncle's caskets as it was brought down," Quinn said. "I was very happy to see Holyoke firefighters, police officers and residents who were there showing their respects to my uncle."

This moment to honor Quinn's uncle, and the sacrifices he made for his country, is why Memorial Day is such an important holiday.



Mayor Joshua Garcia gave his thanks to all who have fought to protect the United States.



State Representative Patricia Duffy honored veterans and announced some legislation in the works from the state.



In her speech City Council President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti demonstrated her gratitude for the service members of the United States.



Reverend Bernard Smith from the Bethlehem Baptist Community Church gave the Benediction.