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Wisty Book Club discusses 'Queer: A Graphic History'

By Christina Gioscia
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HOLYOKE – On June 16, Wistariahurst Museum hosted their Wisty Book Club. The group met to discuss, "Queer: A Graphic History" written by Meg-John Barker and illustrated by Jules Scheele. The group members took turns presenting their opinions on the topics included in the graphic novel and asking each other questions to further everyone's understanding and share points of view.

Director of Wistariahurst Museum Megan Seiler provided insight into how the book club began and what drives the members to pick books with serious topics.

"Mass Center for the Book does these book boxes and facilitates author talks for organizations to foster book discussions," Seiler said. "In fall of 2024 we did our first book club thanks to that program, and we loved it so much we just kept going on our own after that. We've been lucky enough to get other authors to talk with our group, and we did a book club with people currently incarcerated while we host-



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Director of Wistariahurst Museum and members of the museum's Wisty Book Club at their meeting on June 16, discussing "Queer: A Graphic History".

ed the Prison Reimagined exhibit. I think we choose deeper topics because we think it's important to have complex and meaningful discussions around history and culture and where better than a museum to facilitate those conversations. We all respect each other and come from a place of curiosity which makes us want

to delve into harder topics, but we also have a lot of fun. We really wanted to read a book in celebration of pride month that would expand our understanding of the history and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community," Seiler added. "We think learning and exploring ideas is paramount to what we do here. People may not always agree

or understand something, but we support each other and everyone comes from a place a kindness and curiosity, so it always makes for interesting discussions."

Seiler shared how the club organizes which books they choose and when and where they meet, "We always

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Latitia Molina named new Ward 7 School Committee member

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia and countless other city officials took to social media this past Wednesday to announce that the once vacant Ward 7 seat on the school committee, due to Ellie Wilson's resignation, has been filled by Latitia Molina, a mother, nurse, and Holyoke resident.

Molina will fill the seat on an interim basis and will finish out Wilson's term, which runs through 2027.

First to offer comment on the appointment was Garcia, who shared on social media:

"Congratulations Latitia Molina on your recent appointment to represent Ward 7 on the School Committee for the Holyoke

Public Schools. Looking forward to working with you!" the mayor said.

Echoing a similar ode of gratitude was At-Large City Councilor Mimi Panitch, who penned online:

"We had a remarkable group of Holyoke citizens volunteer to take on the job of Ward 7 School Committee member, and I can only agree with everyone who said tonight that they wished we could have voted for all of them," Panitch said. "We could have assembled a brilliant school committee just out of the people who we heard tonight. We could only pick one, though, and the one we chose is extraordinary in an extraordinary field. Congratulations and thanks

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Latitia Molina was sworn in to the Holyoke School Committee last week. She was named to the Ward 7 seat that was recently vacated.

Councilor shares concerns over data center proposal

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

HOLYOKE – In light of the recent decision carried out by the Holyoke City Council to ban future data centers over 12 MW within the city, Ward 6 Councilor Juan Anderson Burgos revealed he had an internal discussion with Mayor Joshua Garcia to voice his lingering concerns about

the Chestnut River Power and Infrastructure as the sudden reveal of the initial proposal which discussed the prospect of a \$200 million, 20-megawatt data center to take shape at the vacant Hampden Papers complex at 100



Juan Anderson Burgos

Water St., an abandoned cannabis growing facility in the industrial Flats neighborhood, came as initial shock to all of the city council, which was recognized during the city council meeting earlier this month on June 3, one day after the initial

reveal was shown.

Anderson-Burgos shared that he received a couple of calls, urging him to send back to the committee the order that was filed to initiate the ban on data centers in the city.

"I was not aware that this business was coming in; I was not aware on my way that evening, after I received

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PAINTING PARTY



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Children's Museum at Holyoke hosted a Paint, Sip & Play event on Thursday, June 18. Isabella Murphy, a Holyoke resident and accomplished Howard University art student, led the class step-by-step through the process of painting an octopus. The finished product was able to be taken home or donated to a Children's Hospital. See more photos on page 10.

Holyoke Rotary Club awards scholarships to local students

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Rotary Club, servicing Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby, recently distributed \$12,000 in scholarship funding to eight deserving local high school seniors chosen from a large applicant pool. Applicants were asked to share how they have demonstrated Rotary International's principal motto "Service Above Self" with unselfish volunteer service.

The Holyoke Rotary Club 2026 scholarship recipients were:

- Leah Bobrowski (South Hadley High School)
- Gabriella Cayo (Holyoke High School)



Among the recipients were Holyoke High School's Gabriella Cayo and Yasani Thompson.

- Kaitlyn Curran (Granby Junior/Senior High School)
- Mars Lambert (South Hadley High School)
- Colin Lumb (South Hadley High School)
- Ryan MacGregor (South Hadley High School)
- Faith Ramos (Granby Junior/Senior High School)
- Yasani Thompson (Holyoke High School)

The award winners recently attended a Holyoke Rotary Club meeting to share their personal volunteer stories and plans for the future with the Club members.

The 2026 scholarship

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The Holyoke Rotary Club made more than \$12,000 in scholarship awards.

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New Citgo owner fixes up Northampton St. station

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

HOLYOKE – Mohamad Dib has opened a new Citgo in Holyoke.

Located on 1635 Northampton Street, Dib believes that this location will help make gas more accessible for Holyoke residents.

“I lowered the price [of gas] and fixed up a couple things,” Dib said. “Now my customers are happy and the price is reasonable.”

Prior to the station being a Citgo, it was a Mobile gas station. Dib felt the deal for the Mobile providers could be improved, so he ran it under a private name for a while.

However, Dib noticed that people seemed more hesitant to go to a station that was not a trusted name brand.

Therefore, he wanted to make the station a place people felt more confident using.

“When Citgo came people seemed to feel more comfortable once they saw the name brand,” Dib shared.

Dib also had a mechanic shop available at the Citgo location to ensure customers can get their vehicles fixed or inspected while getting gas.

Customers are also invited to download the Citgo app in order to get promotions on gas, which is an additional benefit of having the station as a name brand.

Customers can save several cents per gallon through daily deals or reward points.

So far, Dib has been welcomed by the Holyoke community.

“People like it, they say we did a good job,” Dib said. “The station looks beautiful from outside, as well.”



A new Citgo station has opened up on Northampton St. The station recently celebrated its grand opening.

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The station is also conveniently located right off the highway. People who are arriving in or leaving from Holyoke will easily be able to stop and get the gas they need.

In the future Dib hopes to expand the building to

make it a place where people can stop and eat while on the road. He hopes to add drink machines and set up lottery tickets as well.

“The goal is for the customer to be able to do one stop for everything—coffee, food, cigarettes—all of it,”

Dib said.

Dib has a permit from the city to begin planning the expansion, and he is excited to begin working on the finalized plans.

Furthermore, he is working on getting a main website up and running for the busi-

ness so people know where to go when they have questions about the station.

Overall, Dib is optimistic about the future of the station and is excited for the community to see all of the improvements he has planned.

Elks Music Festival on July 19

HOLYOKE – The Second Annual Holyoke Elks Music Festival will take place on Sunday, July 19 from 12 to 6 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of outstanding live music featuring some of the area’s favorite bands and performers across three separate venues (weather permitting), including:

- The 60’s Experience
- Joe Canata and The Memories
- Patty Curran and Dave Motroni (from Off The Record)

- CO2
- Midnight Ramblers
- The Storytellers
- Union Jack British Invasion Band
- 91 South

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5–12, and free for children under 5. Tickets are available at the Holyoke Elks Rathskellar Bar and a limited number will be available the day of the event.

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of great music, food, and fellowship at the Holyoke Lodge of Elks #902.

District to continue Summer Eats free lunch program for kids, teens

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Public Schools’ Summer Eats program, in partnership with the district’s food service provider Sodexo, is returning this summer to provide free lunch for kids and teens (ages 18 and under) at eight locations across the City of Holyoke starting on June 30.

Select sites will feature the HPS food truck, while others will offer meals in pop-up tents served by staff members in uniform. No registration or identification is required.

HPS is kicking off its annual free summer meals program with a festive barbecue on Monday, June 29 from 12-1 p.m. at Holyoke Heritage State Park, 221 Appleton Street. During this event, kids and teens can enjoy a free lunch along with face paint, lawn games, and free merry-go-round rides during the event.

Individuals over the age of 18 are required to pay \$5 for lunch service.

Summer Eats will run Mondays through Fridays from June 30 through August 14. Free lunches will be served daily at the following eight locations:

- Carlos Vega Park, Hamilton Street, HPS food truck site, 11–11:40 a.m.
- Holyoke Heritage State Park, 221 Appleton Street. A tent and tables will be set up behind the merry-go-round, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Community Field, Community Field Road, tent and table site, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut Street. Tables will be set up near the front entrance and moved inside as needed for weather, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- McMahon Field, 75 Kane Road, tent and table site, 11:30–12:30 p.m.
- Pouliot Pool, 575 Maple Street. Tents and tables will be set up outside the pool area, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Springdale Park, 844 Main Street. The HPS food truck will be parked on the street near the splash pad, 11:55 a.m.–12:35 p.m.
- Holyoke Hills, 360 Tokeneke Road. The HPS food truck will be parked near the community center, 12:50 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

Times and locations can also be viewed on this Google map.

Additional information, including menus, a printable location list, and sites in neighboring communities can be found on the Summer Eats website. In the event of weather changes or cancellations, we will post updated information as a news story on the district website as well as on the district’s Facebook page.

Annual PrideFEST returns June 27

HOLYOKE – PrideFEST, featuring live music, drag performers, local art, food, and community will be celebrated Saturday, June 27, from 12 to 6 p.m. at Veterans Park.

The day-long celebration of LGBTQIA+ pride and visibility will be headlined by RuPaul’s Drag Race star Joslyn Fox.

The Holyoke Pride After Party — the official closing celebration of Holyoke PrideFEST 2026 — will run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. with a 21+ outdoor party outside Fame in downtown Holyoke, 386 Dwight Street. The After Party will keep the energy going with music, drag, cash bar, food trucks, and dancing to music provided by DJ’s Transcendence and Jay Alexander.

Celebrate America with UCCH

HOLYOKE – In honor of America’s 250th birthday, the Western Massachusetts chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting “Celebrate America,” a free concert featuring American music and composers.

The concert takes place Sunday, June 28 at 4 p.m. at the historic Skinner Chapel of the United Congregational Church of Holyoke (UCCH). Performers include Guild

members and community volunteers, performing on organ and other instruments. All are welcome.

UCCH is an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcoming all individuals regardless of where they are on their journey. For more information, visit uccholyoke.org, find us on Facebook or Instagram, or call 413-532-1483.

HCC offering weekly introductory golf lessons

HOLYOKE – Interested in learning to play golf but don’t know where to start? Holyoke Community College is offering weekly introductory golf lessons at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow led by LPGA teaching pro Marissa Kulig Crow.

For flexibility and convenience, each five-week lesson series runs on either Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays, with different start dates and times.

Wednesday sessions meet from 10-11 a.m. June 17 through July 15.

Thursday sessions meet from 6-7 p.m. June 18 through July 16.

Saturday sessions meet from 10-11 a.m. June 20 through July 25 (no class on July 4).

Kulig Crow is an LPGA professional from Westfield and director of instruction at Twin Hills.

These introductory golf classes are designed for beginners. In five, one-hour long sessions, she will teach new golfers everything they need to know to play their first round of golf.

Classes will cover the basics of the golf swing, putting, short game techniques, rules and etiquette. Golf clubs will be provided at the course; and Kulig Crow will make equipment recommen-

dations for players who want to buy their own.

The cost for each five-week series is \$199, which includes a golf workbook and reference guide.

Please note that in accordance with golf course etiquette, men should wear collared shirts, pants, or golf shorts. Cargo shorts, cut-off shorts, and jeans are not allowed.

Women should wear pants, skirts or golf shorts. Jeans, leggings, racer back or tube tops, short shorts, or short skirts are not allowed.

To register for a five-week introductory golf lesson series, please go to: hcc.edu/golf

Chamber invites businesses to Chamber Cup

HOLYOKE – The Greater Holyoke Chamber is inviting businesses, professionals, local leaders, and community partners from across Western Massachusetts to participate in the 58th Annual Chamber Cup on Friday, Sept. 25, at Westover Golf Course. Registration is now open for the annual event, which brings together the regional business community for a day of golf, networking, visibility, and relationship-building.

The Chamber Cup offers companies and organizations a valuable way to connect outside the traditional meeting setting. Participants can

build business relationships, strengthen team connections, and engage with professionals from across the region in a relaxed and welcoming environment. The event is open to Chamber members and non-members alike, making it a regional opportunity for businesses looking to expand their reach and community presence.

Businesses can participate in several ways, including registering a foursome, becoming an event sponsor, sponsoring a hole or meal, donating raffle prizes, or volunteering during the event. Each option offers a different path to visibility and engagement, whether a

company wants to host clients, recognize employees, promote its brand, or support a signature community event.

The day will include golf at Westover Golf Course, breakfast, lunch, raffles, and opportunities to connect with business owners, executives, public officials, nonprofit leaders, and professionals from throughout Western Massachusetts.

The Greater Holyoke Chamber encourages businesses interested in playing, sponsoring, donating raffle prizes, or volunteering can visit holyokechamber.com or contact the Chamber for more information.

Dino Trail Week back in July

HOLYOKE – Stomp through the Connecticut River Valley and beyond to uncover the local history of dinosaurs at an array of dinosaur events. Dino Trail Week is being held July 11 to 19, with so many events to explore. Events are being hosted by Piti Theatre, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Beneski Museum of Natural History, Springfield Museums, Wistariahurst Museum, Great Falls Discovery Center, Jurassic Roadshow, Dinosaur State Park, and The Trustees of Reservations' Dinosaur Footprints in Holyoke. These organizations offer a series of family-friendly events to engage people of all ages with our region's unique dinos and local history. All events are free or free with general admission tickets.

Last year, these organizations joined forces to create the Connecticut River Valley's own Dino Trail, with its own Dino Trail Week, which drew 500+ visitors. This year, Dino Trail Week is better than before with even more prehistoric fun for the

whole family. Learn more about Dino Trail Week at dinotrail.org.

Dino Trail Week 2026 Events

- **July 11:** Dinosaur Footprints at Barton Cove: History and Geology from 1 - 2 p.m. (Rain date, Saturday, July 18)

- **July 12:** Art Naturally: Gel Printing Trace Fossils at The Great Falls Discovery Center 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Great Hall

- **July 13-17:** Dino Drama Workshop at Greenfield Public Library from 10 a.m. - noon

- **July 14:** Holyoke Dino Foot Print Site Visit at Wistariahurst Museum and Dino Foot Print Site, Rt. 5, in Holyoke. Visitors will arrive at Wistariahurst at 9:30 a.m., then head to the Rt. 5 site for 10:15 a.m.

- **July 14:** Dino Wizards at the Holyoke Mall at 3 p.m. (Story Wizards with a dinosaur theme)

- **July 15:** Dino Trail Day at the Beneski Museum of Natural History, 10 am - 3 pm

- **July 15:** Dino Wizards

at the Greenfield Public Library, 6 pm

- **July 16:** Evolution Revolution at Springfield Museums from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **July 16:** Geologic Walking Tour of Turners Falls from 10 - 11 a.m. at Great Falls Discovery Center

- **July 16:** Museum Tour & Track Talk at Dinosaur State Park at 1 p.m.

- **July 17:** Kidleidoscope Story Hour: Dinosaurs at The Great Falls Discovery Center 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- **July 18:** Great Greenfield DinoFest, 10 a.m. - noon on the lawn in front of the 2nd Congregational Church on the Common

- **July 19:** Sensory Friendly Dino Day at Wistariahurst Museum, noon - 3 p.m.

- **July 19:** Art Naturally: Make Your Own Jurassic Dinosaur Habitat Diorama and Collage Workshop 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Great Hall

Dawn of Dino Trail Week Intrigued by Piti Theatre's New England-wide Bee Week program and the annual BeeFest



A fun activity for kids is to color in the dinosaur tracks with chalk.

File photo

launched by Greenfield's Second Congregational Church, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association's long-time Executive Director Tim Neumann and Piti's Co-Artistic Director Jonathan Mirin discussed how to bring dinosaur history to life for residents. Neumann states, "I thought that the rich intersection of deep time and local history might merit a new

celebration around a great scientific contribution from Greenfield's history."

In 2017, the Great Greenfield DinoFest was born. Following the success of this annual event, a new era was born in summer 2024 as collaborating organizations collectively decided to transform DinoFest into a valley-wide Dino Trail Week. Reflecting on the evo-

lution, Mirin states, "It just makes sense for this group of organizations to collaborate on a Dino Trail. The fascinating intersection of deep time, science, and local history in the Valley makes for great storytelling, and each of our partners tells aspects of the story in their own way, which means this series of events really has something for everyone."

REFLECTING POOL



Two geese swim down the canal by the Children's Museum of Holyoke.

Submitted photo

80th Anniversary of B-17 crash on Mt. Tom

HOLYOKE — The 80th anniversary of the July 9, 1946, crash of a B-17 that killed all 25 aboard will be held at the crash site on Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m.

The flight, enroute to New York from Greenland, was to stop at Westover Field in Chicopee as the port of entry into the United States before continuing on to its final destination.

For nearly three decades, the community has gathered annually at the crash site to honor their memory and ensure that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

While making the approach to Westover on a dark, rainy night, the plane struck the 1200-foot

mountain about 300 feet below the summit. After tearing through trees, the B-17 hit a rocky outcrop causing the aircraft to disintegrate and starting an intense fire that burned for much of the night.

Several people who were at the Mountain Park amusement park at the base of Mt. Tom that night climbed up toward the accident site via an old cable railway roadbed but could not get close due to the heat of the fires. In the morning, rescue crews found the bodies of the young men among the wreckage in the scarred and charred landscape. All were killed on impact.

The crash was, at the time, the worst air disaster in New England's histo-

ry and the single largest loss of Coast Guard life outside of a maritime accident.

This year's ceremony marks not only the 80th anniversary of the tragedy but also the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Mt. Tom Memorial, which has become a place of reflection, education, and gratitude for generations of visitors.

Wheels for Hope Car Show starts their engines June 27

HOLYOKE – The third annual Wheels for Hope Car Show will return to High Street on Saturday, June 27.

The show, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a fundraiser for cancer patients and their families. Money raised will be divided among Holyoke Medical Center's Oncology Department; Rays for Hope, a Western

Massachusetts initiative dedicated to the fight against breast cancer; and children diagnosed with cancer.

Holyoke's High Street, from Cabot Street to Appleton Street, will be closed to traffic during the one-day show.

The entry fee for exhibitors is \$30. Motorcycles and power wheels are welcome.

Prizes will be awarded in five categories. A special trophy will be presented by a cancer survivor.

The show includes raffles, food, music, face painting and more. Coolers will not be allowed.

The rain date is July 11. For more information, contact Carmen Rodriguez, (413) 210-8896.

Tykes Tuesday returns to mall

HOLYOKE – Summer is just around the corner and that means Tykes Tuesday is back for free family fun at Holyoke Mall Tuesday mornings from July 7 through Aug. 18.

Tykes Tuesday features seven weeks of free family activities and exclusive discounts on Tuesdays starting at 11 a.m. on the lower level in Macy's Court. The kids' program is free, open to the public, and is best suited for children ages 12 and under.

Tykes Tuesday Schedule:

- **July 7:** The Science of Suds with CT Science Center

- **July 14:** Piti Theatre's Story Wizards (3pm-4pm)

- **July 21:** Celebrate Christmas in July with Mrs.

Claus, Face Painting and More



• **July 27:** Sing and Learn with Something Royal Party Co. & Pickleball 101 Class for Kids 7+ (at Pickleball Kingdom)

• **Aug. 4:** Wildlife on Wheels with Forest Park Zoo

• **Aug. 11:** Kimberly's Pocket Circus

• **Aug. 18:** Nature Time with Mass Audubon and Face

Painting with Clowntique

Please note the time change for the event on July 14. Families are encouraged to pre-register at <https://www.holyokemall.com/tykes-tuesday-2026/>. Registration is required for the Pickleball 101 class and is for children 7 and older. The event that week will be held inside and in the common area outside of Pickleball Kingdom, on the lower level, near JCPenney.

More information about Holyoke Mall stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues, can be found at Holyokemall.com. Follow and share your stories at the center on Facebook and Instagram.

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Guest Column



Why don't they just create individual Social Security accounts?

Dear Rusty:

Regarding Social Security's financial issues, three people contributing to Social Security for every one beneficiary sounds to me like a surplus.

If they had given workers their own accounts, similar to a 401k, where they could manage their own money, it would have worked out more favorably for retirees. President George W Bush suggested these changes, but it was shot down by Congress.

The average worker now pays a 6.2% Social Security tax. If the government had bumped it up to say 7%, I don't believe that me or anyone else would have cried too hard.

There are ways of correcting this before the SS reserves are depleted and, hopefully, Congress will address Social Security's financing soon.

Signed: Skeptical Senior

Dear Skeptical:

Believe it or not, putting SS contributions from payroll taxes into separate individual accounts is not really a good idea.

For information, most people get back all payroll taxes they contributed to Social Security within about five years of receiving SS benefits. Even with decent public market returns, some individual separate accounts would eventually run out of money, causing some to lose Social Security benefits before they die, meaning they would likely live in poverty.

People are now collecting benefits on average for decades and the current SS format means that even those who contribute only a small amount will collect benefits no matter how long they live. Remember, the primary purpose of the SS program is to reduce poverty in America.

FYI, President Bush's plan had opposition in the 2005 Congress largely because of the cost to tran-

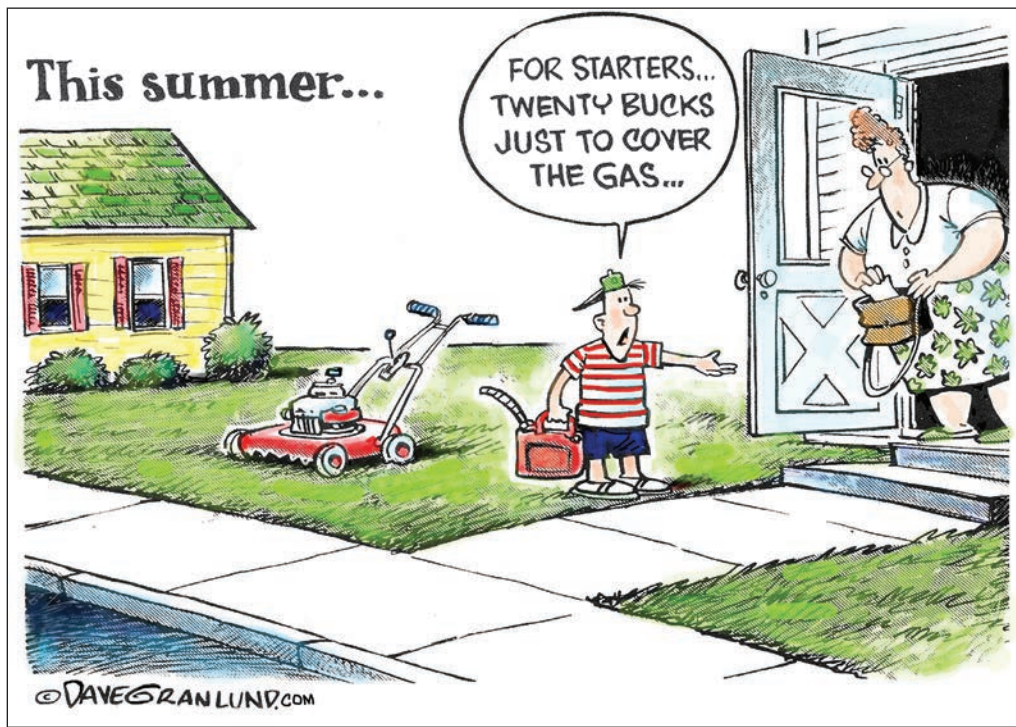
sition to that plan and the fear that investments in the public markets subjected individual retirement savings to unacceptable risk.

In any case, few have since advocated investing Social Security funds in the public financial markets because of the risks and the political backlash. And adding a small amount to the FICA/SECA payroll tax rate only somewhat mitigates the problem; it doesn't completely solve it. I'm afraid that Social Security's financial issues are more complex than that and can't be fully solved by a small increase in SS payroll taxes.

You are right Congress can and, we are confident, will address this and hopefully soon. For its part, the Association of Mature American Citizens and the AMAC Foundation have been evaluating this issue for years and have developed a Social Security reform plan for Congress to consider.

And we are actively promoting our reform plan in Washington, D.C. Please know that we share your concerns about the future of Social Security and will continue to work hard to ensure the program is here for many generations.

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Guest Column

Kohlrabi - The first question of the summer

A reader of 'In the Garden' wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "Can you tell me why my kohlrabi did not make a bulb? I have grown them all my life and enjoyed them shredded like coleslaw or cooked with a white sauce. I also know I can use the leaves in stir fry. Thanks for any advice you might have."

While I am not highly experienced when it comes to kohlrabi culture, I applied a few basic gardening principles to come up with some ideas as to why you are having issues with bulb development, some within your control and others left up to Mother Nature.

Kohlrabi is a member of the cabbage family, a cruciferous vegetable. Think cabbage, broccoli, kale, Brussels's sprouts, etc.

The swollen stem is considered the "bulb" but it does not grow below ground. Picture the heart of cabbage or the stem of broccoli swollen to look like a flying saucer of sorts.

As our reader mentioned, they are great in coleslaw and they keep a long time. Like other members of this family, they are considered highly nutritious.

Let's start with fertility. For the biggest, bulbous stem, think less nitrogen and more potassium and phosphorus.

Kohlrabi is a cool weather crop, thriving at temperatures less than 75 degrees, the heat stress could have signaled the crop to bolt without ever forming a bulb.

Are your plants tall and spindly, or are they otherwise well developed? If you installed transplants, perhaps the trouble started even before the plants even made their way into your garden. Just another thought!

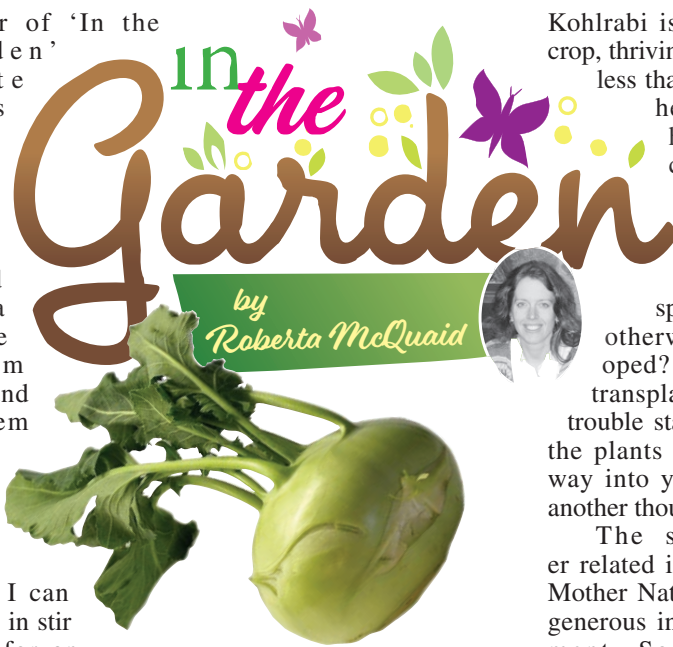
The second weather related issue is moisture. Mother Nature has not been generous in the rain department. Sometimes when droughty conditions are followed by bouts of deep soaking, the would-be bulbous stems can crack or get fibrous before actually bulbing up.

Since we have had less rain than what would be ideal, providing consistent moisture is key.

Although I am not 100% certain why you are having issues this year, I hope that you do give kohlrabi another try. Maybe it was just an off year.

Typically we gardeners are an optimistic lot and our motto is "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That, I know we will.

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Patient advocates specialize, too

How many recognized medical specialties are there in the U.S.? Go ahead, take a guess.

Answer: More than 135, and that's just doctors, not counting nurses, technicians, paramedics and other medical professionals.

But did you know that patient advocates can also specialize? Depending on what kind of advocacy you feel you or a loved one needs, there may be a patient advocate who offers just that.

My colleague Brad

Schwartz, an attorney who founded Greater National Advocates (gnanow.org), does us all a favor by explaining the different ways in which patient advocates specialize.

Brad launched his non-profit website to help others find private patient advocates after a harrowing medical experience - which left him a quadruple amputee because of a life-threatening infection - made him realize how easily things can go off the rails in our health-care system.

As Brad and I like to point out, when we have a complicated legal issue, we consult lawyers. When our taxes get complex, we find a CPA to help. It's the same with medical issues we don't understand or feel "something isn't right." Then you have to ask yourself, "Do I need a patient advocate?"

Private patient advocates may specialize in one or more of these areas.

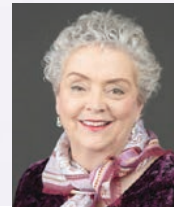
Medical guidance

This is where I have spent most of my career. A



your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN
Guest Column



medically-trained advocate works to improve communication between the medi-

cal team, patient and family members. Very often, situation. See HEALTH, page 5

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the calls that evening on my way to city council, is when I saw the article 'We have the Power' provided from that business, which made me feel unwell," he said.

Anderson-Burgos explained that moment proved to be a turning point, as he said he didn't feel he was ready to send the order to the subcommittee, and then a rapid sequence of events unfolded, which sparked his internal suspicions about the project and the true intent of the company taking a stake in the city.

"I went back and watched that meeting, and it felt like Ben Marshall (the

Co-Managing Director for the developer, Chestnut River Power and Infrastructure) was trying to strong-arm the city, from the way he was talking and explaining the project to the city council, and the community," Anderson-Burgos said.

"It just didn't seem right. So that's when I decided to take a stand and say, no, we either need a moratorium or a ban, and I'm okay with either one of them."

Burgos then explained his decision, which sparked his internal suspicions about the project and the true intent of the company taking a stake in the Paper City.

"I just want some kind of measure to protect this city

from an unknown business, and what that data center is going to create, and I know they said, 'Oh, we're only going to take so much energy, we're only going to take just 20 MW,'" something that Mayor Garcia mentioned on social media. Burgos then responded by asking what's to stop another data center from coming in, or stopping Chestnut River from taking more, as he drew concern to the potential rate increases.

However, according to Marshall, he told us before the ban went into effect that the project is still in the proposal stage.

"We're still at the proposal stage, and intentionally so," Marshall said. "We hav-

en't purchased the property or filed a permit, because we'd rather make our case openly and let Holyoke decide with good information in front of it." In response to Burgo's concerns, Marshall noted, "The project is designed to pay its own way: under a dedicated service agreement with Holyoke Gas & Electric(HG&E) the facility would pay the full cost of the power it uses and fund its own dedicated infrastructure, so it's structured to be rate-neutral for existing customers — not paid for on residents' bills," he said.

Burgos told the Sun that it is true that even though conversations with HG&E have transpired, many among

the municipality feel the developer has no plan on how to proceed. Marshall relayed, "Our team, including our chief technology officer, has been in direct discussions with Holyoke Gas & Electric about the site's power and how the facility would be served — that engineering conversation is real and ongoing, and we're working through a formal service arrangement with HG&E rather than assuming anything. He then shared, "This past December, Holyoke Water Works advised us in December that the system can accommodate an estimated additional 5 million gallons per day — roughly twenty times our estimated

peak need," he said, which was a point of discussion that arose during this week's city council meeting.

In addition, Burgos confirmed that a conversation with Garcia proved pivotal to where, he shared that, the mayor passed along; he will stand by whatever decision the city council chooses to make.

As a result, was that council voted to ban future data centers over 12 MW in the city.

And as we shared in this edition, the project remains in limbo; we reached out to Marshall for further comment and clarification but didn't hear back before press time.

HEALTH, from page 4

ations can be improved just by translating medical-ese into English. And sometimes, someone who knows the medical jargon can communicate more effectively with the medical team.

Another advantage is that a medical advocate can help plan your discharge and make sure you have the support you need for a successful recovery.

Complex and senior care

Many families are far-flung these days, and often adult children aren't able to be on the scene with aging parents. Long-distance caregiving is hard.

Patient advocates can evaluate parents' daily needs, develop and implement care plans and address common safety concerns, like trip hazards. If it's time for an older adult to explore a senior living community, they can also help explore those options to make sure all medical, cultural and social needs are being considered.

Insurance and billing challenges

I find that a lot of clients, and people in general, don't really understand the terms of their policies, which leads to insurance denials, insurance appeals or, in this case, loss of coverage.

Also, health systems are not infallible when it comes to billing. Not long ago, a little bit of investigation turned

a \$4,000 bill into a \$400 one.

Some patient advocates specialize in challenging medical bills and insurance payouts. These advocates aren't necessarily medically trained, but they know their way around billing codes, copays and common pitfalls. They help with appealing denials of benefits and getting pre-authorizations, and may even help you compare insurance options.

Wellness and lifestyle support

The buzzword in health care these days is "whole-person care." You can think of these advocates as coaches, helping you develop healthy lifestyle choices through education and encouragement. After a tough course of therapy or hospitalization, they may assist in rebuilding strength and self-esteem.

If you're interested in exploring non-traditional or alternative approaches to health and wellness, they can help you separate fact from fiction and pursue proven therapies.

Peer and survivor support

The trauma and uncertainty that come with a new and frightening diagnosis can be difficult to navigate. These advocates specialize in listening to patients and sharing first-hand experiences about conditions, treatments and procedures. Based on their experiences, they

provide realistic expectations of treatments and can connect patients and their families with support groups and counseling services.

Are all of these specialties available everywhere? Not necessarily. But if you're looking for a particular kind of advocacy, Greater National Advocates can help you find the right person. As a professional patient advocate, I am also happy to offer readers a free consultation.

Also keep in mind, however, that one medically trained advocate can help out in more than one type of situation. Best of all, the advocate you choose will work only for you, not for a doctor, hospital, health system or insurance company.

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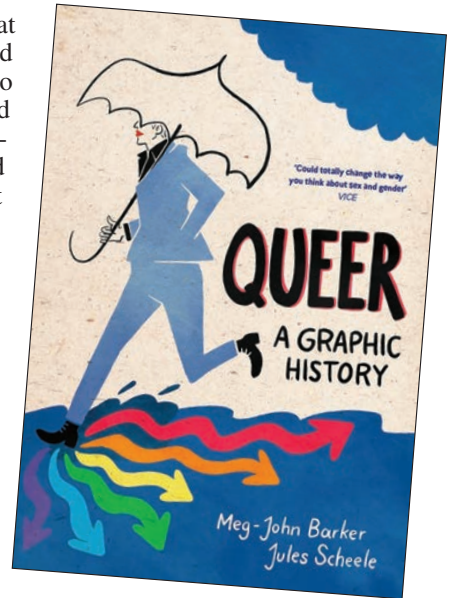
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meet Tuesdays at 5:30 and we will read a book in usually 2-4 meetings in a row, then we take a couple of weeks off before starting a new one. We try to tie our book club into something happening at the museum. We also make sure it's a book that people can get from the library, and the Holyoke Public Library is kind enough to inter library loan copies for our group to check out. We've definitely formed friendships with each other! It's so easy to get trapped in routine or not put yourself out there, but that's why we try to make this as low stakes as possible. It's free to come, you can get the book for free from the library, and it's just an hour in our beautiful library, or garden weather permitting."

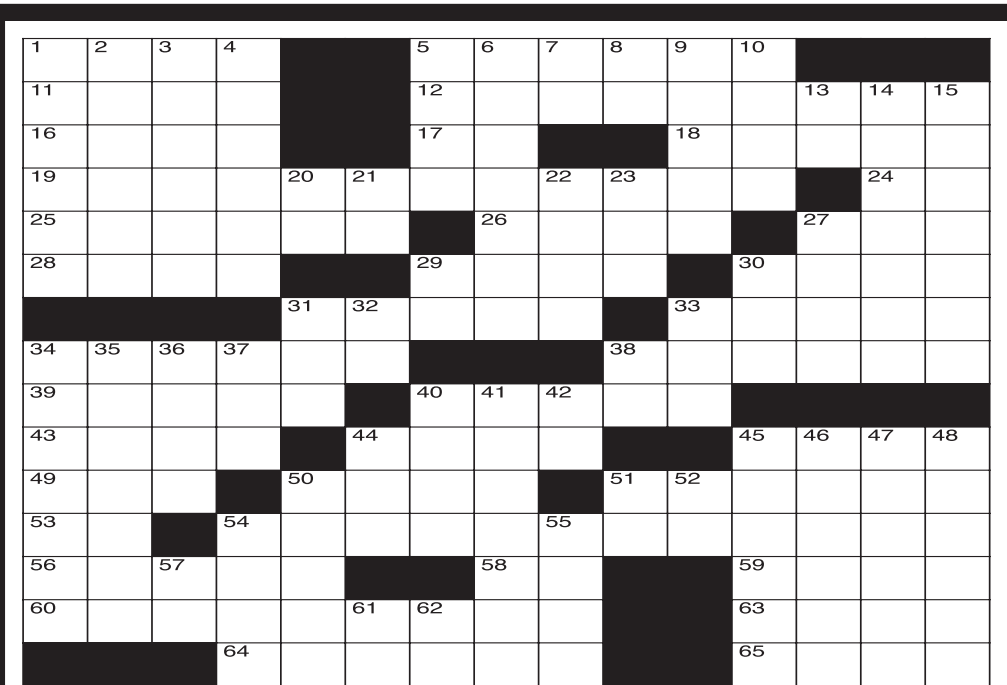
Wistariahurst Museum offers a variety of events and programs for the community. They focus on pro-

viding a space that is free to attend and welcoming to all. Seiler shared a couple upcoming events and programs that the museum will be offering, "We have our Sensory-Friendly Sunday Funday coming up with a drag queen story hour, a new art exhibit by Harold Dumas is up in our gallery and we will have an amazing photography exhibit in the gallery coming soon with local photographer Chick Abel. We also have Tabletop Tuesdays for people to come in a play games together in the museum as well."

Seiler, as well as all the members of Wisty Book Club have worked hard to create a welcoming and



fun space for community members to come and have educated, respectful discussions to facilitate further exploration and learning through reading. For more information about upcoming events and programs at Wistariahurst Museum, and upcoming dates and times for Wisty Book Club, visit



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Excitedness
- 16. Armed Forces branch
- 17. Actor Harris
- 18. Middle Eastern capital
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to "Pa"
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Reduce light
- 28. Asian mountain range
- 29. Every one of two or more
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- 33. Whittles
- 34. Impact
- 38. Serviceman
- 39. A French river
- 40. Prehistoric people

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Colorless fluid
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographer's tool
- 4. Blues Traveler hit "But
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. ___ Clapton, musician
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Singer Hansard
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Atomic #93
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Indigo bush
- 58. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- 64. Relating to passerine birds
- 65. Arrange systematically

- 5. Grew older
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. ___ Lang (country singer)
- 8. A driver's license is one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Wildebeests
- 13. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. It cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. German trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian
- 29. Measurement unit
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Snack food

- 35. Front part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. ___, myself and I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. They play in the trenches
- 42. "Can't Touch This" rapper ___ Hammer
- 44. Type of tree
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for mistake
- 47. More open
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Needles
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Atomic #11
- 54. Large fish of the mackerel family
- 55. Not any
- 57. ___ and behold
- 61. Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 62. "The Great Lakes State"

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Legion falls to East Springfield

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Since opening the Legion baseball season with a victory at Westfield Post 124, and a road tie versus Sheffield Post 340, Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337 hasn't experienced very much success on the diamond.

Aldenville was trailing undefeated East Springfield Post 420, 2-1, entering the third inning of last Wednesday's game at historic Szot Park. Post 337 (1-3-1) wound up losing their third game in a row, as East Springfield (4-0) pulled away with the help of three unearned runs in the fourth inning, and four more runs in the sixth leading to a 9-2 victory.

"We were right with them early in the game," said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon. "I thought Alex (Savlick) pitched very well in his first Legion start of the season, but we didn't help him out defensively. We just need to start playing a little bit better."

Savlick, who graduated from Minnechaug Regional on June 11, allowed five runs (two earned) on eight base hits. The righthander also recorded four strikeouts and issued only one walk.

Righty Matt Butler gave up four runs on three hits in the sixth inning, as East Springfield batted around. Savlick managed to retire the side in order during the top of the first inning.

East Springfield began the second inning with back-to-back singles from third baseman Eduardo Villafane and shortstop Noah Sierra. Second baseman Javier Pena drove home the game's first run with a groundball to Aldenville first baseman Michael Letellier.

East Springfield took a 2-0 lead when left fielder Seth Tyrrell blasted a triple



Justin Rivera makes a catch in center.

to deep left field with two outs.

The home team loaded the bases in the bottom half of the frame.

Right fielder Noah Carillon drew a leadoff walk against East Springfield righty Edwar Fernandez. Then Salvick was safe at first base following a fielding error by the third baseman. Aiden Robinson followed by hitting a groundball a single into left field.

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Michael Letellier fields a throw to first.



Aiden Robinson sends a throw across the diamond.



Ryan Netkovick sends a throw away.

Mutiny suffers loss to Crusaders

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Following three straight 2-1 road losses, the New England Mutiny were looking to celebrate a home victory versus the Hudson Valley Crusaders.

The Mutiny managed to take a 1-0 lead before the Crusaders responded with four unanswered goals leading to a 4-2 victory in a USL W League match held at Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

"This is a very challenging league," said Avery Klingensmith, who was an outstanding soccer player at Belchertown High School. "We've had several games this season where we had taken an early lead and wound up losing, which is a little bit frustrating. Protecting a lead is something that we need to work on. We really wanted to win tonight's game."

The Mutiny (1-5-2) are first-year members of the USL W League. Their only victory came at home against AC Connecticut, 5-0, on May 30. They lost two close road matches against Hudson Valley, 2-0, and 2-1.

The Crusaders (5-2-2), along with Hartford Athletic and Vermont Green FC, are trying to finish the regular season in first place in the Northeast Division. Only the first place team earns a berth in the league playoffs.

Klingensmith, who wrapped up her collegiate soccer career at American University in Washington D.C. last fall, is planning to join a professional soccer team in Greece at the end of the summer.

"I'm really looking forward to starting my professional soccer career in a different country," Klingensmith said. "It's going to be a different type of experience for me."

Hope Santiniello, who's from Agawam, has been a



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Kayleigh Lukasik heads up the field for the Mutiny.



Chloe Laizer corral the ball.

member of the Mutiny since 2019. She played in her first home match of the 2026 season against the Crusaders.

"The atmosphere at this stadium is always amazing," said Santiniello, who was a starting defender for the first time in last Saturday's match. "It's always been a pleasure playing for this team."

Just like Klingensmith, Santiniello is seeking an

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Western Mass. Pioneers battle to draw with Boston Bolts

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – After 21 days away from historic Lusitano Stadium, the Western Mass. Pioneers returned home last Friday night for an intrastate showdown with the Boston Bolts.

The Pioneers faithful supporters had plenty to celebrate early in the match, as the home side stormed out to a 2-0 advantage in the 24th minute.

The Bolts responded with a goal late in the first half. They struck again 15 minutes into the second half and the USL League Two matchup ended in a 2-2 draw in front of a large crowd.

"We held a 2-1 halftime lead," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We didn't play very well in the second half. This is a very disappointing result for us."

Both teams entered the match with a total of 14 goals.

The Pioneers (5-1-2), who have allowed 10

goals, are currently sitting in third place in the Northeast Division table behind NEC and Vermont Green FC.

The top two finishers in the division will automatically qualify for the league playoffs.

The Pioneers, who went 2-0-1 in their previous three matches on the road, have qualified for the league playoffs each year since joining USL League Two in 2019.

The Western Mass. squad will most likely need to win their remaining five regular season matches and get a little bit of help along the way to keep the playoff streak alive.

"It's very disappointing letting a two goal lead slip away, especially in front of our fans," said Felipe De Andrade, who scored the Pioneers second goal. "We're going to continue to improve and keep fighting the rest of the season."

De Andrade, who's from Westborough, played for the Bolts, which only won three matches a year ago.

"Western Mass has

always been a very strong team," he said. "I just wanted a new challenge this year. The atmosphere here is amazing and it's a privilege to be a member of this squad. I wouldn't change anything."

De Andrade, who was a member of the New England Revolution Academy soccer team in high school, began his collegiate career at UMass Boston. He'll be joining the men's soccer team at Bryant University, which competes at the Division 1 level, this fall.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the first ten minutes of the contest.

Bolts goalie William Synnestvedt made his first save on a header from Martin Echarren six minutes into the first half. A minute later, Echarren, who plays soccer at the University of Charleston, lined a shot towards the goal, but Synnestvedt (2 saves) made the diving save knocking the ball over the end line resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers broke the



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Santiago Blasco fights to keep the ball.

ice during the 21st minute.

The scoring play began with Alfred Baafi delivering a crossing pass in the box to

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Jaiden Williams makes a quick pass to his left.

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After the next hitter struck out, Letellier drew a walk forcing home a run which sliced Aldenville's deficit in half.

"After they took the lead, it was nice to see us score a run in the bottom half of the inning," Nate Carillon said. "We were able to put a little bit of pressure on them."

Fernandez escaped the bases loaded jam with a strikeout and flyball out.

With two outs in the following inning, Noah Carillon (2-for-3) and Salvick (3-for-3) had back-to-back singles to left field. The home team couldn't tie the score or take the lead as the next batter grounded out ending the threat.

Savlick didn't get very much support from his defense in the fourth inning as East Springfield built a 5-1 lead with the help of two throwing errors.

Savlick hit a flyball single into centerfield which scored second baseman Ryan Netkovich (single) with two outs in the fifth inning.

Any hopes Aldenville might have had of making a comeback ended in the sixth inning when East Springfield scored four more runs on four base hits.

Aldenville will be looking to even the season series against East Springfield on July 6 at Springfield Central.

Valley Blue Sox suffer loss to Newport Gulls

HOLYOKE — The Valley Blue Sox (7-5-1) were unable to score a run against the Newport Gulls (7-7-1) on Saturday night, suffering a 10-0 loss. This was the second meeting of the season for these two teams, tying their first game 2-2 on Opening Day.

To start the ballgame, the Blue Sox went down 5-0 immediately, after a rough inning from Kaden Kimble in his first start of the summer. Gus Gandy and Devan

Zirwas hit back-to-back singles, and Brandon Larson was walked, loading the bases for Newport.

The Gulls' first two tallies came from Kimble consecutively walking Ryan Novak and Ryan Jaros, which forced in the runs that put Newport up 2-0. With the bases still loaded, Braxton Tramel singled to left field and sent Novak and Larson home to extend the lead to 4-0.

Newport's fifth and final run of the first inning was

the result of Adam Broski hitting a RBI single to right field. The Blue Sox going down 5-0 so early on completely knocked the wind out of them as they remained hitless until the bottom of the eighth inning.

In the top of the second, the Gulls had the bases loaded once again after Cade Brown and Novak were walked, and Jaros singled. The sixth run for Newport was scored on a fielder's choice play that stemmed from a Cole

Johnson at-bat.

The Gull's offense continued to pile on Valley in the fifth as they scored five more runs, solidifying their win long before the final inning. Gandy and Zirwas quickly found themselves on base due to Gandy hitting a double and Zirwas getting walked.

Newport's runners were able to steal second and third base, but an error from the Blue Sox allowed Gandy and Zirwas to advance, adding another run for the Gulls.

Cade Brown then hit a single that sent Zirwas home, increasing the gap to 8-0.

The Gulls continued their hitting by getting two doubles in a row, one from Larson and the other from Novak, which allowed Cade Brown to score the ninth run of the game for Newport.

Ryan Jaros got the RBI single that had Novak scoring Newport's tenth run, slamming the door on any hope of a Valley comeback in just five innings of play.

Gomarlo wins first modified race of career at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, NH - Eddie Gomarlo won his first career Modified victory on the high banks of Monadnock Speedway Saturday.

Other winners on the first round of Monadnock's 2026 Triple Crown Series included Limited Late Model ace JD Stockwell, who won for the fourth time this season, Craig Smith, a first time winner in the Mini Stocks, and Michael Yeaton, who won a three-across thriller to stay perfect at three-for-three in the Pure Stocks.

Matt Robinson became the Pro V8 Sportsman's third different winner this summer, and Young Gun dynamo Dylan Stati scored his track-high sixth 2026 feature win.

Cole Littlewood and Kimmy Rivet sat on row one as the 50-lap Allstates Materials Group 604 Modified

main event went green. Littlewood wasted no time in seizing the lead, with previous winner Andrew Brousseau charging up to second as Rivet got hung outside in the top groove.

Brousseau took charge on lap ten, opening some breathing room as Ty Leclerc and Gomarlo battled for second behind him. Gomarlo claimed the deuce spot for good on lap 23 and immediately set his sights on Brousseau.

Gomarlo rocketed to the front from the top groove on lap 26, holding strong the rest of the way to earn his first Monadnock Modified feature by three lengths, as a wild finish behind him saw Leclerc explode out of the final turn to edge Modified points leader Tyler Leary for second. Brousseau was fourth under the checkers, with Ben Byrne

fifth. Colton Martin, who'd won his Monadnock first a week earlier, was sixth.

JD Stockwell, dominated the Twin State Truck Services Limited Late Models again Saturday, winning for the second week in a row and fourth time this season.

Michael Lashua and Wesley Stedt sat up front as the 40-lap LLM feature went green. Stedt, bringing previous winner Hillary Renaud with him, would lead the first 15 laps, as Stockwell, charging from row three, closed in.

Stockwell rocketed into the lead on lap 16, with Renaud still good for second, and Robert Hagar closing in. While Stockwell would blast off into another universe to win with ease, the best battle in this one was waged for second by Renaud and Hagar.

Hagar had taken the spot

but Renaud, low along the backstretch, took it back on lap 36 and held strong to score the runner-up finish. With Hagar third, Lashua and Stedt completed the top five.

In one of a handful of wild finishes Saturday on the high banks, Michael Yeaton won by a foot in a three-wide charge to the checkers in a Brattleboro Towing and Recovery Pure Stock thriller.

Rookies Linsey Wenzel and Josh Brigham started up front, with Wenzel setting a fast pace as Yeaton rocketed forward from row five. Yeaton took charge on lap nine, but Kyle Boniface was red hot too.

Boniface got up for second on lap 17, bringing Jimmy Zellman with him, and the stage was set for excitement. A stout whack in the side moved Yeaton up-track on lap 24, and Boniface to the front. Yeaton,

though, would have none of it.

Going to work at the top of the track, sometimes finding it more than narrow up there, Yeaton refused to lose. He, Boniface, and Zellman hit the finish line three across, with Yeaton making it three wins in a row, Boniface second by less than a foot, and Zellman riding beside him to come home third and stay atop the points parade, Brigham and Dylan Zullo were fourth and fifth.

A pair of track champions, Jon Fultz the current and Louie Maher the former Keene Towing and Recovery Mini Stock speedway king, went head-to-head in their Triple Crown 30-lapper Saturday, but Craig Smith, in his maiden voyage aboard the Aiken Motorsports entry, had big plans of his own. Smith made a furious last-lap charge to steal the show Saturday.

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opportunity to play soccer at the professional level. She's hoping to join a women's team in Florida.

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Tennessee Murphy, who began her high school soccer career at Monson High School before transferring to the Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut. She'll be a freshman on the Bucknell University women's soccer team in the fall.

"Being a member of this soccer team is preparing me for the college level," Murphy said. "I'm counting down the days until I leave for college. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Murphy is scheduled to

leave for Pennsylvania on July 27.

The Mutiny took a 1-0 lead less than ten minutes into the opening half.

Hudson Valley goalie Brianna McDonald attempted to clear the ball, but it went directly to Mila Dillard, who put a shot into the open net for an unassisted goal.

Dillard, who lives in Chicopee, is going to be a senior on the Pope Francis girls' varsity soccer team, which is coached by her father, Brent. She has verbally committed to playing soccer at the University of Kentucky a year from now.

The Crusaders tied the score during the 18th minute of the opening half with Joy Okonye putting a header into the left corner of the net past

Mutiny goalie Chloe Laizer.

About six minutes later, a goal from Emmanuella Frimpomaa gave the visiting team the lead for first time.

The Crusaders were then given a penalty kick following a foul in the box.

Okonye took the shot, which deflected off the right post.

With five minutes remaining in the first half, Laizer made an outstanding save on a breakaway shot from Frimpomaa, which kept the score at 2-1 a little bit longer.

The Crusaders did take a 3-1 lead when Marta Carrasco Mesa headed the ball into the net following a corner kick.

Frimpomaa scored her second goal of the match 30 seconds into the second half, which pretty much sealed the Crusaders victory.

At the end of regulation, Trinity Clark scored a goal for the home team.

The Mutiny were scheduled to play a road match against AC Connecticut on Tuesday night before wrapping up the season against Vermont Green at Lusitano Stadium at 6pm on Saturday night.

Turley photos by David Henry
Maeve Staunton overtakes an opponent.



Avery Klingensmith tries to get control of the loose ball.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, sends a long kick away.



Monson's Tennessee Murphy advances up the field.



Fernando Garcia eyes a teammate up the field.



Alfred Baafi dribbles up the field.

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Echarren, who put a header into the right corner of the net.

Three minutes later, De Andrade fired a shot into the back of the net after receiving a pass from Echarren.

The Bolts (3-4-2) cut their deficit in half when Connor Gibson scored on a header in the 37th minute.

Nikolaj Bertelsen was the Pioneers starting goalie for the first time this season. He replaced Ben Alexander, who suffered an injury in a 1-0 win over the Conn. Rush two nights earlier.

"Ben suffered a head injury the other night and he had to get stitches," Molinari said. "He'll probably be out a couple of games."

During the 60th minute, Xavier Tanyi lined a shot from

about 25 yards out into the net tying the score at 2-2.

The Pioneers had a couple of chances to retake the lead during the last 30 minutes, but the score didn't change on the scoreboard.

Western Mass. defender Riley Priddy was given a straight red card from referee Luis Reis after pulling down a Bolts player just outside the top of the box in stoppage time. The free kick taken from Rainer Osselmann-Chai deflected off a Western Mass. defender and the home team salvaged a tie.

A tie is better than a loss, but it wasn't what the Pioneers fans were hoping for.

The Pioneers are scheduled to face the Bolts for the second time this season at Brandeis University on June 30.



Thomas Wadas clears the ball away.

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RAINBOW CONNECTION



A rainbow appeared over the Holyoke dam last Friday. Submitted photo

OneHolyoke hosting event featuring Lt. Gov. Driscoll

HOLYOKE – OneHolyoke CDC will host its second annual “Building & Sustaining Livable Communities” event, featuring a keynote address by Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, on Monday, June 29 at 9 a.m. at Wyckoff Country Club, 233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke.



Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll

This year’s event will center around Innovations in Public Safety, bringing together community leaders, public safety officials and community members to explore collaborative approaches to safer, stronger neighborhoods. Registration is open for the event, which will include breakfast, with a suggested donation of \$50 at OneHolyoke.org/sustaining-communities. For community members there is a limited number of complimentary registrations.

In addition to Lt. Governor Driscoll, the event will also feature a presentation by First Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fitzgerald on the Hampden County District Attorney’s Emerging Adult Court of Hope (EACH) Program, a

specialized, collaborative program launched in partnership with Roca, Inc. and designed to give young adults ages 18-24 facing serious criminal charges a second chance through intensive support and judicial oversight. Fitzgerald serves as one of Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni’s top administrative prosecutors, overseeing all of Hampden County’s criminal prosecutions. She was appointed by D.A. Gulluni when he was first sworn into office in 2015.

The event will also recognize Ed Caisse and his impact through the Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative (HSNI). Caisse retired earlier this year after more than three decades with the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department. The HSNI is a partnership between local, state and federal law enforcement; city & state government; civic & human service organizations; faith based organizations; the business community; education providers; property managers; and residents coming together

with a goal to create safe, healthy and economically viable Holyoke neighborhoods.

Also part of the program will be a presentation from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), bringing its expertise on community engagements and improvement planning. LISC is the home of recognized experts on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and will share about upcoming work to develop a neighborhood blueprint based on CPTED principles.

Michael Moriarty, Executive Director of OneHolyoke CDC, will serve as moderator for the event. According to Moriarty, “One of our priority organizational strategies at OneHolyoke is to assure that families and individuals living in our housing communities feel safe. This requires us to collaborate with others, and we have targeted the Churchill neighborhood for special attention in employing leading-edge approaches to achieve that goal. This symposium will provide us and other like-minded individuals and organizations innovative ways to build safer communities.”

Driscoll is the 73rd Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. She was sworn in on January 5, 2023, joining Governor Maura Healey as the first all-women executive team to lead Massachusetts. Exemplified by her extensive and successful career in local government, Driscoll has served as a notable proponent for the economic development of Massachusetts cities and towns, and serves as a liaison for municipalities across the state. Driscoll previously served as the City of Salem’s first woman Mayor. Under her leadership, Salem became one of the first communities in Massachusetts to adopt the expansion of free, high-quality early education opportunities starting at age four.

OneHolyoke CDC is the only certified Community Development Corporation based in the City of Holyoke. Founded in 1971, OneHolyoke CDC has created over 160 new homes in the Flats, Churchill and South Holyoke neighborhoods, rehabilitated hundreds of apartments and provided thousands of home improvement grants to homeowners through the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

Holyoke Community College Summer Youth Programs begin July 7

HOLYOKE – Registration is open for 2026 Summer Youth Programs at Holyoke Community College.

Starting July 7 and running through August 8, HCC will offer 16 week-long, in-person summer programs for youth aged 8 to 16.

For more than 40 years, HCC has offered fun, challenging summer education activities for youth, providing early opportunities for students to experience a college environment guided and encouraged by experienced professionals.

HCC’s 2026 on-campus summer youth programs run Monday through Friday, some for a full day and others for a half day.

All in-person programs will be held on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave., except for cooking classes, which are held at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke

July 6-10
Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez
(ages 9-16)

In this lively hands-on camp, young chefs will team up to chop, stir, and create tasty dishes from around the world. Each day brings a new theme and a chance to discover fresh ingredients, cool cooking techniques, and the joy of working together in the kitchen. By week’s end, they’ll walk away with new cooking skills, delicious recipes to show off at home, and plenty of tasty memories. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Diana Swanigan
(ages 9-16)

Join us for an exciting week of hands-on culinary fun, where young chefs will discover the joy of cooking delicious, easy-to-prepare meals to share with family and friends. Participants will work together to chop, sea-

son, cook, and taste a variety of recipes – all made from scratch. Each day introduces new menu themes, ingredients, and techniques designed to build confidence in the kitchen. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

July 13-17
Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez
(ages 9-16,
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Diana Swanigan
(ages 9-16,
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ROBLOX Coders
(ages 8-10; 11-14)
Discover the Lua coding language while designing experiences in ROBLOX, an online universe where you can create anything you dream of. New developers will learn to use ROBLOX’s Studio software to reimagine the popular game genres with their own custom code. Instructor Brittany

Pietskowski. (9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

July 20-24
Around the World with Chef Diana Swanigan
(ages 9-16)

Cuisine around the world serves as a universal language that unites people across cultures through shared flavors, traditions, and stories. Learn to prepare full-course meals from Asia, Puerto Rico, Greece, Italy, and New Orleans. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Make Your First Video Game
(ages 8-10; 11-14)

Go beyond the limitations of traditional 2D game design classes and create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon

for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

Passport to Flavors with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez
(ages 9-16)

This hands-on cooking camp takes kids on a delicious journey across global cuisines, exploring flavors, techniques, and ingredients that make each culture unique. Dive into fun daily themes like diner classics, Mexican favorites, Mediterranean feasts, Filipino street bites, and southern comfort food, all while building confidence one tasty dish at a time. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

July 27-31
Around the World with Chef Diana Swanigan
(ages 9-16,
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Minecraft Designers
(ages 8-10; 11-14)

Learn how to create a custom map, design structures to share between

worlds, build with Redstone and Command blocks, and create custom textures for you to import at home or share with friends. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199).

Passport to Flavors with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez
(ages 9-16,
9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

August 3-7
Python Programmers
(ages 8-10; 11-14)

Learn the world’s fastest-growing programming language favored by Google, NASA, YouTube, and the CIA. Learn how to code with Python to create engaging apps and games. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199).

To register for in person or online Summer Youth Program classes, please go to: hcc.edu/summer-youth.

Agawam Community Artists and Artisans ‘Call for Art’

AGAWAM – Agawam Community Artists and Artisans (ACAA) is inviting artists and artisans to participate in its Sixth Annual Pioneer Valley Art Festival.

The Art Festival will be held on Friday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Show hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The ACAA is encourag-

ing artists, artisans, and writers to submit their work for review. Among the artistic mediums included are watercolor, acrylic, oil, mixed media, sculpture, photography, ceramic, stained glass, wood, fashion, textile, and jewelry.

All work must be original and handmade by the artist or artisan, of professional quality. Prints and giclees will be accepted. No kits, food, soap, candles, or

AI-generated work will be accepted.

Tent space is available on the paved parking lot for \$50.

Students from any area high school are accepted free of charge, and must have a tent set up.

The Pioneer Valley Art Festival is highly promoted through local TV stations; Agawam Media Channel 15 and 1074HD; Agawam Cultural Council website;

newspapers; town forums; Mailchimp; the ACAA website, www.agawamarts.com; and the ACAA Facebook page, that has over 850 followers.

The week before the festival, there will be over 20 street signs placed around Agawam.

Further information, including registration forms, can be obtained by contacting Ceil Rossi at email: tocarefree2@hotmail.com.

Town hosting beaver walk, talk

BELCHERTOWN – Residents are invited to a free, all-ages presentation and walk about beaver management on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., beginning at the Belchertown Recreation Department, 66 State Street.

The Beaver Institute will give a presentation at the Recreation Department, after which the group will walk to the Lake Wallace spillway at Foley Field to see a “beaver deceiver” flow device in action. The device, also known as a Pond Leveler, allows the town to manage water levels while letting beavers remain in place. A table will be set up lakeside with pond critters, giving attendees a chance to explore local biodiversity and aquatic macroinvertebrate biomonitoring.

Beavers play a vital role in flood control, water retention and infiltration,

and habitat biodiversity. The event offers families a fun, hands-on look at how these complex animals shape the local landscape and how the town coexists with them.

The presentation and walk are made possible through Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program funding for the culvert replacement project on Warren Wright Road over Hop Brook.

The walk to the spillway is approximately one-third of a mile. Anyone arriving after the group has departed the Recreation Department can meet them at the Lake Wallace spillway at Foley Field.

For more information about this program please call or email Belchertown Department of Public Works at 413-323-0415 or illeduc@belchertown.org.



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Cruise Nights return Fridays this season

By Ben Hernandez
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SOUTH HADLEY – Cruise Nights in Buttery Brook Park are in full swing. The time honored car nights take place every Friday between 5 and 7:30 p.m. and have been a feature in the park for more than 25 years. The event is run by the Friends of Buttery Brook Park, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to fundraising local amenities within the park.

“I’ve always loved the muscle cars and antique cars,” said Friends of Buttery Brook Park Co-Chair David Bernier as he spoke on his personal lifelong interest in cars and the wider car community. “It’s a great way to meet new people, make new friends.”

Bernier started participating in cruise nights himself when his son was two years old to “look at the cars.” He began to volunteer about 10 years ago and hasn’t stopped since. From there, Bernier rose up the ranks as he grew further into the community.

“I’ve started off as selling 50/50 tickets and I became one of the judges,” Bernier said. “I assisted with judging and it just progressed from there...I got onto the board of directors probably four years ago, five years ago. So I’ve been actively involved with it.”

Cruise night themes center around make, model and age, with specific nights such as Mustang or Corvette nights being featured. Cars are judged by different categories, such as best late model, the cleanest car and the most original cars. Bernier says he enjoys talking with the presenters as a judge.

“You get to talk to these guys,” Bernier said. “When you’re doing a judging, they are more than happy to share with you what they’ve done to the car and things like that.”

Featured cars comprise



Muscle cars take the stage.



Classic vehicles are showcased in tandem with more modern rides.

Turley photos by Ben Hernandez



Live music accompanies the competition.



Motorcycles are also displayed on cruise nights.

a wide variety of makes and models, with some very interesting submissions to the event. Bernier recalled an Impala with a blower sticking out of the hood and one very unique contribution which has become an infrequent staple of the cruise nights.

“There is a gentleman that brings a fire truck,” Bernier said. “He brings an antique fire truck that is fully operational.”

“One of my goals coming into this was to really kind of understand what the Friends do and then help broaden the scope of what we do,” said organization President Kim Prough. She mentioned she got involved with the Friends six years ago as a way to build pickleball courts in town. Prough handles much of the marketing and fundraising with the

help of an extensive volunteer staff.

“The Friends hadn’t done a lot of fundraising in the past and was primarily focused on what was originally the cruise nights,” Prough said. She mentioned the idea to add live music to the traditional cruise nights was an idea by Group Treasurer Steve Lackowitz formulated about three years ago.

“We started with, like, maybe three bands and then last year we did, like, maybe 10 bands,” Prough said. “So this year, in total, we have 20 concerts that we’re doing, all free to the public. Our goal is really to help support the town and keep Buttery Brook Park a really beautiful and amazing resource; for not just South Hadley but the surrounding communities.”



Buttery Brook Park hosts Cruise Nights on Friday nights, which include a variety of cars and free music.

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Zonta Club offering golf day

BELCHERTOWN – Join members of the Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley on Sept. 12 for a fun day on the links at Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown and be a champion for women and girls. The \$120 registration includes golf, cart, pastries/ coffee, snacks, box lunch, beverages, prizes and more. If you aren't a golfer, you can donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m.

Registration form and link are at www.ZontaQV.org/golf. Questions can be directed to Mary Knight at 413-219-8260. Your support directly funds scholarships and grants that empower women and girls to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. We're working to end child marriage, domestic violence, and human trafficking, while also supporting climate justice, education equality, and women in decision-making positions.

Crafters wanted for St. Nick Fair

LUDLOW – Crafters Wanted for the Rosary Sodality's St. Nicholas Craft Fair and Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at Christ the King Church located at 41 Warsaw Avenue in Ludlow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is a non-refundable \$40. fee for an 8-ft table, which will be provided by the church. To reserve a table or for more information contact Debbie Martell at 413-547-8739 or Lorraine Bernier at 413-519-7658.

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recipients have not only excelled in their educational pursuits, but also more importantly excelled through the many volunteer activities and services resulting in positive outcomes in our community. The awardees are planning to attend college in the fall to pursue degrees in nursing, forensic science, technology, law, and other fields that will positively affect the world. The Holyoke Rotary Club is proud to have the opportunity to support these individuals and know they will make their mark in the world.

"The Holyoke Rotary Club is proud to be a service organization that gives back to our community. We appreciate our many corporate and event sponsors that enable us to provide scholarships such as these, as well as help fund other deserving projects," said 2026-2027 Holyoke Rotary Club President and Scholarship Committee Chair Kathy Viens. "Other initiatives we are proud to offer include a free summer concert series at Heritage State Park in Holyoke, supplying food for those in need through community collaborations, and funding international clean water initiatives."

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to Latitia Molina, our new Ward 7 Committee member." And lastly, Ward 6 School Committee Representative Patty Norris Lubold, who shared via social media: "Congratulations to our newest Ward 7 school committee member Latitia Molina, an accomplished nurse and parent in the school system, who is dedicated to bringing a fresh perspective on family engagement to the dis-

trict," Norris Lubold wrote. "I would also like to thank the incredible candidates who applied for the position Rashad Milledge, Joe Courchesne, Stephanie Chatel, Erik Zifkak, Michael Sergneri, for their time and continued investment in our community. And to outgoing member Ellie Wilson...thank you for your service!" To note, the Holyoke Sun reached out to Molina and didn't hear back in time prior to press time. We are hoping to have a comment from her by next week's edition.

NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION 662 SOUTH EAST STREET HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS RTN 1-52058

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as **TIER II** pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On **June 24, 2026** the Holyoke **Housing Authority** filed a **TIER II** Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact **Todd Kirton, LSP of Tighe & Bond, Westfield, Massachusetts, 413-572-3222**. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) **1-52058** at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at **MassDEP, Western Region, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, Massachusetts, 413-784-1149**. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404. 06/26/2026

City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday July 1, 2026, at 5:15 pm**. You can join via Zoom. com; ID **83974921923**; CALL IN: ***67 646 558 8656** or in person at **City Hall, 536 Dwight St. in the Old Tax Collector Office Room 6**, regarding the application for a **Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Off-premises License from Bal Kishan LLC DBA High Street Liquor, 648 High Street to Fernandez Wine & Spirit #2 Inc. DBA High Street Liquors 648 High Street**. Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138. Applicant: Fernandez Wine & Spirit #2 Inc. License Board: Jose Correa, Chairman 06/19, 06/26/2026

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGING SERVICES

Sealed bids for the above will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept until **2:00 p.m., July 15, 2026**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St, Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read. **Bid Deposit:** A Bid Deposit in the amount

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CITY OF HOLYOKE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of land situated in HOLYOKE in the county of HAMPDEN and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all others concerned: You are hereby notified that on **Monday, July 13, 2026**, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53 as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes -

It is my intention to take for HOLYOKE the following parcels of land for non-payment after demand of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking unless the same shall have been paid before that date

Laura E. Wilson
Collector of Taxes

98 MAIN HOLYOKE MA, LLC,
Parcel: 0028-3-000007
LAND & BUILDING located at 398 400 MAIN ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .047 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0028-3000007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24590-76. For FY-2024 & FY-2025 Tax Due \$3,206.19.

HUSSAIN YASSER
Subsequent Owner: BRIDGERS RONALD EDWARD,
Parcel: 0012-1000005
LAND & BUILDING located at 117 123 HIGH ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .101 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0012-1000005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 25102-529. For FY-2024 & FY-2025 Tax Due \$8,258.65.

HOLYOKE 185 SOUTH STREET, LLC,
Parcel: 0009-9000006
LAND & BUILDING located at 185 SOUTH ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .328 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0009-9000006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22738-235. For FY-2025 Tax Due \$3,696.64.

HOLYOKE 185 SOUTH STREET, LLC,
Parcel: 0009-9000009
LAND located at KAY AV in HOLYOKE, LAND containing .107 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0009-9000009, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22738-235. For FY-2025 Tax Due \$952.05.

HOLYOKE 187 SOUTH STREET, LLC,
Parcel: 0009-9000008
LAND & BUILDING located at 187 SOUTH ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .240 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0009-9000008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23869-116. For FY-2025 Tax Due \$4,696.68.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF,
Subsequent Owner: GUADALUPE HOLDINGS LLC
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LAND & BUILDING located at 435 MAPLE ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing 1.640 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0010-9000002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 25795-515. For FY-2025 Tax Due \$26,989.24.
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Marie Zurheider, Paige Leahy, Zurheide Gehring and Eileen Leahy were painting pretty in pink.



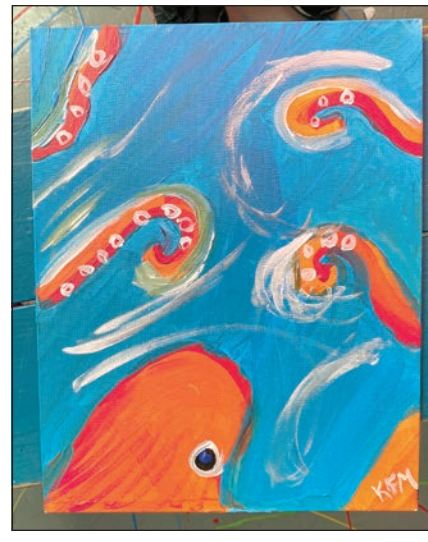
Elizabeth Santore, Samantha Brennan, Isabella Murphy and Emma Dominguez posed for a photo with their finished projects.



Katie Bowlick, Hailey Hernandez, Siobhan Brennan showed off their artwork.



The museum's first Paint, Sip & Play was a success.



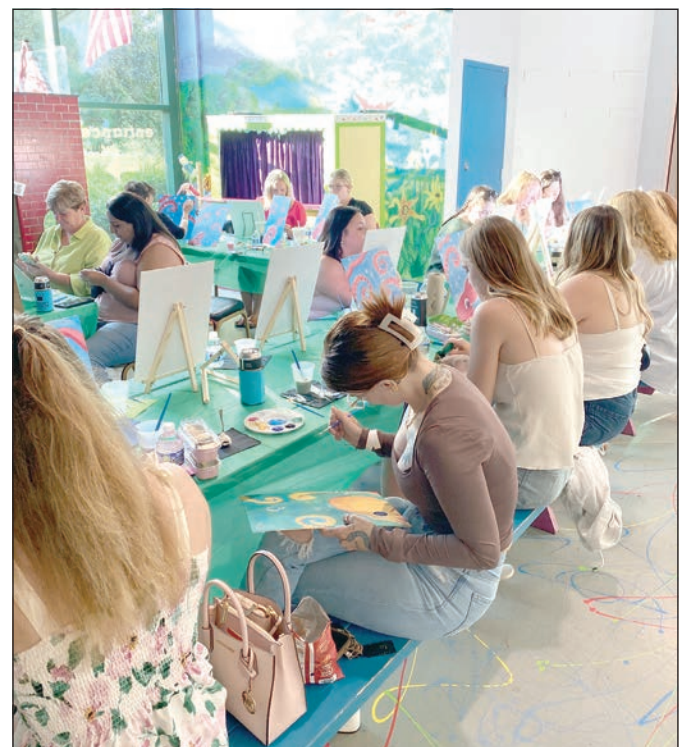
Participants were able to choose the paint colors they were able to place on their palettes to paint their artwork and many colors were represented although pink seemed to be a fan favorite.



Friends gathered together to enjoy a fun night out.



Kara and Kelli Vey are all smiles supporting the museum's event.



Finished paintings were delivered to pediatric hospital spaces.



Luz Murphy and Emma Hobert display their paintings.



Janelle Contreras was Isabella's assistant and helped participants with supplies that were donated by Arts2Hearts.



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