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## HPS receive grants

*HPS among recipients of grants to aid in work-based learning*

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HOLYOKE – With the Holyoke Public Schools now out of receivership, the school district is keeping the pedal to the gas to make improvements.

Last week, the governor's office announced Holyoke would be among the recipients of grants to aid in work-based learning.

Holyoke will receive \$24,976 and the funds will  
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## City officials notify public of

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HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke is notifying residents of discharge into the Connecticut River. The city recently had issues with the Department of Environmental Protection for too much sewage being discharged into the river.

On July 2, the city notified the public that discharge was sent into the river at 4:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1.

According to the city's website, "The estimated volume is calculated by taking the total overflow volume for the last 3 years and dividing by the total number of overflow event for the last 3 years." The permit states that more than 5.2 gallons estimated went into the river. There were other

discharges made during the day.

Users of the river, including those that fish or boat or otherwise interact with the river water were warned to "Avoid contact with these waterbodies for 48 hours after the discharge ceases due to increased health risks from bacteria and other pollutants. The discharge consists of rain-water and untreated sewage and waste."

According to the city, multiple cities and towns are affected by the sewage discharge. Those cities identified are: Springfield, West Springfield, Agawam, Longmeadow, Chicopee, South Hadley.

Residents who are interested in learning more about the discharge going into the river can go to the city's website, www.holyoke.org

## POLLUTION DISCHARGE



Residents are being cautioned about sewage discharge being sent into the Connecticut River from Holyoke.  
*File photo*

## Hyundai Motor America presents HCC \$5K donation check for food pantry

HOLYOKE – Representatives from Hyundai Motor America will visit Holyoke

Community College today, July 9, to deliver a \$5,000 check to benefit the college's food pantry.

The check ceremony was held in the Thrive Center Food Pantry on the second floor of the Kittredge

Center for Business and Workforce Development.

This is the fifth consecutive year Hyundai Motor America has donated to the HCC food pantry, bringing their total donations to \$32,150. This is in addition to donations made by local auto dealer Gary Rome, owner of Gary Rome Hyundai and a member of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, whose efforts on behalf of HCC brought the Thrive Center and Food Pantry to the attention of the Hyundai corporate offices in California.

Rome accompanied Hyundai officials to the event. Also offering remarks was HCC President George Timmons, Thrive Center director Ben Ostiguy, food pantry manager Elizabeth Eastman, and several students who have used Thrive Center services.

The Thrive Center manages the college's food pantry and provides services, such as food and housing assistance, that help address students' basic needs.

## FY2026 budget approved by city council prior to start of new fiscal year

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9%, or \$661,859, totaling \$13,746,739.

HOLYOKE – At the June 23 special meeting of the Holyoke City Council, the legislative body was able to make it through the budget and approved the spending package while also approving about \$148,838 worth of cuts.

The largest of the cuts was \$55,000 from the Department of Public Works street lights line item. There was \$25,000 each cut from Claims and from Mayor's Contract Services. A \$20,000 cut was made from the life insurance line item, and \$10,000 each was removed from Police Special Events overtime and DPW Parks overtime.

According to information provided by the city, the estimated tax rate increase is 3.9%, though Mayor Joshua Garcia is anticipating a potential reduction by the time the tax rate is set. The council typically sets the tax rate near the end of the calendar year. It takes months for the state to approve the city's budget and certify free cash and other funds.

Garcia's office shared more information about the approved budget.

The key cost drivers are the following and we continue to monitor and do what we are able to limit increases:

- **Education:** The City's required local contribution to the public schools will rise by 5.87% (\$773,886), in accordance with the Student Opportunity Act, bringing the total to \$13,957,634. After all offsets, the City's net cost will increase by 5.23%, or \$1,187,772.37, totaling \$23,888,559.71.

- **Transportation:** Costs continue to escalate, increasing by 10.32% (\$1,195,465) for a total of \$12,783,451.

- **Health Insurance:** Premiums went up by

- **Pensions:** The Retirement Board's accelerated funding schedule mandated by the State, targeting full funding by 2032, requires a 4.65% increase (\$584,545), bringing the retirement appropriation to \$13,147,588. Roughly \$8 million of which keeps the city on schedule for fully funding retirement by 2032. This is where your taxes are tied up the most. By 2032, the city will have \$8 million they can give back to taxpayers or invest in critical needs.

There are changes internally that have been done and are being pursued to save and preserve but its nickels and dimes in the grand scheme. To put into perspective, for every .5% of an increase or decrease, it's \$600,000.

The proposed and approved budget left on the table a small surplus. However when the new real estate and personal property valuations are certified by the state, this surplus will grow and at that time additional adjustments can be made. Because of the conservative estimations of receipts and the maximum new growth potential not yet realized, our excess capacity may be greater than anticipated, which offers the city a little more flexibility to pivot under unforeseen circumstances.

The budget is a moving target with new revenue projections being realized every day. We will know more about our revenue capacity as we get closer to the calendar year-end prior to setting the tax-rate. I anticipate making additional adjustments to the budget as we get closer to calendar year-end so that we can strike a better budgetary and service need balance.



Items available in HCC's Thrive Food Pantry thanks to donations like the one made by Hyundai Motor America.  
*Submitted photo*

## How does Holyoke's gardens grow?

*Garden Tour showcases hidden gems throughout the Paper City*

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Historical Society invites the public to celebrate the city's vibrant green spaces at the 2025 Holyoke Garden Tour, a self-guided journey through some of Holyoke's most unique and inspiring gardens. The event will take place on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will showcase a diverse mix of home gardens, historic estates, community gardens, and urban orchards.

"This event is a chance for everyone to explore Holyoke's hidden gems," said Joseph Charles, President of the Holyoke

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## Red, White & Blue Sox



The Valley Blue Sox, which play their home games at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke, bring out the sparklers for the game on the Fourth of July as the team celebrated the holiday. The NECBL season continues this month as the Blue Sox continue to fight for a spot in the league playoffs.  
*Submitted photo*

# Wistariahurst Museum looking for artists for 'Identity in ink' exhibit

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is searching for artists for our upcoming exhibit this October, Identity in Ink: The Art of Tattooing. Despite its more modern surge in interest, the art of tattooing is one of the ancient traditions in human history. Etching pictures and symbols into skin has been around for thousands of years and has

held countless meanings throughout different cultures and times. Greeks, ancient nomads, ancient Egyptians, Indigenous peoples, and many other communities have utilized tattoos to highlight their identity. Some are still rooted in tradition and rituals, but tattoos have evolved into powerful symbols of self-expression, storytelling, and identity.

We are looking for tattoo artists or apprentices from all backgrounds to be a part of this exhibit. The goal of this exhibit is to share how tattoos hold deep social, cultural, and spiritual meaning. Wistariahurst Museum is seeking artists whose work is shaped by heritage, lived experiences, and personal history. Whether your art draws on traditional

methods, incorporates powerful symbolism, or pushes boundaries with modern design, we want you to be a part of this storytelling art exhibit.

Submissions are open to any artists who are licensed or currently in an apprenticeship. Submissions should include 3-4 quality images with information (title, date, medium, and size). Pictures

can be of tattooed skin, photos of pre-worked design or flashes, and/or images of the tattooing process. Please ensure that any sensitive areas on client photos are blurred or not shown. Additionally, no logos, business promotions, or watermarks on any submitted works. Make sure to include an artist statement (approximately 300 words about your

art and its relationship to the theme) and an artist bio (approximately 150 words about you as an artist) in one PDF. Submissions must be sent to [info@wistariahurst.org](mailto:info@wistariahurst.org). We are an artist-friendly space that encourages all forms of creativity and supports the growth of this region's artists. Any and all questions are welcome and encouraged.

## Pickleball tournament July 20 to benefit Greater Springfield Habitat

WESTFIELD – Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) is excited to announce a Pickleball Tournament open to players of all skill levels on Sunday, July 20, at The Picklr 415 E. Main St (The Westfield Shops Retail A-1).

From 12 to 4 p.m., seasoned players and rookies alike, will play a "King of the Court" three-person style play. Tickets are \$40 each, which includes prizes, snacks and refreshments, swag bags, and ridiculous amounts of fun. All are welcome to partic-

ipate or spectate. To purchase tickets, visit [habitatsspringfield.org](http://habitatsspringfield.org)

"We are excited to be hosting this event. The staff at The Picklr has been educating us on all things pickleball and helping us to ensure a fun and lively event while raising awareness and supporting our construction programs," said Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director.

Greater Springfield Habitat is also looking for sponsors for the event. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$1,500. For more information, see attached

flyer.

GSHFH is dedicated to strengthening communities by empowering low-income families to change their lives and the lives of future generations through homeownership and home preservation opportunities. Since 1987, Greater Springfield Habitat has built or repaired 129 homes in Hampden County.

For more information, contact Olga Callirgos, Homeowner Programs coordinator, at [callirgos@habitatsspringfield.org](mailto:callirgos@habitatsspringfield.org) or (413) 739-5503 x1003.

## Tykes Tuesday lists summer events

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 8 through Aug. 19.

Tykes Tuesday, sponsored by The Care Center, 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. This year's activities include live animal ambassadors, a magic show, free trampoline park admission, and more.

Tykes Tuesday Schedule:

- **July 15:** Adventures at Altitude Trampoline Park (Limited Availability, Registration Full)

- **July 22:** Celebrate Christmas in July with Mrs. Claus, Face Painting and More

- **July 29:** Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk

- **August 5:** Meet and

Greet with the Holyoke Fire Department and Belchertown PD Dog

- **August 12:** Superhero Training Academy with Face Painting and Balloon Art

- **August 19:** Funtastic Forces with Mad Science

Families are encouraged to pre-register at [www.holyokemail.com/tykes-tuesday-2025/](http://www.holyokemail.com/tykes-tuesday-2025/). Plus, families who come to all 7 weeks of Tykes Tuesday will be entered to win a Grand Raffle Prize of a Back-to-School gift pack.

## Tourism committee seeking new members

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke is currently seeking enthusiastic and experienced individuals to join its Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC). If you're a hotelier, restaurant owner, or someone with a strong background in the tourism or hospitality industry — we want to hear from you. Priority will be given to candidates with experience in these areas. We are also looking for a youth member who is under 21 years of age, a Holyoke resident and interested in promoting the positive things happening in Holyoke.

The TAC is a dynamic group made up of tourism experts and community representatives, including voices from iconic local institutions like the Wistariahurst Museum and the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. Together, the committee advises the city

on all things tourism — from strategy and events to funding and promotion.

This is your chance to get involved, make a real impact, and yes — help give away money! The TAC helps allocate funding for local events and community projects that make Holyoke a vibrant and welcoming place to visit.

For 2025 TAC utilized funds to support 11 events including:

- Holyoke Pride Festival on June 11

- The Great Holyoke Brink Race on October 11

- Holyoke Paper Fest on June 7

- Paper City Oaks Semi Pro indoor Lacrosse at Fitzpatrick's Arena - Summer 2025

- Holyoke Historical Society Garden Tour July 12

- LOCULUS Presents The Fourth Annual

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- Imagined Worlds Mural Project with the Holyoke Children's Museum

- Lemonade & Laughter at the Merry Go Round - fall 2025

- Holyoke Canals and its Mills - fall 2025

- BBJ Spring Spectacular Showing: A free night of musical theater - fall 2025

More information on all these events can be found at [ExploreHolyoke.com](http://ExploreHolyoke.com)

To learn more about TAC, visit <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/tourism-advisory-committee/>.

If you are interested in joining TAC please send cover letter and resume to [vegaa@holyoke.org](mailto:vegaa@holyoke.org) at the Office of Planning and Economic Development

## Dakin holding pet adoption event

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society, located in Springfield, Massachusetts, is presenting a pet adoption event July 11-12 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at its shelter at 171 Union Street. Adoption fees for cats and dogs will be reduced by \$100, and there will be no fee to adopt other species at Dakin during those two days.

The adoption event is supported with grant funding from the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) as part of its National Shelter Initiative to help shelters struggling with ongoing capacity challenges, long-term staffing and veterinary care shortages, and an increasing number of animals requiring specialized care.

Summer is the busiest season in most shelters due to an increase in animals

arriving in need of rehoming. When more animals enter a shelter, it often results in a longer waiting time for them to find a new family and home, and Dakin expects to see a significant increase in cats and kittens, as well as dogs from both our community and from recent transports, in the months ahead. With schools closed for the summer, and families more likely to enjoy vacation time, the adoption event is designed to encourage pet adoption for animals in need.

"We're absolutely thrilled to partner with the ASPCA for this special event

that helps kick off a joyful season of adoptions," said Meg Talbert, executive director at Dakin Humane Society. "Thanks to the ASPCA's grant funding, countless lives—both human and animal—will be forever changed. This support allows our pets to find loving families quickly, and we are deeply grateful to our local adopters who open their hearts and homes. We encourage everyone to share this event with friends and family, too."

Adoption fees for cats and dogs at Dakin include a veterinary examination, spay/neuter surgery, age-appropriate vaccines, microchip registration, as well as species-related tests and treatments. People interested in adopting a pet at Dakin during this event are encouraged to visit Dakin's website to see which pets are available for adoption prior to visiting the shelter.





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# State legislature passes FY2026 operating budget worth \$61 billion

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Legislature today enacted a \$61.01 billion state budget for Fiscal Year 2026, a fiscally responsible plan that protects core services for the state’s most vulnerable residents, maintains critical investments, and positions the Commonwealth to confront the underlying budget challenges that are a result of federal funding uncertainty.

Approved on a bipartisan basis in both chambers, the budget neither raises taxes on residents and businesses nor spends dollars from the state’s stabilization fund—also known as the ‘Rainy Day Fund’—which currently stands at a historic \$8.1 billion.

“This budget is a commitment to a more affordable, accessible, and inclusive Commonwealth. It respon-

sibly manages taxpayer dollars while at the same time investing in the areas that matter most to every region of Massachusetts—housing, education, transportation, and protecting residents threatened by federal actions,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “No matter what part of our state you live in, this budget will expand opportunity, reduce everyday costs, and protect the services people rely on. I am deeply grateful to Chair Rodrigues, Vice Chair Comerford, Assistant Vice Chair Feeney, the committee, and all my Senate colleagues and staff for their thoughtful and collaborative work on this budget, as well as Speaker Mariano and our partners in the House who worked to get this done for Massachusetts.”

“This FY26 budget

makes key investments that better support Massachusetts students and families, that increase access to affordable health care, and that provide for a safer and more reliable public transportation system – all without raising taxes. In a moment of incredible uncertainty at the federal level, this budget is proof that government can be both fiscally

responsible and an agent of good, the kind of government that our residents deserve,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and my colleagues in the House, as well as our partners in the Senate, for working diligently to craft a budget that delivers for our constituents in a fiscally responsible manner.”

“This final \$61 billion Fiscal Year 2026 conference

committee report will better position the Commonwealth for the challenges that lie ahead while also ensuring that we protect the programs that some of our most vulnerable populations rely on the most. Whether it is greater investments into programs like housing stability, food security, or early education the initiatives contained in this budget are a reflection of our shared values,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means (D-Boston). “By reinvesting in the people of the Commonwealth we will continue to assist those in need while making our economy more competitive and equitable for years to come. I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his leadership during this budget process, as well as my fellow House

conferees, Representative Ferrante and Representative Smola. I also want to thank my counterparts in the Senate, specifically my co-chair Senator Rodrigues, for their partnership in bringing this proposal over the finish line.”

“The \$61.01 billion FY26 budget is fiscally responsible, protects our most vulnerable, and does not raise taxes – period. I’m proud to have worked with colleagues in the House and Senate to deliver a balanced, inclusive budget that respects both our values and our taxpayers,” said Representative Shirley Arriaga (D-Chicopee).

The Legislature’s final budget increases spending by \$3.3 billion over Fiscal Year 2025, with the much of the increase attributed to MassHealth. Aligned with estimated tax revenue growth,

the spending plan is based on a consensus tax revenue estimate of \$41.214 billion for the coming fiscal year, a 2.25 percent increase over the current fiscal year’s benchmark. Based on strong Fair Share surtax revenue collections to date, the Legislature’s budget includes \$2.4 billion in available Fair Share generated revenues to support education and transportation investments, an increase of \$1.1 billion over the last fiscal year.

The Legislature’s budget invests an additional \$33 million in the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund. With the addition, the Fund’s balance would reach a historic high of \$8.26 billion by the end of FY26. Since 2017, when the Fund’s balance was \$1.3 billion, the Legislature has grown the account by 523 percent as of FY24.

## CPA Committee lists application cycle

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke Community Preservation Act Committee is pleased to announce the opening of their FY26 grant cycle. Potential applicants are invited to submit eligibility application forms by Aug. 15.

Created by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2000 and adopted by the City of Holyoke in 2016, the purpose of the CPA is to support Historic Preservation, Recreation, Open Space and Community Housing within Holyoke. The Holyoke CPA has funded a variety of popular projects throughout the City including the

Miracle League Playground, restoration of Lady Liberty at Veterans Park, the ongoing upgrades to Scotts Tower and surrounding park and many others.

Since adoption, the Holyoke CPC has disbursed over \$4.5 million dollars to preserve Holyoke’s character and improve quality of life for its residents. Please visit our website at [www.holyokeCPAC.org](http://www.holyokeCPAC.org) for more information.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact CPAC Administrator Naomi Klayman at [klaymann@holyoke.org](mailto:klaymann@holyoke.org) with questions and for support in the application process.

## It’s ‘Dino Week’ at Wistariahurst Museum

HOLYOKE – You’ve heard of the Asparagus Trail and the Appalachian Trail but what about the Dino Trail? Piti Theatre, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Beneski Museum of Natural History, Springfield Museums, Wistariahurst Museum, Great Falls Discovery Center, Jurassic Roadshow, the Rock, Fossil and Dinosaur Shop and The Trustees of Dino Footprints in Holyoke have joined forces to create the Connecticut River Valley’s own Dino Trail with its own Dino Trail Week. Events are planned up and down the Valley from July 5 - 13 as these seasoned organizations offer a series of family-friendly events to engage

all ages with our region’s unique dino, deep time and local histories. All events are free (Springfield Museums with museum admission). More at [dinotrail.org](http://dinotrail.org).

Here are the remaining events for the week

**July 10:** Dino Day at Springfield Museums: Hands on activities & preview the New Dino Exhibit, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**July 11:** Kidleidoscope Story Hour: Dinosaurs and Talk by Dr. Paul Olsen at the Great Falls Discovery Center, Turners Falls: Learn more about giant creatures from the past that roamed the Connecticut River Valley. The program includes a story, activities, and crafts for ages

3 - 6 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and then Dr. Olsen will offer “Climate Cycles & Volcanic Singularities During the Dawn of the Age of Dinosaurs”, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

**July 12:** Great Greenfield DinoFest on the Lawn in front of Second Congregational Church, 10 a.m. to 12 noon - interactive exhibits, live music, games and a Dino Wizards Story from Piti Theatre.

**July 12:** Art Naturally: Gel Printing Trace Fossils at Great Falls Discovery Center, 2 to 3:30 p.m.: Create an art piece inspired by the valley’s fossilized dinosaur footprints using paint, paper and gel, with instruction and techniques - for adults, teens and children ages 6 and up.

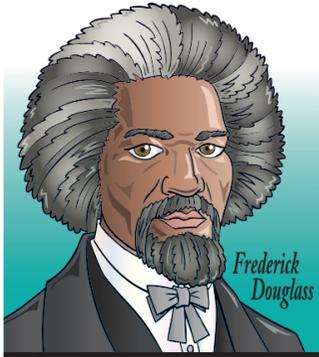
**July 13:** Dino Family Fun Day at the Wistariahurst Museum, Holyoke, 12 to 3 p.m.: Outdoor and sensory friendly dino-themed activities for the whole family. Learn about the dinosaur tracks leading up to the museum, see the official Massachusetts state Dinosaur Podokesaurus Holyokensis, and dance with a dino.

Bonus event:

**July 20:** Dinosaurs in the Driveway at the Wistariahurst Museum, Holyoke, 1 to 2 p.m. - Local history and dino expert Sarah Doyle, director of the pop-up Dino exhibit Jurassic Roadshow, dives into the history and science of Wistariahurst’s dino footprints leading to the museum.

## Reading Frederick Douglas together

HOLYOKE – Join the Greater Holyoke Council For Human Understanding as we celebrate the legacy of Frederick Douglass with Historian Erica Slocum reading one of his most famous speeches. “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July.” The event will be in a covered area in front of the John Brown Mural, 248 Maple Street in Holyoke, at 4



to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 25. The reading will be introduced with music by St. Paul’s Church Organist Curtis Mercier. This event is free, and all are encouraged to attend and participate in the post-performance discussion and singing of “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. Free refreshments will be provided. Contact Gina Nelson at [ginanelson5@gmail.com](mailto:ginanelson5@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Holyoke Rows offers free youth kayaking

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Rows is pleased to announce another great lineup of free summer programming to help our community get out and explore on the Connecticut River. From free all ages kayaking days to a free learn to row week for Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield middle and high school students, there are

endless options to enjoy the outdoors from our boathouse at Holyoke Rows, 25 Jones Ferry Rd, in Holyoke.

Holyoke Rows is pleased to announce Free Summer Nights for Youth and Families that will take place Mondays/Wednesdays July 7 to Aug. 20 5:30 to 8 p.m. Children, youth, and families are invited to come

down to the boathouse for free kayaking, fishing, and more. No registration needed, all equipment & instruction provided. Enjoy the outdoors from our boathouse at Holyoke Rows, 25 Jones Ferry Rd, in Holyoke. This program is offered as part of the Massachusetts DCR Summer Nights grant program.

## Veterans Services to host graves restoration July 12

HOLYOKE – The Veterans Services is honored to host a Graves Restoration Event on Saturday, July 12 at the Elmwood Cemetery located at 2190 Northampton Street. The event will begin at 10 am. Rain Date will be on July 19. This event is to restore and preserve our deceased veterans markers so

that they are kept in a presentable form for posterity. Tools and supplies will be provided. There are no hazardous chemicals (to humans, animals or environment) used in the process of restoration. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Klinge at [klingew@holyoke.org](mailto:klingew@holyoke.org) or 413-322-5630. All are welcome.

## Therapy dog announces library visits

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Public Library will host a visit from Maki the Therapy Dog. He will appear on July 14, 21, and 28, Aug. 18 and 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on the fourth floor.

Call for a 15-minute time slot.

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Guest Column



## Can I switch to a taxi driver job without hurting my Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I opted to draw my Social Security retirement benefit early and work part time. The company I work for has decided to pull me from field work due to my age and health. Although they are great keeping me at 20 hours per week running for parts and doing office work, I'm not sure how much longer it will last. I'm thinking of taking a taxi driving job to keep my income enough to live on. The way it would work, I would lease the cab for some amount of dollars per day, set my own hours to work and collect anywhere from \$1.40 to \$4.00 per mile, depending on what type of fare. My question is: how does Social Security look at that type of employment? Would I be held to the 15 - 45 hours a month standard? I could never come close to making the \$1,200 to \$1,300 a month I need by working so little. Any advice is greatly appreciated.

**Signed: Seeking Advice**

Dear Seeking:

If you go ahead with your plan to lease a taxicab instead of continuing your current employment, you would, in effect, be considered "self-employed" and would submit your income tax return to the IRS accordingly. Social Security would get your earnings information as reported to the IRS and it would be your net earnings from self-employment after deducting all your business expenses that is reported to SSA by IRS.

There is, however, a special rule which would apply to you in your first calendar year of self-employment while collecting early Social Security benefits. Since, in your first year, some of your earnings would be as a part-time employee paying SS FICA payroll taxes, Social Security would first look at your earnings as an employee to see if you exceeded the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025).

Then, upon starting your self-employment, Social Security would look at the hours you spent performing "substantial gainful activity" (e.g., driving your taxi) each month and, if you spent more than 45 hours per month in that capacity, you would not be considered "retired," and thus, not eligible for Social Security in any month you exceeded that amount of hours.

If you earned less than the annual limit in total both as an employee and while self-employed, you would get benefits for all months of the year. But if you earn more than the

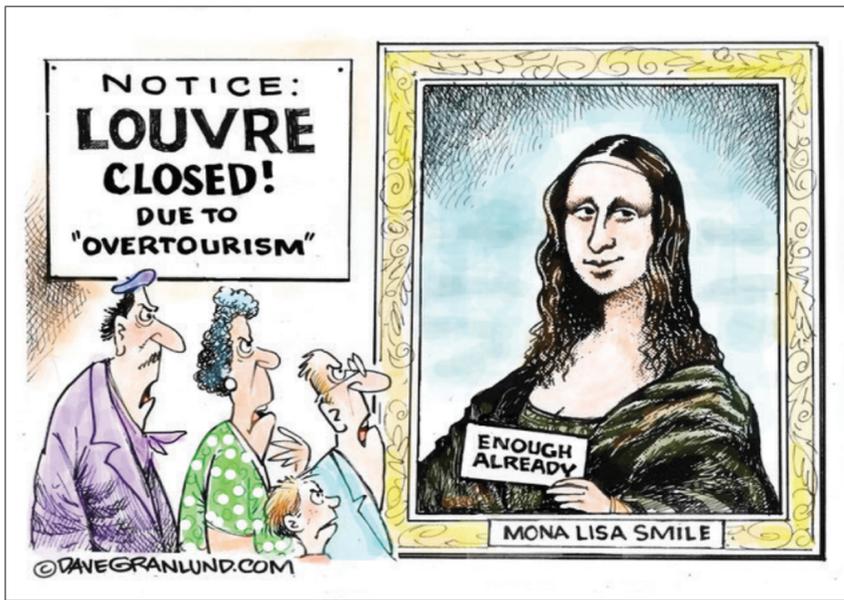
annual limit, you will get no benefits for any month you exceeded 45 hours as a self-employed person. Again, this only applies during the first calendar year of self-employment - in the following year only your net earnings from self-employment would count toward the annual earnings limit.

In effect, SSA would use the hours-worked standard to see if you are truly retired or actually working. If the latter, they would withhold SS monthly benefits for any month you exceed 45 hours working while self-employed (up to and including December of your first calendar year of self-employment), and only if your total income (as an employee and while self-employed) exceeds the annual limit.

So, if your goal is to net \$1,200 - \$1,300 per month as a self-employed taxi driver, that would be well within the limits of the annual earnings test (\$23,400 for 2025 but changes yearly). But there may, or may not, be a reduction in your Social Security benefits during your first year of self-employment, depending on when you start as self-employed. Note that SSA will ask about your work plans when you apply, and if you expect to stay under the annual limit (working part time in both capacities), you should get full SS benefits. Just be careful to stay under the annual earnings limit for those collecting early Social Security benefits. FYI, earnings from before your SS benefits started don't count toward the earning limit.

Note, too, that your monthly Social Security benefit will be actuarially reduced according to how far in advance of your full retirement age you claim SS. Whenever SS benefits are claimed prior to one's full retirement age, those benefits are permanently reduced.

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Guest Column

## A self-sown surprise

I was pleased to come home from vacation and see the changes in my work gardens over 10 days time. It was astounding to witness the growth that many of the plants put on!

One other thing I enjoyed seeing was a few "volunteers" that had popped up here and there. Celosia, portulaca and my favorite, the cleome, had germinated in bare spots in the garden. While most of these plants did not fit in to the current year's design and had to be removed, the cleome, better known as "spider flower," popped up exactly where I would have wanted it. In a month or so I will have dome gorgeous flowers in the center of a bed, providing height right where I need it.

Spider flower goes by the scientific name *Cleome hasslerana*. Older cultivars such as "Helen Campbell" and the "Queen" series top off at an airy four or five feet tall, while the newer "Sparkler" hybrids are a bit shorter and bushier. Besides white, spider flower comes in pink, cherry and lavender.

It was given such a unique name because of the flower's long, slender stamens that remind one of spider legs protruding from the plant. The stamens hold the eventual seed pods a distance away giving them even more "popping power" once ripe.



As a child, I was drawn to the seed pods of this peculiar plant - if you waited until they were "just right" and gave them a squeeze, the seeds would fly everywhere. What fun!

This attribute gives the plant tremendous "staying power" in the garden - in other words it pops up everywhere the following season! This can be a very good thing if you enjoy having the cleome around as much as I do.

Because cleomes are flower producing powerhouses they sometimes become exhausted by mid-summer; their lower leaves yellow and flowers start to fade. I always thought that if they were dead headed like other, more common annuals were, maybe they would last longer into the season.

So, as an experiment I clipped the seed-pods close to the plant as soon as they began to form. Unfortunately, the overall form of the plant was altered - not for the better and with little reward for my work. Then I began to search out what exactly

cleomes need in order to thrive - perhaps if I met those requirements I'd have better luck.

I had always known that cleomes prefer full sun and well-drained soil.

What I didn't know was that they also like fertile soil and space away from one another. Regular doses of liquid feed are a must!

In the north, the cleome's habit of self-sowing doesn't become annoying, but in warmer areas it can become weedy. Clipping the seed-pods as mentioned above would "nip this problem in the bud." Seedlings that develop from volunteers will likely be a blend color-wise of the plants you grew last year because they are cross-pollinated by insects.

I will have to wait and see what color my self-sown cleome seedlings end up being, but lucky for me the rest of the flowers in the garden bed are in pink and lavender shades and will blend perfectly the volunteers.

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# Stamp collectors come together at Council on Aging

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GRANBY – Collections tell a story, and that story can share what we have experienced, as well as share a look into the deep aspects and parts of what makes us unique.

Jack Marcy, a local of Granby, is known for his many different collections, from rocks and minerals to Boy Scout paraphernalia, Smokey the Bear, and postage stamps, has a group that has been meeting at the Council on Aging for several years now centering around the collection and learning about stamps.

“When I was 12 years old, my mother told me I could buy a book of stamps, and I did,” said Marcy. “It’s a lot of fun, and I find them here, there, and everywhere, and it just stuck with me, I guess.”

Some of the oldest stamps in his collection are from the 1800s since the first postage stamp came out in 1840, the Penny Black.

The members of this group get together to go through their collections, share stories, and trade with one another as they each strive to fill up their own personal collections, each with their own distinct goals and plans for the stamps.

“I’ve been collecting them since I was a kid when they came out with the sheets with all the colors and different animals,” said member Laurie Medina. “It’s a lot of fun to find something different all the time.”

“We have people who will come by and drop off their old stamp collections for us to put into the mix, too,” said Marcy.

“You can really learn about the country and the history of where the stamps come from just by collecting,” said Medina.

The group looks for and finds stamps around their interests, wheth-



Members of the Stamp Collectors Group at the Granby COA: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marcy, Joan Mikolajczyk, and Laurie Medina.  
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er it be stamps from the United States only for Joan Mikolajczyk, a little bit of everything for Medina, or Boy Scouts for Marcy, stamps have something for everyone, and can teach you a lot.

“They can be really interesting, and some will even have descriptions of what’s in the little pictures so you can learn all about them and their history,” said Mikolajczyk. “Every individual has their thing and their interests for what they prefer to collect.”

The topics found on stamps range from birds and animals to dinosaurs, sports and sports stars, World Wars and other historical wars and battles, and famous people, landscapes, artwork, and so much more.

“Whatever your interest is, there’s probably a stamp with it,” said Medina.

“You really do learn so much from a stamp, and sometimes when I read an article or watch TV, I’ll know about something from history already because I read about it while collecting the stamps,” said Mikolajczyk.

The stamps can range in rarity, from the rarest being the first stamps to be printed still on paper you have to glue on, to the modern pages of sticker-stamps. Some stamps will even have the names of countries that no longer exist today, painting a picture of the past.

As the 250th anniversary of the United States approaches next year, stamp collectors are excited to find the special ones that will

surely be coveted by future stamp collectors.

To get into stamp collecting, come to one of the meetings at the Council on Aging in Granby, and find Jack Marcy and the other members at a table on the first and second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1 p.m.

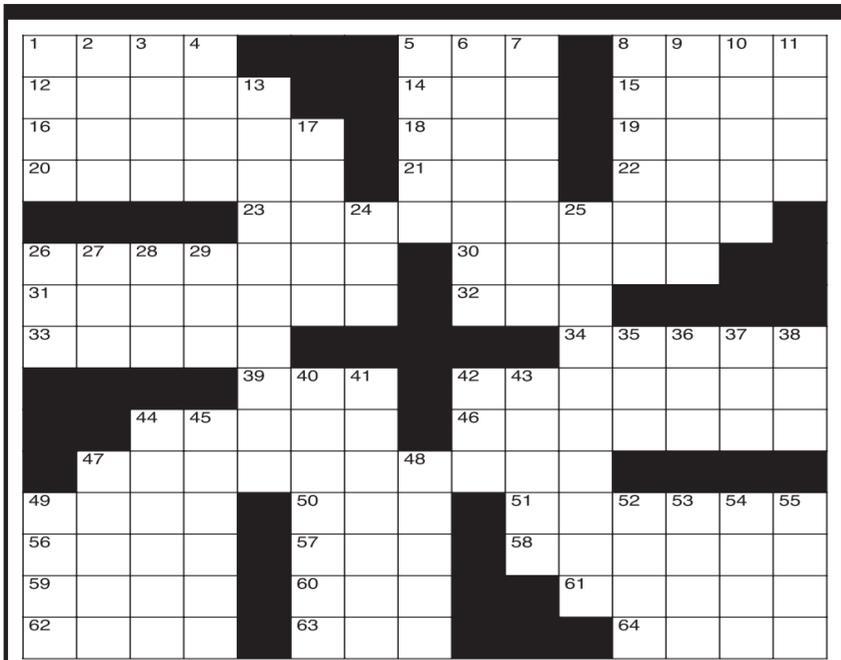
The key to getting into stamp collecting is to find a stamp, find people who love collecting them, and learn about the art that is found within these tiny items that tell huge stories.



What kinds of stamps will you collect?



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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. 50 percent
- 5. Records electric currents
- 8. Charizte Theron flick “\_\_\_ Flux”
- 12. More frosty
- 14. Disfigure
- 15. Sky color
- 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
- 18. Actress de Armas
- 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
- 20. California peak
- 21. Lodging option
- 22. Small amount of a thing
- 23. Expresses sorrow
- 26. Keeps an ear warm
- 30. Babies (Spanish)
- 31. A conceited and self-centered person
- 32. No seats available
- 33. Pouches

- 34. Hip joints
- 39. A place to bathe
- 42. Evading
- 44. Minute, one-celled unit
- 46. Losing one’s hair
- 47. A country in W Africa
- 49. One point north of northeast
- 50. Pointed end of a pen
- 51. Extreme
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Doctors’ group
- 58. Member of U.S. Navy
- 59. Mens’ fashion accessories
- 60. A way to allow
- 61. Gloomy
- 62. Grads wear one
- 63. Between south and southeast
- 64. Jaguarundi cat

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Snakes do it
- 2. Hormone
- 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
- 4. Fixed charges
- 5. Electronic communication
- 6. Artilleries
- 7. “Strangers on a Train” actor Farley
- 8. Burning
- 9. Makes ecstatically happy
- 10. Greek liqueurs
- 11. Tropical Old World tree
- 13. Someone who takes vengeance
- 17. Style of cuisine
- 24. Select
- 25. Immunized against disease
- 26. Old world, new
- 27. Honorable title (Turkish)

- 28. Court case: \_\_\_ v. Wade
- 29. Supervises interstate commerce
- 35. Not divisible by two
- 36. Twelve
- 37. Commentator Coulter
- 38. Encourage
- 40. Plumbing fixtures
- 41. Early
- 42. One point north of due east
- 43. King of Thebes
- 44. Short-tailed martens
- 45. Impose a penalty on
- 47. Consort of Poseidon
- 48. A way to lessen
- 49. Brooklyn hoops team
- 52. Female of a horse
- 53. Do as one is told
- 54. A way to prepare meat
- 55. Unit of measurement

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## Aldenville Post 337 falls to West Springfield

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – The only sport that allows mulligans is golf.

The Aldenville Post 337 Legion baseball team could've used a mulligan against West Springfield Post 207.

After giving up four runs in the top of the first inning, the Post 337 squad entered the bottom of the fifth inning trailing, 6-1. The home team closed the gap to 6-3, but West Side scored five more runs in the sixth and celebrated an 11-3 victory at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Monday night (June 30).

"We battled back a little bit after falling behind early in the game," said Aldenville co-manager Nate Carillon, who remained upbeat fol-

lowing his team's third home loss of the regular season. "They just caught us on a bad day. Hopefully, we play much better in our next game."

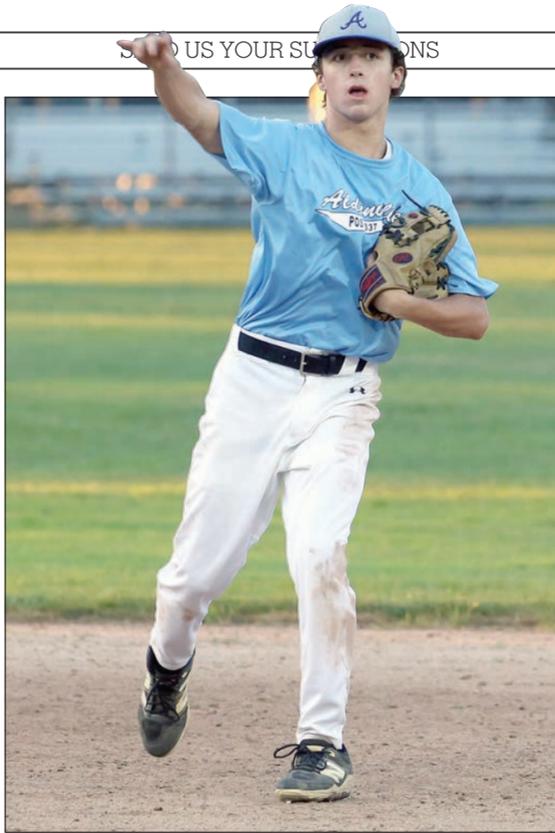
Aldenville (3-5), who won their first three road games, needed a victory to enter the month of July with a .500 record.

Carillon, who shares the coaching duties with Mason Scott, is hoping his squad can put together a winning streak just like they did a year ago.

"We got hot at the end of the regular season last year," Carillon said. "We won six or seven games in a row before losing to Belchertown in the championship game by one run."

One of the bright

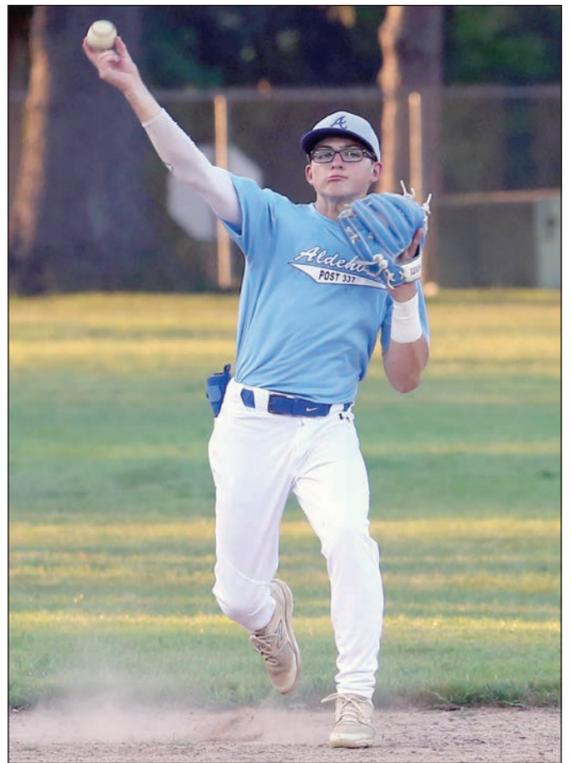
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Charlie Maxwell makes the throw to first.



Justin Moskal catches the out at first.



Brandon Carillon makes the play for Post 337.



Matt Sutton slings a throw across the diamond



Matt Drobiak sends a pitch home.

## New England Mutiny closes out regular season

LUDLOW – The New England Mutiny, which gathers talent from all over the region to play its home matches at Ludlow's Lusitano Stadium, recently wrapped up its regular season, including an impromptu 12-0 win over the Worcester Fuel. The Mutiny's short season will lead them to the playoffs, which are likely to take place on the road this year. The Mutiny have hosted playoffs at Luistano in the past.



Mila Dillard, of Chicopee, heads down the field.



Agawam's Hope Santaniello fights for possession of the ball.



Samantha Breton, of Chicopee, tries to fake out an opponent.



Maddy Theriault, a Palmer graduate, corrals the ball.



Avery Klingensmith, of Belchertown, tries to get a pass away.



Bella Santaniello, gets in the action for the Worcester Fuel during a recent matchup with the Mutiny.

## Blue Sox edged by Danbury Westerners

HOLYOKE – On First Responders' Day at MacKenzie Stadium last Sunday, where members of the Holyoke Fire and Police Departments were honored, the Valley Blue Sox narrowly fell to the visiting Danbury Westerners 8-7.

The Westerners quickly jumped in front, as centerfielder Garrett Larsen launched a home run over the left field wall during the game's first at-bat.

The early offense set the tone for a game that showcased nine lead changes and ties.

Sunday's back-and-forth battle came to a head when Danbury extended their lead on a Grayson Sparr RBI double in the eighth inning. That run proved to be the difference, as Danbury edged out an 8-7 win.

"We're going to continue to stay on the offensive attack," said Blue Sox manager Endy Morales.

"We're staying right there. I think mentality, we just got to continue to put good swings on balls. We played better defense today, so as long as we continue to stay forward and move forward, I think we'll be fine."

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# Western Mass. Pioneers punch playoff tickets with victory

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW — After winning the USL D-3 Pro League championship title in 1999, the Western Mass. Pioneers only qualified for the playoffs five times during the next 20 years.

Since joining USL League Two in 2019, the Pioneers have qualified for the playoffs each season.

The Pioneers clinched a berth in this year's playoffs following a 5-0 win over the Albany Rush before a large gathering at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Wednesday night.

"This is the sixth time in a row that we've made the playoffs," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari, who's been coaching the men's squad since 2012. "I think it's a very good accomplishment for the club. We need to win our last two regular season games to have a chance to finish in

first place."

The Pioneers (9-1-2), who have finished in second place in the league standings during the past three years, are battling Vermont Green FC (9-0-2) for the top spot in the Northeast Division table.

"We accomplished one of our goals tonight by clinching a playoff berth," said Pioneers midfielder Augustine Boadi. "We're now trying to win the league title."

The Pioneers were scheduled to play a road match against the New England FC on Monday night before closing out the regular season by hosting the boys from Vermont on Friday night.

The Vermont Green won the first meeting of this season between the two squads, 2-0, which took place in front of 2,500 enthusiastic soccer fans at Virtue Field located on the University of Vermont campus on June 17.

When Vermont made

the three-hour trip south on Rte. 91 to Lusitano Stadium a year ago, they clinched a playoff berth with a 3-1 win over the Pioneers in the regular season finale. It was the Pioneers, who had already locked up a playoff berth, only home loss of the 2024 campaign.

Entering last Wednesday's match, Albany (2-9-1) had never defeated the Pioneers since they joined USL League Two in 2022.

The Pioneers, who defeated the Rush, 6-0, on May 19, put the second meeting out of reach by scoring four goals in the first half.

"Building a large first half lead allowed us to relax a little bit in the second half," Molinari said. "We played very well tonight."

The Rush have gone 0-7-1 since celebrating back-to-back victories against Black Rock and Boston City FC at the end of May. Any

hopes they might've had about upsetting the Pioneers didn't last very long.

The home team took a 1-0 lead following a corner kick goal in the ninth minute.

Defender Gustavo Barbosa booted the ball into the box from the right corner. Then Boadi sent a pass to forward Jose Bustamante who tapped the ball into the net past Albany goalie James Joyce.

A little more than ten minutes later, Matt Cence, who's also a midfielder, delivered a crossing pass from the right wing into the box. Boadi finished off the play by scoring his first goal of the season.

"I've been on a goal drought for a long time," Boadi said. "I've been working very hard, and it feels very nice to finally score a couple of goals, especially in front of the home crowd. You can't ask for anything better than that."

Cence and Boadi

hooked up again in the 24th minute. This time, Boadi blasted a shot into the upper right corner of the net.

While Cence and Boadi are teammates during the summer, they'll be opposing each other at the beginning of September.

Boadi, who's one of the Pioneers veteran players, is also a member of the men's soccer team at Bryant University, while Cence plays at UMass-Amherst.

Aidan Kelly, who's the Pioneers captain and defender, is also a member of the Minutemen men's soccer team.

The two college soccer teams are scheduled to meet each other in a non-conference match in Amherst on September 6.

"It's always a lot of fun playing your summer teammates during the college soccer season," said Boadi, who would like to play for a professional soccer team after graduating from college

next year. "I'm hoping that we can win our game against UMass. We talk about it all the time and I'm really looking forward to that match."

Cence is a first-year member of the Western Mass. squad.

"I'm thankful for coach Molinari allowing me to join the team this year," Cence said. "It has been a great experience and the guys on the team are awesome."

Cence also assisted on the Pioneers' fourth goal, which was scored by midfielder Robbie Lyons in the 34th minute.

The Pioneers had several more scoring chances during the second half.

Bustamante netted his second goal of the match during the 82nd minute. Defender Alejandro Carrillo was credited with the assist.

Goalie Alan Horrocks only had to make a couple of saves in recording the Pioneers sixth shutout of the season.

## Quabbin Valley Baseball League set to host second over-28 fall league

Following up on the resounding success of its inaugural campaign, the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 adult baseball league will hold its second Fall League this September and October.

Seeking to create a similar competition environment to its spring/summer league,

Quabbin Valley, with contributions from the Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League, created a four-team fall league last year featuring the Braves, Dodgers, Cardinals, and Twins.

Those same four teams are set to return and each team tends to have openings on them. Additionally, the

league is open to welcoming more teams in to the league if it finds enough interest.

While the fall league schedule is still under construction, it will mostly feature Sunday morning games played with wood-bat only, which is customary for fall baseball. There could be some Saturday games added

to the schedule depending on the completion of the spring/summer season as well as to makeup rainouts, potentially. Games are nine-innings long and there is a small playoff and championship held at the end of the season. Last year's fall season was eight games and that is the goal for this year. Free and low-cost fields

are used as well as just one umpire in an effort to keep the costs lower for players. The cost to play will likely range from \$40 to \$60 for the eight-game schedule. Players from outside the Quabbin League may also pay a small fee for insurance as well.

An interest/registration form, will be forthcoming

soon, but until then, to express interest in the league, you can email the coordinators of the league at either GScibelli22@yahoo.com or ikhandfield@gmail.com.

Scheduled and team placement for unaffiliated players will be finalized in mid-to-late August. Please join in the fun this fall.

## Polewarczyk grabs win at Hudson Speedway

HUDSON, N.H. — Joey Polewarczyk left no doubt Sunday night as to who holds the home track advantage at Hudson Speedway.

The Hudson, N.H., native and 2020 Granite State Pro Stock Series champion, led every lap en route to his second straight victory in the series' annual Gate City Classic 100.

Only a pre-race redraw could keep "Joey Pole" from starting on the pole, as the veteran clocked in fastest in time trials but redrew second. Two-time GSPSS champ Joey Doiron led the field to green, but Polewarczyk nosed out front before the field even reached turn one.

Polewarczyk and Doiron showed the way for the first nine laps, until Bobby Frappier nosed into the turn-three concrete to bring out the evening's first caution flag. On the restart, Polewarczyk reasserted himself out front, keeping Doiron at arm's length but setting a brisk pace around the high-banked quarter-mile.

While the two veterans held firm out front, former Hudson winner Angelo Belsito diced for third

with recent winner Evan Beaulieu and first-time starter Connor McDougal. Eddie MacDonald lingered in the distance, cracking the top five by halfway as he gave Belsito fits for fourth.

Polewarczyk and Doiron were well ahead of the pack when Cory Casagrande ran up on a slower car in heavy traffic, sending the car for a spin and drawing a yellow flag with 25 laps to go.

Once again, the lead duo took off from the field, but the battle for third heated up as "The Outlaw" cleared Belsito, then Beaulieu, to claw his way toward the podium. Belsito and Beaulieu quickly found their hands full with a charging Casagrande and Cole Robie, both trying to make up for lost time in the closing laps.

But not even Doiron could chase down Polewarczyk, who gapped Doiron by nearly half a second on the way to his fourth GSPSS win at his home track.

Doiron's runner-up result was his best-ever finish at Hudson, the track where he last finished a GSPSS race outside the top

ten back in 2020.

MacDonald brought car owner Dale Drew's No. 50 home in third, with Beaulieu close on his heels in fourth. Robie finished fifth, giving the young hard charger three top-five runs to open the season.

Casagrande was sixth after an early exit one week ago at Speedway 95, while Belsito slipped all the way to seventh in the home stretch. Frankie Eldredge had his best GSPSS performance yet with an eighth-place finish, while McDougal and Josh St. Clair rounded out the top ten.

Polewarczyk's ninth GSPSS win elevates the 36-year-old to second on the series' all-time win list behind D.J. Shaw. His home-track mastery has played a big part; only once in five GSPSS appearances at Hudson has Polewarczyk not parked in the winner's circle.

The GSPSS teams have a week off to celebrate Independence Day before returning to action on Friday, July 11 at Claremont Motorsports Park, kicking off a four-week mid-summer trek through New Hampshire.

## T-Birds bringing back Community Caravan

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce the return of the T-Birds Community Caravan, with support from MassMutual, marking the third annual summer tour designed to bring the excitement of Thunderbirds hockey to communities across the region.

This year's Caravan will include three stops throughout the Greater Springfield area during the summer months, continuing the initiative's mission to keep the T-Birds top-of-mind in the offseason while deepening the team's connection to local families and fans. This summer's Caravan dates are as follows:

- Saturday, July 19 - Sonny's Place, Somers, CT - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Saturday, August 9 - Amelia Park Ice Arena, Westfield - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \*

\*The Westfield Community Caravan will also feature the annual T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament on the outdoor deck hockey court at Amelia Park. The Street Hockey Tournament features teams of players ages

9-12. To register your team, click here.

"After a fantastic continuation of the program last summer, we're thrilled to bring back the Caravan and keep building on its success," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "We're equally excited to welcome back MassMutual as a partner and thank them for embracing our mission of being champions in the community beyond the Thunderdome."

Each free-to-attend event will feature appearances by Thunderbirds mascot Boomer, team staff, and a lively mix of interactive games, street hockey, family-friendly activities, and local vendors. Fans can also enjoy delicious food options, with each Caravan date spotlighting a local nonprofit beneficiary, helping to raise awareness and support for impactful community organizations.

"We're delighted to support the Springfield Thunderbirds not only on the ice but also throughout the local community," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual and pres-

ident of the MassMutual Foundation. "Their caravan provides terrific activities for local kids and families, and we're proud to be a part of it."

The Springfield edition of the Caravan will be collecting donations benefiting The Gray House. Among the requested items are baby food, diapers and wipes, school supplies, and non-perishable food items. The Thunderbirds will also be hosting food drives at the July and August Caravan stops. The July Caravan at Sonny's Place will benefit the Enfield Food Shelf in Connecticut, while the August Caravan in Westfield will collect items for the Westfield Food Pantry.

Additional information for all Community Caravans will be released in the coming weeks via the Thunderbirds' website and social media channels.

For more information on upcoming events, including the Community Caravan, stay tuned to the T-Birds on social media @ThunderbirdsAHL, or visit the Community Tab on www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

## POST, from page 7

spots for Aldenville in the home loss was catcher Alex Savlick. He had two base hits with a walk and scored two runs. He also threw out two runners trying to steal.

"Alex played very well in tonight's game," Carillon said. "He had a couple of base hits and also threw out two runners. He's a very good catcher."

Savlick, who plays several different positions, lives in Springfield and attends Minnechaug Regional as a school choice student.

Memphis Huertas, who goes to South Hadley High School, is normally the starting catcher for Aldenville. Huertas missed a couple of Legion games because he was playing in a baseball tournament in Georgia with his travel team.

Matt Drobiak, who was Aldenville's starting pitcher against West Springfield

(2-6), also had two base hits.

The home team's only other hits were by center-fielder Noah Carillon, left-fielder Lincoln Belsky, and shortstop Brandon Carillon.

West Springfield took advantage of a couple of errors to build a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Shortstop Aiden Wykes, who's from Agawam, fouled off several pitches leading off the game before lining a single into right field. He scored the game's first run on a passed ball.

The other four Post 207 players from Agawam are Jonah Higby, Owen Lavelle, Joe Szemela, and Nolan Longo.

The visitors scored another run when Lavelle (2-for-3), who started in left field, hit a ground ball single into left field. The other two runs crossed the plate following a throwing error.

Noah Carillon and third baseman Matt Sutton, who was a freshman on the

Chicopee Comp varsity baseball team this past spring, reached base on walks during the first two innings.

Post 337 scored a run in the third inning.

With one-out, Savlick drew another walk before stealing second base. Then Noah Carillon belted a double to the gap in right center and Savlick scored easily.

West Side took a 6-1 lead in the fifth following another RBI single by Lavelle and a fielding error.

Aldenville got those two runs right back in the bottom half of the inning.

Belsky drove home the first run with a line-drive single to center field with one-out.

At that point, Higby, who began the game as the designated hitter, replaced right-hander PJ Greenia on the mound.

Higby, who's also a righty, allowed an inherited runner to score when Drobiak blasted a double

to left.

Then second baseman Charlie Maxwell walked which brought the potential tying run to the plate.

Higby, who wound up as the winning pitcher, escaped the jam by recording back-to-back strikeouts.

The two West Side pitchers combined for twelve strikeouts.

The visiting team pretty much put the game out of reach in their next at-bats. Szemela capped off the big inning with a two-run single. Lavelle and first baseman Michael Zarelli also provided RBI hits during that frame which helped West Side build an 11-3 lead.

With one-out in the seventh inning, Drobiak singled to left. After stealing both second and third, he scored on a throwing error by the catcher.

Higby retired the next two batters on flyballs ending the game, which lasted more than two hours.

## SOX, from page 7

Valley tallied 11 hits in the loss. Nick Spaventa picked up three hits and two RBI in five appearances. Sebastian Mexico had a two hit performance, adding two RBI. Michael Elko added the other multi-hit outing for Valley, while Rees Kozar and Wyatt Hunt earned RBIs.

Danbury's Aidan Paradine went three for three with an RBI. Left fielder Michael Iannazzo produced two RBI from two hits, and Gavin Donohue collected two runs, a hit and an RBI from four plate appearances. Sparr and Larsen had two hits apiece.

Kenan Elarton started for Danbury and Andrew Koshy earned the win in relief. Harper McLendon

was given the loss. Teo Spadaccini got credit for the save.

Valley falls to a record of 11-13. Danbury improves to a 9-13 record on the season.

After an off day tomorrow, the Blue Sox enter a stretch in which they will play six games over the course of five days.

"It's going to take everybody," said Morales. "This is why we have the wonderful resources of Adam Feit and the [training] facility, and taking advantage of the off days. We have all these resources so that we can withhold a stretch like that. It's going to take every single guy, not just to look ahead, but to attack the game that's right in front of us. I think we'll be just fine if we do that."

# Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No.  
HD25P1359GD  
In the interests of  
Albert Rosario Feliciano of Holyoke, MA  
Minor  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 06/26/2025 by Fredisberty Fliciano Quinones of Guayanilla, PR Elizabeth Garcia Vega of Guayanilla, PR will be held 07/30/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: Hampden Probate and Family Court, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and  
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.  
**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best

interests.  
Date: June 26, 2025  
Rosemary A. Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
07/11/2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD25P1173EA  
Estate of:  
Mary A. Hartnett  
Also Known As:  
Mary Anne Hartnett  
Date of Death:  
October 31, 2024  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kathleen Hartnett of Holyoke, MA. Kathleen Hartnett of Holyoke, MA 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.  
07/11/2025

**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.  
HD25P1321EA  
Estate of:**

**Patricia Ann Malejka  
Date of Death: 06/16/2025  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cera J Colon of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Cera J Colon of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/22/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 23, 2025  
Rosemary A Saccomani,  
Register of Probate  
07/11/2025

**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.  
HD25C0216CA  
In the matter of:  
Angel Manuel Oguendo, Jr.**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Angel Manuel Oguendo, Jr. of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Angel Manuel Oguendo, Jr.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/04/2025.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 07, 2025  
Rosemary A Saccomani  
Register of Probate  
07/11/2025

**Request for Proposals  
RFP 2026-01  
Overpass Lighting Services**  
The City of Holyoke is seeking proposals from qualified Massachusetts based companies with specific experience in lighting installations. The selected consultant will work in conjunction with the City and relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to MassDOT, State and Local authorities and rail companies, to analyze and assess the proposed space, engage the community for feedback, create design and accompanying maintenance plan that reflects the city's goals, as well as oversee implementation.

The intent of this project is to illuminate the Appleton Street bridge overpass to increase public safety while enhancing the vibrancy and functionality of the space. It is important to demonstrate the project approach, as well as past experience planning similar bridge lighting installations and the ability to partner with a variety of artists, designers, and organizations to create unique designs and over see the light installations. Documents will be available starting on Monday July 14th at 10am electronically by requesting from [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org). Submission deadline is on **Tuesday August 5th 2025 @ 1PM** where all proposals MUST be received before that time. Submitters must follow the submission requirements in the documents. The city has established a not to exceed budget of \$24,000. The City will award the contract to the bidder whose response represents the best value to the City. The Term of this contract shall be for a period of NO LONGER THAN two (2) years. Contract is subject to termination upon failure to fulfill the contract as determined by the review committee. The mailing

address for all deliveries and walk-in service is:  
City of Holyoke  
Purchasing Department  
City Hall Room 3  
536 Dwight Street  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals if in the best interest of the city. No electronic submissions allowed. The city also reserves the right to fund this project using Federal Funds respondents will be verified for their eligibility to receive Federal Funds.  
07/11/2025

**2025-46W  
INVITATION TO BID  
Wistariahurst Retaining Wall Rehabilitation**  
Sealed bids for Wistariahurst Retaining Wall Rehabilitation (Rebid), Holyoke, MA will be received on **July 31, 2025** at the City of Holyoke Office of Procurement, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, Attn: Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer until 2 PM prevailing time, at which said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be submitted within a sealed envelope addressed to the "City of Holyoke  
Office of Procurement, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, Attn: Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer" and titled "Wistariahurst Retaining Wall Rehabilitation Project (Rebid), Contract # 2025-46W". The Wistariahurst Retaining Wall Rehabilitation Project consists of the rehabilitation of a section of historically significant masonry retaining wall on Pine Street. The project consists of reconstruction of the existing historical masonry wall, removal and reinstallation of wrought iron fence and coping, earthen excavation to subgrade, construction of a steel-reinforced cement concrete strip footing, installation of perforated pipe subdrain, and restoration of adjacent areas. The project is anticipated to include 442 linear feet of continuous wall rehabilitation from the intersection of Pine Street and Hampshire Street, northward along Pine Street. All potential bidders should be able to provide references for projects which included mortared and/or dry laid stacked stone wall construction or reconstruction and Bidders must have completed one (1) comparable wall construction or reconstruction project within the last seven (7) years. Reference and contact information must be provided for all projects submitted by the bidder to demonstrate said experience. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid briefing will occur on **July 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM EST at the Wistariahurst Museum, 238 Cabot St., Holyoke, MA 01040, by the south end of Pine Street**

And received no later than the times set forth below, when they will forthwith be publicly opened and read aloud at this location. Sealed bids addressed as referenced above will be received **until 2:00 PM, on July 31, 2025**. If you are submitting a bid with a mail service we advise allowing extra time for your documents to arrive and for you to check tracking labels (if applicable). Bids will not be accepted via email and late bids will not be accepted. Estimated Cost: \$706,500.00. MassDOT Pre-qualification in either of the following classes of work "HIGHWAYS-CONSTRUCTION" or "HIGHWAYS-SIDEWALKS AND CURBING" is a requirement. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No electronic submission allowed. State and Federal funding will be used to fund this project and respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive funds.  
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**Notice to Public  
Surplus Auction  
Holyoke Public School**  
The Schools will be holding a PUBLIC SURPLUS AUCTION hosted by Gov Deals **starting on Monday, July 14th, 2025 and ending on Thursday July 24th, 2025**. Items will be available to bid on starting at 8am on the 14th. Live Auction will end at 8PM on July 24th final bids must be submitted before that deadline. This Auction will be hosted ONLINE ONLY!! Potential bidders can access the auction using this link <https://www.govdeals.com/holyoke>  
Some of the items available are; Sharp RD820 Horizontal Milling Machine, Sharp 1760K Lathe, DoALL Bandsaw, Book Stitcher, Dust Hog Collection System, 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, Bridgeport Milling Machine, and many more items! Winning Bidders must sign a non-collusion form which will be provided upon notification of winning bid. The city of Holyoke follows MGL 30B for disposition of Public Surplus.  
07/11/2025

retaining wall. Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of Bidding procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30, Section 39 M as amended. Attention is called to the minimum wage rates required to be paid for all labor on this project. Wage rates are established in schedules issued by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with Section 26A - 27D, or Chapter 149 of the M.G.L., as amended, and the U.S. Department of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. Said schedule(s) are included in the bid package and the contractor will be responsible for paying the higher of the two rates. Only eligible and responsible sealed bids on this project shall be received by the Awarding Authority from qualified Bidders submitted on forms furnished by the Awarding Authority and clearly identified on the outside of the bid with the name and address of the bidder, and the name and Bid Number of the project, and submitted to:  
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## Springfield Museums full of activity this summer

SPRINGFIELD – Now open seven days a week, the Springfield Museums are ready to embrace the season with activities and highlights throughout the weeks of Summer at the Museums through Aug. 15. Free with museum admission.

The Museums are elevating the 2025 summer experience with opportunities to gather, tinker, and jam as a community. Family-friendly exhibitions and hands-on explorations in the Cat's Corner, Hasbro Games Art Discovery Center, and Spark!Lab are available daily for visitor enjoyment.

"Summer at the Museums is such a fun time of year! Explore four interactive special exhibits, become an inventor or artist in one of our hands-on educational spaces, and play out on the Quadrangle lawn" says Larissa Murray, Director of Education

at the Springfield Museums.

Then, from Wednesday to Friday, visitors can participate in a variety of special program offerings. On Wednesdays, dance and jam to performances from a variety of local acts. On Thursdays, kids can get crafty with the Museum School for Tinker Thursdays, available at an additional charge. Lastly, on Fridays, welcome the weekend with bubbles, a performance by the Toe Jam Puppet Band, and other featured activities.

"We have so much happening this summer, from our Wednesday and Friday performances to our daily drop in spaces and exhibits. There are so many reasons to visit the Springfield Museums this summer," exclaims Abby Garner, Family Engagement Coordinator.

All exhibits and activities are FREE with museum admission unless noted otherwise.

## Glasgow Lands Scottish festival next weekend

NORTHAMPTON – On Saturday, July 19, beautiful Look Park comes alive with Celtic Dancers, Highland pipers and drummers, a clan parade, sheep herding, Scottish dogs and other animals, wool spinners and weavers and lively Celtic music. Celebrate your Scottish heritage – real or coveted – with kilt-wearing, tree-tossing Scotsmen at the Highland athletic games and delight in plates piled high with scones, shortbread, bridies or meat pies. Over 30 pipe bands competing with 600 to 700 pipers and drummers marching in opening ceremonies.

Come celebrate the second largest Scottish Festival in New England, and the only one in Massachusetts. We have been chosen to host the first ever EUSPBA Northeast Branch Amateur Drumming championships. Fencing Demonstrations by Mass Historical

Swordsmanship. Saving Scottish Wildcats organization. Doug Fluie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Honored guests: State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, 1st Hampshire District.

### Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

This family fun event includes children's athletic games and a water spray park. Many Clans and a genealogist will be present to assist in tracing your Scottish ancestry. Vendors will be offering a variety of imports, Scottish and other foods. Listen to the beautiful Celtic harp music of the Pioneer Valley Harpers' Guild. Learn about spinning and weaving from the Weavers' Guild of Springfield. Relive history with the Historic Highlanders.

For 2025, Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival presents world class Celtic

music in the Ceilidh tent from 9:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Featured artists The Devil's Brigade, Albannach, and Waking Finnegan. Whether sitting in the Ceilidh Tent watching the show, quenching your thirst in the Celtic Pub with local microbrews provided by New City Brewery, Easthampton, or just having a picnic on the grass nearby, plan on enjoying great live Celtic music all day long. Again this year – Whisky Tasting! – sponsored by ImpEx and Four Seasons Wine & Liquor, Hadley, MA. New this year – Wine and Mead from Four Phantoms Brewing Co, Greenfield.

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For more information and schedules, visit our web site: [www.glasgowlands.org](http://www.glasgowlands.org) or call (413) 862-8095/4539.

## GRANT, from page 1

be used to further build out the infrastructure of HPS' work-based learning structure. Among the improvements will be increasing internship opportunities for students, funding more industries and pathways for students and more career training through a partnership with Signal Success.

In the 2024-2025 schools year, more than 130 students took part in some type of work-based learning program.

Part of Holyoke's redesign plan under the Receiver Dr. Steven Zrike including a pathways program that all high school students could take advantage. They used grants to develop it and it gave all students in Holyoke the ability to access the programs at Dean Tech's campus.

The schools plan to work with MassHire as well on work-based learning. MassHire has an office located in Holyoke.

According Gov. Maura Healey, who made awards to 13 other districts in the state, work-based learning is a very

valuable resource for students.

"Work-based learning experiences are key to preparing students for the future," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants will help support strong partnerships between schools and employers, opening doors for students in critical STEM fields like health care, manufacturing, and technology. This is a win for students, a win for our employers, and a win for Massachusetts' workforce as we tap into the next generation of talent."

"It's so valuable for students to be able to get hands-on work experience at no cost while they're still in school," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Work-based learning helps them identify what they're good at and what they want to pursue in the future, setting them up for successful careers while meeting the needs of our employers."

As part of the administration's Reimagining High School initiative, DESE will support awarded districts in including the implementation of the My Career and Academic Plan (MyCAP)

in their work-based learning plans. MyCAP is a student-centered, multi-year planning tool designed to provide middle and high school students with ongoing opportunities to plan for their academic, personal and career success in high school and beyond. This pilot also prioritizes the use of MEFA Pathway as a statewide portal for their work-based learning plans and aligns them with statewide efforts to integrate YouthWorks to expand student access to work-based learning opportunities.

"Expanding career-connected learning is essential to ensuring that every student sees a future for themselves beyond graduation," said Education Secretary Dr. Patrick Tutwiler. "Through these investments, we're helping districts develop strong systems to connect academic learning with meaningful work experiences — giving students the tools, opportunities and confidence they need to succeed."

Grant recipients will work in close partnership with MassHire Workforce Boards and Commonwealth

Corporation — key elements of the state's workforce system — to develop planning models and resources that strengthen connections between education and workforce development.

"Incorporating work-based learning extends a student's exposure beyond the classroom to develop hands-on experience and skills for future careers in-demand by employers and industries statewide," said Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development Lauren Jones. "Our future innovation and communities will be driven by the next generation of skilled talent, and work-based learning models will open more opportunities for students to pursue pathways to careers right here in Massachusetts."

"MEFA is proud to offer MEFA Pathway as the prioritized portal for this statewide initiative," said Thomas Graf, executive director of MEFA. "MEFA Pathway's alignment with MyCAP and integration of work-based learning plans reflects MEFA's ongoing commitment to supporting students' postsecondary readiness across Massachusetts."

## TOUR, from page 1

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**Honey Bee Presentations**  
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bees, view an observational hive, and taste local honey with Dr. Kim Skyrn, Chief Apiary Inspector at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

In addition to these highlights, the tour features 8 beautiful home gardens throughout the city, offering inspiration for gardeners of all levels.

### Event Details:

Tour goes check in at The Leaf Loft (284 High St.) on the morning of the event to receive an event program with a map and garden details. The tour is self-paced and will take place rain or shine.

### Tickets:

\$20 per person. Children under 10 attend for free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [holyokegardentour.org](http://holyokegardentour.org) or on the day of the event at The Leaf Loft.



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## Learn about volunteering at Harmony House

CHICOPEE – Harmony House of Western Massachusetts is a social model home for hospice care located in Chicopee. The beautiful new facility reopened in the spring of 2024 and has been a safe and loving home for people with limited support who cannot live on their own. Potential volunteers are invited to explore the opportunity to help care for individuals who are in the final stage of their lives. Harmony House is currently in need of care-

givers and support people. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people.

A Meet-and-Greet event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, at 6 p.m. at the South Hadley Library, 2 Canal Street, South Hadley, in their Common Room. Please come and meet members of the Board of Directors and current volunteers to learn more and have your questions answered

by those who are directly involved in resident care.

Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home offering compassionate care for people who are on hospice and are in need of care. If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please complete the online volunteer application form at [www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1](http://www.harmonyhousewma.org/volunteer-1) or email us at [admin@harmonyhousewma.org](mailto:admin@harmonyhousewma.org).