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## New murals brighten Holyoke

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Beyond Walls has made a triumphant return to Holyoke, bringing 13 beautiful new murals to walls all around the city.

The murals sit in a variety of locations including Holyoke Community College, Holyoke Health Center and the Greater Holyoke YMCA.

This project began on June 15 and since then all 13 murals have been mostly completed, despite the weather challenges the artists faced.

The members of Beyond Walls were happy to be either visiting Holyoke for the first time or returning from past projects. Many commented on how important and beneficial these murals can be for the community.

“The impact is instant, you change the area instantly,” Cristhian Saravia, one of the artists and a lead producer of the Holyoke project, said. “It

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A Mural by Betsy Casañas at the Elaine Nicpon Marieb Building at Holyoke Community College.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

## Tax collector: 185 properties are delinquent on property taxes

A tax title taking is set for July 17

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The city has released the information of which properties are in danger of being seized due to unpaid taxes.

There are a total of 185 properties that are currently marked as delinquent. This number has thankfully gone down from the initial number of 374 delinquent parcels, according to tax collector Laura Wilson.

“This year we started with 374 delinquent parcels, but with extensive outreach to our taxpayers, we have reduced that number to 185 properties,” Wilson said.

The tax office has worked hard to bring the number of endangered properties down over the past several months.

“Our hope is that all property owners will make timely payments in full in order to avoid incurring additional fees and interest and ultimately avoid a lien altogether,” Wilson said.

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## B-17 Crash victims remembered at ceremony

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke residents gathered on Mt. Tom on Saturday, July 8, in remembrance of the July 9, 1946 B-17 crash.

In the crash in 1946, 25 men were lost. They had been on their way home after serving in Greenland during WWII, ready to be discharged after completing their military service. Instead of making it home to their families, these men were lost as the plane crashed into the mountain 300 feet below the summit.

“By July 9, 1946 the war was well over and for the 25 young men aboard that boeing, flying fortress, danger was far behind them, but disaster? It was straight ahead,” Mayor Joshua Garcia said. “For me, for all the ironies and tragedies associated with that terrible

night, nothing moves me more than how close they were, how close they were to their destination, Westover field, whose runways are just southeast of where we are today.”

The men had almost reached their destination, when the crash occurred. Of the men lost, four were age 18, six age 19, five age 20 and nine ages 23-32. The oldest lost in the crash was Captain Henry LeBrecht, who was only 43.

The men served in the U.S. Army Air Corp, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Public Health Service and the American Red Cross. All of the men worked to save the lives of others during the war, whether through ensuring safe transit of different vehicles, providing health care assistance or transporting soldiers home from the war.

“They were not soldiers in the traditional sense...all 25 were special people whose mis-



Veterans and members of the Westover C.A.P color guard gather around the B-17 memorial.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

sions were to save lives, not to take lives,” Al Stettner, nephew of Alfred Warm who died in the crash, said.

The families of those lost in the crash did not let this

tragedy end the stories of their loved ones. Instead, they came together to ensure that those lost would not be forgotten. Now, crowds gather 77 years after the crash in order to honor the lives

of these men.

“The story goes on and the memory of the 25 men lives on in this monument, this gathering and the hearts of the many vol-

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# MiraVista Welcomes No More Silence Massachusetts

HOLYOKE – Through a new partnership with MiraVista Behavioral Health Center, No More Silence Massachusetts, an area nonprofit that offers support to anyone affected by suicide loss, is changing the location of its meetings and expanding services.

Terri Tracy and her husband Daniel founded No More Silence Massachusetts as suicide loss survivors. Each of the Tracy's had brothers who died by suicide – Dan's brother Thom in 2007 at age 40, and Terri's brother Tommy in 2013 at age 42.

"Our Suicide Attempt Survivors Group will offer support to those who have made a suicide attempt at least two years ago and are 21 years of age or older," Tracy said.

The most recent government data indicates that in 2021 there was an estimated 1.70 million suicide attempts in the United States.

"People come together and talk with each other more openly because they are surrounded by those who truly understand the type of loss experienced," Tracy said. "Although everyone's story is different and unique to them, the common factor is the loss to suicide."

Terri Tracey added that founding No More Silence Massachusetts has made her and her husband "both real-

ize that our stories can help someone else, as well as realizing that others understand what we go through and are not alone."

"We are very pleased to have No More Silence Massachusetts support groups meet at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center," said Kimberley Lee, MiraVista's chief of creative strategy and development. "As a provider of services to those affected by mental health and substance use conditions, we know the importance of treatment and support for those seeking it. No More Silence Massachusetts provides comfort to those who have experienced suicide loss or attempted suicide in a setting where they can share their stories and know there are not alone on their journey of recovery."

No More Silence Massachusetts meeting dates and times are:

One-on-One Comfort Talks – Individual meetings the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning in August from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Suicide Attempt Survivors Group – Meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in August from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Suicide Loss Survivor Group – Meetings the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in July from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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unteers who have turned a place of tragedy into a haven of beauty, respect and love," Garcia said.

This annual memorial service began in 1996 thanks to a group of volunteers from the Pioneer Valley who created a memorial committee. Prior to this committee's organization, the only memorial of the crash was a small cairn of stones that hikers would maintain. Now, there is a lovely monument made from Indian Marble, the same stone used for the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., with the names of each of the men lost in the crash inscribed upon the stone.

Some of the original members of the committee that created the memorial were present at this year's ceremony, including honorary chairman Robert Cahillane, as well as family members of those lost in the crash.

"I want to say thank you one more time to all the committee members who continue on to make sure that these men are not forgotten, nor is the tragedy that happened here and the joy that comes out of it with meeting and seeing people here once a year," Cahillane said.

"I'd like to take a moment to honor and thank the people of the Pioneer Valley who took it upon themselves to



Al Stettner welcomes attendees to the B-17 crash memorial last Saturday.

erect this monument and do all the work to put on these ceremonies," Stettner said. "True heroes, every single one of them. The spirit of these original volunteers still lives on, many of them are here today, and new members of the Mt. Tom B-17 committee are here today, so the legacy is continuing."

It was thanks to the work of these original committee members that this monument was created, and the new committee members will ensure that the legacy lives on.

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## HCC trustees establish award honoring retiring president



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President Christina Royal and Robert Gilbert at Board of Trustees meeting.

HOLYOKE—The Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees has established an annual award to honor the legacy of retiring President Christina Royal's work as a champion of equity, diversity and inclusion.

The Christina Royal Equity Award will be awarded annually to an HCC employee who demonstrates a sustained commitment to advancing equity.

Creation of the award was announced June 27 by Robert Gilbert, chair of the Board of Trustees, during the board's regular monthly meeting, which was also President Royal's last meeting. Her final day as president of HCC is Fri. July 14.

"The list of Dr. Royal's accomplishments is long and leaves us inspired, and woven through it all has been her commitment to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion," Gilbert said. "Therefore, we believe it is fitting that our faculty and staff, the heartbeat of this institution, be acknowledged and celebrated for their efforts with an award that bears her name."

Recipients of the annual award will receive a plaque along with a monetary award funded through the Holyoke Community College Foundation. So far, Gilbert said, contributions to the award fund total more than \$10,000.

"Recipients of the Christina Royal Equity award may be supporting a culture of transformative justice, working

to remove barriers for historically marginalized groups, improving cultural competency through dialogue and education, exhibiting leadership and best practice for social equity, or making the larger community a more just and equitable place to reside," said Gilbert, who noted that Royal was not only the first woman to hold the position but also the first person of color and first queer person to serve as president of HCC.

"It touches my heart to hear about this award in my honor. When I think about the work that I'm most proud of over the last seven years, it is actually bringing and elevating equity into the conversation and into our strategic plan, and having a chance to really dig more into the data and really look at how we are able to provide an environment where all students can succeed," said Royal.

Royal went on to thank the Board of Trustees for their guidance and support; the greater Holyoke community for fully embracing HCC; as well as faculty and staff; and HCC students.

"Thank you for the acknowledgment and the establishment of this award," Royal said. "This means a great deal to me. It means that, beyond my tenure, the college is going to be committed to recognizing people doing this kind of work, and honoring and supporting and ultimately recognizing people who are making an impact."

## Elms College dean's list for spring 2023

CHICOPEE-- The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

These students are from the Holyoke area:

Anna Alicea, Francisco Almonte, Kaylee Bishop, Jaralyz Figueroa, Armando Fontan, Felix Gutierrez, Jenna Hobert, Emmie Lundgren, Alaysha Marty, Cecilia Sanchez, Talia Uribe, Seirra Bacchus, Katherine Bevan, Elizabeth Gourde, Mayrilee Matos, Ryan Perry, Joseph Petriello, Aliza Riemer, Ricardo Santiago

## Holyoke resident presented with dean award

SPRINGFIELD-- Megan McGuinness received the dean's award during the senior award ceremony at Western New England University. McGuinness graduated with a degree in BS in Secondary Education/Math Science

McGuinness received the dean's award for academic excellence from the Western New England University College of Arts and Sciences which was presented by Dean Davis. This award celebrates the extraordinary achievement reached by McGuinness throughout her four years at the University.

## DEA warns most fake pills contain lethal fentanyl

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is alerting the public of a sharp nationwide increase in the lethality of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills.

According to a news release, the DEA lab found that, of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills analyzed in 2022, six out of 10 now contain a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl. This is an increase from DEA's previous announcement in 2021 that four out of ten fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills were found to contain a potentially lethal dose.

"More than half of the fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills being trafficked in communities across the country now contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl," DEA administrator Anne Milgram said in the release.

"This marks a dramatic increase – from four out of ten to six out of 10 – in the number of pills that can kill. These pills are being mass-produced by the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel in Mexico. Never take a pill that wasn't prescribed directly to you. Never take a pill from a friend. Never take a pill bought on social media. Just one pill is dangerous and one pill can kill."

Last year, the DEA issued a Public Safety Alert on the widespread drug trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills in American communities. These pills are largely made by two Mexican drug cartels, the Sinaloa Cartel and the Jalisco Cartel, to look

identical to real prescription medications, including OxyContin, Percocet, and Xanax, and they are often deadly. In 2021, the DEA seized more than 20.4 million fake prescription pills. Earlier this year, the DEA conducted a nationwide operational surge to target the trafficking of fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills and, in just over three months, seized 10.2 million fake pills in all 50 states. Through its One Pill Can Kill campaign, the DEA is working to alert the American public of the dangers of fake prescription pills.

Fentanyl remains the deadliest drug threat facing this country, according to the DEA. It is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine. Just two milligrams of fentanyl, the small amount that fits on the tip of a pencil, is considered a potentially deadly dose. According to the CDC, 107,622 Americans died of drug poisoning in 2021, with 66 percent of those deaths involving synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

The Sinaloa Cartel and Jalisco Cartel in Mexico, using chemicals largely sourced from China, are primarily responsible for the vast majority of the fentanyl that is being trafficked in communities across the United States, the DEA says.

For more information, go to the Fentanyl Awareness page at [dea.gov](http://dea.gov).

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Information about the delinquent properties has been released to the public, per state law. Property owners did have prior notice, before their property was advertised publicly as delinquent, according to Wilson.

"You can send a courtesy letter, which we do send here," Wilson said. "According to Mass. General Law we send the timeline out with that letter, letting them know they have until such and such date to avoid being advertised."

The Sun released a list of the endangered properties in the June 30 edition.

"Those 185 properties are being advertised publicly, per state law, which will serve as the final notice before having a lien recorded at

the Hampden County Registry of Deeds," Wilson said.

If their property is one of the ones marked as delinquent, residents should have received notice from the tax collector's office. If they have not yet paid off the property, they have until Friday, July 14 to pay it off in full via certified funds, according to Wilson.

"They can pay with either a bank check or cash, we can't accept personal checks or credit card payment or any partial payments," Wilson explained.

The official tax taking is Monday, July 17. If the property owner has not paid in full by that deadline, their property will be recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds and further action will be pursued by the City Treasurer.

"Once the property has a lien, it is handed over to the city treasurer

for further action, which can include entering into a multi-year payment plan or in some cases, foreclosure of the property," Wilson said.

The tax lien process is set by state law and is meant to be initiated every year after fourth quarter real estate bills are due on May 1. However, over the past several years the tax collector's office has encountered difficulties due to COVID-19. Thankfully, this year's process was fully back on track.

"Generally, a tax taking happens once a year, but due to COVID and a turnover in the office here, specifically, there was a lapse for a couple of years...this round of takings is specifically for the fiscal year of 2023," Wilson said. "The other two I have done prior were basically playing catchup for 2019 through fiscal year 2022."

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## Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

In the Constitution, Congress comes first. In real life, not so much.

There's a reason the founders started with Congress when they created the blueprint for our representative democracy: It's the institution closest to the American people.

This isn't just political theory. For all their faults, members of Congress throughout our history have made an effort to stay close to and understand their constituents. They still do. More than any other branch of government, Congress reflects the feelings of the diverse and ever-evolving population of the United States – even if, with population shifts boosting rural power in the Senate these days and gerrymandering affecting House districts, the proportions are out of whack.

So one of the more puzzling aspects of the evolution of power in Washington has been the extent to which Congress has sat by over the decades while its strength has ebbed. For the most part, we think of this in terms of its relations with the presidency, with everything from war powers to budget-making to an increasing reliance on executive orders putting presidents of both parties in an ever-stronger position to set and steer the national agenda.

But recently, CNN's Zachary Wolf drew attention to a similar process taking place vis-à-vis the Supreme Court. The mechanisms are different, but the result is the same: Congress loses room to maneuver.

Wolf was actually delving into a recently published book by University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck, "The Shadow Docket: How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic." Vladeck's chief concern is what for the last few years has come to be called the "shadow docket," referring to cases that are not formally heard by the Court, with oral arguments and then long written decisions and dissents, but instead are generally unsigned orders that arrive without explanation.

They can be quite consequential.

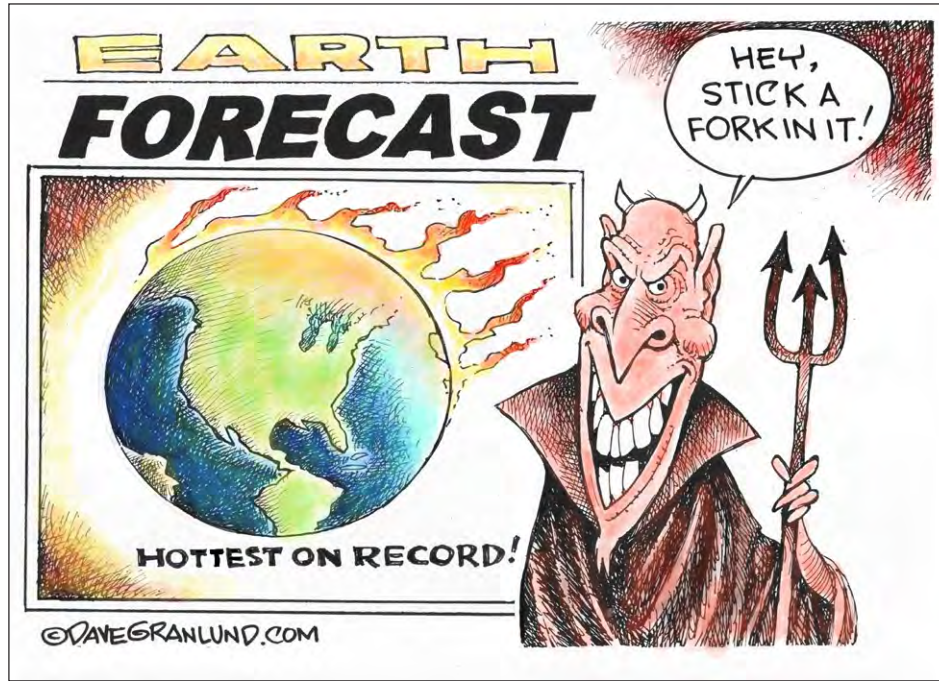
As Vladeck explained to Wolf in their interview, the Court last year intervened in redistricting cases in Alabama and Louisiana in such a way that it "helped to give the Republicans the majority they currently have in the House." It did so in 2020 and 2021 as well, especially to address cases involving COVID regulations. The Court's power, Vladeck points out, lies not just in its decisions, but in choosing which of the many issues arriving on its doorstep it will decide.

In fact, that's not just true of cases on the shadow docket. Until about a century ago, the Court was required to make a decision on any case under its jurisdiction. That, Vladeck argues, "made it a lot harder for the justices to have an agenda. It made it a lot harder for the justices to target particular disputes and look around for cases."

The reason it can now pick and choose – and hence steer the national agenda – is because Congress gave it the power to do so, especially with the 1988 Supreme Court Case Selections Act, which granted the Court full authority over whether to hear appeals from circuit court decisions. So it chooses which 80 or so cases it will hear out of the 5,000 to 7,000 it is asked to review each term.

To be sure, it's hardly the case that the Court has avoided precedent-setting decisions in the past – dating all the way back to Marbury v. Madison in 1803, when the Court gave itself the power of judicial review over executive and legislative decisions. Still, if you think about our recent political history, especially around abortion, you can see Vladeck's point: The Court does not reflect the thinking of a majority of Americans.

For members of Congress who would rather not have to cast unpopular votes on controversial issues that could cost them a seat, having the White House or the Supreme Court make those decisions can be handy. But as Vladeck argues, "When we look at the Court today – at the ethics issues, the docket issues, the legitimacy debates – a lot of what's going on here is a court that's just not remotely checked and not worrying about



## Why can't I collect survivor benefits from my deceased wife?

**Dear Rusty:** I am a 62 year old widower that is still working full time. While my late spouse was in hospice, I was able to get her to apply for Social Security disability and she received one payment before she passed away two years ago. I was told that I could collect a survivor benefit, so I called my local Social Security office, but they told me that I could not collect any type of benefits from my wife and that all the money she paid into SS for all of those years was basically gone for good. Would you please advise what I can do and if this is true? I was also told that Social Security's agents will do everything they can to avoid paying out benefits.

**Signed: Frustrated Widower**

**Dear Frustrated Widower:** I suspect that the reason Social Security said you were not eligible for benefits as a widower is because you are working full time. At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early Social Security benefits. The 2023 earnings limit is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. If your earnings are high enough, that could make you temporarily ineligible to collect benefits until 1) your earnings are less, or 2) you reach your Full Retirement Age (FRA) when the earnings test no longer applies.

Assuming you have not yet claimed your personal SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible to collect a survivor benefit from your wife when your earnings are less or after you reach your full retirement age. One strategy you may wish to consider, if you plan to keep working full time, is to wait and claim only your surviving spouse benefit at your FRA (67), thus allowing your personal SS retirement

being checked." Congress historically had the authority to exercise control over the Court's ability to set the agenda, he insists, and there's no reason it can't again.

The balance of power in Washington demands it.

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benefit to continue growing until you are 70 when your personal SS retirement benefit will be about 75% more than it would be now. Although your survivor benefit reaches maximum at your FRA, your personal benefit doesn't reach maximum until age 70, so it's possible to collect your smaller survivor benefit from your wife first and claim your higher personal benefit later.

You were apparently given some confusing information when you contacted Social Security. If you haven't already claimed your own SS retirement benefit, you are still eligible for a surviving spouse benefit from your wife but likely cannot collect a widower benefit at this time because you're working full time. However, that doesn't mean you can never collect a survivor benefit; only that you can't collect it at this time because of the "earnings test." The earnings test goes away when you reach age 67, so you can claim only your survivor benefit at that time or before if you no longer work full time and allow your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow to age 70 if you like.

From our experience with the Social Security Administration, the skill level of SSA representatives varies, but we have never suspected their goal was trying to avoid paying benefits due. Nevertheless, depending on the agent you spoke with, the information provided may have been less clear about the best claiming strategy for you, which is why the AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service exists. Our advisors are all highly experienced and strive to provide you with complete and clear information which enables you to make an informed choice about how and when to claim the Social Security benefits you are entitled to. I hope we have succeeded.

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Jeannette Walls

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# MassHire hosts first appreciation breakfast honoring local employers



Kevin Lynn, executive director of MassHire Springfield with Ramona Rivera-Reno, executive director of MassHire Holyoke's Reentry & Recovery Program.



Submitted Photos

State Sen. John Velis, Ramona Rivera-Reno from MassHire Holyoke, Maribel Reyes and Monique Vasquez from Helix Human Services.

HOLYOKE — On June 27, MassHire Holyoke's Pillars of the Community Workforce initiative, funded by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development's Community Empowerment and Reinvestment Grant Program, celebrated its first annual employer appreciation breakfast to honor ten Hampden & Franklin County employers for their commitment to their communities and exceptional contribution to the workforce.

The event was hosted by Ramona Rivera-Reno, executive director of MassHire Holyoke's Reentry & Recovery Program and the Recovery Ready Workplace Initiative. The event took place at Summit View Banquet and Meeting House. 125 invited guests and community members were in attendance.

Aaron Vega from Holyoke's Office of Economic Development was the EMCEE for the event. MA State Sen. John Velis and Holyoke's Mayor Joshua A. Garcia were the featured guest speakers.

"The reason why we became a Recovery Ready Workplace is because we can't afford to lose a single person. Compassionately, it's the right thing to do," said Lynn, executive director, MassHire Springfield.

Rogelio Dones, a formerly incarcerated individual, delivered an emotional account of his employment journey that began at the age of 52. "I want everyone to know, getting out of jail and having a job is very important, it saves lives. A job helped me grow in my recovery. At 68 I purchased my first home and now I'm retired at 72," said Dones. To conclude the event, ten local employers were

presented with certificates to recognize their commitment to the community. The list of employers includes Holyoke Veterans Home, Helix Human Services, The Loomis Companies, Holyoke Pediatrics Associates, J Polep Distribution Services, Springfield Housing Authority, PeoplesBank, Clean Crop Technologies, Edaron LLC, and Valley Malt. The employers were nominated by MassHire Holyoke and MassHire Springfield's Business Solutions Teams.



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## Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church hosting annual Greek festival

HOLYOKE—Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Grounds, 410 Main Street, will be having the second annual Greek festival from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be Greek food, pastries and music. Event is rain or shine. Admission will be free. For more information, contact Sharon at 413-533-9880 or email holytrinityofholyokey@gmail.com.

## BHN's Kamp for Kids open house is July 18

WESTFIELD — Kamp for Kids, a summer day camp for children and young adults with and without disabilities, will be holding an open house event, Kamp Welcome Day, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, July 18, at Camp Togowauk.

Camp Togowauk is at 754 Russell Road in Westfield. Kamp for Kids is for children and young adults ages 3 to 22 and offers an opportunity to experience growth, inclusion and fun in a summer camp setting that includes a spray park, expressive arts, outdoor education, arts and crafts and non-competitive sports.

State Senator John Velis will be in attendance, along with other public officials, representatives of Behavioral Health Network and parents and friends of Kamp for Kids. A brief program will be held, including remarks by officials and BHN staff and “Kampers” will give demonstrations they prepared of their creative work, including skits, songs and artwork.

Kamp for Kids was founded by Judy Hoyt, whose son Rick was the inspiration behind the camp. Rick Hoyt, who became famous through his participation in several Boston Marathons with his father Dick, passed away in May at the age of 61. They inspired the #TeamHoyt online community with followers from around the globe.

The camp operates every summer during July and August with about 150 Kampers over three sessions. This year, Kamp runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Friday from July 10 through Aug. 18. For more information, visit [bhninc.org/kamp-kids](http://bhninc.org/kamp-kids).

# HCC offering free culinary training for English language learners

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College is offering a free program for English language learners looking to begin careers in the culinary and hospitality field.

The course, “MassSTEP ESOL Culinary Arts,” begins Monday July 17, at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. It runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., through Aug. 25.

The 180-hour training is designed for people learning English who are at an intermediate level. ESOL instruction is built into the curriculum. The program is free thanks to a grant from the Adult & Community Learning Services division of the Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education.

In the HCC class, students will gain skills in knife techniques, cooking methods, culinary math and measurements, workplace etiquette, resume building, and job searching, and earn workplace certifications including ServSafe Manager, Food Handler, and Alcohol. The course incorporates 90 hours of English language learning and career preparation.

The program is open to adult residents of Massachusetts who are



Submitted photo

HCC offering free culinary training for English language learners.

learning English.

“This hands-on training is an exciting opportunity for students to begin a new career in culinary and hospitality, advance into higher-level roles, or continue studying culinary and hospitality at the college level,” said Pasha Black, director of ESOL at HCC. “Our alumni have gone on to work in restaurants, food service, hotels, and started their own

entrepreneurial ventures. We work with over two dozen local employers eager to hire qualified graduates as food preparers, line cooks, servers, bartenders, hosts and hostesses, and hotel workers.”

For more information or to enroll, please contact Moira Lozada at 413-561-7280 or email at [mlozada@hcc.edu](mailto:mlozada@hcc.edu).

# Staying safe and emotionally healthy during summer vacation

HOLYOKE — Dr. Negar Beheshti, a board-certified adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer for Holyoke-based MiraVista Behavioral Health Center and sister hospital, TaraVista Behavioral Health Center in Devens, recommends a balance of structured fun and learning during school vacation. Beheshti recommends as well that primary care givers do their due diligence to keep everyone engaged in safe behavior that supports mental health.

Conversations around behavior and activities, she adds, should be age appropriate.

“For example, children in elementary school may be doing a lot of summer camp activities and this

is an opportunity to talk to them about appropriate behavior with other peers at the camp,” Beheshti said. “When you get to the tweens, they may not want the regular, structured routine of summer camp. However, it is still good to do some type of structured program as it gives middle-schoolers the opportunity to continue social development and promotes new learning opportunities. Some school districts offer enriched learning programming at least part of the day that holds the potential to explore something new in a fun way.”

Other tips and recommendations for a safe and enjoyable summer break for young people from Dr. Beheshti, including what routines should be maintained, how to

approach a difficult topic, including a change in normal behavior, and support available to a child questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity, can be found at <https://www.miravistabhc.care/staying-emotionally-healthy-during-school-break/>.

The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services recently created new resource hubs for LGBTQ+ individuals including at <https://www.mass.gov/lgbtq-youth-mental-health-resources>, as well as a web resource page on summer programs for youth that are a mix of the academic and the recreational at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/summer-learning>.



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## Pioneers score shutout to keep playoff chances going

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Mamadi Jiana was one of the seven reserve players listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers starting lineup sheet for last Friday night's USL League Two match-up with Vermont Green FC.

Jiana, who was a member of the boys' varsity soccer team at Chicopee High School a couple of years ago, entered the match during the 78th minute. Two minutes later, he scored what turned out to be the game winning goal. The Pioneers kept their postseason dreams alive with an exciting 1-0 victory before the largest crowd of the regular season at Lusitano Stadium.

"The tempo was very high when I came into the game late in the second half, and I was ready for the moment," Jiana said. "When I saw the scoring opportunity, I knew that I had to capitalize on it. We played very well tonight, and it just feels amazing. I'm very proud of the guys."

It was Jiana's third goal of the regular season and all of them were game winners.

"We can't win games with just eleven players," said



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Gianluca Cersosimo sends a kick away.

Pioneers longtime head coach Federico Molinari. "We need contributions from all 18 players to be successful. Mamadi is a local player and we're very happy to have him on our team this year."

Jiana scored his first goal wearing a Pioneers uniform in a 2-1 road win against AC Connecticut on June 10. A little more than two weeks later, Jiana, who currently lives in Westfield, was a starter in another road match against Pathfinder FC. He netted the only goal of that contest.

During the past two years, Jiana scored 17 goals and had 13 assists for a total of 47 points as a member of the men's soccer team at Norwich University, which competes at the Division 3 level. He recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is hoping to play soccer for a Division 1 school in the fall. Jiana has two more years of college eligibility remaining.

The Norwich University men's soccer coach was Adam Pfeifer, who retired at the end of last season. Pfeifer is currently the Athletic Director at Kimball



Tomas Duben stops the ball as he runs into the opposing defense.



Connor Hicks, of Monson, runs down the ball.

Union Academy and is also the Vermont Green head coach.

The first and second place finishers in the Northeast Division will qualify for the playoffs.

The Pioneers (8-1-3) and Vermont (9-3-0) are battling for one of those two spots, along with the Seacoast United Phantoms. If the Pioneers can win their final two regular season matches at Albany, which was scheduled to be played on Tuesday night, and at home against AC Connecticut on

Saturday night, they should lock up a playoff berth. The last time that the Pioneers didn't qualify for the playoffs was in 2018.

"This is a very good win for us tonight," Molinari said. "We made a couple of changes at halftime, and we played a lot better in the second half."

Alec Hughes, who entered the match at the start of the second half, had a couple of opportunities to give the home team a 1-0 advantage.

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## Blue Sox score doubleheader sweep

HOLYOKE – Last Saturday, the Valley Blue Sox swept a doubleheader versus another North Division opponent. The team defeated the Upper Valley Nighthawks 4-1 to climb back to .500 on the season at 14-14. Valley now leads the West Division by one game over the Bristol Blues.

As in the first game, the Nighthawks got on the board first, following a sacrifice fly in the top of the second.

Blue Sox pitching was rock solid in the ballgame, only allowing one run off five hits. Dillon Ryan started the game for the team, pitching three innings allowing one run while striking out two batters.

Michael Weidinger would relieve Ryan in the top of the fourth inning, pitching two shutout innings and striking out five batters.

All of the runs for the Blue Sox came in the bottom of the fifth following a huge rally, even with the team only recording two hits in the inning. Efrain Correa Jr. was hit by a pitch, Will Gale singled, and newcomer Jack Power walked to make it

bases loaded with no outs.

Jeff Pierantoni and Eliot Dix both hit RBI fielder's choices to take the lead for Valley. The team added two more insurance runs off an RBI single from AJ Guerrero, and a throwing error from Upper Valley to allow the final run of the ballgame.

Jason Arrigo would relieve Weidinger to close the game for Valley. Arrigo's curveball was ranked third in the league in RPM. The right-hander pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself the save, and added to his strike-out totals with three more on the night.

AJ Guerrero went 2-for-3 in the game, with an RBI. Will Gale also had two hits, going 2-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base.

In Game 1, another close game throughout the seven inning contest saw the Blue Sox rallying back from a three run deficit to claim the victory.

The Nighthawks scored one run in the top of the first inning following an RBI double, then added two more in

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Dave Clark makes a good throw to first.

## Bankers rolling to first place finish

HOLYOKE – PeoplesBank are the elite of the Tri-County Baseball League, and are now 13-1 heading into the final stretch of the season. Last week, the Bankers scored at 14-4 win over St. Joe's, and a 12-1 win over Di-Franco Realty. Those wins took

place on consecutive nights and the Bankers now have a five-point lead for first place. The Chicopee Falls Tigers hold second place at 10-5-1. St. Joe's has moved into third place at 7-8. The regular season is heading for a close during the next two weeks.



Cam McDonald winds up for a long throw for an out.



James Flahive continues to rack up wins for PeoplesBank.

# Wall Stadium Speedway to host big race

MILFORD – Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby will look to add yet another track to his winners list this Saturday night. Wall Stadium Speedway, located in New Jersey, is a high-banked, high-speed track that has tight corners and often produces exciting side-by-side racing.

When the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour rolls into town for the Jersey Shore 150, Coby will drive the Tommy Baldwin Racing, Mayhew Tools No. 7NY. With one win this season (Monadnock Speedway), Coby enters the race third, 30 points back in the cham-

pionship standings on the Whelen Modified Tour circuit entering the eighth race of the season.

In his 35 career wins, Coby has been to Victory Lane at 12 different tracks. At Wall Stadium, Coby has three career Tour starts, with only one coming in the last 18 years. Coby started sixth, led 72 laps and finished 10th in 2019. He did not compete in the Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall last year, but Jimmy Blewett won in the Tommy Baldwin Racing entry Coby will be driving for this event.

“I watched the race last year and it didn’t seem like it was similar to the one in 2019,” Coby said.

“It seemed like the groove had moved around. Wall is one of those places that can throw a lot at you – and a lot can happen quickly. Our car will be good. I’ve never won there and it’s on my bucket list of tracks where I want to win. I got my first pole there, used to race at Little Wall as a kid, and I’ve always liked the facility.”

Saturday’s practice session will roll from 3:30-4:30 p.m., followed by Mayhew Tools qualifying and the Jersey Shore 150 at 8 p.m. The main event will be live on FloRacing.TV for those who would like to watch from home.



Jaiden Williams plays the ball.



Stevan Milosevic dribbles up the field.

# HoopHall introduces new board members

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced four new board members. Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Executive Director of the National Basketball Players Association Foundation, was named to the Board of Governors. Executive Chairman of Delano Media Group, Todd Delano; Former NBA Head Coach and Player, Vinny Del Negro; and Thomas Tull, Chairman of the USIT Fund, and Chairman of Tulco Holdings, were named to the Board of Trustees.

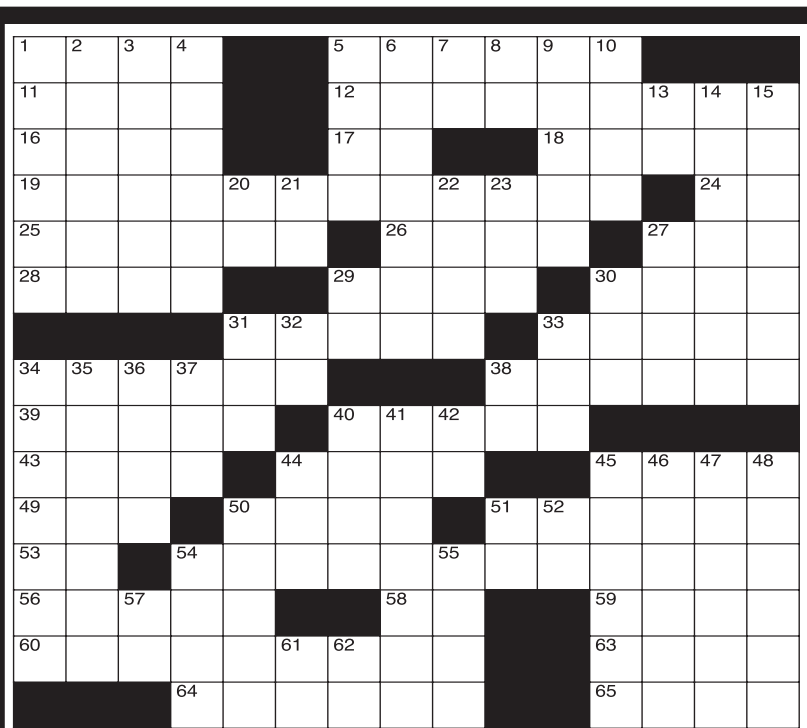
“We are very pleased to be

adding Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Todd Delano, Vinny Del Negro, and Thomas Tull as board members,” said Jerry Colangelo, Board Chair of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. “Each new member brings unique perspectives which will be invaluable in supporting the Hall of Fame’s mission to promote and preserve the game.”

“I look forward to working closely with our new Board members,” said John Doleva, President and CEO of the Hall of Fame. “We have a significant amount of investment coming to the Hall over

the next few years, and the Board’s input and guidance is critical to the success of our organizational goals.”

Board members serve as ambassadors of the Hall while also being responsible for preserving the fundamental mission and financial well-being of the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Board is made up of individuals that work in or have worked in the game, as well as business leaders that have supported the game in Springfield, Mass., or on a national or global level.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Prevents river overflow
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. Mister
- 25. Ends
- 26. Slope or tilt
- 27. Taxi
- 28. The very ends
- 29. Actor Sean
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Muddy, boggy ground

- 39. Not worldly
- 40. Actress Lathan
- 43. Soil
- 44. \_\_\_-Cola
- 45. Asleep
- 49. \_\_\_ Angeles
- 50. Give birth to a child
- 51. Beach shelter
- 53. Commercial
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Local jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted from a horse
- 60. Charge with a crime
- 63. Close in
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Draw a scene
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. Unlucky accident
- 4. A way to ski

- 5. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 6. Saw
- 7. “Westworld” actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. In a way, produces
- 15. Bowlers
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Gets some sun
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Aronofsky film
- 30. Klingon character, “Star Trek”
- 31. Equal to 100 square meters

- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Arrived extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant

- 36. Membranes
- 37. Some is poisonous
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small brown gray rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military official (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Took off
- 47. All
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Passed with flying colors
- 57. A way to win a boxing match
- 61. The Golden State
- 62. Home of the Longhorns

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the top of the second inning off an RBI single.

Sean Scanlon was on the bump to start the game for Valley, pitching four innings while allowing three runs and striking out two batters. In the bottom of the second inning, the Blue Sox took a run back off of an RBI double from Zach Ketterman. Matt Bergevin scored on the play to make it a 3-1 game.

Valley added two more runs to tie the game in the bottom of the third following RBI singles from AJ Guerrero and Matt Bergevin.

The Blue Sox then wasted no time taking the lead, scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth inning following the first home run hit by a Blue Sox player at home this season. Zach Ketterman hit a towering solo shot over the right field wall to make it a 4-3 ballgame. The third baseman went 2-for-3 with two RBIs in the contest.

Terry Murray relieved Scanlon in the top of the fifth inning, pitching two innings allowing one unearned run while striking out two.

The Nighthawks rallied back to tie the game 4-4 in the top of the sixth after two straight errors from the Blue Sox.

Zach Cameron pitched a scoreless frame in the top of the seventh to set the Blue Sox up to walk it off in the bottom half of the inning.

Jeff Pierantoni walked in the bottom of the seventh, then AJ Guerrero hit a double to put runners on second and third with only one out. EJ Kreutzmann hit a ground ball down the third base line allowing Jeff Pierantoni to score. The Blue Sox secured their second walk-off victory of the season 5-4.

## PIONEERS, from page 7

Hughes breakaway shot in the 58th minute was flicked over the endline by Vermont goalie Nathan Schmur resulting in a corner kick.

Less than ten minutes later, Hughes had another wide open shot, but his chip shot clanked off the cross bar.

The Pioneers didn’t miss their third scoring chance. The scoring play began when Connor Bagdon, who had also entered the match at halftime, intercepted a pass before delivering a pass to Lucio Berron. After dribbling the ball over the midfield line, Berron made a short pass to Ignacio Albo, who then found Jiana open on the left side. Jiana dribbled the ball into the box before firing a rocket shot into the right corner past Schmur, who made a diving attempt to make the save.

“I was wide open, and Ignacio passed the ball to me,” Jiana said. “Then I shot the ball with my right foot into the corner. As soon as I shot the ball, I knew that it was going to go into the net.”

When the Pioneers made the trek north to the University of Vermont on June 17, Albo scored the only goal of the match.

A year ago, the Pioneers pulled out a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind home victory over the Vermont Green.

In the first ever meeting between the USL-League two rivals.

During the first half of last Friday’s home match, Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cerosimo (4 saves) made a couple of outstanding saves, which allowed Jiana to score his third game winner of the season with ten minutes remaining in regulation.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23C0200CA

In the matter of:  
Tosheena Elizabeth Grass  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Tosheena Elizabeth Grass of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Oliver Marcus Barbosa  
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 08/08/2023.**

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 12, 2023  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/14/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23P1405EA

Estate of:  
Linda Jane Guyette  
Date of Death: 01/11/2023  
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 **Sandra Chamberlain of Brookline, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal

Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Sandra Chamberlain of Brookline, NH** 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 07/31/2023.**

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: July 03, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/14/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23C0196CA

In the matter of:  
Zachary Alexander Kronlund  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Zachary Alexander Kronlund of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Zoey Ganse Kronlund**  
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 08/04/2023.**

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, 2023  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/14/2023

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Holyoke Local Historic District Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.com** (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82731223000>); Meeting ID: 827 3122 3000 or CALL IN 1 646 558 8656 to hear, in accordance with Mass General Law (MGL) Chapter 40C, the establishment of a local historic district on the property of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Rectory and Recreation Hall, located at 435 Maple Street (Parcel 010-09-002), formerly known as Sacred Heart.

APPLICANT: Holyoke Local Historic District

Commission  
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07/14, 07/21/2023

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD19D0947DR  
Felix X Torres vs. Brenda M Torres  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed

a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Felix X Torres**  
22 Lodi Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

your answer, if any, on or before **10/06/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

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

Date: July 11, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
07/14/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD23P1433EA

Estate of:  
Alice J Zuvers  
Also known as:  
Alice Jean Zuvers  
Date of Death: 04/20/2023

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 **Gretchen LaBonte of South Hadley, 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: **Gretchen LaBonte of South Hadley, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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# RMV Service Center in Chicopee offering road tests

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles recently announced the Service Center located in Chicopee has expanded to offer road tests.

According to a news release, this location will continue to accept dropped off registration bundles for B2B bulk transactions for insurance agents and car dealerships, including new registration and titles, registration transfers and renewals, address changes and cancellations.

The RMV is implementing this customer service change to further support its ongoing efforts to prepare for the Work and Family Mobility Act which took effect on July 1, the release states. The RMV has also increased staffing and will be making translation assistance available for customers using a hotline, informational materials and interpreter services.

“The Registry of Motor Vehicles continues to strategically prepare for the implementation of the Work and Family Mobility Act and the anticipated customer service demand,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie.

“The transitioning of this service center to accommodate additional road tests will help provide customers in Western Massachusetts with increased access, dedicated support services and additional opportunities to help secure driving credentials.”

## B2B service

Customers will continue to be able to drop off registration bundles at the Chicopee RMV between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and pick up returned bundles between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

There are no changes to any other B2B locations servicing Western Massachusetts. Bulk registration services will continue to be processed in Easthampton, Greenfield, North Adams, Pittsfield and Springfield.

## Road Test Information and Requirements

Customers can schedule required road test appointments online at [mass.gov/myRMV](http://mass.gov/myRMV). Road test applicants must bring a physical copy of their learner’s permit, a printed and completed copy of the Road Test application and be accompanied by a qualified sponsor. A sponsor is a person who is a licensed driver over the age of 21 with at least one year of experience driving. In addition to meeting the application and sponsor qualifications, the applicant must make sure the vehicle brought for testing meets all functional and safety requirements.

Private passenger vehicles used for a Class D road test must meet the following requirements (including vehicles with an ignition interlock device, and vehicles with adaptive equipment for a competency test):

- Be in good working condition and be able to pass a safety check.

- Have a valid registration and current inspection sticker.

- Contain adequate seating accommodations next to the operator for the use of the examiner and have a rear seat for the sponsor.

- Be designed to let the examiner make an emergency stop using the parking brake. If not, the vehicle cannot be used for the road test.

- Any vehicle with a center console that does not have a parking brake as part of the console cannot be used.

- Any vehicle that does not allow the examiner unobstructed access to the parking brake cannot be used.

The RMV has created a webpage to help applicants locate all information related to their road test. The webpage, which is located at [mass.gov/guides/road-test-information](http://mass.gov/guides/road-test-information), includes information on what to expect, videos to help prepare for the road test, links to checklists and applications to increase applicants’ chances of passing their exams.

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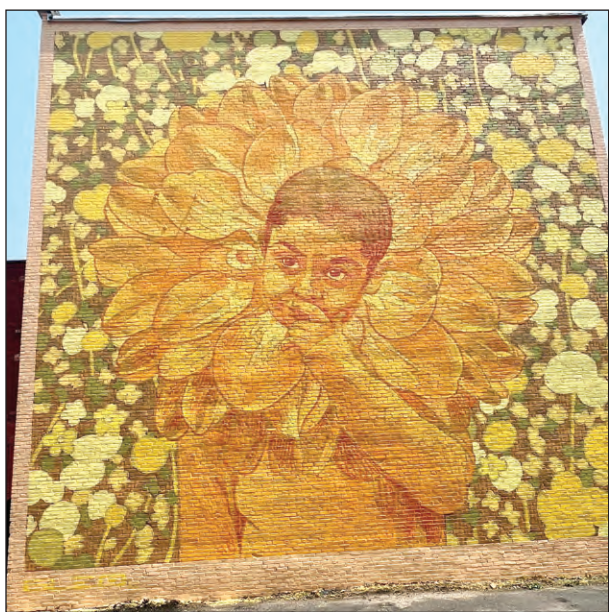
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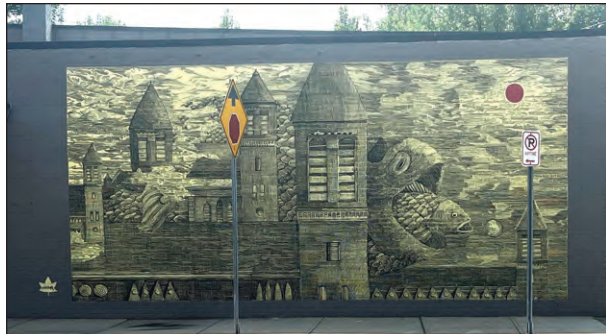
Don Rimx and David Zayas bring color to 649 S. Summer Street.



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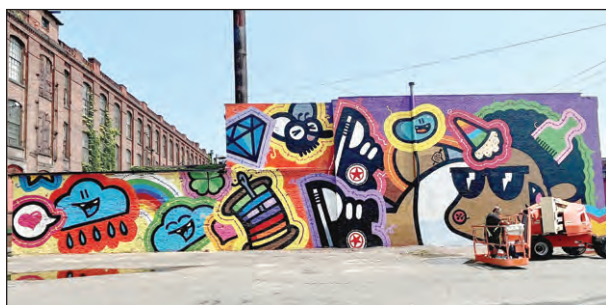
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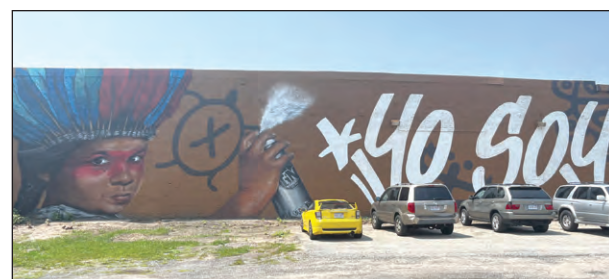
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benefits the people who are here now... we come and start putting this art up and suddenly the place gets better."

The director of the office of planning and economic development Aaron Vega was thrilled by the work the artists did, as well as the inspiration they brought to the city.

"The greatest part about having the artist and the team from Beyond Walls here in Holyoke is the inspiration they create throughout the city and beyond," Vega said. "The art fosters conversation, it brings people together, it brings beauty into spaces that have been underinvested

in and they highlight our shared story as people."

This was not the first time that Beyond Walls has come to Holyoke. Last year, 2022, eight murals were painted around the city. Holyoke was happy to have them back this year in order to continue bringing beauty to the city.

There is hope that Beyond Walls will return again in the future, according to Saravia.

"This year is the second year we are here, the city is very excited and supportive, the community is loving it...everybody is very happy and I think there is going to be a third year," he said.