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Mall shooting suspect held without bail

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – A juvenile male who was involved with a shooting incident at the Holyoke Mall last Friday has been ordered held without bail and soon could be sentenced as an adult for the incident.

The juvenile, who cannot be named because of his age, was from Springfield according to the Hampden County District Attorney's Office.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni said the incident could have been much worse, and emphasized the dangers of young people possessing and using guns.

"This harrowing situation could have ended much worse. Juveniles and guns is a recipe for disaster," Gulluni said.

The incident happened at about 4:30 p.m. last Friday afternoon. Police in

Holyoke responded to a report of shots fired at the mall.

According to the DA's report, a Holyoke Mall security officer observed an individual who was allegedly shoplifting. The security officer alerted Holyoke Police who were working a detail assignment within the mall.

The suspect was approached by officers near the middle of the mall close to Round 1, a bowling and arcade place at the mall. The juvenile showed a firearm and discharged the weapon, leading to a brief firefight. The juvenile was shot in the leg by police and transported to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was arrested and the firearm he used was recovered in the incident.

Gulluni said he plans to pursue a youthful

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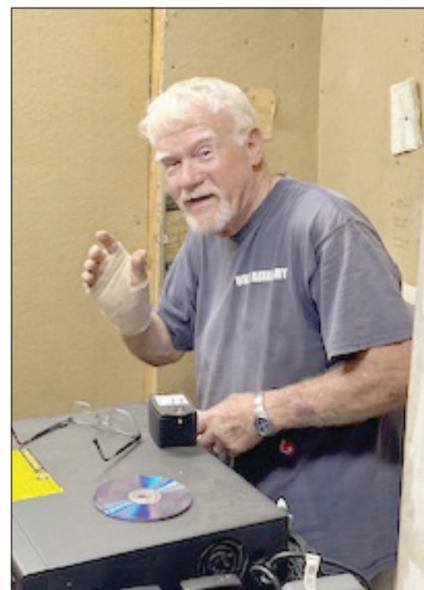
Krawczynski brothers receive U.S. Coast Guard Award

WILBRAHAM / HOLYOKE – Paul J. Krawczynski of Wilbraham and his brother Richard M. Krawczynski of Holyoke received The Larry and Lenore Closson Family Award for their extended participation in US Coast Guard Auxiliary Programs at the recent US Coast Guard Auxiliary District Training Conference on April 26.

Recently, Division 9 gathered to celebrate Richard Krawczynski's 55 years of active service to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. For the Krawczynski family, that's just the tip of the iceberg. Richard became a member along with his brother-in-law, A. Paul Dexdrader on December 8, 1969. Slightly less than two years later, they were joined by Richard's brother, Paul Krawczynski (September 2, 1971). Following in family tradition, the three were joined by Richard's son, Anthony,



Paul Krawczynski working on the installation of new repeater antennae on top of Skinner House on Skinner Mountain.



Richard Krawczynski working recently installing a new repeater antennae up at Skinner Mountain in South Hadley/Hadley, MA. Submitted photos



in 1996, who served for 10 years.

The brothers and brother-in-law, all AUXOP Members, served as Flotilla and Division elected officers

and held staff appointments over their entire careers, while simultaneously mentoring and supporting those who followed them.

Mr. Dexdrader crossed the bar in 2004 with 34.4

years of service. A proud WWII veteran, he was designated as a Master Instructor, Vessel Examiner, Program Visitor and Cox'n. He served

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Paint by Number program hosted at library

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library held a Paint by Number program for teens.

Teens were welcomed into the library to work on different Paint by Number projects while enjoying snacks and music.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how they come out," Teen Librarian Robin Siniaho said. "I hope the teens have a good time and get to create some art."

Siniaho was inspired to do the event when she heard of another local library doing something similar for adults.

"I thought, 'wow, the teens would really like this,'" Siniaho said.

To prepare for the event Siniaho did a variety of research to try to find the perfect kits.

"I did a bit of research because the Paint by Number kits come in all different kinds and I wanted to have ones that would work in the space and that the teens would enjoy," Siniaho said.

In the end she decided

on four different options, each featuring a nature-related scene.

"I tried to find some colorful, interesting ones," Siniaho said. "These all look pretty magical."

All of the teens who came had a lovely time. Many of them have been consistently coming to the library for all of the teen programs this summer, something Siniaho has greatly enjoyed.

"A highlight for the summer has been just getting to

know everybody," Siniaho said. "We've been having a lot of fun."

The week before the Paint by Number event Siniaho put on a game day for the teens where they got to play giant board games.

"We played a giant Sorry game where the pieces were so large we had to play it on the floor," Siniaho said. "It was the most competitive game of sorry I have ever played."

The library has more programming for teens on

every Tuesday and Thursday at around 1 p.m. through the end of summer.

"We are going to do a teen movie night and pizza party," Siniaho said.

Siniaho is glad that she has been able to have these consistent programs for the teens so they know they can always have something to do at the library.

On top of these programs for teens, the library also has programs for younger children and for adults.

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Refreshments were provided for the participants.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala



Ballot finalized following closure of nominations

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – Earlier this week, City Clerk Brenna Murphy has announced the lineup for the upcoming Preliminary and Municipal Elections. The deadline for submitting nomination papers to get on the Nov. 4, Municipal Election ballot was Tuesday, July 29. The ballot signals Preliminary races in Wards 1 and 5.

She said preliminary races occur when more than two candidates seek the same seat. There will be preliminary contests for City Councilor in Ward 1 and School Committee Member in Ward 5. The Preliminary Election will be held on September 16, 2025, and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The closure of the nomination process has signaled that Mayor Joshua Garcia will not have a challenger. Garcia defeated multiple candidates to gain the mayor's seat four years ago. Garcia won a primary and then defeated City Councilor

Michael Sullivan in the November 2021 election. Garcia will likely win his second term as mayor barring a major write-in campaign from another candidate.

Leary laid out the rest of the ballot for this fall, including a couple of primaries that will need to take place.

The Ward 1 City Council Preliminary ballot will list incumbent Jenny Rivera and challengers Victor Machado and Jose R. Candelario. The Ward 5 School Committee Preliminary will involve newcomers Jens M. Michaelson, James Alan Rossmeisl, and Aida Luz Oquendo Oquendo. Incumbent Ward 5 School Committee Member John G. Whelihan is not seeking re-election. The top two candidates in both of those races will move on to the Municipal Election being held on November 4, 2025.

Preliminary Election polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the following locations:

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Fiesta Patronales celebration continues this weekend

HOLYOKE – Mayor Joshua A. Garcia invites visitors and residents to be a part of this year's Fiestas Patronales of Holyoke – a four-day celebration taking place from July 31 to August 3.

"Now in its fourth year, this annual event continues

to grow, bringing together the community to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Holyoke and Western Massachusetts," Mayor Garcia said.

"Fiestas Patronales is a celebration of the music, food, and dance that define Puerto Rican culture — an

essential part of what makes Holyoke unique," he said. "With thousands turning out, this is an incredible opportunity to connect with the community, showcase your brand, and be part of an unforgettable cultural experience."

Holyoke is home to the first Puerto Rican Cultural District in Massachusetts and only the second in the nation. This designation is the result of years of dedication and collaboration between the City of Holyoke, Nueva Esperanza, and partners across the state.

As part of Holyoke's ongoing efforts to celebrate and preserve Puerto Rican culture, the Patronales honors a different town in Puerto Rico each year. This year, the Fiestas recognizes Comerío, a town rich in history and heritage. Founded on June 12, 1826, Comerío was originally known as Sabana del Palmar (Palm Savannah) due to its abundance of palm trees. In 1894, the City Council successfully petitioned the Spanish Crown to rename the town Comerío, in honor of the indigenous cacique, or chief, Comerío, who once lived in the region.



Paranormal program to haunt Old Meeting House Museum

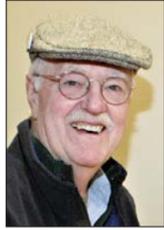
By Charles F. Bennett
Times Editor Emeritus

paranormal activity.
Unexplained Phenomena

WILBRAHAM – Historian David Bourcier, president of the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham that operates the Old Meeting House Museum in the center of town, is asking the community: “Have you ever wondered what goes bump in the night? Then, join us at the Old Meeting House Museum on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. for a fascinating afternoon with Agawam Paranormal, a nearby team of experienced investigators who explore reported paranormal activity in the area.”

Rob Goff, founder, director and lead investigator of the Paranormals will be the guest speaker at the museum’s Open House on Aug. 10. The community event is free, open to the public and runs from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the Gift Shop will be open.

Founded by Rob Goff Sr. in 2007, Agawam Paranormal is a close-knit team of family and friends who conduct investigations at homes, businesses, and historic sites suspected of being haunted. Their work is rooted in a scientific approach, using a wide array of equipment and techniques to document potential evidence of



According to their website, the group has over 30 years of personal experience in the paranormal field. Rob Goff has led the Paranormals in exploring countless unexplained phenomena. To ensure professionalism and preparedness, Goff developed a comprehensive training program—“Ghostology 101”—which all team members must complete before joining active investigations. The course covers everything from investigative protocol and equipment usage to types of hauntings, apparitions, and how to respectfully engage with the unknown.

Goff became interested in the paranormal over 30 years ago when he was witness to things that he was never able to adequately explain, even to himself. He has done extensive research on the subject and has a scientific mindset and approach to any investigation.

He also conducts and oversees all of the team training for new investigators. His popular “Ghostology” series are often presented at local libraries.

Goff is aided by his wife, Hope Goff, co-founder, assistant director and lead investigator. Hope says she has actually lived with a haunting and as such, brings



Agawam Paranormal Director Rob Goff Sr. conducts a pre-investigation briefing at his home at a previous event. His work is rooted in a scientific approach, using a wide array of equipment and techniques to document potential evidence of paranormal activity.

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a unique point of view and perspective to all of the investigations.

She takes a compassionate approach to both the clients and the suspected hauntings, especially if it is believed that the haunting is caused by a child spirit. She also enjoys being one of the team’s “Spirit Photographers” and is very proficient with all of the equipment and habitually thinks “outside of the box” during investigations. As if all of this wasn’t enough, Hope says also makes the best chocolate chip cookies in the area.

to be both educational and entertaining.”

Donations to the museum are welcome.

Museum Schedule

For the past several seasons the Museum, owned by the town and managed by the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham, has held guest talks nearby at the Wilbraham & Monson Chapel or at the Wilbraham Library. But this season the open houses have come back home to Sundays at the Old Meeting House, built in 1794 as the first Methodist meeting house in New England.

The August 10 event follows previous open houses featuring Rich Howell, historical re-enactor and Kristin Rivers, editor of *The Wilbraham-Hampden Times* who demonstrated that newspapering is the first draft of history. The July 10 open house was a sweet one that gave out Friendly’s treats at the Ice Cream Social. The next open houses are as follows:

September 7 – “Treasures from the Attic – Museum-style”. Curator Lucy Peltier, aided by Trustee Marty Lyman will search through donated historical items in boxes, closets, and chests in the storage room and attic of the Old Meeting



Stanley Park invites community to annual fundraiser on Sept. 13

WESTFIELD – Stanley Park is pleased to invite the community to its Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. in the Beveridge Pavilion. This cherished event helps sustain the Park’s natural beauty, facilities, and free public programs.

The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, a buffet dinner, dessert, a cash bar, and show-stopping entertainment from How2Go Dueling Pianos—a high-energy, interactive,

request-driven musical experience where two pianists battle it out with your favorite songs and a healthy dose of humor.

Returning this year is an exciting online auction with an added raffle, filled with must-have prizes you won’t want to miss out on, including an hour-long scenic plane ride for three, a weeklong Cape Cod vacation, gift certificates to your favorite local businesses, museum passes, and much more.

Follow Stanley Park on Facebook for exclusive previews of auction and raffle items leading up to the event.

Seats are limited, so don’t wait—reserve your now at <https://auctria.events/ivorykeysandmelodies> and enjoy a memorable night while making a lasting difference for Stanley Park.

Please call the Development Office at 413-568-9312 x108 or email development@stanleypark.org with any questions.

Chakra dance sessions offered

WESTFIELD – Join us Aug. 18 on the Stanley Park Acre Lawn next to the Pavilion Annex from 6 to 7 p.m. for two Chakra Dance sessions led by Harlene Simmons from All Natural Reiki.

Chakra dance is rhythm for your soul, a movement-based practice that combines dance, music, and visualization to balance and activate the body’s seven energy centers, or chakras. This dance is to balance your Chakras (energy centers) and discover a deepened connection to your

true self and feeling of coming home.

Music for your Base Chakra: vibrational, connecting your body to earth

Music for your Sacral Chakra: sensual, connecting to your inner goddess or god

Music for your Solar Plexus Chakra: fiery & dynamic, strong defined movement.

Music for your Heart Chakra: uplifting, joyful softening of your heart.

Music for your Throat Chakra: more ethereal, chanting as you dance, expressing your inner truth.

Music for your Third Eye Chakra: High vibrations, opens up to intuitive guidance through dance.

Music for your Crown Chakra: opening to a feeling of oneness, connected to the divine.

Dress comfortably, easy, flowing clothes are recommended.

Donations to the Park of \$5 per person, per class, is suggested.

For more information on Chakra Dance classes and all other Stanley Park events, check online at: www.stanleypark.org.

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Guest Column



I'm turning 70. When should I apply for Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I have a very simple question: I will turn 70 on Sept. 20 and want to start my Social Security benefits in September.

What month should I file my claim? Have there been delays with the reductions in SSA staff? Thank you for your help.

Signed: Ready to Claim.

Dear Ready to Claim:

Social Security allows you to submit your application for benefits up to four months prior to the month you wish benefits to start (you will specify your desired benefit-start-month on the application).

Thus, to have your benefits begin in September (the month you turn 70), you can submit your application as early as May 2025. That will give SS plenty of time to get your benefits started on time.

Remember, though, that SS pays benefits in the month following the month earned, so if you start benefits in September, you will receive your first SS payment in October on the third Wednesday.

And, since you will be turning 70 in September you are entitled to full benefits effective from the first of that month. Congratulations on choosing a strategy, which maximizes your monthly payment. By claiming at age 70, your monthly SS benefit will be about 31% more than it would have been at your Full Retirement Age and you will get that higher monthly amount for the rest of your life.

Re your question about possible delays, Social Security staff reductions have not included "front line" agents, those who handle applications, so the SS recent staff adjustments should not likely delay processing your application.

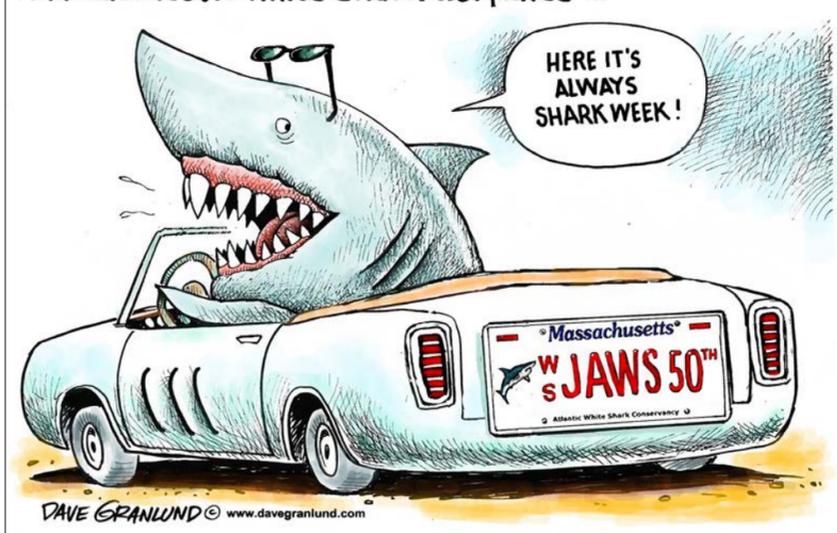
Although some

back-office staffing turmoil currently exists at SSA, they have been moving more people to front-line positions to try to improve their service. Just be aware, however, that it normally takes the SSA about two to three months to process new applications, which is why they allow applications up to 4 months in advance. You will specify the month you wish benefits to start on your application. In any case, although your application should be fine if you submit it this month, rest assured that they will pay you starting with the month you requested, even if they must do so retroactively.

FYI, people can apply for Social Security in person by making a telephone appointment to do so at 1-800-772-1213 or they can apply online at www.ssa.gov/apply. To apply online, they need to have first created their "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Here is a video which explains the online application process: www.ssa.gov/hlp/video/iclaim_r01.htm.

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Guest Column



Male common yellowthroat

By Ellenor Downer

A Brimfield resident reported a common yellowthroat in his yard.

The common yellowthroat as its name implies has a yellow throat. It also has a long tail and round belly. The males have a black mask with a whitish line above, olive upper parts, yellow throat and yellow under its tail. Females are brownish olive above with a yellow throat and breast. They lack the distinct, black mask of the male.

Yellowthroats are small songbirds about 4 to 5 inches long. The males sing a "wichety-wichety-wichety" song. Both sexes give a full sounding "chuck" note. During migration, the yellowthroat is the most common warbler found in fields and along their edges.

These warblers live in open areas with thick, low vegetation ranging from marsh to grassland to pine forests. The females select a nest location, near or on the ground supported by sedge, reeds, cattails, briars and other low plants. Nests in marshy areas are usually higher off the ground where they are safer from flooding. Sometimes the nest has a roof like the ovenbird nests. They are one of the species that cowbirds lay their eggs

in their nests.

People may designate an area of dense or tangled low-growing grasses and other vegetation to attract common yellowthroats to their yards. Yellowthroats prefer larger yards of at least half an acre or more.

Phoebe nest

I received an email containing a photo of an Eastern phoebe nest filled with phoebe nestlings. Eastern phoebes nest near humans often selecting a spot over a door or in a shed.

Wild turkeys

My grandson and I had to stop and wait for several hen turkeys with their poults to move them along a backroad in Barre. The largest hen led the way, walking down the middle of the road. Three other hens took up the rear with the poults walking all over the place. Some even stopped to explore the edge of the road, but then ran to catch up. Finally, they headed into the grass and woods on the edge of the road.

More Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident said he has seen more birds in his yard since his last email. "Baltimore orioles have been seen more often at the birdbath, prob-

ably because of the warm weather we have been having." On a recent day he had a robin, three orioles, cardinals, a titmouse, a chipping sparrow, blue jays, catbirds and a common yellowthroat all stopped by the birdbath and a black and white warbler was seen in the yard.

He said he took down the bird feeders because of bears. "We had a bear make a daytime visit. It was not seen, but we discovered that it had cleaned out the feeding station. All the black oil sunflower seed, two suet cakes, a "log" of compressed seeds and fruit and suet pellets were all gone. Fortunately the bear didn't damage anything or steal any of the feeders which they often do."

His wife checks a town Facebook page and has seen many reports of bears in town and many of them are in the daytime so he figured it was time to take the feeders down. He still throws a seed mix around in several places like he always has and only put handfuls of black oil and whole peanuts in a small try hanging from a Shepard's crook.

He said, "I've started to see young of the year around the yard. Several days ago

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Guest Column

The Pemi Loop at 60

By Julie Midura
Guest Columnist

Last December, I got this harebrained idea to do something crazy for my birthday this June. It would be my way of proving to myself that 60 isn't as old as it sounds in my head.

The Pemi Loop - called "the second hardest day hike in the United States" by Backpacker Magazine - is a 32-mile hike that encircles the largest wilderness area in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

With 10 summits and 10,500 feet of elevation gain-

along with technical climbs and descents-completing this rugged hike in one day would be the hardest endurance challenge I had ever attempted. As such, it would require significant training.

But in January, just one month after the idea took hold, life took a turn when our 1-year-old granddaughter, Charlotte, was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Three months later, in April, our middle daughter's high risk pregnancy with twins became more serious when both babies were diagnosed

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Julie Midura celebrated her 60th birthday on the Pemi Loop.

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The Holyoke Sun welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to *The Holyoke Sun*, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to thesun@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Friday's

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For more information, call 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspa-

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Commerce holding 50th Class Reunion

SPRINGFIELD – The High School of Commerce Class of 75 is holding their 50th class reunion.

It will take place at the Storrowton Tavern, West Springfield, MA, on Saturday Aug. 30, 2025 at 6 p.m.

Contact Janet at jan0826@comcast.net to learn more.

Veterans Cemetery friends group holding golf tournament

AGAWAM – The Friends of the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Agawam and the Friends of the Agawam Veterans Council proudly announce their First Annual Golf Tournament in support of Wreaths Across America, a national effort to honor and remember our fallen veterans during the holiday season.

This exciting event promises a day of camaraderie, remembrance, and community support. Golfers, sponsors, and community members are invited to participate and help lay wreaths

at the graves of veterans resting at the Agawam Veterans Memorial Cemetery this December.

Event Details: 18 Holes of Golf with a cart, lunch, dinner and a raffle entry.

Location: Agawam Municipal Golf Course

Date: Aug. 31

Time: 12 noon

Registration Options:

- Individual Golfer: \$125
- Team of Four: \$450
- Dinner Only: \$30
- Tee Sponsor: \$100 (Company or "In Memory of" dedication)
- Other Sponsorship

Opportunities Available

Payments Accepted:
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Registration forms are available upon request.

Join us in honoring those who served with a round of golf, good food, and great company – all for a noble cause.



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with heart issues.

The nail in the coffin came in May, when our 160-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail through New Jersey and New York – my one and final opportunity to train for the Pemi Loop – ended just six days in. Our youngest daughter had been rushed to the emergency room with a life-threatening pregnancy complication and was forced to deliver the baby five weeks early. (Mom and baby are now doing well.)

Over the last six months, our family has needed us, and

my time has been better spent being there for the people I love, rather than spending my weekends training for an epic endurance hike.

So I shelved the idea of a solo, single-day Pemi Loop in favor of completing a 'leisurely' three-day Pemi Loop backpacking trip with my husband instead. After all, we wouldn't really need to train for it...would we?

The short answer, as we discovered last weekend, is "Yes, you did need to train for it, you fools!"

Although our bodies most definitely took a beating, weary legs and several falls were a small price to pay for admission.

Because I have no desire to carefully preserve this now 60-year-old body. I prefer to use it up until there is nothing left. To wring out every last bit of my youth on adventures and experiences such as this.

You see, although our bodies most assuredly have a shelf life, there are parts of us that will forever remain ageless. And I plan to carry the best parts of my younger self into my older years.

I plan to worry less about "acting my age" and spend more time celebrating it. I plan to scramble up steep rock ledges. Watch the sun rise and set from mountaintops. Sleep in the wilder-

ness. Slow dance on summits. Kiss...even when someone is watching.

I plan to slide into the next decade, battered, bruised and bandaged, all while yelling, "Dang, what an amazing ride!"

So on our final day of

the trip, I was disappointed to hear Tom say, "I hate to tell you this, but this will be my last Pemi Loop."

However, he said the same exact thing two years ago when we completed our fourth Pemi Loop. I'm secretly hoping that hiker amnesia

kicks in again in two years when he turns 70. Because don't you agree that there's no better place to become a septuagenarian than on a walk around the largest wilderness area in New Hampshire? See you in the wild places, my friends.

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two juveniles were following an adult male red-bellied woodpecker around, two juvenile Baltimore Orioles were seen at the bird bath and I also saw a juvenile chipping sparrow take a bath."

Bobolinks

He said, "A few years back I took part in a citizen science project monitoring bobolinks at Moore State Park in Paxton. Because the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation

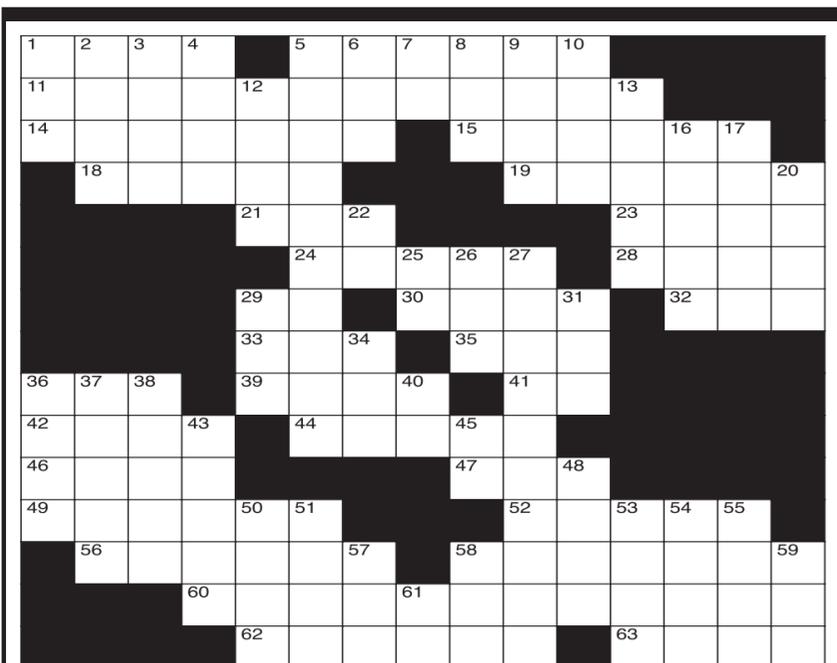
has failed to maintain two large fields at the park for the benefit of grassland species the bobolink population at the park has declined. Milkweed, multi flora rose, bindweed, crown vetch and other non-grass type vegetation is slowing invading the once grass fields. The first year I monitored the park there were 149 bobolinks seen in the largest field in August but unfortunately the numbers declined every subsequent year."

Osprey

This Brimfield resident visits a pond in Warren often

to check on an osprey nest. He said, "The osprey nest in Warren may have only produced one young this year. The nest has gotten bigger over the years so I hoping that there are more young in the nest that have been unseen because the nest is deeper now."

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5. Guards the Pyramids
11. Furnish anew
14. Herb
15. Preoccupy the mind continually
18. The lowest adult male singing voice
19. NATO commander (abbr.)
21. A major division of geological time
23. New Zealand parrot
24. Notions
28. Lump in yarn
29. Indicates position
30. Lose hold of
32. Hindu honorific
33. Former OSS
35. Electronic data processing

36. Cost per mile
39. Snake-like fish
41. They start the alphabet
42. Taylor Swift's tour
44. Intermediate ecological stage
46. Scarlett's home
47. Of he
49. Ohio city
52. Breakfast item
56. An evening party
58. ___ Falls
60. Linked together
62. Mythological spirits
63. Small Eurasian deer

CLUES DOWN

1. Earliest human form: ___-Magnon man
2. Flavoring
3. Notion

4. Bundy and Fenwick are two
5. Qualities of sound
6. One who gets paid
7. Expresses surprise
8. O.J. trial judge
9. Pointed ends of pens
10. Shield bugs genus
12. Container for shipping
13. Upper body parts
16. Closes tightly
17. Nigerian World Heritage Site
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22. Commercial
25. - ___ denotes past
26. They ___
27. Confraternities
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31. Parts per billion (abbr.)
34. Brew
36. Badgers group
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38. ___ Polo, explorer
40. Elder citizen (abbr.)
43. Frankish law code
45. Exclamation of surprise
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PeoplesBank advances to finals



Alex Gochinski makes a throw to first for Teddy Bear Pools.



Dave Clark flips a throw to first. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

HOLYOKE – In a best-of-three games series, the PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball team swept Teddy Bear Pools in two games to advance to the league championship series. St. Joseph's won its series in three games, two games to one, to face PeoplesBank. That championship series was scheduled to begin earlier this week. PeoplesBank defeated Teddy Bear in both games by a final of 7-2.



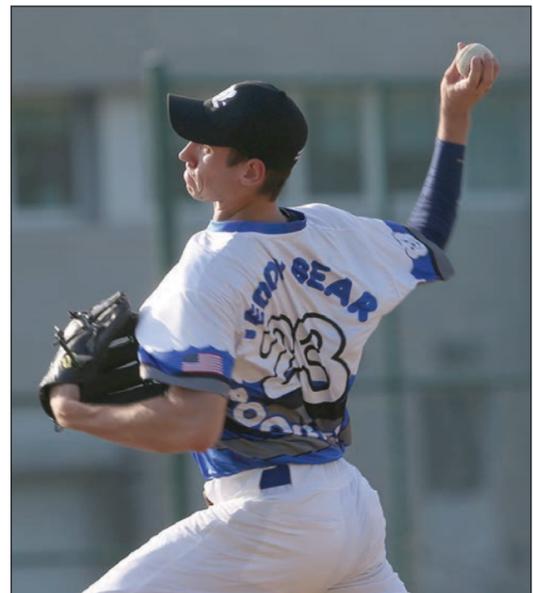
Rey Rivera gets the out at first for PeoplesBank.



Seth Allen steals second base.



Cam MacDonald sends the ball from third to first.



Brendan Fournier throws a pitch home.

Blue Sox score win over Bristol

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox hosted the Bristol Blues in what was a phenomenal game. Bristol (25-17) scored two runs in the top of the second. Blues' Dean Oneill singled, which was then followed by a Thomas Ahlers single. The first baseman Trevor Hansen smacked a double into left to score Oneill and Ahlers. The Blues were in business up 2-0.

Valley (19-21) responded in the bottom of the fourth inning. Second baseman Sean Darnell singled into left for the Blue Sox's first hit of the night. An E4 by Bristol's Danny Infante allowed Michael Elko to advance to first. John LaFleur then came up to the plate. He doubled off the right field wall to score Darnell and advance Elko to third. Tim Ford hit a sac-fly to right, which scored Elko and advanced LaFleur to third. Valley's Catcher, Hayden Perry singled, scoring LaFleur to give the Blue Sox the lead 3-2 after four innings.

The Blues found their offensive footing in the top of the fifth. Tyler Benick reached first on a walk. Blue Sox's Starting Pitcher Conor Wolf got replaced by Jake Andrews with one out in the inning. Andrews

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St. Joseph's heads for Tri-County finals

PALMER – In a big Game 3 matchup last week, St. Joseph's defeated BankESB 11-3 to win the semifinal series 2-1 and advance to the Tri-County

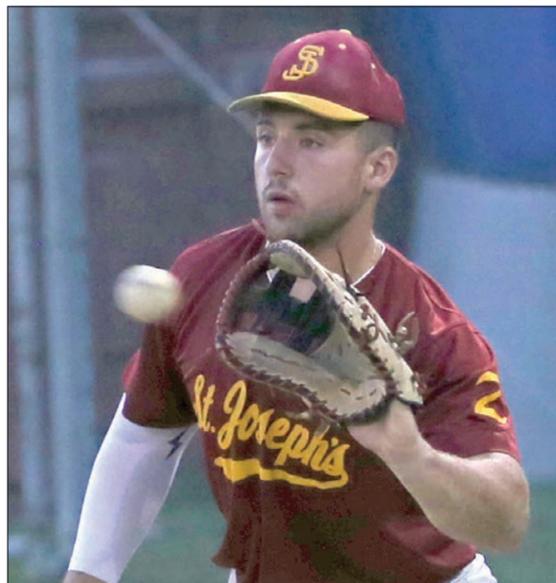
Baseball League finals. St. Joe's was scheduled to take on rival PeoplesBank in the championship series held earlier this week.



Jack Feltovic throws a pitch home for the Saints



Brandon Magni smothers a grounder.



Joe DeMichele catches an out at first.



Jacob Petrin catches a throw down to second.

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Ron Silk conquers Monadnock Speedway

WINCHESTER, New Hampshire – After a series record eight different to open the year, Sunday's Cheshire County Clash 200 at Monadnock Speedway yielded the first repeat winner of the 2025 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour season.

Ron Silk would be the one to snap the streak, earning his first Monadnock victory with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in the process. The triumph did not come without drama for Silk, who collided with race leader Patrick Emerling in Turn 3 with 30 laps remain-

ing, sending the latter for a spin.

Silk attributed the collision to two drivers going for the win. Although he was disappointed to see Emerling spin after the contact, Silk was more than satisfied to finally visit Victory Lane at Monadnock in his 15th appearance.

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Matt Hirschman celebrates after claiming the Whelen Short Track Cup for the second time during the Cheshire County Clash 200 for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour at Monadnock Speedway in Winchester, New Hampshire on July 20, 2025. (Photo: Jaiden Tripi/NASCAR)

Bonsignore held on to finish second while Hirschman secured third, which enabled him to claim his second Whelen Short Track Cup. Hirschman

endured an odyssey just to reach the top five, as a mistake in qualifying relegated him to 20th on the starting grid.

By utilizing strategy and persevering with a car not to his liking, Hirschman narrowly edged out his Mud Lane neighbor Austin Beers for the Whelen Short Track Cup and a \$3,500 bonus courtesy of JDV Productions.

"I did not think this was possible," Hirschman said. "I do think we gave it away last night, but we ended up with a third place finish with

a car that felt like it was on six or seven cylinders. My guys worked hard, nobody knows what the problem is, but it's nobody's fault. The Cup wouldn't have even been a contest if we finished remotely close to where we should have last night.

"I feel like I drove my rear end off today with what I had."

Anthony Nocella and Trevor Catalano made up the rest of the top five. Rounding out the top 10 at Monadnock were Joey Cipriano III, Luke Baldwin, Emerling, Beers and Tommy Catalano.

Candlepin League News

By Ryan Drago
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Summer Edition

EAST BROOKFIELD – It is week 12 as the Wednesday Mixed Summer League at Bogey Lanes nears the end of the season.

With only two weeks left, Sophia's Raiders have a comfortable lead in first place with a record of 73-23. Kristen's Squad move into second place with a record of 54-42. The Gutter Dolls are in third place with a record of 53-43.

During week 12, Sophia's Raiders bowled against Team No Shows. In game one, Sophia's Raiders won against No Shows by a score of 454-425. Trever Kenneson bowled a 112 in game one.

In game two, No Shows got the victory by a score of 472-442. Ryan Drago of No Shows bowled a 121 and Pete Swistak bowled a 104.

In game three, Sophia's Raiders won the last game

by a score of 426-401. Phil Clough of Sophia's Raiders finished the match with a 107 and Swistak finished with a 106. The final score was 1322-1298 in favor of Sophia's Raiders.

Kristen's Squad bowled against Rolling Stones this past week. In game one, Kristen's Squad bowled well and won by a score of 483-419. Emily Black of Kristen's Squad bowled well over her average with a 107 and her teammate Bob Button bowled a 126.

In game two, Rolling Stones won by a score of 424-411. In game three, Kristen's Squad won by a score of 413-404. The final score was 1307-1247 in favor of Kristen's Squad, who are now in second place.

Gutter Fingers bowled against Gutter Dolls in week 12. In game one, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 444-422. In game two, Gutter Fingers won again by a score of 450-422. In game three, Gutter Fingers won by a score of 439-434 to sweep the Gutter Dolls. The final

score was 1333-1278 in favor of Gutter Fingers.

The Gutter Snipes bowled against their average in week 12 and won two points. Marc Vinciulla had a good game during game one with a 129. The Gutter Snipes are currently in eighth place with a record of 44-52.

Straight Shooters bowled against Clock Barn this past week. In game one, Clock Barn tied with Straight Shooters by a score of 452-452. In game two, Clock Barn won a close game by a score of 432-426.

In game three, Clock Barn won another close game by a score of 423-420. Clock Barn received seven points as they won total pinfall by a final score of 1307-1298. Clock Barn has a record of 28-68 after twelve weeks of bowling.

With a comfortable lead, it looks like Sophia's Raiders have clinched first place to win this year's summer league on Wednesday nights at Bogey Lanes. The league will end in a couple weeks followed by a banquet.

Quabbin Valley set to host second 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.

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struck out the first batter he faced, that being Infante. Kristopher Giangreco walked to put another runner on base for Bristol. The three-hole hitter, Gianni Merlonghi, ripped a single into shallow right field, scoring Benick to tie the game at 3-3. Valley's relief pitcher Andrews, got out of the inning by striking out Oneill to limit the damage to one run.

In the bottom of the sixth the Blue Sox's First Baseman Elko blasted a homer into right field as the crowd roared in cheers. Valley was now up 4-3 after the go ahead homer by Elko. Blue Sox Head Coach Endy Morales was hyped after the homer. "He's unbelievable. Off the field he's a high character guy and on the field he does all the little things right." Ford then lined a single in the gap into left but then got caught on a pickoff

by Bristol's Pitcher Mason Glickman. The Blue Sox were not able to score more runs after the homerun but reclaimed the lead to end the inning.

No more runs were scored and the game ended 4-3 in favor of Valley. Morales gave his thoughts on the game. "I thought we pitched really well. We got ahead of a bunch of hitters and that makes a big difference when you're getting ahead."

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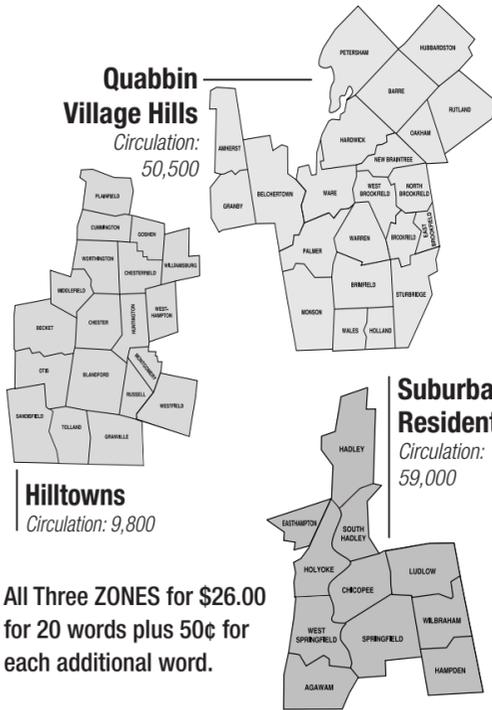
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Docket No. HD25P1550EA
Estate of:

John Joseph Czerapowicz
Also known as:
John J Czerapowicz
Date of Death: 06/24/2025
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 **Robert W Moritko 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: **Robert W Moritko 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 08/25/2025. 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: July 28, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
08/01/2025

CITY OF HOLYOKE, MA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2026-002 ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE
SEALED BIDS ARE DUE BY 1:00 PM ON 8/21/25 EST
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for electrical maintenance services for Holyoke City & School buildings. Involvement with any City of Holyoke Procurement shall be in accordance with M.G.L 30B,c. 149, 30& 39 M. 30, c. 30B & 5, c. 7C & 44-57. It shall be the responsibility of each supplier to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, CORI, DEP, and/or FEDERAL, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS rules, and regulations or other requirements, as each may apply. Sealed bids for this project shall be received by the City of Holyoke from qualified bidders submitted on forms furnished by the City 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:

City of Holyoke, Purchasing
536 Dwight Street #3
Holyoke, MA 01040

Please provide 1 original and 1 copies of your submittal.

OSHA & Labor Harmony Certificates are required and must be submitted with your bid.

Every bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the first year bid amount, in the form of a bid bond; or a certified check; or a treasurer's check; or by cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, made payable to the City of Holyoke.

The contract will be awarded to the most responsible and responsive bidder with the lowest grand total price for the first year of the contract. The City will require the successful bidder to sign a City contract and be bound to all terms and conditions in this Invitation to Bid. Documents can be obtained electronically from morrowj@holyoke.org or in person at no charge from the purchasing office. No electronic submissions allowed. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
08/01/2025

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. HD25P1547EA
Estate of:
Linda Lucille Ferguson
Also known as:
Linda L Ferguson
Date of Death: 11/26/2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Michele Fortin Duval of West Springfield, 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: **Michele Fortin Duval of West Springfield, 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 08/22/2025. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 25, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
08/01/2025

CITY OF HOLYOKE, MA
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2026-003
HVAC MAINTENANCE
SEALED BIDS ARE DUE BY 2:00 PM ON 8/21/25 EST
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for HVAC maintenance services for Holyoke City & School buildings. Involvement with any City of Holyoke Procurement shall be in accordance with M.G.L 30B,c. 149, 30& 39

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08/01/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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50 State Street
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD25P0607EA
Estate of:
Mildred M. Kot
Also known as:
Mildred M Dodge
Date of Death: 01/28/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen Cropanese, Business of Holyoke, 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: **Jonathan J. Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 08/19/2025. 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 21, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
08/01/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P2086PM
In the matter of:
Janat D. Langevin
Of: Holyoke, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/Respondent
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the first account(s) of Roger Langevin of Holyoke, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or

have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/19/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M. Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 14, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register of Probate
08/01/2025

Holyoke
Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Pursuant to MGL Chap. 131 §40 and the Holyoke Wetlands Protection Ordinance, the City of Holyoke Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, August 28th, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. remotely via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82817369344>** on a Bundled Notice of Intent filed by MassDOT for the routine and emergency maintenance of roadways and drainage systems within the State Highway Layout in Holyoke, MA. The proposed project includes work within the 100-foot Buffer Zone, 200-foot Riverfront Area, Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Bank, and Bordering Land Subject to Flooding.
Signed,
Jeffery Horan, Chairperson
08/01/2025

BALLOT, from page 1

- Ward 1, Precinct A, Rosary Towers, 21 Bowers Street
- Ward 1, Precinct B, City Hall 536 Dwight St.
- Ward 5, Precinct A, Lt. Elmer J. McMahon School gym
- Ward 5, Precinct B, Maurice A. Donahue School gym

The Municipal Election ballot will list City Council contests in Wards 1, 3, and 4. The Ward 3 race will involve incumbent David K. Bartley and challenger Anne Thalheimer. The Ward 4 race is between newcomers Richard Paul Purcell and Peter Diaz Jr. Incumbent Kocayne S. Givner is not seeking re-election.

Uncontested races
• Mayor Joshua A. Garcia

- City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary
- City Council Ward 2 newcomer Nicole Marie Maisonet. Incumbent Carmen Y. Ocasio is not seeking re-election.
- City Councilor Ward 5 Linda L. Vacon
- City Councilor Ward 6 Juan C. Anderson-Burgos
- City Councilor Ward 7 Meg Magrath-Smith.
- At-Large School Committee Member Devin Sheehan. (Two-year term)
- At-Large School Committee Member Mildred I. Lefebvre (Four-year term)
- School Committee Member Ward 1 Gladys Lebron-Martinez
- School Committee Member Ward 2 Rosalee Tensley Williams
- School Committee Member Ward 3 Yadilette Rivera-Colon

- School Committee Member Ward 4 Luis Orlando Isaza
 - School Committee newcomer Ward 6 Patrick Bryan Beaudry. Incumbent William R. Collamore is not seeking re-election.
 - School Committee Member Ward 7 Eleanor Mary Wilson
- The City Councilor At-Large field is made up of incumbents City Council President Tessa R. Murphy-Romboletti, Patricia C. Devine, Israel Rivera, Howard B. Greaney Jr., Kevin Andrew Jourdain, and Michael J. Sullivan, as well as newcomers Jennifer M. Keitt, Mimi Panitch, and Christopher Dunay. Of those nine candidates, the top six will take seats on the City Council.

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offender indictment on the male, which would allow courts to sentence him as an adult if he is convicted.

"The juvenile's alleged behavior is appalling, and we will seek accountability to the fullest extent of the law. We are grateful that no innocent people or officers were injured," Gulluni said.

The incident caused a panic at the mall when the incident happened, with many people fleeing the mall when the gunshots were heard. No one else was injured but the suspect in the incident.

In the days following the incident, James Soos, a spokesperson of Pyramid

Management, which owns the mall, issued a statement on behalf of the mall:

"The safety and well-being of our guests, tenants, and employees remain our highest priority at Holyoke Mall. We are committed to providing a secure and welcoming environment, and we continue to take proactive steps to strengthen safety protocols throughout the property. In close collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, these measures are continually reviewed and enhanced to meet evolving safety needs, including our Parental Escort Policy, which has been in place for several years. In addition,

Holyoke Mall regularly conducts emergency preparedness drills, training sessions, and risk assessments to ensure our team is equipped to respond swiftly and effectively in any situation. We also encourage guests to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to mall security or local authorities. We remain steadfast in our efforts to foster a safe, family-friendly environment for all who visit, work, and shop at Holyoke Mall."

The next step in the case is a dangerousness hearing scheduled for Aug. 4. If he is found to be a danger, the suspect will be held in jail until the case is resolved.

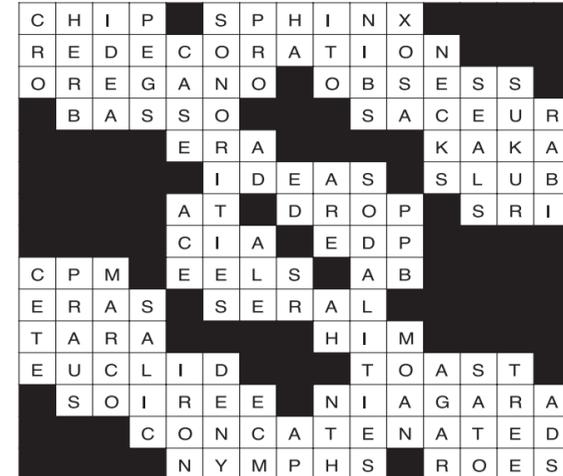
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The teens got to work on their Paint by Number projects.

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Teens arrived at Holyoke Public Library and began to pick out what Paint by Number they wanted to do.

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For example, there is a chess tournament taking place at the library on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to come and try their hand at chess.

There is also a game day planned for kids on Friday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. Additionally, there is still time to participate in the library's summer reading program. Anyone can stop by the library to get a reading log and get a chance to earn prizes.

Some prizes people have already earned include a Kindle Fire, an Amazon gift card and a polaroid camera. To keep updated on all the different events at the library, go to their website at <https://www.holyokelibrary.org/>.



Some progress was made on the Paint by Number projects as the teens settled in to work.

AWARD, from page 1

as FSO and SO-PV, FSO and SO-PE, FSO-AN and FSO-HR. Auxdata shows 20 Member Offices. He received numerous awards including the Auxiliary Achievement Medal, an Auxiliary Commendation Medal and two Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards.

Richard Krawczynski has 55.3 years of active participation in Auxiliary activities. He has served in boat crew, Program Visitation, Vessel Examination, and as an instructor. His 27 Member Offices include service as ADSO-VE, FSO and SO-VE, FSO and SO-OP, FSO and SO-PV and FSO-HR. Richard's awards include 11 Membership Service Awards, 3 CG Meritorious Team Commendations, 2 Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards and an Auxiliary Operations Service Ribbon.

Paul Kraczynski has 53.5 years as an active member. Paul is active in telecommunications, boat crew and as an instructor. The 29 Member Offices in his record include Flotilla and Division appointments in CM, FN, MT, OP and HR. Paul's many Awards include 10 Membership Service Awards, 3 CG Meritorious Team Commendations and 5 Sustained Auxiliary Service Awards.

Auxdata shows just over 153 years of service for the Kraczynski clan, so far. From the records, which are understandably incomplete, one can see unusual levels of exemplary effort, sustained over lifetimes. What records do not show is their value as leaders, mentors and workers. The Krawczynski's lead by example, always present, reliable and ready to share their talents and lend a hand.



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