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Kids get cozy at library PJ party

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Children in the community had the opportunity to get comfortable at a pajama party hosted by Holyoke Public Library on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Kids got to dress in their pajamas, eat pizza, do crafts and listen to a story read by Childrens' Librarian Rene Pellisier.

Each child in attendance also got to take some free books home as prizes for winning different categories such as: most creative in crafts, most sleepy, most awake and cutest stuffed animal.

The books were donations from around the community, which Pellisier was thankful for.

"We have a lot of free books that have been donated either by donors or people who have stopped reading them and donated them to the library to be part of our collection," she explained. "All of them we either already have in our collection or don't feel the need to have so we wanted to spread them to the community."

Throughout the evening the children had a chance

to try out a variety of crafts including: creating their own sleep mask, building lego superheroes and coloring.

After completing their crafts, they all listened to the story *The Midnight Library* by Kazuno Kohara, which was read to them by Childrens' Librarian Rene Pellisier.

The goal behind this evening was to let the community know that the library was back open for evening hours. It will now be open until 8:30, rather than closing at 6.

"I thought a great way to show the difference between



Ja'kiah Cruz, Kavannah Cruz, Jorge Diaz and Micah Jones enjoy the pizza and the crafts at the pajama party.



Marian Rivera and Dylan Lopez design their own sleep masks.
Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

closing at 6 and at 8:30 was to, at 6, have people come in their pajamas and sort of do what we would do in a sleepover," Pellisier said.

This event was one of the first of many planned for children to enjoy throughout the month of September. The library will be hosting weekly craft hours on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. as well as weekly game

nights on Thursdays at 6 p.m. "We have board games and card games and all those things up in the children's room," Pellisier said. "We have different families and their children come together and play different board games."

The board game nights are

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SUNNY DAYS AHEAD



This sunflower has a sunny disposition despite the rainy weather.
Submitted photo

Debate on sewer rate increase tabled

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – During the city council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5 discussion regarding the proposed raise in the sewer rate.

Councilor Linda Vacon objected to discussion of this item when it was opened, given that the legal form had only been given to them a few hours before the meeting started.

The council has a rule that any legal form given to the council has to be given 48 hours in advance and, if it isn't, and any councilor objects to opening that discussion then it has to be tabled until the next meeting.

"All of the councilors, now having been aware of what the proposed rate is, will have the opportunity to go back and listen to the debate and then come in and be able to make an informed vote," Vacon said. "I do think we need to follow our own rules...we made them

for a reason, this is a serious matter, it is going to have a big impact on the ratepayers and the taxpayers."

Jourdain agreed with this objection, stating that they should follow the rules they had laid down.

"We have rules and we are makers of laws and makers of history...we have a rule that if legal form is not provided 48 hours prior to the meeting, upon objection from any members of the city council the matter will be tabled until the next meeting," Jourdain said.

Other councilors disagreed. While they agreed that following the rules they had set in the past was important, they felt this particular rule applied more for when a new issue was brought forth and the form submitted was several pages long. The debate on the sewer rates was not new to the councilors.

"We are literally procrastinating something that

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City Council approves \$10.5M for project

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The city council voted unanimously to approve bonding \$10.5 million for the River Terrace Sewer Separation Project at their meeting on Sept. 5.

This decision was recommended by the Finance Committee, according to Councilor Joseph McGiverin.

The bonding itself would not be needed for another few years and, according to McGiverin, there will be some bridge gap bonding prior to that.

The reason the vote for the bonding occurred before the necessity of the actual bonds was to ensure that the city would have the funding it needs to finish the River

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In The News

Girl Scouts to welcome hundreds of girls to Ninth Annual 'Geek Is Glam' event

HOLYOKE – Hundreds of middle school girls and dozens of high school girls will convene at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Saturday, Oct. 14, to celebrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts Geek Is Glam STEM Event and it's not too late to participate.

The day-long interactive STEM conference for girls in grades 4 through 12 is hosted by Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts and WPI with over 60 area education and adventure collaborators. Participants will be exposed to some of the area's top scientific and engineer-

ing minds as they engage in the hands-on aspect of exploration and discovery while they build, explore, assemble and imagine. The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with Keynote speakers Daisha Ramos-Ortiz, WPI freshman and five-time Geek Is Glam participant and Ms. Massachusetts 2023 Chelsea Vuong.

Participants will spend the day in interactive workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on exhibits presented by: Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, The Discovery Museums, New England Sci-Tech, UMass Amherst Polymer Science and Engineering, WCVB Channel 5 Boston, Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice

Cream, and New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. From Mystic Aquarium to morse code, from rainbows to robots, girls will be engaged in interactive activities, games and displays.

For more information and to register go to <https://www.gscwm.org/en/discover/activities/special-events.html> or call 413-584-2602. The fee is \$45 per girl in grades 4-8 and \$50 per girl in grades 9-12 and includes lunch, snacks, a Geek is Glam t-shirt, drawstring backpack, and an exclusive Geek is Glam patch. Financial assistance is available. No previous Girl Scout experience necessary to attend. Registration closes Sept. 18.

YPS hosts monthly events for members

HOLYOKE – The Young Professional Society of Greater Springfield has announced their upcoming events. Springfield YPS aims to elevate the level of each members' craft by enriching their experience through programs and networking events.

Springfield YPS continues to concentrate their efforts on business & career development, networking, social & cultural involvement, and community activism. To learn more about Springfield YPS and its programming, visit <https://www.springfielddyps.com/>. Upcoming events include; Leadership Luncheon: Understanding Bias and Racial Equality to Help Elevate Consciousness for Inclusion with Waleska Lugo-DeJesus on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at noon located at the 98 Lower Westfield Road. Third Thursday morning Coffee Hour with Chris Marion Photography on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. located at 270 Albany Street, Springfield.

Great Golf Escape on Monday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. located at the Country Club of Wilbraham, 859 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham.

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is available online at
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HCC fall session II classes start Sept. 25

HOLYOKE – Prospective students have two more chances to sign up for classes at Holyoke Community College for the fall 2023 semester.

Fall session II classes begin Monday, Sept. 25, and run for 12 weeks.

Fall session III classes begin Monday, Oct. 30, and run for seven weeks.

Full fall semester classes at HCC (14 weeks) began Tues., Sept. 5. All fall semester classes conclude by Dec. 21.

Students who enroll for HCC's flexible fall start dates have the opportunity to take a variety of courses both on campus and online in anthropolo-

gy, biology, business administration, communication, culinary arts, economics, English, English as a Second Language, geography, human services, Latinx Studies, law, management, marketing, math, nutrition, music, psychology, sociology, Spanish, and veterinary and animal science.

The HCC Admissions and Advising offices are located on the first floor of the HCC Campus Center and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (4:30 p.m. on Fridays).

For more information, please contact HCC Admissions at 413-552-2321 / admissions@hcc.edu or visit online at hcc.edu.

HCC announces Dean's List

HOLYOKE – Each semester Holyoke Community College recognizes superior scholarship through the dean's list. These students are from the Holyoke area.

Alvin Rey Torres Carabuena, Julia Cloutier, Emma Rose Huse, Vanessa L. Kane, Kafutshi Francoise Kayamba, Cathryne Mary Kennedy-Cruz, Joanna M. Lima, Kiara Sofia Lopez, Khamauri Maitland, Grisel Monserrate, Sabrina Roman-Hernandez, Melissa Ann Sepulveda, Marcus J. Simon, Kara Elizabeth Torres, Aidan Clarence Whitley.



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Wistariahurst Museum announces Halloween events

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst is an educational and cultural center owned and operated by Holyoke and supported by The Wistariahurst Foundation. Wistariahurst is hosting several Halloween events including;

Cemetery tours at Forestdale Cemetery

Oct. 14 tours start at 3, 3:20, 3:40, and 4 p.m.

Embark on a captivating journey with Wistariahurst as volunteers embody the souls of Holyoke's ancestors, guiding people along the winding pathways of Forestdale Cemetery. Amidst the solemn beauty of this resting ground, participants can immerse themselves in the captivating tales of those departed, who once infused life into the heart of the city.



Darkened Hallway tours

Oct. 18, 19, 25, and 26, tours are at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Participants can step into the unknown as they wander through the shadowy corridors and rooms of the

Wistariahurst Mansion by the flickering light of candles. Immerse yourself in an evening of spine-tingling discovery, feeling the lingering energy of past inhabitants and workers that once occupied these haunted halls. Uncover the capti-

vating history of the Skinner family and the mansion's journey to Holyoke. Learn how silk, wisteria and antique musical instruments wove their enchantment into the very fabric of this historic building. Listen to chilling tales of the mansion's history, guaranteed to send shivers down your spine.

Spirits speak

Oct. 27 begins at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

As Halloween draws near and the ethereal veil thins, prepare to delve into the eerie mysteries of Wistariahurst Museum alongside the Spirit Sisters. Join in a spine-tingling night of paranormal exploration where participants will step into the world of ghost hunting, uncover the secrets of essential equipment and shiver in anticipation that perhaps those who never left Wistariahurst may still be heard.

NAMI family education program starting Sept. 19

HOLYOKE – National Alliance on Mental Illness Western Massachusetts is offering NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program in person, starting Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Greenfield.

What is the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program?

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 9-session educational program for family, significant others, and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members

who have been there and includes presentations, discussions, and interactive exercises.

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental health conditions. NAMI Western Massachusetts is an affiliate of NAMI Mass. NAMI Western Massachusetts and its dedicated volunteers, members, and leaders work tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, and support programs for people in our community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones.

Pre-registration is required. For more information contact: Susan Sharbaugh at suesharbaugh@gmail.com or visit: namiwm.org/support.

NAMI-WM announces new Mindful Mondays Yoga class

HOLYOKE – The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Western Massachusetts would like to announce Mindfulness Mondays Yoga with Kateri. This class is designed as a gentle, therapeutic yoga class with beginners in mind. It is easy-paced, helps reduce stress and anxiety, and aids in the management of mental health symptoms.

Kateri is a certified yoga instructor

and is a member of our board of directors. The classes will begin in September and will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month starting from 5 to 6 p.m.

They will take place at the same location as NAMI-WM at 1221 Main Street, in the Catherine Horan Medical Building. Classes are by donation and partial proceeds will go to NAMI-WM.

Food and clothing drive drop off location at The Polish National Credit Union

HOLYOKE – The Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties and The Polish National Credit Union together are once again sponsoring a food drive and clothing drive to benefit Providence Ministries. The drive will begin in September and will continue until Dec. 1.

Jennie Adamczyk, executive director of Providence Ministries has a mantra "If we don't who will?" Kate's Kitchen serves one hot meal a day, 365 days a year and often feeds up to 240 people on a given day. The mission of Providence Ministries "Nourishing hope, and rebuilding lives through our life changing programs."

Drop-off location for the food and clothing drive: Polish National Credit Union Insurance Services, 270 Westfield Road.

Please consider donating non-perishable items like: Ramen Noodles, Canned Goods, Pasta, Cereal, Dried Beans, Dried Fruit, Soup, Spam, Brownies, and Cookie Mixes, Desserts, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, etc.

Please consider donating gently used items: Sleeping bags, towels, blankets, children's clothes, Men and Women's Clothes, shoes, comforters, sheets, curtains, pots, and pans, small household items etc..

Make a donation and be entered to win a raffle basket and/or \$100.00.

Please help those who are experiencing food insecurity and assist Providence Ministries as they continue to transform lives. Stop in the Polish National Credit Union in Holyoke and make a donation today to Providence Ministries.

HCC offers free line cook training

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College is offering free training classes in line cook skills offered through the Office of Workforce Development office. The free line cook training starts in September and is for anyone interested in developing new skills.

Classes will be held in person at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St. For more information about the programs, please visit hcc.edu. Class times are as following:

Line Cook a.m. Training

Sept. 18 to Oct. 20, 2023

Monday is from 9 a.m. to Noon
Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Line Cook p.m. Training

Sept. 18 to Nov. 9, 2023

Monday to Thursday, 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Line Cook AM Training

Oct. 30 to Dec. 8, 2023

Monday is from 9 a.m. to Noon
Tues to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Boucher completes research project

WORCESTER – Holyoke resident Cameron Boucher, a member of the class of 2025 majoring in Aerospace Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense research project titled Visitor Mobility at Acadia National Park.

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world.

A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real

problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative and Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

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Guest Column



Why Is my age 70 benefit not higher than my January amount?

Dear Rusty

I plan to retire in 2025, the year I turn 70. Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025.

If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here?

Signed: Uncertain Senior

Dear Uncertain Senior

Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January 2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits.

When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age, the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January 2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%.

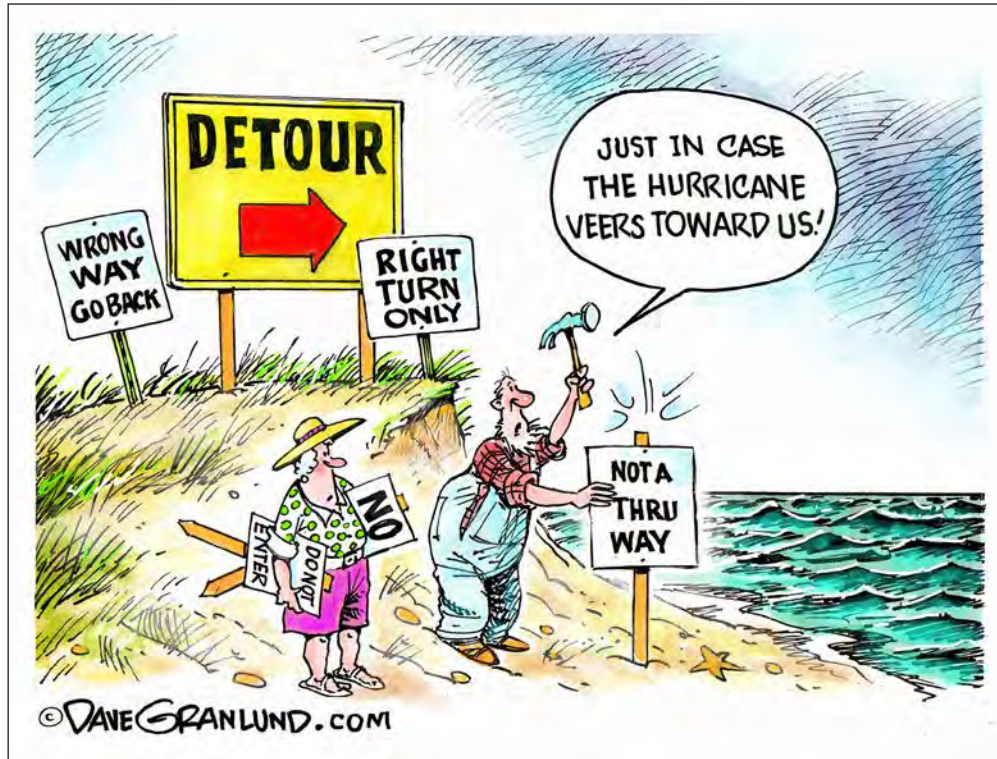
There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied.

Unfortunately, Social Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation.

That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025, the month you turn 70, will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025 and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

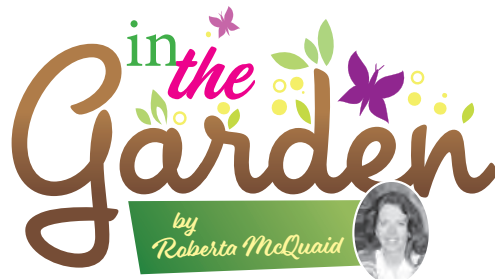
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Guest Column

Overwintering your favorite herbs



It's getting to be "that time," where we must concede that summer is winding down. What comes next? Frost and then a season of rest!

But there is much to do before then, especially if you have herbs that you'd like to dig up and overwinter inside.

At Old Sturbridge Village we dig up Rosemary, Bay, Lemon Verbena and many more tender plants. At home I am getting my own collection of plants that I too must dig up if I want to save my investment.

Over time, I have ended up with some very good sized specimens. Overwintering these biggies can prove to be challenging space-wise, but they make such a statement in the garden I look forward to the hassle of digging them up and keeping them alive during the off-season.

Before the interpreters dig up the plants, I always ask that they give the plants a good bath to cut down on the number of insects

that will be brought into the greenhouse. For the home gardener this is equally important.

I say "bath" because my pesticide of choice is a natural and fairly benign one - made of potassium salts of fatty acids (soap) that weaken the insect's outer shell and cause dehydration. It is sprayed on leaves and stems until they are soaked, and can be reapplied every 7-10 days as needed.

This product is especially effective on insects that make their home on herbs and houseplants: whitefly, aphids and mealy bugs.

Once the insects have been eradicated, it is time to get out the shovel and get to work digging up and repotting the plants. As mentioned, it's amazing at how large some of them can become after only a few months in the ground.

It is important to salvage as much of the root ball as possible to minimize the shock of being potted up. To do this, position your shovel along the "drip line" of the plant and dig straight down, completely around its circumference.

After you've made your way around, get your shovel underneath and lift. Have a pot ready - one that is an inch or two bigger than the root ball is sufficient, and will allow for minimal winter growth.

My container of choice is always plas-

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Woman who went over Niagara in a Barrel

By J. Mark Powell
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You're turning 63. How should you celebrate? With a cake with candles? A family get-together? Maybe a party?

How about crawling into a wooden barrel, having it screwed shut, then plunging 60-feet over one of the world's great natural wonders? Which, by the way, nobody else has ever lived to tell about.

A woman did that nearly 120 years ago, the crowning achievement in her quirky life. Here's what happened.

Annie Edson Taylor was a tomboy growing up. One of 11 children raised on a farm in upstate New York, she preferred outdoors and sports to dolls and dresses.

She was a dreamer whose imagination constantly sprouted new ideas.

She married at the age of 18. Annie quickly regretted it, but not for long.

Their only child died in infancy and her husband passed away soon afterward.

It was hard for a woman to support herself in the 19th Century. Annie bounced around the country from one job to another,



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er, with interesting experiences woven in between.

She survived a house fire in Chattanooga, a small earthquake in South Carolina, and even a stagecoach robbery out west. (Refusing to hand over the \$800 hidden in her dress - all the money she had - Annie told the robbers, "Blow away!")

She eventually settled in Bay City, Michigan and scratched out a living by operating a charm school where she taught kids table manners and dance basics. But soon pupils dwindled, along with her bank account.

Annie began worrying how she would support herself in old age.

Then, as she later wrote, "the idea came to me like a flash of lightning. Go over Niagara Falls in a barrel." At an age when most people are contemplating retirement, she began contemplating a stunt the bravest daredevils wouldn't attempt.

Her rationale wasn't as crazy as it sounds.

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"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

George Bernard

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Better Business Bureau advises to watch out for money-flipping scams

Money-flipping cons have long been popular on Instagram and Twitter. But as TikTok's popularity grows, so do the con artists. Watch out for this TikTok scam, which promises to turn a few hundred dollars worth of cryptocurrency into thousands in no time. BBB is seeing many new reports in BBB Scam Tracker related to this money-flipping scam. Here's what you need to know.

How the scam works

You are scrolling through TikTok when you see a video showing a pile of cash. The creator says they earned the stack of money by investing in cryptocurrency in just a few days. You may not know much about cryptocurrency, but this "investor" can help you get the same kind of return for a modest fee. Better yet, they have a 100% guar-

antee they can triple your money in less than a week.

They will be polite and professional when you contact the supposed investor, likely through WhatsApp, Telegram, or another messaging app. They will ask you to send money – usually a few hundred dollars – through a digital wallet service like PayPal, Zelle, or Venmo. They may even ask you to purchase the cryptocurrency and send it to them. Then, they "invest" their money in the stock market, which allegedly starts multiplying immediately.

As always, the scam isn't what it seems. When you try to get your money back, the scammer will claim you must pay fees. At first, these amounts may seem harmless. Since your few hundred dollars now turned into a few thousand, what's the harm in spending a couple hundred in fees, right?

Scammers try to extend this con for as long as possible to get as much money as possible. They may ask for fees several times, always promising you will get much more back than you spend. If you question them, they may resort to scare tactics, telling you that if you don't pay, you'll miss out on the giant return or that they can take legal action. Unfortunately, any money you send will end up in the scammer's pockets. You won't be getting a return on your investment, and you won't be getting your initial deposit back either.

How to avoid money-flipping scams

- Use good judgment. Get-rich-quick schemes and investments guaranteed to give you a huge return are nearly always scams. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Do your research. Before you con-

tact someone through TikTok or another social media platform, look up their name, phone number, and company name (if they have one) online. You'll likely find complaints online about it if they have conned others.

• Don't give into scare tactics. If an "investor" contacts you, they may try to convince you the investment will only work if you act right now. Or, if you've already sent them funds, they may threaten you with legal action if you don't pay their fees. In any case, don't give in to scare tactics. Recognize them as the hallmarks of a scam.

• Understand how digital wallet services work. Treat any money you send through a digital wallet service like cash. Once you send the money, there will be little you can do to get it back if you were scammed. Using these apps only with people you know and trust is best.

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tic, but glazed pottery is fine, although it is heavy. I steer clear of clay; it dries out too quickly.

I usually put a couple of inches of moist potting soil into the container, set the plant and then fill in with more as needed before watering well. Oftentimes I leave the plants outside until a frost threatens, then I bring them in and back out until the weather turns decidedly cold.

Perhaps the most cherished of all tender herbs is Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*), the herb of remembrance. The key to growing it successfully indoors is "cool but sunny."

My new old house affords me many

such microclimates. If you aren't as lucky, try for a sunny window away from dry heat, in other words far from heat vents, etc.

My mudroom runs at about 50 degrees but has decent sunlight. Win-win!

Bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) is another favorite and can be grown right through the winter with little or no coddling provided it is given medium to bright light and consistent watering. Do be on guard for the waxy-looking scale insect; one giveaway is leaves covered in a sticky, shiny sap called honey dew.

Try to "Q-tip" individual insects with rubbing alcohol or use insecticidal soap or horticultural oil to smother larger infestations. If the bugs have been

active for a while, sooty mold may have formed.

This thick, black coating will likely need to be scrubbed off leaf by leaf to allow the plant to photosynthesize properly.

To have success overwintering scented geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp.) indoors, situate them in bright light where daytime temperatures are 65-70 degrees, and night temps are in the 50s. Fertilize every other month during the fall and winter.

Smaller leaved varieties will be easier to manage; large leaved cultivars will get top-heavy quickly- take terminal or "tip" cuttings of these instead.

Lemon Verbena (*Aloysia triphylla*) may start out looking great, but a month

or so into indoor culture will likely begin to lose its leaves. Fear not, leaf drop is completely normal and to be expected!

You may be tempted to throw it out; instead, position in a sunny spot, water as needed and await new growth in the spring.

I hope this has provided you with the necessary information to extend the lifespan of your tender herbs.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

NIAGRA, from page 4

of World's Fair) was being held next door in Buffalo, New York. A large contingent of reporters was there.

If she survived, the news coverage would make Annie an instant celebrity. That could mean a book deal and lecture tours and enough money for her final years.

But there was a huge qualifier. "If."

If she survived the plunge. If she didn't, she wouldn't have to worry about anything ever again.

So, Annie headed to Niagara Falls. She designed a special white oak barrel and had it built by a company that made beer kegs.

Three feet at its widest part with tapered ends and metal hoops to secure it, plus a small anvil to keep it weighted down. An old mattress was the only padding.

Word of what she was attempting spread. A crowd gathered as she crawled into the barrel late on Thursday afternoon - her 63rd birthday (although she adamantly insisted to reporters later she was in her 40s).

At 4:30 p.m. the barrel was screwed shut and dropped into the water. Inside, Annie clung to her lucky heart-shaped pillow; and probably prayed.

In about 15 minutes, it was all over. The barrel went over the Falls, briefly submerged, then bobbed to the surface. Boatmen hauled it onto their vessel and unscrewed the lid.

A rescuer peered inside and then shouted, "Good God! She's alive!"

Annie had indeed survived the 167-foot fall. Her only injury was a cut on her forehead as she was removed from the barrel.

She then told reporters, "I would rather face a cannon than go over the Falls again."

Annie got the fame she desired. Her photo and story were in newspapers



Annie Edson Taylor posing next to her barrel.

from coast to coast.

One admirer even wrote a poem called "Goddess of Water".

"This great heroine of our nation has won both fortune and fame. Now people all over creation will praise this illustrious dame." (Ok, Shakespeare it's not. But how many poems have been written about you?)

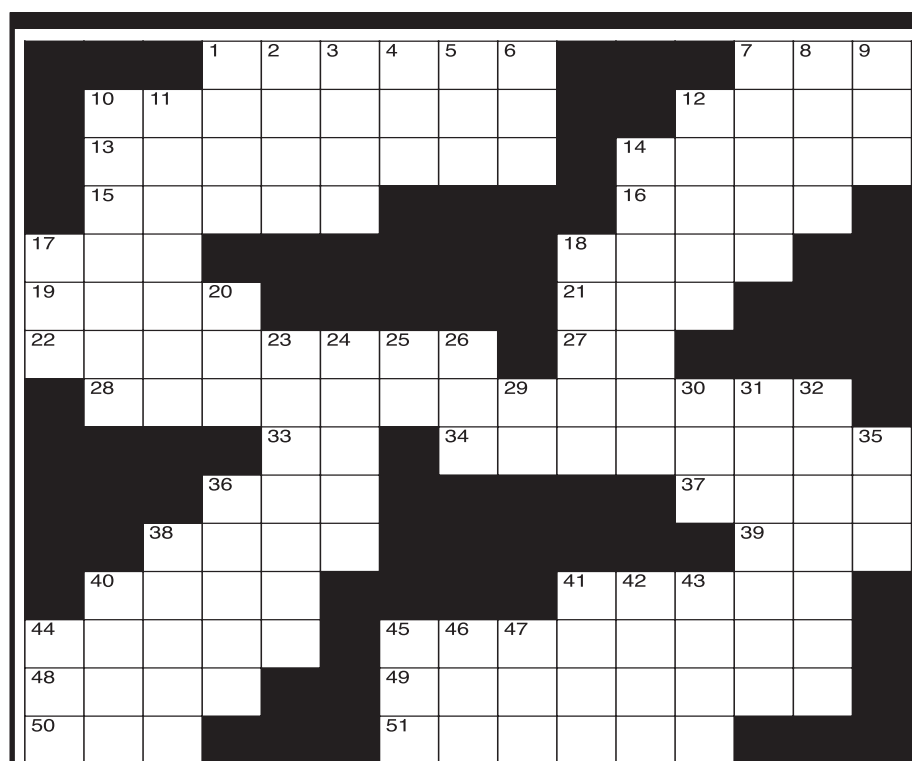
Then, as quickly as celebrity status arrived, the public forgot Annie. Her fifteen minutes of fame didn't even last fifteen minutes.

There was no fortune as she'd hoped. In a final insult, someone even stole her most prized possession: her special barrel.

Annie spent her last years selling a booklet she wrote about her adventure for a dime. She was impoverished when she died in 1921 at age 82.

So, when it comes time to turn 63, go with a birthday cake instead of a stunt. Trust me on this.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and die-hard history buff J. Mark Powell.



CLUES ACROSS

- Type of crayon
- Most cerebral
- Incline from vertical
- Dependent on
- Broken in
- Strongly desires
- Mounted soldier
- Ad __; when necessary
- Cattle
- Ottoman military commanders
- __ student, learns healing
- Composed in poetic meter
- Promotional material
- Where people live
- Sodium
- Embarrassing
- Medical man
- Mother of Hermes
- One who saves the day
- Tooth caregiver
- Not clothed
- Slope covered with loose stones
- Used to cook
- Praises enthusiastically
- Rooney is a famous one
- Beekeeper
- Pigpen
- Potato chip brand

CLUES DOWN

- Living quarters
- Horizontal passage
- Attacks
- Vietnamese
- Offensive
- Midway between east and southeast
- Confined (abbr.)
- Book of Esther antagonist
- Port in Yemen
- CNN's founder
- Type of bulb
- Prepare
- Promoted
- Dinner jackets
- Partner to cheese
- Nebraska city
- Human gene
- Pays no attention to
- Lowland South American plain
- Blood group
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano

- Atomic #37
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Jeweled crowns
- Nastiest
- Traditional cars need it
- Bowler hat
- Robust
- Not straight
- Stony waste matter
- Have an interest in
- Jacob __, journalist
- Maintains possession of
- Swiss river
- Average cost of market goods
- Spanish soldier: El __

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In The News



Angel Paris builds a Hulk Lego project.



Janeysa and Angel Paris build the Hulk and Iron Man Lego crafts.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala



Dylan Lopez enjoys the Iron Man Lego craft.



Estevan Paris works on his sleep mask while Childrens' Librarian Rene Pellissier helps Jordan Paris get his mask to fit just right.



Childrens' Librarian Rene Pellissier helps Ja'kiah Cruz with his Lego craft.



Jordan, Janeysa and Estevan Paris have fun with the crafts at the pajama party.



A variety of crafts were set up for attendees to try out at the party.

PJ PARTY, from page 1

open to children and teens, as well as their families, so that all in the community can have a chance to play.

Pellissier looks forward to these events as an easy way to get more people coming to the library to have fun with their families and friends. With these events occurring every week, the ideal is that even if someone cannot come to one week they can make the other. Or, people who can make it every week can form a routine around having a fun game night with family.

"We do them every week and it means that you get a chance to form a community with them, we get to make new friendships and have people have coming to the library be a part of their weekly plan, even if they can't come every week they look forward to coming to the game night or the craft," Pellissier said. "It just makes sure that people see the library as more than just a place to come and get books, but as a place to enjoy themselves."

To check any other upcoming events at the library, go to <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/>.

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SPORTS

Tough start for Holyoke football

PITTSFIELD – On the road, Holyoke football had a tough start to its regular season with a 42-8 loss at Pittsfield High School. The Knights defense was no match for Pittsfield attack, and two quarterbacks were not able to get much across for Holyoke.

Nathan Pok went 4-for-9 for 42 yards passing and a touchdown. Zeph Williams rushed for just 41 yards. Ethan Zayas was a bright spot on defense with an interception.

Holyoke will face Agawam on Friday night at 7 p.m. on the road.

How to contact the Sports Editor

Have the scoop on a local sports story? Want to submit a team photo, pass along a potential story idea, or just find out how to get a copy of that great photo of your young athlete? Please send all sports-related press releases and information to Sports Editor Greg Scibelli at: sports@turley.com or call, 1-413-283-8393.

Knights pick up 3-1 win over Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday’s Central Division girls volleyball match between Ware and Holyoke was very close from start to finish.

The Purple Knights, who began the regular season with a loss at Mount Everett, celebrated a 3-1 (25-17, 24-26, 25-13, 28-26) victory over the Lady Indians in their home opener.

“The outcome of this match could’ve gone either way,” said long-time Holyoke head coach Paula Conway, who also coaches the boy’s squad in the spring-time. “I’m very happy with the way my players played, and we were able to pull it out. Everyone worked very hard.”

Holyoke was led by senior Yeseida Mercolino with 12 kills, 12 digs, and 12 aces.

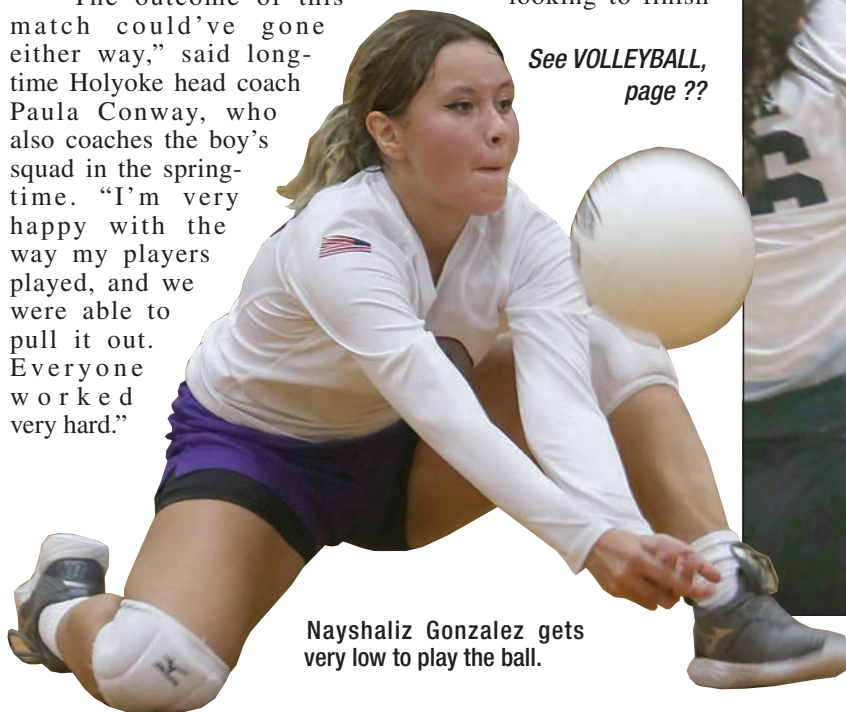
Junior Nayshaliz Gonzalez had a match-high 26 digs for the home team.

Senior Aliesha Cotto had 29 of the Purple Knights 32 assists.

Junior Yohadlie Pabon chipped in with nine kills and 11 digs.

The Lady Indians, who defeated Monument Mountain in their season opener, were looking to finish

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Nayshaliz Gonzalez gets very low to play the ball.



Ashantylis Calderon gets the tip over the net.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Adrian Centeno-Feliciano socks a free kick away.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Xevier Davila tries to get a header to break up a play.

Comp offense overwhelms Holyoke

CHICOPEE – Last Wednesday night, Chicopee Comprehensive boys soccer scored six times in the second half to run away with a matchup against Holyoke 9-2.

Tineus McCluster, Derek Lonczak and Antonio Sleeper each had two goals. Ryan Kennedy scored both goals for Holyoke in the game.

The Knights are 0-3 to start the regular season while Comp is out to a 3-0 start this year.



Don Ampofo tries to play the ball in the middle of the field.



Nayan Tabin tries to pass before a Comp layer intervenes.



Jaybriel Rivera-Soto back kicks a pass.

HCC athletic director honored by WSU hall of fame induction

HOLYOKE – Longtime Holyoke Community College staff member Tom Stewart will be inducted into the Westfield State University Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 13.

Now HCC's director of Athletics and Student Engagement, the 1988 graduate of Westfield State will be one of five alumni honored during the university's 25th anniversary Hall of Fame induction ceremony on WSU's homecoming weekend.

As an undergraduate, Stewart was a four-year member of the WSU Owls cross country and track and field teams. An all-conference runner in 1985 and 1987 in cross country, he won the Westfield State Invitational and was an all-New England runner in steeplechase his sophomore year. The WSU cross country and track teams won conference titles all four years he was on the team.

"It's a humbling thing," Stewart said of his induction. "I ran there for four years, and there were better track runners than I was, and my teammates are already in. It was the glory years when we were there.



Holyoke Community College staff member Tom Stewart will be inducted into the Westfield State University Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 13. *Courtesy photo*

It was our philosophy that we weren't gonna lose. We went to the national championship in cross country and we were 13 points away from winning the whole thing. There had been a snowstorm two days before. I was standing in ankle deep

water at the starting line, and we were ready to go."

Stewart, who lives in Westfield, is also being recognized for his work in athletics after college. Since 1991, he has been the meet administrator for

the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America, the oldest and longest-running high-level collegiate track and field championship in the United States.

Stewart also owns IC4Atrack.com, a meet management and timing company. As a referee, starter or timer, he has signed off on 15 American, Canadian, New Zealand, European or world record performances, including Yomif Kejelcha's world-record setting indoor mile at Boston University in March 2023.

He has also served in various roles with the National Junior College Athletic Association, the largest athletic association for two-year colleges in the United States.

Stewart started his career in higher education at Westfield State, where he worked for seven years as student activities administrator and director of intramurals and coached cross country. He was hired at HCC in 1996 as student activities director, and became assistant athletic director in 1999 and athletic director in 2007.

Coby, Tommy Baldwin Racing earn Granite crown at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Doug Coby and Tommy Baldwin Racing returned to NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition on Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway and they were celebrating after 150 laps in New Hampshire.

Coby finished fifth in the Winchester Fair 150 in the Mayhew Tools 7NY, but the finish was enough for the team to capture the second annual Whelen Granite State

Short Track Cup championship crown.

The Cup, which included three races at Monadnock Speedway, Lee USA Speedway and back at Monadnock on Saturday night, saw Coby grab three finishes inside the top-six, including a win at Monadnock in May. By winning the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup, the team collected at least \$5,000 in bonus awards.

Coby returned to action Saturday for the first time since Thompson Speedway in August. Team owner Tommy Baldwin Jr. announced a cancer diagnosis and the team stepped back from full-time competition and missed the last two races. They couldn't pass up returning to chase the Granite State Short Track Cup crown.

"Just to be here with our family and Tommy battling cancer, I mean, he's

a warrior," Coby said. "He told us from the beginning that he was going to fight through this and he's been courageous enough to share his battle and everything on social media, which is uncommon. To be here as the Whelen Granite State Short Track Cup champions, it just means a lot. We've got a great group of guys and Tommy really wanted to be here to do this. This one is for Tommy Baldwin."

Railers return to the DCU Center on Sat., Oct. 21

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders) welcome back fans to the DCU Center on Sat., Oct. 21st for the team's sixth season of ECHL hockey. The 2023-24 season will launch with two back-to-back games in Worcester against Adirondack Thunder on Saturday, and the Trois-Rivières Lions on Sunday.

The Railers look forward to show-

ing the \$7 mil. DCU Center seat upgrade on Opening Weekend, live entertainment, pre-game festivities, and an action-packed weekend of hockey. "This is great home schedule for fans," said Chief Operating Officer Michael G. Myers. "It's stacked with weekend dates, allowing us to provide fans with even more premium theme nights and giveaways." The Railers will unveil their season promotional schedule in June.

This will be the first time in franchise history the team will play the Kansas City Mavericks, slated to come to Worcester on Wed., Nov. 29th. The Railers will also make the team's first trip to Hertz Arena in Estero, FL in February to battle the Florida Everblades.

Railers season tickets and mini plans are now on sale. Secure your seats online at RailersHC.com/tickets or call 508-365-1750.

Caravan postponed

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds announced last Friday that the third installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin' has been postponed due to potential inclement weather this weekend. A rescheduled date will be announced in the future. Fans can reserve their seats to be part of the Thunderbirds' hockey action for the 2023-24 season by calling (413) 739-GOAL (4625) or visiting www.SpringfieldThunderbirds.com.

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the first week of the regular season with a 2-0 record under first year head coach Becca Hurlburt.

"I thought we played well in tonight's match," said Hurlburt, who graduated from Ware High School in

2015. "We're an inexperienced team and playing in a close match like this one is really going to help us a lot. We're looking forward to playing Holyoke again at our gym."

Hurlburt, who coached the Ware junior varsity volleyball team last year, replaced Norris Leeman as the varsity coach.

Freshman Carly Brown led the Lady Indians with nine kills.

"Carly played an outstanding game," Hurlburt said. "She just owned the net."



Alyesh Cotto Torres gets the side bump to keep the ball in play.



Yeseida Mercolino reaches out to hit the ball.

Senior co-captain Kira Gennett had five kills, while senior Kaley Campbell, who's also a co-captain, finished with three kills and a team-leading seven assists.

Ware's largest lead of the opening set was 5-1.

The home team then responded with a 7-2 run giving them the lead for the first time at 8-7 following a couple of unforced errors with sophomore Ashantyls Calderon handling the serving duties.

The score in the first set was tied several times.

With the score knotted at 16-16, the Purple Knights took control of the set by reeling off seven unanswered points.



Yohadlie Pabon saves the ball from landing. *Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com*

Senior Kelsy Brainard had a kill and a block during that stretch.

Holyoke took a 1-0 lead in the match following an ace by Mercolino.

Ware built a 16-7 lead in the second set following back-to-back kills by junior Kenyce Crump (4 kills) and Brown.

The Lady Indians largest lead of the second set was 20-10 before Holyoke came storming back.

With the help of a 9-1 run, the Purple Knights managed to close the gap to 21-20.

Ware kept the lead with a kill by Campbell, but Holyoke took the lead for the first time at 23-22 following back-to-back aces by senior Deniangeliz Luna.

The Purple Knights led 24-22 before the Lady Indians managed to even the overall match at 1-1 by scoring the final four points of the second set with sophomore Maeve Stevens doing the serving.

"Winning the second set was very important for us," Hurlburt said. "They made a run, but we managed to hang onto the lead.

Holyoke quickly regrouped in the third set. They managed to build a double digit lead and took a 2-1 lead in the match.

Neither team was able to pull away in the fourth set.

There were more than 15 ties before the Purple Knights sealed the deal by scoring the final three points of the set and the match with Mercolino doing the serving.

The two teams are scheduled to meet again on October 2 at Ware High School.

Doubles tournament to benefit Candlepins for Cancer

By Ryan Drago
Staff Writer

AGAWAM – For fun competition and supporting a great cause, Agawam Bowl will be featuring a 90% Handicap Doubles Tournament to benefit Candlepins for Cancer on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Candlepins For Cancer is a registered 501(c)(3) charity that supports people suffering with cancer and helps pay for numerous needs while they go through their treatments. The charity sends donations to help with the expenses that are incurred after chemo and radiation treatments, time missed at work, food and pharmaceutical costs, and many other issues.

This charity was founded by and serves the candlepin bowling community. The sport of candlepin bowling is a variation of bowling that is played primarily in the Canadian Maritime Provinces and the New England region of the United States.

With the help of many members in the candlepin bowling world, Candlepins for Cancer has raised over \$35,000 for families.

Joining Agawam Bowl for this great event is one of the leading promoters of Candlepins for Cancer, Paul Grant.

Based out of Haverhill, Grant has put in thousands of commuting miles to live-stream and broadcast candlepin bowling leagues, tournaments, fundraisers, exhibition matches, as well as tournaments run by the charity all over the New England States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine while accepting generous donations for the charity.

Proud of his efforts to promote the game of candlepin and the charity, Grant brings a lot of excitement to any bowling center he appears in as he records many bowling events that are later uploaded to the YouTube channel, Candlepin Bowling Network.

The October doubles tournament



will be the second event Grant will be covering at Agawam Bowl. Back on Jan. 15, Paul Grant made his first appearance arriving at Agawam Bowl to broadcast their monthly King of the Hill tournament.

The tournament had outstanding results. Over 40 bowlers signed up for the tournament and participated in 50/50 raffles to raise money for the charity and purchasing WOW shirts.

The shirts were inspired by Grant's famous catchphrase, "Wow!" whenever amazing strikes and spares are made on the lanes. For every WOW shirt sold, \$10 goes to Candlepins for Cancer and Grant acknowledges how much of a difference they make in supporting the charity.

"In just over a year, over 600 WOW shirts sold, helping 12 families going through cancer treatments," said Grant.

The Agawam King of the Hill in January set a one-day record for the most money raised for Candlepins for Cancer. Raising a total of \$1,869, including a record breaking 40 WOW shirts sold. With the upcoming doubles tournament, Agawam Bowl intends to top that record and raise more money.

Agawam Bowl is looking to fill their

doubles tournament by adding 24 teams (total of 48 bowlers). Entry fee is \$200 per doubles team (\$100 per bowler).

There will be two qualifying shifts, one at noon, and the other at 2:30 p.m.

There will be six groups of four teams competing in a round robin format. Group winners advance to the bracket round.

Based off an entry of 24 teams, the tournament is hoping to reward a 1st place prize of \$1,200 to the winning team. Second place finishers will receive \$600, third and fourth place \$450 each, and fifth and sixth place \$350 each.

From the entry fees, \$1,000 will be directly donated to Candlepins for Cancer.

Other ways to support the charity during the tournament will consist of a 50/50 raffle during each shift. An additional raffle with Red Sox tickets as the prize is also supporting the charity.

The drawing for the tickets will be prior to the tournament on Sunday, Sept. 17. The game is Rays at Red Sox on Sept. 27.

WOW shirts will also be available for purchase on the day of the tournament.

This year, Grant introduced a new 2.0 version of WOW shirts featuring candlepins surrounding his catchphrase. Both versions will be available during the tournament.

There is also a fun optional donation pool that bowlers can take part in. The pool is famously known in the candlepin community as the "Lemon Drop" pool where if a bowler were to punch out one pin on their first ball, that is either the one in the 4-pin or 6-pin position, it would be \$1.

If a bowler punches out any of those two pins when they're working on a spare or a strike, it's \$5 to Candlepins for Cancer. According to Grant, the Lemon Drop Pool donations have helped six more families in just over a year.

Direct donations are always accepted.

Manager of Agawam Bowl, Jim Feeley is running the tournament and is excited to get more participants involved to support the charity and the bowling tournament. With the tournament being a 90% handicap tournament, Feeley needs bowlers to provide their highest season ending average from the 2022-2023 fall bowling season to help determine the handicap for every doubles team, which is going to be 90% handicap from a team cap of 240.

If a bowler does not have a season ending average, then a high average with a 30 game minimum from the 2022-2023-summer league season will be accepted.

To enter, contact Feeley at Agawam Bowl, 413-786-4108. There is plenty of time to sign up and several spots are still open.

The first 24 paid entries will be accepted, and a waiting list will be set up in case of any dropouts.

For more information, you can visit Agawam Bowl at 359-363 Walnut St. Ext., or at agawambowl.com. For other tournaments, Agawam Bowl hosts a monthly king of the hill tournament.

DEBATE, from page 1

is important for the sake of the city, not because we don't understand it, not because we received it a couple hours ago and I never got to read it and I didn't understand what was going through—that was the actual purpose of the 48 hour rule—not something that you've already been discussing in the last few meetings but something that just comes up and you've not even had a lick of time to even think of," Councilor Israel Rivera said.

"I think this is an important discussion to have this evening, regardless of what we do, I think we all understand the ramifications and consequences are pretty heavy," Councilor Joseph McGiverin said.

Additionally, the matter was time sensitive, according to Chair of the Board of Public Works Mary Monahan.

"This delay potentially puts off the billing cycle," Monahan said. "This \$8.02 rate is based on the number of billings left in this fiscal year, so any delay in the billings would likely increase that rate."

Councilor Peter Tallman proposed that they follow the rules, therefore

tabling discussion for the current meeting, but discuss at the special meeting of the council they hope to host later in September.

"My thought is that if we do table this...and we have that special meeting in a couple weeks we can have this vote on this and this could be effective, still, on Aug. 1," he said.

In the end, Council President Todd McGee ruled that they had to table the discussion and not vote on the sewer rate at this meeting. He explained that, given that rule 9J—the rule stating the council needed the legal forms 48 hours in advance—was a requirement they needed to follow it.

"My ruling is 9J would hold. A member has objected and therefore it is tabled until the next meeting," McGee said.

Councilor McGiverin attempted to make a motion to override this decision. In order for this decision to be overridden, they needed a two thirds majority, or nine councilors to vote in favor of the override. Councilors Vacon, Jourdain, Puello and Bartley voted against the override. With only eight yes votes to override McGee's ruling, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

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PROJECT, from page 1

Terrace project.

"The city needs to be in position to have the funding to complete the project itself," McGiverin said.

The River Terrace project is being pushed by the Clean Water Act. If the city were to fall behind on the long-term plan and implementation of the River Terrace project it could result in fines from the federal government.

"Fines can total up to \$5,000 a day," McGiverin said. "That is not a threat, I think the last thing they want to do is fine a community that has these projected costs before them, but certainly by taking this vote we're taking steps that will...keep the federal government off our case for a while."

Getting this funding secured and moving forward with the River Terrace project is the next key step to ensuring the city stays on track.

"This is the next step to take a vote that shows the city has got its correct foot forward in terms of sewer separation projects themselves and how we're going to treat the sewage that goes into the Connecticut River," McGiverin said.

On top of making the vote to approve the \$10.5 million, the city council also voted to request a Congressional Earmark for the CSO resolution in the hopes that it will take some of the burden off the city.

The \$10.5 million approved by city council was only the first half of the \$21 million that will be needed for CSO in the next several years so that they can comply with the Clean Water Act set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The hope is that Congress will help fund Holyoke as the city tries to comply

with this mandate.

"Washington needs to help us, particularly with laws that they pass—good laws that we all support and have noble goals—but they also need to help us with these resources," Councilor Kevin Jourdain said.

This request to aid will go to congress with the unanimous support of the city council as well as Mayor Joshua Garcia.

"Hopefully this unified message between the mayor and us will go a long way in showing them we really do need these monies," Jourdain said.

In the meantime, however, the council has voted to move forward with securing the bonds.

"Maybe that unfunded mandate down the road will become somewhat of a funded mandate from the federal government but we can't wait for Congress to act. We have to do our job," McGiverin said.

The River Terrace Sewer Separation Project is a project dedicated to separating sewer and overflow drains in the city of Holyoke. The project is currently in the design phase with about 90% of the design work completed thus far.

The city did receive funding of \$210,000 from the State Capitol Plan to assist with this project. That particular funding was used to move the design forward, to assist the city in managing the state revolving fund application process, and managing and overseeing a lot of the project, according to City Engineer Kris Baker.

The project will occur in two phases, with Phase A ideally starting around 2024 or 2025 and Phase B two or three years after that.

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DGR Chair
 Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
 09/08, 09/15/2023

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION
Denise Stankiewicz Inter Vivos Trust
1545 Dwight Street, Holyoke MA
RTN 1-21708

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On **September 11, 2023, Denise Stankiewicz Inter Vivos Trust recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION** on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

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 09/15/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P1829GD

In the interests of Kei'Rael Josiah Davila Of Holyoke, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time:
 A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/29/2023** by **Shaira Grisell Rodriguez** of Holyoke, MA will be held **10/02/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.** Located: **Judge Army Session- 50 State St. Springfield, MA 01103 Courtroom 2 - 4th Floor**

2. Response to Petition:
 You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

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3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
 Date: August 29, 2023

Rosemary A Saccomani
 Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court

Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1869EA

Estate of: Pauline A Gruszka
Date of Death: 02/21/2020
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 **David S Gruszka 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: **David S Gruszka of Holyoke, 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 10/04/2023.

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.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: September 06, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P1858EA
Estate of:
Skal Vincent Guidi
Also Known As:
Skal V. Guidi

Date of Death: 06/08/2022
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marcia I Guidi of Holyoke, MA.**

Marcia I Guidi of Holyoke, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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 09/15/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P1814EA

Estate of: Norberta E. Hart
Also Known As: Norberta G. Hart
Date of Death: January 29, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert K Goss of Holyoke, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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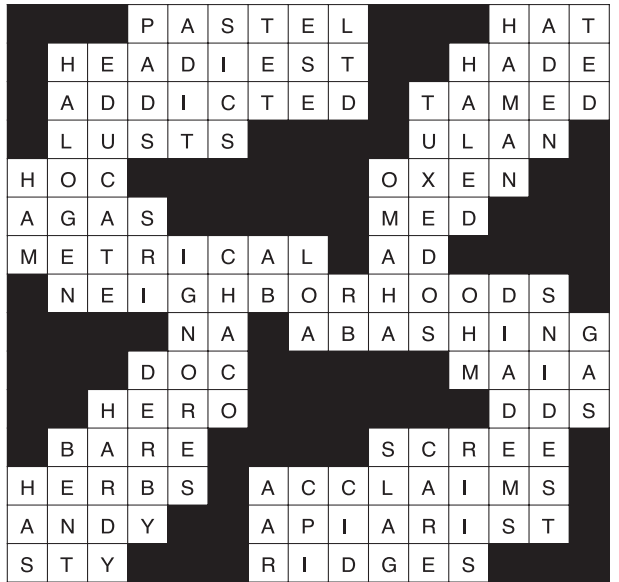
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“Dakin’s busiest season is always summer, and months before, we knew this summer was going to be exceptionally demanding,” stated Meg Talbert, Dakin’s executive director. “For example, we anticipated taking in 500 kittens this summer, and that’s a higher-than-average number. By the end of August, we helped 592 kittens. So far this year, we’ve taken in over sixty percent more animals than in the same time frame last year. We have

lots of wonderful pets looking to connect with people and families, and we’re glad to offer our Summer of Love event to help some great matches happen by reducing our fees.”

Pet adoption fees as listed on Dakin’s website (dakinhumane.org) will be cut in half through Sept. 30. Dakin is open for adopters to visit Tuesdays through Saturdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m., but they are advised to visit the website first to see which animals they are most interested in to help minimize their waiting time onsite. Adopters may also apply to adopt pets online at dakinhumane.org.

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Velis opposes proposal to house migrants at WSU

WESTFIELD – Following the release of a report from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency that Lammers Hall at Westfield State University is technically feasible to be an emergency shelter for migrants, Sen. Velis has continued to express his strong opposition to the proposal.

“I continue to have very serious reservations about the wisdom of attempting to solve one problem, the federal government’s inability to mitigate an immigration crisis, by exacerbating another problem, namely, requiring higher education to deviate

from their core mission of educating students,” said Velis “I’m hearing concerns from WSU parents about the fall semester, from local officials concerned about the impact to community resources, and from residents who agree that this proposal doesn’t make sense. I believe that we should exhaust every other option, including every hotel, in every community, before we consider Westfield State University.”

The recent report from MEMA comes after an end-of-August tour of Lammers Hall by state officials where Velis expressed initial concerns about

the proposal. The report notes that the dorm building faces ADA accessibility challenges, has potential asbestos tiling issues, and lacks access to medical clinics and kitchen services for families. Furthermore, the placement would impact the University’s Student Mental Health Counseling Services, which are housed in Lammers Hall.

Velis noted that while he continues to advocate with state officials to express his concerns, any decision is ultimately under the direction of the Administration and is not something that comes before the State Legislature for approval.

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