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## Winners announced for the

# Holyoke 150<sup>th</sup> Art Contest

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – A meet and greet for the artists of the Holyoke 150th Art Contest was held at Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitors Center on Sunday, Sept. 17.

At this event, members of the Holyoke Preservation Trust also announced the winners of the contest.

The categories were broken into age groups of adults, children grades six through twelve and children grades kindergarten through fifth.

From there, the categories were further broken down into different mediums of art. The adult categories were: best painting, best photograph, best mixed medium, best 3D art and best poetry/storytelling.

The kids categories, for both age groups, were best painting and best mixed medium.

All winners received monetary prizes. Adults received \$200, \$100 or \$50 if they were in first, second or third place respectively.

Children in grades six through twelve received \$150, \$100 or \$50 for first, second and third place respectively.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade received \$100, \$50 or \$25 for first, second or third place.



Harold Dumas stands proudly next to his winning painting.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

Adult winners for best painting were, in order of placement, Kimberly Beauregard, Harold Dumas and Charles Gould. For adult best photograph, Brian Whalen received first place and Norman Halpern second. Tom Kass placed first for adult best 3D art. For adult best mixed medium, Sandra Dias, Bridget Bresnahan and Beverly Sabourin received first,

second and third place respectively. Finally, Mary E. Johnson received first place in the adult best poetry/storytelling category.

The winners for grades six through twelve best painting were Greyson Kozikowski, Alissa Renee Hoar and Connor Briggs for first, second and third respectively. For grades six through twelve best mixed medium Dominic Perry received first



Art Teacher Beverly Sabourin received a third-place award in the adult mixed medium category for her piece Sprinkling Hope and Happiness Over Holyoke.

place and Daniel Blaha second.

The winners for kindergarten through fifth grade best painting were, in order of placement, Zakaria Zian, Sophie King and Ben Pasquini. For kindergarten through fifth grade mixed medium Mirabelle Hines, Jack McCarthy and Sophia Williams received first, second and third respectively.

The award recipients were honored and proud to have par-

ticipated in the contest.

“It was an opportunity to be creative, to reflect on Holyoke and what it meant to me personally,” Blessed Sacrament School Art Teacher Beverly Sabourin said. “Holyoke will always be my place, my home where I learned about life and I had fun all summer long working on the project.”

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Yacelin Caraballo sends a hit over the net. See story and more photos on page 7.

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## Funds recommended for study of sewer enterprise

The study could lead to a different proposal on a sewer rate increase

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Finance Committee voted unanimously recommend transferring \$100,000 from Capital Stabilization Funds to sewer-professional services.

The goal of this transfer of money is to help fund a study looking into the sewer enterprise account. The city will be renewing their long-term service agreement in the upcoming years and this study will help them to take out unneeded costs and services.

“We want to look at what exactly makes up the cost associated with the enterprise fund,” Chair of the Board of Public Works Mary Monahan said. “This study is going to identify for us what the next steps are, it’s going to be progressive.”

The goal of this study would be to help break down the intricacies of what services the fund is paying for and how much money is going into each one.

“We’re looking for this funding to get us through fiscal 2024, the council has been asking for breakdowns with respect to the long-term service agreement annual contract, what does it really pay for,” Monahan said, “We know MS4 work is in it, we know flood control system is in it, and there are other things in it but the contract doesn’t require that breakdown of invoices...so we want to do this study.”

Additionally, they would look into what an average ratepayer looked like.

“I’m looking at past information with respect to rates and who does that payer look like, what are they made if and it doesn’t appear that, in the past, there has been an accurate representation of what the aver-

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## Boy Scouts making their way back to city

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Boy Scouts of America are trying to bring their programs back to the city.

There are programs available for anyone, no matter their age and gender.

“Anyone can join and anyone can be a leader,” Iris Sosa of the Western Mass Council of the Boy Scouts of America said.

Youth in kindergarten all the way up to age twenty can join the Boy Scouts in their different programs. Also, any member of the community who is interested in helping to lead a troop is welcome to volunteer.

Available programs are: Cub Scouts for grades kindergarten through fifth, Scouts

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# Tickets on sale for 150th Masquerade Costume Gala

HOLYOKE – Tickets for Holyoke’s 150th Masquerade Costume Gala are now available for purchase at [holyoke150.com](http://holyoke150.com). The event caps off a year of celebrations for the Paper City’s 150th anniversary.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Grand Ballroom in Holyoke City Hall the Masquerade Gala will take place. Tickets are \$100 per person and there are tables of 10 available for purchase for \$1000.

The gala promises to be an unforgettable evening of philanthropy celebrating Holyoke’s past, present and future. Guests are encouraged to show up and show out in their most creative masquerade attire. Attendees can look forward to: Delicious food and drinks from The Log Cabin, live music performed by Maxxtone and Holyoke Civic Symphony’s string quartet. A silent auc-



tion featuring exceptional items, including original work from local artists and a chance to have dinner with the mayor. Valet parking will be available.

The event is hosted by the Friends of City Hall and proceeds will go toward the restoration of the awe-inspiring stained glass windows in the Grand Ballroom.

Event Co-Chair Joseph Charles said “As we celebrate Holyoke’s 150th, we wanted to create an event that captures the essence of our city – vibrant, diverse, and undeniably fun. So don your masks and costumes and be part of what promises to be a fantastic evening.”

Mayor Joshua Garcia added, “No matter if you’ve lived in our beautiful city for decades or a few weeks, one thing rings true: We’re all Holyokers. Join us at the 150th Gala as we celebrate Holyoke’s history and shape its bright future.”

## Holyoke’s 150th celebration events continues this fall

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke’s 150th Anniversary Celebrations continue with events this fall. Join Holyoke in celebrating its birthday this October with a month full of events.

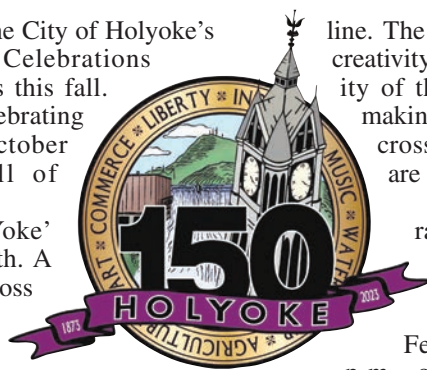
A Day in the Yoke’ is back this Oct. 14th. A full day of events across the paper including Doors Open Holyoke, the Great Holyoke Brick Race, Pioneer Valley Makers Faire, and the Paper City Food Festival.

Doors Open 2023 is happening this Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. till noon. Doors Open events across the country invite the public to see behind the doors of many places not usually open to the public.

2023 will include featured sites such as the Victory Theatre, H.H Richardson Station, The Holyoke fire Department and more. See the full list of locations here: <https://www.exploreholyokey.com/explore/doors-open-holyoke/featured/>.

The Great Holyoke Brick Race runs from noon to 3 p.m.

As the name implies, a “Brick Race” involves designing and building a brick race car that is cleverly mounted on wheels and raced down an inclined track using only gravity to cross the finish



line. The Brick Race emphasizes creativity and the sculptural quality of the race cars as well as making the fastest machine to cross the finish line. Teams are encouraged.

Register your brick racer here: <https://forms.gle/5KJ2UwpzZVivwd5w9>.

Paper City Food Festival runs from 3 to 10 p.m., on Oct. 14, live bands TapRoots, LASTMINUTE, Zuleika Rodriguez Ortiz, Bermudez triangle, over 20 food trucks, and vendors.

Holyoke’s 150th Gala: A Masquerade Costume Ball on Saturday, Oct. 28 in the Grand Ballroom at City Hall. Buy tickets here: <https://www.holyoke150.com/>.

The event, hosted by the Friends of City Hall, caps off a year of festivities celebrating Holyoke’s sesquicentennial. The gala includes buffet, dancing, and a silent auction.

The proceeds from the Holyoke 150th Gala will be dedicated to the restoration of the awe-inspiring stained-glass windows in the Grand Ballroom. By attending this remarkable event, guests will play an integral role in preserving the historical and architectural heritage of City Hall.

## Harper’s Haven to be held on Oct. 13

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department cordially invites the Holyoke community to the “Third Annual Harper’s Haven Friday the 13th Halloween Festival.” This event will take place on Friday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Community Field, off Cherry Street.

Music will be provided by DJ Brian Nicks. TJ’s popcorn, cookies and balloons will be there. Visit with Toy Story characters Woody and Buzz Lightyear.

Meet with the Holyoke Fire Department. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite Superhero/Halloween Costume. Collect a goodie bag while supplies last.

This event is free of charge, weather permitting. This event is sponsored by the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department and Harper’s Family.

For more information visit our web site at [www.holyoke.org](http://www.holyoke.org) or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (413) 322-5620.

## NAMI-WM announces new 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.

## HCC 24-hour theater festival returns for sixth year Sept. 30

HOLYOKE – The annual Phillips Festival, an evening of short plays written, directed, and staged in 24 hours by Holyoke Community College alumni, students, staff, and friends, returns to HCC on Saturday, Sept. 30, for its sixth year.

The festival, which debuted in 2016, raises money for the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education, honoring the legacy of Leslie Phillips, founder of the HCC theater program.

“This year, we are doubly excited as the festival will be the first theater production in HCC’s newly renovated Leslie Phillips Theater,” said HCC alumna and festival coordinator Lisa Poehler.

To produce the Leslie Phillips Festival, HCC alumni, students and staff register in advance to participate as writers, directors, actors, or members of the stage crew. The writers meet with the actors on Friday, Sept. 29, the night before the show to receive play elements such as props, prompts, and characterizations. They have until 6 a.m. the next morning to write their plays. Two hours later, actors and directors meet for a full day of rehears-

als leading up to a 7:30 p.m. performance that evening, Saturday, Sept. 30.

“This is an evening of creativity and collaboration for the HCC theater community and the community at large,” said Poehler. “It’s also a chance to invest in the future generation of HCC’s theater program and students - all in the name of Leslie Phillips.”

Funds raised from the festival enable the HCC Theater Department to hold master classes, make capital improvements, and hire guest artists - “Anything to enrich, enable, and expand the educational experience of HCC students,” Poehler said.

The festival was first organized in 2016 by HCC alumni working with HCC theater professor Pat Sandoval as a tribute to Phillips, who died in 1988 after inspiring legions of HCC students.

To participate in the festival, please register at [hcc.edu/phillips-2023](http://hcc.edu/phillips-2023).

General admission tickets are \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) and \$10 for students and seniors (\$15 at the door). All proceeds benefit the Leslie Phillips Theater Fund for Arts and Education.

Festival tickets can be purchased at [hcc.edu/phillips-tickets23](http://hcc.edu/phillips-tickets23).

## Girls Inc. announces two new members to board of directors

HOLYOKE – Girls Inc. of the Valley is announcing two new members to their Board of Directors: Trishna Mudumbi and Isani Castro. These board members will join their current Board of Directors to support strategic planning to map out the future of the organization.

Mudumbi is an accomplished engineering leader with nearly 20 years of industry experience. Mudumbi holds a Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering from Drexel University and a Masters of Science in Management from Stevens Institute of Technology. Mudumbi is currently the chief engineer for Environmental and Airframe Control Systems products for the Boeing Defense Value Stream at Collins Aerospace. Throughout her career, Mudumbi has focused on promoting women and underrepresented groups in STEM and beyond.

Castro is an Associate Attorney at Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury & Murphy P.C. in downtown Springfield with a focus on business and corporate law. Castro holds a Bachelor of Arts

in Political Science from Manhattan College, graduating with honors. Castro graduated from Roger Williams University School of Law in May 2022 with her Juris Doctor. In her role as Associate Attorney, Castro drafts various legal documents related to intricate business needs, provides legal counsel, and manages negotiations.

“Trishna and Isani are fabulous additions to our Board of Directors,” said Suzanne Parker, executive director of Girls Inc. of the Valley. “Trishna and Isani are leaders in their respective industries and have a firm passion for the Girls Inc. mission. The skill sets they will bring to the board strengthens our organization as we position ourselves to serve more youth throughout the Valley.”

Girls Inc. of the Valley seeks to contribute to a world in which every student values their whole self, discovers their inherent strengths, and achieves their goals.

If interested, or have questions please contact Meghan Rothschild at 413.218.4994 or [meghan@chikmedia.us](mailto:meghan@chikmedia.us).

# Royal named to Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

HOLYOKE – Recently retired Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal has been named to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education by Gov. Maura T. Healey.

Royal, who lives in Northampton, was one of three new board appointments announced Sept. 19, along with the reappointment of board chair Chris Gabrieli.

“Equity is at the center of our administration. I’m proud to be appointing members of the Board of Higher Education who share this commitment and will work to expand access

to affordable, high quality higher education for every student,” Healey said. “Massachusetts has long been a leader in higher education, and I’m confident that under the leadership of Chair Gabrieli and the other board members we will continue to lengthen our lead and deliver results for the people of Massachusetts.”

The 13-member Board of Higher Education is the statutorily created agency in Massachusetts responsible for defining the mission of and coordinating the State’s system of public higher education and its institutions.

“I am grateful to serve on the Board of Higher Education for Massachusetts and look forward to supporting our system of public higher education in a new capacity,” said Royal. “As president of HCC for seven years, equity was a significant priority, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to continue this work at the state level, in support of our students and institutions.”

Royal, who wrapped up her tenure as the fourth president of HCC in July, is the president of Infinite Unlearning, LLC.



Retired HCC President Christina Royal has been named to MA Board of Higher Education. Submitted Photo

## New HCC President Timmons receives community welcome

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College President George Timmons received a warm community welcome during a reception Sept. 12 at the Gary Rome Hyundai dealership on Whiting Farms Road.

It was the first public reception for Timmons, who began his tenure as HCC’s fifth president on July 13.

“As a business leader in the community, it is an honor to host President Timmons and introduce him at our dealership,” said Rome. “Together, we can join forces and accomplish great things for the future of HCC.”

The reception followed the quarterly meeting of the HCC Foundation Board of Directors, on which Rome and Timmons both sit.

“We are excited to work with President Timmons,” said HCC Foundation Board chair Corey Murphy, president of First American Insurance Agency. “He is clear about wanting HCC to be acknowledged nationally for its efforts to support and inspire students,



George Timmons

and he is eager to connect with donors to help us get there.”

The reception included the presentation of a \$5,000 check from Rome to the HCC Foundation for the benefit of HCC’s Thrive Student Resource Center, which provides essential resources and support to students dealing with challenges such as food and housing insecurity.

“Mr. Rome has clearly shown his dedication to HCC and to the work the college is doing to help students achieve their academic and career goals, and we are very grateful for his donation,” Timmons said.

“The money we raised that day goes to the President’s Student Emergency Fund and Thrive Center to help students facing food insecurity and housing insecurity,” said Rome. “It’s very important that we give everybody the tools to go to school, and it’s important to bring awareness to Holyoke Community College because it is a hidden jewel right here in our community.”

## Wistariahurst Museum announces upcoming 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

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 captivating 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 session 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.



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## Food and clothing drive drop off at 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 take place September through December 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-per-

ishable 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.

## NAMI Family-to-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.

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.

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

## Girl Scouts to welcome hundreds of girls to ‘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 engineering 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, drawing backpack, and an exclusive Geek is Glam patch. Financial assistance is available. No previous Girl Scout experience necessary to attend. Registration closes Sept. 18.

Guest Column



## Will opening a joint account affect my disabled father's "SSI?"

Dear Rusty

I live in Michigan and my senior disabled father lives in rural Kentucky. His income is part Social Security and part disability. I talked to a local credit union near his home and explained I would like to open a joint account. They said as long as he comes in with his ID it's possible.

My question is will adding money to our joint account affect his SSI and disability?

Signed: Caring Daughter

Dear Caring Daughter

First, I need to clarify that there are two types of disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration – Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. The acronym "SSI" normally refers to "Supplemental Security Income," which is a benefit for disabled senior adults and children, who have very little income and very few assets.

"SSI" is not Social Security income; rather it is a general benefit program jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and the State in which your father lives. In contrast, Social Security Disability benefits are earned from working and are not affected by the recipient's assets, as are "SSI" benefits.

From what you've written, I assume that your father may have a small Social Security retirement benefit (because he has reached his full retirement age and SSDI isn't available after full retirement age) and he is also receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits.

If this is the case, although your father's Social Security retirement benefit would not be affected by opening a joint account at the credit union, his Supplemental Security Income disability benefit likely will be.

As co-owner of the joint account, your assets would count towards your father's "SSI" asset limit and your assets, as well as any "in kind" assistance you otherwise provide, would likely put your father over the SSI income/asset eligibility limit and result in his SSI benefits being terminated.

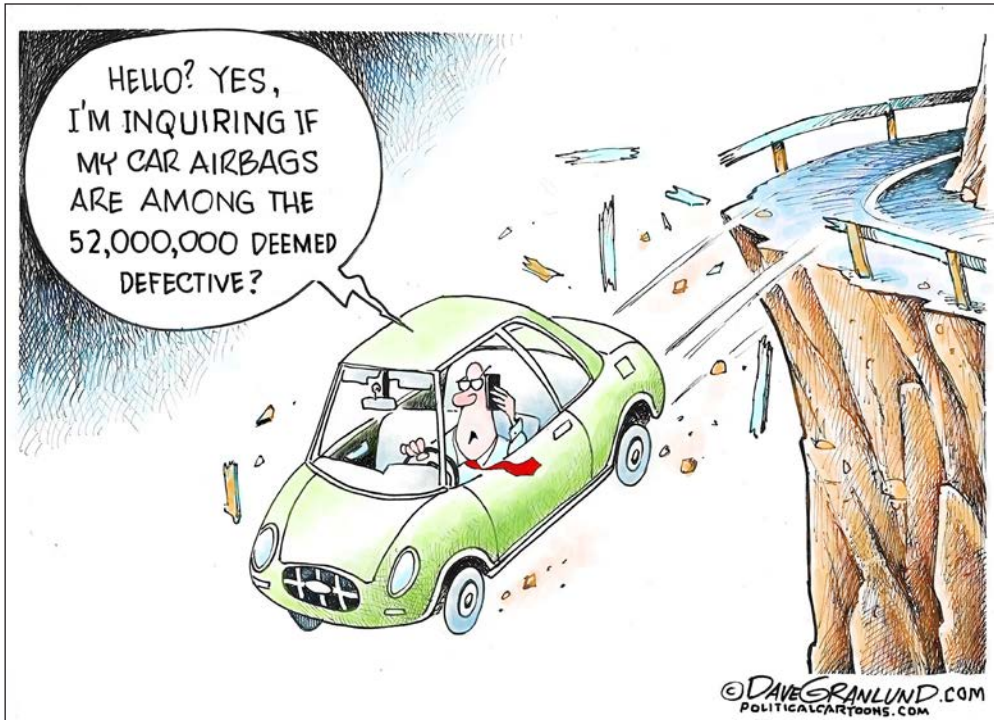
So, although the credit union may be willing to open a joint account for you and your father, I'm afraid that would result in your father losing his SSI benefits, leaving him with only his small Social Security retirement benefit.

You may wish to review the SSI eligibility information at this link: [www.ssa.gov/ssi/eligibility](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/eligibility) or you could contact the Social Security Administration and ask to speak with someone experienced with Supplemental Security Income matters.

For clarity, "SSI" assistance is jointly administered by the Social Security Administration and each State's Human Services department, and assistance available varies somewhat depending on the recipient's state of residence. Thus, since your father lives in Kentucky, you might also contact that state's human services agency to discuss your options for providing remote assistance to your father without jeopardizing his Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit: [www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx](http://www.chfs.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx).

*The Association Mature Citizens Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. This article is intended for informa-*

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Guest Column

## Friends in the garden



For the last couple of weeks, I have been eagerly observing a garden spider in one of my flower beds.

It is so beautiful.

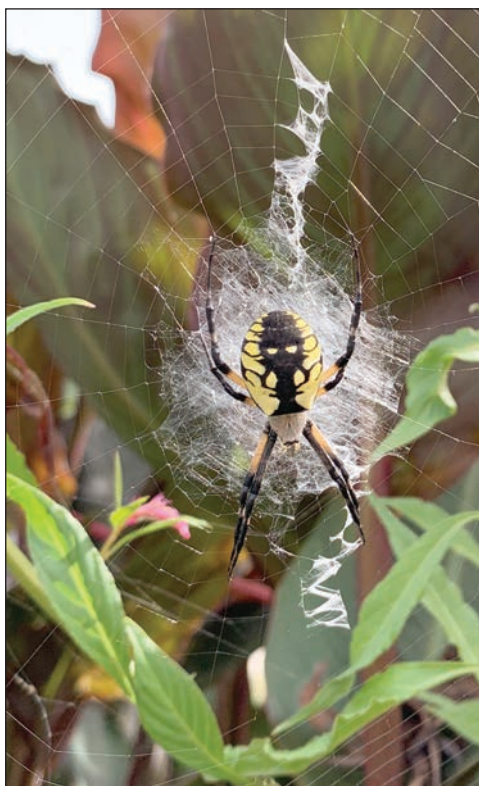
Spider foes might balk at that particular choice of words. But if the shoe fits, wear it!

This spider is indeed a beauty. Over an inch long, yellow and black in color and attached to an intricately woven web, the spider on guard, waiting for unsuspecting prey.

Many years ago, when I grew flowers that were members of the Celosia genus in a big cut flower garden, it seemed this particular spider was a frequent visitor. I haven't seen one like it in a few years.

Lo and behold, she's attached to some plumed celosia, doing her thing. Read on to learn more about a real hero, garden style!

This particular garden spider goes by the name of Argiope (rhymes with calliope). Besides its brilliant color, other distinguishing characteristics include a large, egg-shaped abdomen, three claws on each foot, and a foot wide (or larger) web that has a zig zag band of silk called "stabilimenta"



This garden spider, an Argiope, is a helpful friend to gardeners. Submitted Photo

running through its center.

The argiope makes its home in most of the lower 48 states, Mexico and Central America as far south as Costa Rica. It pre-

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The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported a rare sighting of an American white pelican at Big Pond in Otis.

The white pelican winters along the Florida and Gulf Coast. It breeds in the western part of Canada and the United States. It is 62 inches long, white with a large orange-yellow bill and throat pouch. In flight, the trailing half of the wings are black.

The immature is similar to the adult, but the bill and throat pouch are gray and the wing markings are brown not black. The immature plumage is kept for three to four years.

These pelicans feed while swimming, dipping the bill into the water to catch fish in its pouch. They often feed in small groups where they herd fish toward shall-

low water to make facilitate catching the fish.

The female lays one to three white eggs in a nest that is a slight depression on bare ground or on a mound of earth, brush stems and debris. They often nest colonial-ly on large inland lakes.

The American white pelican is one of the largest birds in North America. It can soar for long distance and often flies in line or V formation. During breeding season, they may do flights involving soaring and diving. They are generally quiet away from their breeding grounds. The young in the nest can give loud whines or grunts.

### Bald eagle

An Oakham couple camped with family members at Lake Dennison over the Labor Day weekend. They spotted a bald eagle while kayaking. Upon returning to shore, their son was looking at a bird perched in a tree and said it was a bald eagle. They took turns watching the eagle through the binoculars.

### Lots of wild turkeys

Seeing wild turkeys along the side of the road or even having to stop while they cross the road is a common occur-

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"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly"

Delia Owens

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# Westfield State University presents conversations

WESTFIELD – On Wednesday, Sept. 27, Westfield State University will host a “Conversation with Values Practitioners,” an evening dedicated to celebrating the work and life stories of individuals who, through the practice of values, build inclusive communities, inspire more equitable institutions, and contribute to a more just world.

Featured speakers include Janine Fondon, Chair of Undergraduate Communications at Bay Path University, and exhibit curator; Rhonda Anderson, an Iñupiaq-Athabascan woman from Alaska and Commissioner on Indian Affairs in Western Massachusetts; and Ben Boyd, Senior Vice President of Global Communications at Peloton.

In bringing together community members across the diversity spectrum, including identity, thought, talent, and lived experience, the program will recognize and appreciate that identities are interconnected, celebrate the equity and inclusion efforts by faculty, staff, and students, and encourage opportunities for continued action.

Following the speaking program, the “Voices of Resilience” exhibit will be launched at Westfield State’s Arno Maris Gallery. The display panels will showcase the stories of women and men who have worked to create change as well as untold narratives that reframe history. The exhibit will represent these achievements both visually and through inclusive story-

telling. A panel is dedicated to Dr. Linda Thompson, the president of the University.

The speaking program will run from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. and take place in the Scanlon Banquet Hall followed by the exhibit opening and its reception in the Arno Maris Gallery, which runs from 6 to 7 p.m. and is located on the second floor of the Ely building. Both are free and open to the public.

Sponsors include the University’s Office of Human Resources, the Office of the President, the Values Working Group, the Ethnic and Gender Studies Department, and numerous collaborators throughout campus. External sponsors include the Mass Cultural Council and Peloton.

# Ithaca College spring 2023 dean’s list

ITHACA, NY – Mae Cahill of Holyoke, has been named to Ithaca College’s spring 2023 dean’s list.

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## BACKYARD, from page 4

rence in my travels around the area. This Monday, I stopped and watched a flock of six or so Tom turkeys. The three largest ones displayed their tail feathers in what looked like a competition between them.

Although wild turkeys are a common sighting now, I enjoy watching them. I also see flocks of several hens with their poults in various stages of growth.

### Hummingbirds

The ruby throated hummingbirds are now migrating. Many people keep their nectar feeders out until later this month for a food source for the stragglers. Soon, it will be time to take in the nectar feeders, clean them and put them away until next May when the ruby throated hummingbirds return.



American white pelican

### Audubon society sightings

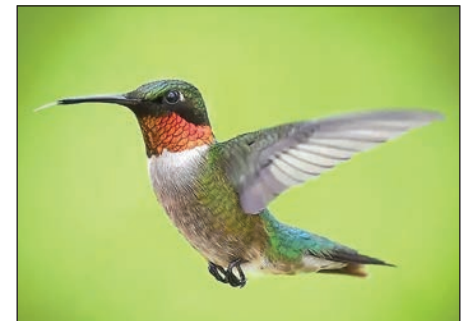
In addition to the American white pelican in Otis, the Massachusetts Audubon Society reported another rare sighting a masked booby at the edge of the continental shelf near Hydrographer Canyon. The booby was one of only three or four sightings ever recorded in Massachusetts.

Other sightings included red crossbills at Montague Plains Wildlife



Red crossbills

Management area, eight red crossbills at the Birch Hill Wildlife Management Area in Winchendon, four sandhill cranes Meadows Conservation Area near Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Northampton, and upland sandpiper, a whimbrel, a Baird’s sandpiper, a short-billed dowitcher, a dickcissel and two lark sparrows in Northampton. Also reported were a Bonaparte’s gull and a common tern at the Quabbin Reservoir



Ruby throated hummingbirds

Visitor Center in Belchertown and three black vultures over Mount Wachusett in Princeton.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

## GARDEN, from page 4

fers sunny areas among flowers, shrubs and other tall plants to construct its web.

If weather permits, the female spider will construct and repair her web both day and night and will remain there unless food is scarce, or disturbances are frequent. Males generally roam in search of a mate, and when they find one will sometimes build a small web nearby to begin courtship.

Although their vision is rather poor, males get their intentions across by plucking and vibrating the females’ web.

Once mating is complete, it is presumed that males die. Females produce up to three brown egg sacks, each one containing 300-1,400 eggs.

The sacks are positioned close to mom, nearby her resting position in the center of the web.

Unfortunately, she will die prior to or as a result of the first hard frost, and although her eggs will hatch within the sack they do not emerge until spring. In warmer climates the female argiope may live for several years.

As with all spiders, the black and

yellow garden spider is carnivorous. Its orb-shaped web will capture all sorts of flying insects, including aphids, flies, grasshoppers, and even wasps and bees.

Amazingly, she can bring down prey nearly twice her size thanks to a venomous bite that immobilizes its victims. We need not worry about this spider.

Although it is large, it bites only when harassed, and reportedly, its venom poses no threat to humans. In fact, the argiope is a valued predator of grasshoppers in American rangelands.

The spider will be fun to watch as the season progresses.

I have to admit I am a little sad that she won’t survive the winter. I will have to be on the look out for her egg sacks.

Nature is just amazing. Be sure to stop and admire the spiders every now and then and smell the roses, too!

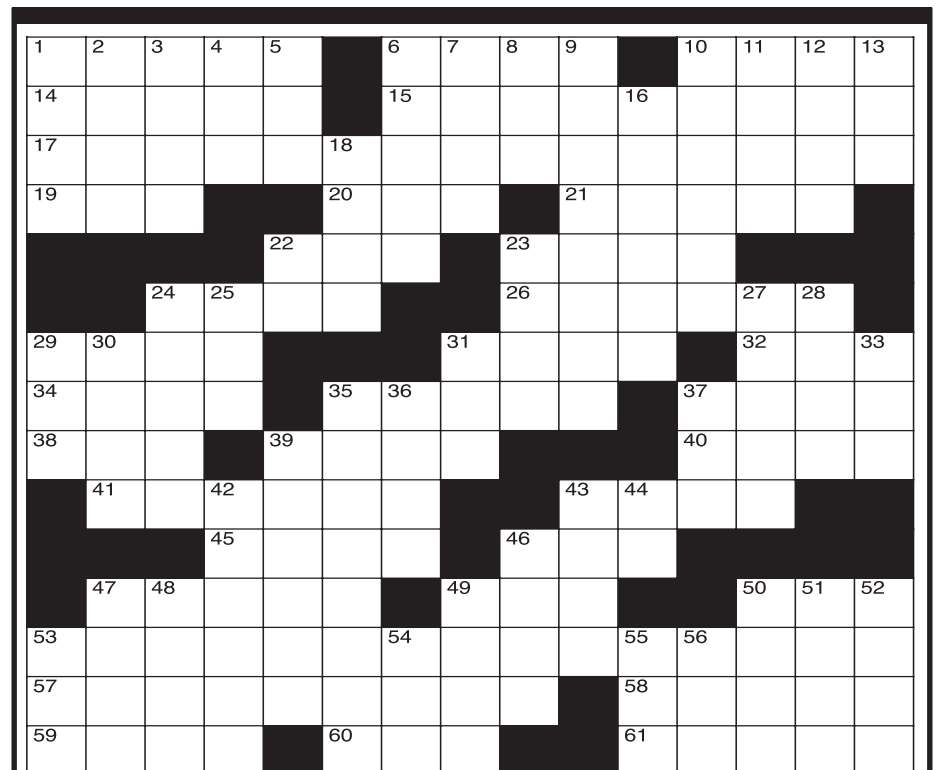
*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com)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

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

## SECURITY, from page 4

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry
- 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments
- 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Wings
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Touches lightly
- 35. Stood back from
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity
- 39. Type of amine
- 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Vetch
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language
- 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party
- 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value
- 61. Hard, durable timbers
- 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container
- 5. Speak incessantly
- 6. Relating to algae
- 7. Jacob \_\_\_\_, journalist
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat’s cargo
- 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city
- 13. Scotland’s longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account
- 23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials
- 30. A shot in a film production
- 31. Afflict in mind or body
- 33. A passage with access only at one end
- 35. Breathing devices
- 36. Employ for wages
- 37. Kids’ TV channel (abbr.)
- 39. Popular Boston song
- 42. Made amends
- 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 44. Atomic #18
- 46. With fireplace residue
- 47. Unleavened cornbread
- 48. Draw out
- 49. Southwestern Alaska island
- 50. Where the Pyramids are
- 51. People of Nigeria
- 52. Smaller quantity
- 53. Destroy the inside of
- 54. City
- 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
- 56. No (Scottish)

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# Bright Nights road race registration now open

SPRINGFIELD – The Bright Nights 5k Road Race, a jolly jaunt through more than 700,000 lights, has earned the reputation of being Springfield’s favorite race. Registration is now open for the 500 coveted spots.

The 18th annual Bright Nights 5K Road Race is going to held on Monday, Nov. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The rain date is Tuesday, Nov. 28. The fee to participate is \$70. This includes participation in the one-of-a-kind event that takes runners by and through Bright Nights at Forest

Park’s magnificent displays, from the Seuss Land Arch to the Giant Poinsettia Candles, and back. Racers also are going to receive a souvenir long-sleeved hooded athletic shirt, a ticket to enjoy Bright Nights at Forest Park in the comfort of their car, and a post-race soup supper.

“We tell runners to prepare for a hilly course,” said Spirit of Springfield President Judy Matt. “They will, however, be distracted and delighted by being immersed in the lights as they run past the dinosaur display, by the Barney

Mansion, through the Blizzard Tunnel to name just a few of the displays.”

In 2022, the Bright Nights 5K Road Race was enjoyed by many beyond Greater Springfield. These included runners from Sturbridge, Sutton, Chelmsford, and Boston, Massachusetts, as well as Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and even one from Arizona.

The Spirit of Springfield, which organizes the event, recommends runners be available for both dates, Nov.

27 and 28. For safety reasons, runners must be at least 14 years old on race day. Headphones, baby strollers, pets, and bandit runners will not be allowed on the route.

The Bright Nights 5k Road Race is sponsored by Covestro, Health New England, Siemens, and Freedom Credit Union.

For more information about the Bright Night 5K Road Race and registration, visit [brightnights.org](http://brightnights.org) or contact the Spirit of Springfield at 413-733-3800.

# Michael J. Dias Foundation hosting golf tournament on Oct. 16

LUDLOW – The Michael J. Dias Foundation gears up for its 10th annual golf tournament fundraiser, at the Ludlow Country Club on Monday, Oct. 16. The tournament is sponsored by Luso Federal Credit Union

The Michael J. Dias Foundation, renowned for its steadfast commitment to providing sober housing to individuals

in recovery, has organized this event as a cornerstone fundraising effort to advance its mission further. The tournament will begin with registration starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by an exhilarating shotgun start at 11 a.m.

Golf enthusiasts, community members, and foundation supporters are invited to participate in this day of friendly

competition. The cost per golfer is \$150, covering greens fees, a golf cart, a delectable mid-game lunch, and a celebratory buffet dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities are open to businesses and individuals who want to make a difference. Sponsors will play an integral role in supporting the Foundation’s crucial work, contributing

to the well-being and recovery of the individuals the Foundation serves.

For inquiries and additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact Isabel Martins, reachable via email at [imartins@mdiasfoundation.org](mailto:imartins@mdiasfoundation.org) or by phone at 617-429-0541.

The 10th annual MJD Golf Tournament stands as a celebration of community and a testament to the potent force of collective goodwill.

Registering for the 10th annual golf Tournament and becoming a valued sponsor is just a click away through the official registration portal: <https://bit.ly/MJDGOLF23>. We’d like to have all sponsors confirmed by Sept. 27 and golfers registered by Oct. 2, in order to plan the best day for everyone. For more details about the event, please visit the Foundation’s official website at [www.mdiasfoundation.org](http://www.mdiasfoundation.org).

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## Knights girls soccer falls to Ware

**By Tim Peterson**  
Sports Correspondent

WARE – Despite the Lady Indians 3-0 loss to Pioneer North rival Holyoke High School, last Thursday’s match held at Ware High School was very special.

soccer team and is also a member of the student council, gave her thoughts about the night.

“Obviously, we would’ve liked to have won the game, but tonight was all about Childhood Cancer Awareness,” Chelsea Foley said. “Mr. (Wayne) Blais, who’s a teacher at the high school, gave me this idea during the first week of school. His son (Alex) passed away from cancer five years ago. We were hoping to raise a little bit of money tonight.”

The proceeds from the gift

baskets will be given to Camp Hole in the Wall, which is in Ashford, Connecticut.

“Because this was our first year doing this, my main goal was to raise around \$200.00. I never expected to make more than one thousand dollars tonight. I’m so proud of everyone involved,” Foley said. “All of the proceeds will go to Camp Hole in the Wall. They do a lot for families who have been affected by Childhood Cancer. It’s a great organization. My teammates gave me a lot of help tonight. It was an amazing night.”

The Lady Indians home game versus Holyoke was originally scheduled to be played last Wednesday night but was postponed for 24 hours due to the weather. There was also

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Yasani Thompson is in balance as she readies to pass to a teammate.

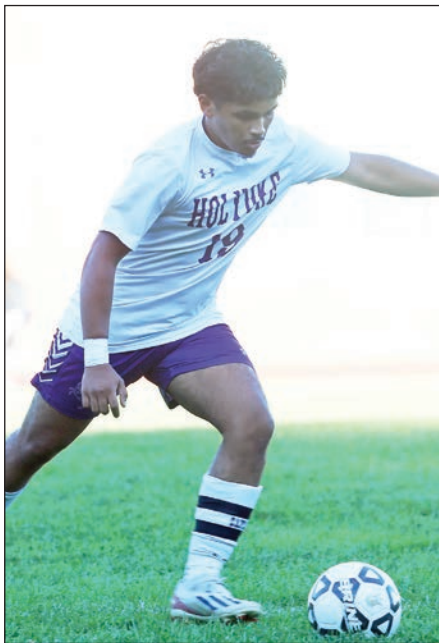
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## Holyoke boys seek first win

MONSON – Last Thursday afternoon, Holyoke suffered a loss 3-0 at Monson High School.

The defeat dropped the Knights to 0-4 for the season with just two goal scored in those four games.

The Knights continue their pursuit for their first win on Sept. 26 against SICS at 6 p.m. at home.



Alvin Silva looks to pass.  
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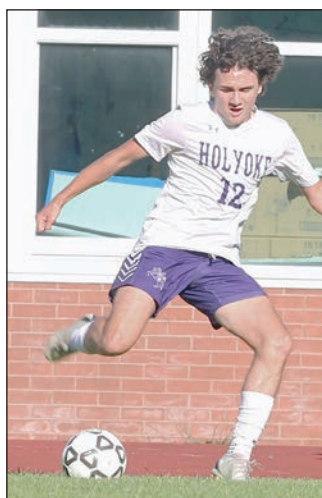
Christian Piedra pops the ball up.



Landon Koziara clears the ball away.



Ryan Kennedy sends a slant pass away.

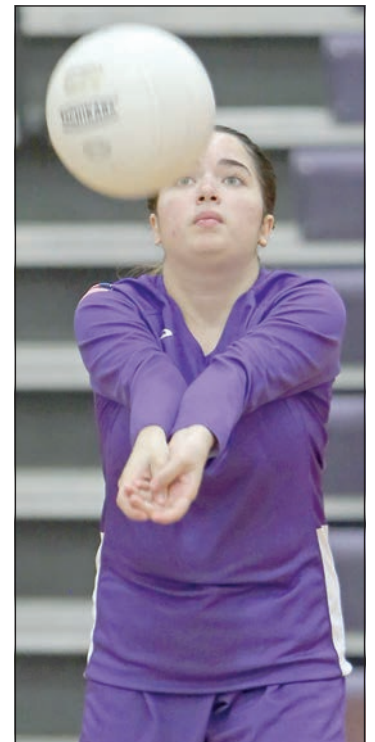


Bradley Provost looks to trap the ball.

## Knights win fifth straight

HOLYOKE – After a loss to start the season, Holyoke girls volleyball has a string of five consecutive wins. Last Friday afternoon, the Knights got a 3-0 shutout of visiting South Hadley.

The Knights also have wins over Sci-Tech and Taconic during the past week. Holyoke is now 5-1 to start the season and next has a rematch against Mt. Everett on Sept. 27, the only team that has defeated them this season.



Aliesh Cotto Torres bumps the ball over the net. Turley photos by David Henry



Nayshaliz Gonzalez reaches out for the hit.



Yeseida Mercolino keeps the ball in play with a bump.

# Westfield State University girls get big win

WESTFIELD – Westfield State junior forward Delaney Parker (Orange, Mass./Mahar HS) notched her 52nd career goal to set the Owls' career goals record in a 5-0 win over Massachusetts Maritime Academy in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference women's soccer match at Alumni Field on Saturday afternoon.

Westfield, the defending conference champs and picked first in the league's pre-season poll, looked the part as they outshot Buccaneers 28-0 in the first half, and 37-1 in the match. The Owls improve to 3-3, 1-0 MASCAC. Mass Maritime is now 0-4, and 0-1 in the league.

Parker's record-setter was the Owls fifth goal of the first half, as she scored on PK after the Owls Ryan Moran was taken down from behind while attacking

the goal in the 42nd minute.

Parker's shot was just off the left side of Buccaneers starting goalkeeper Brady Deschamps (Brewster, Mass./Nauset).

It feels great," said Parker. "I could tell the shots I was taking earlier were just me in my head. I was thinking 'I need to get it' but I was just off."

The crowd surged with excitement for each Owls scoring chance for Parker, but she delivered a couple of shots high over the cross bar in the early going.

"Even the PK wasn't great," she said, throwing up her hands. "But it went in, and now it's over with."

Westfield made sure the game was over by the half.

Tia Tollis (East Longmeadow, Mass.) put the Owls on the board in the eighth minute with a nice header

off of a corner kick from Jaida Cochran (Middleboro, Mass.). Kiana Maratsuka (Mililani, Hawaii) delivered a pair of goals, both on feeds from Parker, and Kiana Patel (Nairobi, Kenya) tallied her first collegiate goal with an assist from Maratsuka as the Owls got out to the big early lead.

The Owls peppered Deschamps with 28 total shots as she made 11 saves in the first half. Reagan Kerecz (Tolland, Conn./Ethel Walker School) played between the pipes for the Bucs in the second half and came up with six saves to keep the Owls off the board in the second frame.

Westfield used 26 players including two goalkeepers. Kayla Santucci (Agawam, Mass.) didn't face a single shot in the first half in getting the win, and Michaela Monchecchi (Winsdor,

Mass./Wahconah) came out of the net to play a wide shot from Deschamps, who played in the field in the second half, late in the game on the only serious incursion into Owls territory for the Buccaneers.

Parker now has 52 goals, one more than Owls hall of famer Sandy (Pinto) Graham '97. Parker shares the team lead with Maratsuka with five goals each this season. Parker led NCAA D3 in goals with 31 as a freshman and added 16 in her sophomore season.

Westfield State was playing its first home game of the season after starting with four straight on the road. The Owls travels took them from Gorham, Maine to Cortland, N.Y. while playing schools from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. Westfield traversed 1,114 miles in facing those four foes.

## T-Birds start season Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, the proud AHL affiliate of the St. Louis Blues, today announced their slate of promotions and theme nights for the 2023-24 season, presented by MGM Springfield. The T-Birds will host 36 home games from October to April inside the MassMutual Center.

The Calder Cup quest begins on Saturday, Oct. 14 for Opening Night presented by MGM Springfield. In the team's annual tradition, fans will be treated to a pregame Block Party on the property of MGM Springfield from 4:00 - 6:00 PM presented by Community Bank N.A. with the support of the Springfield Business Improvement District (BID). The outdoor bash will feature live music, food, and drink. Thunderbirds fans will have the opportunity to get their hands on a plethora of giveaway souvenir items this season, beginning on Opening Night with jersey-shaped rally towels on each and every seat at the MassMutual Center.

"On the heels of a record 15 sell-outs last season, we are continuing to aim higher to ensure the Thunderdome remains a definitive home-ice advantage for our team," said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. "Our fans will always remain our number one priority, and this year's promotions and theme nights reflect that, as there truly is something in it for everybody. We cannot wait to get another unforgettable season underway."

Fans interested in attending Opening Night can take advantage of a value offer with the purchase of a Dunkin' Opening Night Pack, which starts at \$100 in the Defense Zone, \$115 in the Attack Zone sections and \$130 in the Center Value Zone sections. Fans who purchase a pack will receive: two (2) tickets to Opening Night on Oct. 14; four (4) vouchers redeemable at any regular season game in 2023-24 (subject to availability); one (1) T-Birds hat; a Dunkin' gift card; and one (1) Single Day Big E admission\*.

## Bonsignore wins at crucial time

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Saturday night's NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race at Riverhead Raceway came down to the final five laps, with the two championship contenders battling it out to the finish.

At the checkered flag, Justin Bonsignore scored his 11th career Riverhead Raceway victory, tying Mike Ewanitksko for the most all-time at the New York bullring. The win was also his 40th career in NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour competition and fifth of the 2023 season.

Bonsignore is one of just four drivers in the history of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour to win 40 events. He is currently just two wins behind tying Ted Christopher for third on the all-time list.

With the win, Bonsignore took over the points lead over Ron Silk with just three races remaining in the season. Silk finished third on Saturday after the two battled down the stretch.

"Tying Mike Ewanitksko has been a goal of mine since I was fortunate enough to start winning races here on the Whelen Modified Tour," Bonsignore said. "I wish he was here tonight, but I'm sure I will get something funny in texts later tonight. It was a heavy-weight fight for sure tonight. This is an awesome event that everyone here puts together to keep racing going on Long Island and honor Ed Partridge. The momentum has been on our side lately - onto North Wilkesboro in two weeks."

The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is set for Saturday, Sept. 30, as the series heads to North Wilkesboro Speedway, one of the most historic tracks in NASCAR history. For more information on three-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Justin Bonsignore, visit JustinBonsignore.com and follow his Athlete page on Facebook for the latest news and updates from the track.

## SOCCKER, from page 7

an open house at the high school last Thursday night.

"I feel like a lot more people came to tonight's game because of the open house," Foley said. "I saw a lot of the teachers here. Having the game postponed last night worked out in our favor."

Foley is looking forward to putting together the second annual Childhood Cancer Awareness night soccer game next September. She'll then pass the baton to one of her younger teammates.

"I really want this to become an annual event," she said. "When I graduate from high school, I'll be handing

everything off to an upcoming senior on the girls soccer team."

Prior to the start of the contest, the members of both teams took a group picture together.

"I think this was a great night," said first-year Holyoke head coach Kellen Matthews. "Sportsmanship is a very important thing to me."

Matthews had been the Holyoke junior varsity soccer coach for several years. She was the goalie coach last year. Matthews graduated from Algonquin Regional High School in Northboro and she's the all-time leader in saves for the women's soccer team at Goucher College.

The Purple Knights (2-0-1) scored all three of their goals during the first

40 minutes.

"This was our second win in a row and our first shutout of the regular season," Matthews said. "I'm very proud of my players."

The Purple Knights finished the 2022 campaign with a 3-13-2 overall record. They equaled their win total from a year ago following a 2-0 victory against Mahar Regional in their home opener last Friday afternoon.

Junior Tryana Ayala scored Holyoke's first goal against Ware on a rebound shot that went into the net past Ware freshman goalie Emily Jones (15 saves) during the sixth minute.

In the middle of the opening half, sophomore Yasani Thompson pushed the ball across the goal-line for another

unassisted goal.

With ten minutes remaining in the first half, freshman Kyra Lippman scored what turned out to be the Purple Knights final goal by putting a shot into the right corner of the net. Senior Alivia Kaifer was credited with the assist.

The Lady Indians had three shots on goal in the second half from senior Mia DiRenzo, senior Emily McGrail, and freshman Reese McKeever. All three attempts were saved by Holyoke junior goalie Jayah Stuckey (5 saves).

"I've been working with Jayah during the past couple of years," Matthews said. "She has really stepped it up a lot so far this year."

Holyoke is scheduled to host Ware on their new turf field on October 5.



Jaylene Moquin breaks through the defense as she heads downfield.



Maria Burgos-Bernier leads the ball past a defender.



Kyra Lippman dribbles down field.  
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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
 The City of Holyoke  
 536 Dwight Street #3  
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**Invitation to Bid**  
**# 2024 - 10C**  
**Anniversary Hill Park Trail & Utility Corridor**  
 MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, **HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION or HIGHWAY -BIKE PATHS**, for the project with an estimated Total Project Value of \$900,000.00 will be required. Project consists of erection & maintenance of sedimentation, erosion controls, demolition, site prep, tree removal, hazard pruning, earthwork, drainage improvements, stone dust trail, cobblestone curb, installation of owner furnished benches and kiosk, installation/burial of electrical conduit and handholes, bituminous concrete paving and landscaping. Documents can be requested electronically from [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org) or in person at no charge from the purchasing office. Documents will be available starting 9/20/23 at 10 A.M. **General Bid Deadline is 10/10/23 at 2P.M.** where bids will be opened publicly and read. **\*\*Part of this project is funded or may be funded with Federal Funds.** Respondents will have to comply with all Federal Requirements including part 200. **A site visit will be held on 9/26/23.** No electronic submissions will be accepted; the city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 09/22/2023

**City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
 The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: 836 3939 8493; Call in \*67 646 558 8656 to hear, a Special Permit (Sec 4.6.3.2) to exceed fence height, submitted by Euphorium, LLC (2023-17) for the property located at 15 Main St (Parcel 033-06-02-002).

APPLICANT:  
 EUPHORIUM, LLC  
 PLANNING BOARD:  
 Mimi Panitch  
 09/22, 09/29/2023

**City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing**  
 The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:15 pm.** You can join via [Zoom.com](https://zoom.com); ID **89297664991**; CALL IN: \*67 646 558 8656 or in person at **City Hall Annex 20 Korean Veterans Plaza Room 403**, regarding the application for a **Transfer of an All Annual**

**All Alcohol Liquor License (On-Premises) from LaJustice Lounge Inc. DBA Rosario Bar & Grill, at 497-499 Hight Street, to Mambo Café, LLC DBA Mambo,** pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.  
 Applicant:  
 Mambo Café, LLC  
 License Board:  
 Anthony Luciano, Chairman  
 09/22, 09/29/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1876GD**  
**In the matter of: Robert Morsen aka Robert Joseph Morsen Of: Holyoke, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Anthony S Morsen of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Robert Morsen** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Anthony S Morsen of Holyoke, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **10/11/2023.**

This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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**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: September 06, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
 Register of Probate  
 09/22/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1900EA Estate of: Joel D Provencal Date of Death: 05/16/2018 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 **Amelia M Jayne 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: **Amelia M Jayne 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 10/10/2023.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not**

required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the **Personal Representative** and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: September 12, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
 Register of Probate  
 09/22/2023

**City of Holyoke 536 Dwight Street #3 Holyoke, MA 01040-5078 (413)-322-5650 RFP 2024-12 Request for Qualifications for Material Testing and Inspections**  
 The City of Holyoke is seeking proposals for Qualifications for Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services necessary to ensure the quality of the Peck Middle School Building Project. Services to include, Engineering, inspection services, materials testing and surveying. Documents are available starting 9/25/23 at 10AM and will be accepted until 10/10/23 1PM.

Full documents and submittal instructions can be requested from [petros.davos@anseradvisory.com](mailto:petros.davos@anseradvisory.com) electronically. Or in person from the City of Holyoke Purchasing Office. The City of Holyoke reserves the right to reject any and/or all submissions. 09/22/2023

**The City of Holyoke Office of Purchasing 536 Dwight Street, Room 3 Holyoke, MA 01040 Request for Qualifications RFQ 2024-13DPW Sewer Enterprise Fund Consultant**  
 The city of Holyoke is seeking qualifications from qualified consultants or firms to provide professional consulting services for a Comprehensive Analysis of Holyoke's FY24 Sewer Enterprise Fund. Estimated value of this project is \$100,000.00. Documents will be available on 9/20/23 @10AM electronically from [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org) or in person at no cost from the Purchasing Office. **Submittals are due by 10/17/23 at 2 P.M.,** where they will be opened publicly and recorded. No Electronic Submissions will be allowed. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 09/22/2023

*The Holyoke Sun*  
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## In The News

### SEWER, from page 1

age rate payer is and its due to the fact that we have so many multifamily units that get one bill," Monahan said.

With one bill going out to three households it skews the rate high, so they hope to look further into that.

They also hope to look into what kind of rate system they should project. Currently, almost everyone has a flat rate and they would like to investigate other options.

This portion of the study would include looking into bringing back a minimum fee, seeing what would happen if they increased rates for those who use more and seeing what the rate would look like if they took out storm water or consider what a stormwater fee may be once

they consider what those costs are.

"It pulls out of it and makes it more fair, the allocation of costs," Monahan said.

Monahan said there had also been discussion of working with the army corp to abandon some of the flood control systems as several of the areas they were initially protecting are no longer there.

Furthermore, this study would provide opportunities for public comment. The community would be able to gain a better understanding of what their money is going to and they would have opportunities to provide feedback.

"It's an opportunity for the public to understand what their dollars are being spent on and for us to get some feedback from them on how they think these services should be paid for," Monahan said.

### BOY SCOUTS, from page 1

BSA for youth ages 11 through 17, Venturing ages 14 through 20, Sea Scouts ages 14 through 20 and Exploring ages 10 through 20.

The Exploring program in particular is a higher learning program that offers a variety of hands-on experience in different career paths.

"Pretty much any career in your life can be done as an Exploring program," Heather MacInnes from Western Mass Council of the Boy Scouts of America said.

Current career opportunities include aviation, firefighting, communication, entrepreneurship and more.

"We're looking to open up various other fields throughout the community to help empower the youth and help them achieve their career goals," MacInnes said.

Cub Scouts is a great starting program for families interested. It is a family-oriented after school program that welcomes the children and their families.

"We encourage the whole family to become part of the program," Sosa said. "We want the parents to participate, to go camping, to go hiking, to do any outdoor activity with the kids."

Sosa and MacInnes hope to get one unit up and running in the next few months.

All they need to begin a unit is five adults and five children.

Additionally, there are monthly outdoor activities that go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. They offer different stations and activities throughout the day, so those interested do not have to stay for the full six hours.

These programs are open to everyone in the community, even if they aren't a part of the scouts. All you need to do is go to the Boy Scouts website and register.

"You can go as a family or by yourself, they have activities for all ages," Sosa said. "They have some activities for the family to do together and some for specific ages."

To find more information about

This investigation would lead to a new proposed sewer rate for fiscal 2025. Removing unnecessary expenses from the sewer enterprise fund would help to potentially lower the rate.

"Ultimately it would end up in fiscal 2025 with a new proposed sewer rate based on this detailed investigation into the cost and the operations associated with the wastewater and enterprise account," Monahan said.

Monahan strongly encouraged the committee to accept this transfer as, ideally, while the funding will cost the city now, it will only generate them back funds in the long run.

"This is not just a wastewater treatment plant, this is an opportunity to generate revenue, this is an opportunity to generate green power, this is an opportu-

nity to produce a product, so costs associated with that, we are hoping, are going to be more than offset by what these operations can generate," Monahan said.

DPW Director Carl Rossi agreed.

"Even though it's \$100,000, it's a worthwhile investment into the future," he said.

The committee came to the same conclusion. The five members present, City Councilors Juan Anderson-Burgos, Kevin Jourdain, Joseph McGiverin, Will Puello and Peter Tallman, all voted to approve this transfer of funds and recommend it to the city council.

"I'm on board, I'm a yes for this \$100,000, I think you need this to do what you need to do," Jourdain said.

The transfer will next move to the full city council for approval.

these programs go to <https://www.scouting.org/programs/> or <https://www.wmascouting.org/>.

The scouts are trying to come back to Holyoke in order to provide the youth in the area opportunities to develop their leadership, outdoor and communication skills, amongst many others.

"They're learning skills, they're learning to be part of the community, they learn leadership and they get to do community service," Sosa said.

"Between the Cub Scouts and with this Exploring program, we can help the children to overcome all their obstacles," MacInnes said. "It shows that you can overcome anything that you set your mind to."

Furthermore, joining these programs can allow youth the opportunity to build friendships that could last a lifetime, as stated by MacInnes.

"My children have been in it [Boy Scouts] since their second grade and they're now 18 and 16 years old and they have friends that they've been friends with since the second grade," she said.

"They hang out with them all the time and those are their best friends."

Sosa also wanted to emphasize that any child was welcome to join.

"So many times, parents are nervous to sign their kids up if they have a disability, but don't be afraid," she said. "I can speak from my own experience; I have a kid on the Autism spectrum and he went from not wanting to do anything outside to last summer being able to camp the whole week."

Sosa and MacInnes also know that the community looks forward to seeing the scouts return and they will be working hard in the upcoming months to ensure that happens.

In the future they hope to hold a community event in the library to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about the scouts. They have yet to confirm a date for this event.

To anyone interested in the program, they encourage them to come and learn more about it.

"We always welcome anyone," Sosa said.

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Tom Kass's piece "My City" received first place in the adult 3D art category.



Youth Artist Will Dowling and Artist Harold Dumas got a chance to meet, and Dowling showed Dumas his own submission to the art contest.



Ben Pasquini from Blessed Sacrament School received a third-place award in the grades k-5 painting category for his untitled piece.



Sophia King was delighted to receive a second-place award for her piece The Holyoke Masterpiece.



Mirabelle Hines eagerly received her first-place award from Holyoke Preservation Trust Co-President Jean Jonker.



Ben Pasquini accepts his third-place award.



Sophia King receives her second-place prize.



Mary E. Johnson was touched to receive her award and hear about how much the community had enjoyed her short story.



The meet and greet attendees eagerly gather to hear the announcement of the winners by Holyoke Preservation Trust Co-Presidents Olivia Mausel and Jean Jonker.

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Sabourin not only received a third-place prize for her own piece, Sprinkling Hope and Happiness Over Holyoke, but was also the teacher to get the 27 Blessed Sacrament School students to submit their work in the contest.

She was glad she was able to get so many of her students interested in the contest.

"I just thought this was another way of highlighting the students' talents, helping them to see what they're capable of, and I think competition is healthy...and it's helping them to see that they can express themselves this way," Sabourin said.

Sabourin's piece represented the history of Holyoke as well as her hopes for a bright future ahead. She included clippings of paper to represent some of her favorite places around Holyoke and to honor the different immigrant groups who contributed to making Holyoke, Holyoke.

"Because I grew up in Holyoke, it's sentimental to me, personally," Sabourin said. "Living in the Highlands and thinking about all the places that were special to me there, as well as Mountain Park and Nick's Nest, which were always special. All the wonderful places and the wonderful history."

Sabourin was far from the only artist to put so much thought into her piece. Tom Kas, who received first-place for his 3D art piece My City, explained that each aspect of his woodwork had been made to honor the history of Holyoke.

From the use of white pine—a wood commonly used to make pulp for paper—to the font on the piece—which was a favored font in the time period when Holyoke was founded—Kas ensured that his piece truly represented Holyoke's past.

"Holyoke had over thirty mills, most of them were paper mills...and the wood I used is white pine, which was used for making pulp to make the paper," Kas said.

Mary E. Johnson also looked to the past in her short story Golden Age, which won first place. However, she also wanted to ensure that people knew she felt a bright future was possible for Holyoke.

"I hear a lot of people say that they feel like the good times are done, and I always think to myself I don't believe that," Johnson said. "So I felt like the best way to address that was through some type of storytelling, one that shows that the old Golden Age was not some type of perfection and that the new one doesn't have to be, either."

All of the art work will be up at the visitors' center through the end of October for members of the public to come see and enjoy.