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Bickering councilors argue over meeting

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke City Council held a special meeting on Sept. 20 to make up for their missed meeting on Sept. 19 due to the Holyoke Day at the Big E.

Before the meeting could fully get started, however, City Councilor Kevin Jourdain objected to the notion of the meeting, as, according to him, proper procedure for notification had not been followed.

Jourdain claimed that all city councilors needed to be notified by mail of special meetings 48 hours before the meeting or notified in person 24 hours before the meeting. Given that they did not receive mail or in person notice, Jourdain believed the meeting should be rescheduled.

“We have specific rules that are required for special meetings...I would argue the meeting hasn’t been properly noticed and should be rescheduled,” Jourdain said.

Other councilors disagreed with Jourdain. All councilors had received an email notification about the meeting on Sept. 14, with the agenda included.

“Just to clarify the email invitation with the agenda was sent on Sept. 14, all city councilors got a copy of it and the first two city councilors to respond were councilors Jourdain and McGiverin who said they would be here,” Councilor Joseph McGiverin said.

Additionally, all city councilors were present at the meeting, showing clearly that they

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The Holyoke High School cheerleaders take a group shot on a ride at The Big E on Holyoke Day. See more photos on page 6.

Turley photo by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Peck Middle School project picking up steam

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke School Building Committee met on Sept. 21 to discuss updates on the Peck Middle School Project.

Throughout this meeting they discussed the finalized exterior design for the building, the layout of the courtyard, the interior color scheme and general updates on the project.

So far, the project is off to an excellent start. According to Project Manager Margaret Wood, they are already below anticipated costs for the project.

“We’re below the approved project construction budget by a couple million dollars right now... that was really good news for the project, we’re racing ahead,” Wood said.

Additionally, they are about to begin going through the process of reviewing qualifications for companies applying to do sub-bid categories of work, which are trades such as electrical and masonry.

In Massachusetts procurement, there is a process in which the project owner team has an opportunity to place an advertisement to say the project is coming, state the estimated value of the sub-bid categories of work and say they’re accepting qualifications for those categories of work.

Companies will then submit their qualifications for doing the work and the project team will review and pre-qualify the companies.

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Design Principle of the Mount Vernon Group Architects Dennis Daly presented the updated exterior design plans for the Peck Middle School project.



Senior Associate from the Mount Vernon Group Architects Chris LeBlanc walks through the layout of the outdoor classroom area in the courtyard.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

Leahy, Magrath-Smith bid to become new Ward 7 councilor

By Quinn Suomala
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HOLYOKE – Eileen Brady Leahy and Meagan Magrath-Smith will be the Ward 7 city council candidates during the general election.

Holyoke had their primary election on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The purpose of this primary election was to determine who would be the two candidates for the Ward 7 city council position during the general election.

Brady Leahy, Magrath-Smith and Stephen Nash Rosenbush were all in the running to become candidates.

Brady Leahy received 222 votes in total, 138 from precinct A and 84 from precinct B. Magrath-Smith received 330 votes, 172 from precinct A and 158 from precinct B. Nash Rosenbush received 16 votes, eight from precinct A and eight from precinct B.

Therefore, Brady Leahy and Magrath-Smith will be appearing on the ballot in November for the Ward 7 city council seat.

The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

On the ballot will be can-

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HCC offering pickleball classes starting Oct. 3

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is running a series of pickleball clinics this fall for beginners and other players who want to improve their game all the way up to tournament-level play.

The group classes will be led by pickleball coach and racquet sports instructor Kelly Canniff, who has 25 years' experience educating children, adolescents, and adults.

Starting Oct. 3, the sessions run on select Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the indoor pickleball courts at the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave. The cost for each

90-minute session is \$90.

"We try to offer something for all abilities, all ages, and all levels, whether you're a beginner or more advanced player," said Tom Stewart, HCC's director of Athletics.

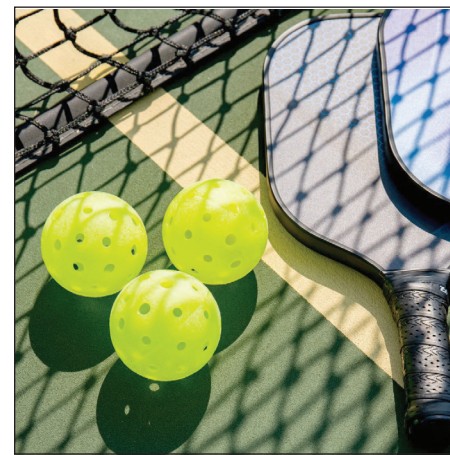
Pickleball 101 will run Oct. 3 and Oct. 5, with sessions at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. These sessions are geared toward people who have played a few times and covers topics such as serving, developing a forehand, scoring, basic rules, positioning, and strategy.

Pickleball Intermediate Level will run Oct. 24 at 8 a.m. and Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. and is designed for players who

have taken beginner classes or already have some familiarity and experience with the game and want to advance their play by improving their groundstrokes, overhead shots, volleys and serves, and adding direction, control, and accuracy.

Pickleball Tournament Ready Prep runs Nov. 28 and Nov. 30, with sessions at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. These are designed for players who want to prepare for tournament-level play, with practice that will help them improve shot variety and accuracy and develop better strategies for playing doubles.

Slots are limited. To register, please go to hcc.edu/health-and-fitness.



Patriotic Events Committee accepting nominations

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke's Patriotic Events Committee is searching for nominations for this year's awards which are to be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony, on Nov. 11.

The awards are Public Safety of the Year, Veteran of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Local Business of the Year. The criteria for these awards are as follows:

For Public Safety of the Year, we are seeking an individual who has shown outstanding performance in the protection of the general public and has exhibited a willingness to exceed expectations.

For Veteran of the Year, we are pursuing a veteran who has shown grand

support and dedication for others in the community.

For Citizen of the Year, we are searching for an individual who has exhibited inspiration through their leadership, volunteerism, and dear contributions to the advances of the community.

For Local Business of the Year, we are seeking a local business that has shown great patriotism and support for the veteran community.

Nominees must be residents of Holyoke or individuals who have made valuable contributions to the city of Holyoke. Anyone can nominate. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 21.

UCCH announce October events

HOLYOKE – The October calendar page is filling up at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke with several opportunities for the church and community to come together.

First, UCCH will be hosting a Community Meal on Friday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. The menu will feature breakfast for dinner including pancakes, sausage, French toast and egg frittata, followed by a family movie at 6 p.m.. This event is held on the second Friday evening of each month. It is free of charge, and all are welcome to attend.

UCCH will be participating in Doors Open Holyoke the following day. On Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, visitors can stop by 300 Appleton St. and get a guided tour of the building, including the historic Skinner Chapel.

UCCH's annual Roast Pork Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 with

doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and dinner being served at 6 p.m. Dinner will feature roast pork, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, homemade applesauce, rolls and butter, homemade apple crisp, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$14 per person and can be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 413-532-1483. Dinners will also be available for takeout but must be purchased in advance. Proceeds will go to the Fellowship's Scholarship Program.

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all individuals, regardless of where they are on their journey. If you'd like to learn more about UCCH, please visit the website at www.uccholyoke.org, find us on Facebook or Instagram, or call our office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

150th celebration continues

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. 14. 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.explore-holyoke.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 you brick racer here: <https://forms.gle/5KJ2UwpzZViv-wd5w9>.

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.

Pumpkin Patch Festival on Oct. 14

SPRINGFIELD – Trinity United Methodist Church will hold its first annual Pumpkin Patch Festival on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the front lawn at 361 Sumner Ave.

Guests can look forward to purchasing the perfect jack-o'-lantern from an amazing display of over 400 pumpkins grown locally in nearby farms.

Youngsters will have the chance

to paint their own pumpkin, have their picture taken with Mr. Scarecrow, and purchase tickets to win a cake, fish for prizes and line up for the bounce house. Guests can select from an assortment of themed gift baskets to bid on at a silent auction.

There will be a variety of food truck vendors and the opportunity to purchase a dish of freshly-baked apple crisp for dessert.

Spooky Halloween events hosted by Wistariahurst Museum in October

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 ances-

tors, 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. 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.

Hibernians sponsoring food/clothing drive to benefit Providence Ministries

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, cur-

tains, 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.

Resident given Diversity, Equity & Inclusion award

FRAMINGHAM – The Association for Developmental Disabilities Providers, a statewide association representing community-based human services providers, has honored five individuals and organizations with Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Awards for their impact in the workplace and the community.

This year's recipients are Sandy Destra of NFI Massachusetts in Danvers; Rev. Gregory Jones of the Western Massachusetts Training Consortium in Holyoke; Stephen Osei-Bonsu of Open Sky Community Services in Worcester; Emmanuel Owusu of the African Bridge Network in Newton; and Jessica Pepple, Ph.D., of RFK Community Alliance in Lancaster.

"Having a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment is essential to the very success of an organization, particularly one serving a broad spectrum of individuals, each with their own needs and abilities," said ADDP President and CEO Ellen Attaliades. "These honorees are working to put DEI front and center

in their own organizations and, more broadly, in the human services profession."

Jones, of Chicopee, is the Director of Social Justice and Spiritual Care for Western Mass. Training Consortium. He facilitated the creation and implementation of plans to promote conditions for equity throughout WMTC. He has created and facilitated programs that reflect the various backgrounds, values, and beliefs of employees and community members. He is a co-facilitator of the Anti-Oppression Committee, an employee-based steering committee that supports and encourages employees and all others connected to the organization to listen deeply, take accountability, break down the defenses that get in the way of shared learning and growth, and build skills.

Destra, of Lowell, is a Program Director for one of NFI's residential homes that serves individuals with acquired brain injury and also chairs NFI's DEI Committee. She has worked with people across the agency to

increase representation and improve the experience of staff at all levels by helping to build inclusive and equitable policies and practices.

Osei-Bonsu, of Worcester, is the Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging at Open Sky, where he works across departments and programs to amplify underrepresented voices including Black, Indigenous and People of Color, LGBTQIA+ and other community members with different abilities. Additionally, Osei-Bonsu has initiated and brought together DEI practitioners throughout the Massachusetts human services profession to form a DEI support group for shared experiences, emotional support and resilience, professional development, peer support, and resource sharing to advance DEI efforts at organizations across the state.

Pepple, of Worcester, is RFK Community Alliance's first Chief Diversity and Culture Officer. In just one year, she has introduced an organizational diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging framework, a tool for creating

a more equitable and anti-racist organization, and has also developed several trainings that further the collective understanding of issues connected to DEI. Through her many conversations, Pepple has determined the next steps devoted to building the cultural competence of team members.

Owusu, of Newton, is the Founding Executive Director of the African Bridge Network, Inc. He and four co-founders established the network in 2015 to build a supportive environment for African and other skilled immigrants in Massachusetts and to leverage their foreign educational degrees and experience to reach their employment potential. Owusu works to increase access to informational resources, career support, networking opportunities, and social capital for highly educated and skilled immigrants, many of whom provide a wide range of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism through the network's Untapped Talent Consortium program.

NAMI Western MA looking for new board members

HOLYOKE – There is a growing need to help those who live with mental health conditions and their loved ones. NAMI Western Massachusetts is seeking individuals interested in joining our Board of Directors. NAMI Western Mass is an affiliate of NAMI Mass.

NAMI-WM 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.

For more information please email information@namiwm.org or call the NAMI office at 413-786-9139.

Social Justice fall event scheduled for Oct. 21

HOLYOKE – The Carlos Vega Fund for social justice will honor Jon Weissman as the 2023 Social Justice Awardee at its annual fall event on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Fame Lounge/Eatery, 386 Dwight St. The CVFSJ will also announce the recipients of this year's appreciation grants at the event.

The event will include complimentary tapas, a musical performance by José González and his Banda Criolla, and a short program to honor Weissman and to announce the Appreciation Grant recipients. A cash bar will also be available. The event is free, and the public is invited. There will be a request for donations of any amount to support the work of the Carlos Vega Fund.

Weissman, a well-known community activist and organizer, has devoted his life to fighting for social justice,

from serving as Union President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 46 to working with Jobs With Justice. His current efforts focus on passing a bill in Massachusetts to establish a single payer health care system. Weissman worked closely on many grassroots organizing activities with Carlos Vega.

Vega was an advocate for those experiencing hardship because of poverty, homelessness, lack of education and job opportunities, as well as unfair treatment based on racism and intolerance. His organizing work on behalf of people in Holyoke spanned over four decades. He died in 2011.

A group of Vega's close friends and relatives established the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice to keep his legacy of compassion and social activism alive. The focus of the CVFSJ is to provide

modest grants to grassroots organizations to support small but meaningful social change projects that address poverty, oppression, environmental concerns, race, and the needs of vulnerable communities.

The CVFSJ has awarded grants to 52 organizations in the greater Holyoke area since 2011. The Fund established the Carlos Vega Social Justice Award to honor outstanding activists who demonstrate a deep commitment to improving the lives of people in greater Holyoke. The Fund recently created the Appreciation Grant program to acknowledge good work that community groups are doing and to encourage them to submit grant requests during the regular program cycle.

For more information about the Fund or to donate online, visit carlosvegafund.org.

Tickets on sale for Holyoke's 150th Masquerade Costume Gala

HOLYOKE – Tickets for Holyoke's 150th Masquerade Costume Gala are now available for purchase at holyokey150.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."

WSU to host government, criminal justice job fair Oct. 12

WESTFIELD – Westfield State University will be hosting its annual Government, Criminal Justice and Non-Profit Career Fair on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Woodward Center, 395 Western Ave.

The fair offers a convenient opportunity for Westfield students and residents to network with employers and learn what it would be like to work for area non-profits and government agencies.

Representatives from police departments throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut and New Hampshire will be available to answer questions and showcase their agencies to prospective employees. Some of the registered city and town agencies include Amherst,

Enfield, CT., Holyoke, Northampton, and Westfield. Registered state police agencies include Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

Registered non-profits and government agencies include, May Institute, Center for Human Development, Gandara Center, Match Education, Peace Corps, SeviceNet, Wellpath and Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the South Lot off Western Avenue. Shuttle service will run continually throughout the event.

For more information, contact the Career Center at Westfield State University, 413-572-5206.

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Guest Column



Nonagenarian war veteran asks about extra credit for his service

Dear Rusty

I'm turning 95 this year and am caretaker for my wife in our 70th year of marriage. I served before 1968 (1951-53) during the Korean War. How do the "special extra credits for military service" work for me? Is it retro-active? My wife, who only worked a short time, gets half of my Social Security so would it affect hers, too?

Signed: Korean War Veteran

Dear War Veteran

First, I want to express my gratitude for your war-time service to our country and I also applaud your 70 years of marriage. Thank you, and congratulations.

Regarding the "special extra credit" for military service, Social Security FICA taxes weren't withheld from military pay prior to 1957 so you didn't pay Social Security payroll taxes from your military earnings during the years you served.

As a result, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those 1951-1953 service years. But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years.

They likely would have asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your earnings record for each active duty month during those 1951-1953 years. Note they do not give you an extra amount of Social Security; rather, for benefit computation purposes, they reflect your earnings for those years a bit higher than are shown in your earnings record, which would likely show zero for your service years.

For example, if you served 12 months active duty in 1952, when your Social Security benefit was calculated they would consider your 1952 earnings as \$1,920 (\$160 x 12), instead of the zero shown in your record because you didn't actually pay FICA tax on your military pay. But whether those extra earnings credits would have any effect on your Social Security benefit is a separate item.

Assuming you had earnings from regular employment over your lifetime and paid into Social Security from those non-military earnings, you became eligible for Social Security benefits from earnings outside of your military service. If you worked and earned a decent salary for at least 35 years, then those special extra credits for your military service years would have no effect on your Social Security benefit.

If you had less than 35 years of regular non-military employment, then those extra earnings added for your military service years counted and provided you with a slightly higher Social Security benefit when you claimed.

So, the bottom line is this: if, over your lifetime, you worked for at least 35 years paying into Social Security via FICA payroll or self-employment tax, then the "special extra credits" for your military service years had no effect on your Social Security benefit. But if you worked less than 35 years in which SS taxes were withheld from your earnings, then those "special extra credits for military service" contributed to and increased your Social Security benefit when you claimed.

However, even if you worked for over 35 years outside of the military and the extra credits didn't matter for your Social Security benefit, your service to our country did,

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Guest Column

Cleaning up and planning ahead



Let's just say that all the rain made vegetable gardening a real challenge this year. Why don't we call it a wrap and do what we can now to get ahead of the game for next year!

Most of my veggie plants have already called it quits. Other than a half row each of carrots and beets, and the last succession of green bean plants, there is pretty much nothing left to harvest in my main garden.

I still have some great peppers in the raised beds. Clean up will start in the main garden for now.

Where do I begin? First, I will haul off whatever I can to the compost pile, excluding as many weeds as possible. I will also leave out thick plant stalks such as broccoli; they will take too long to break down.

Diseased plants are also a no-no; they belong in the trash.

Think of the compost pile as an outdoor lasagna made of layers of brown and green plant parts. Brown, carbon rich ingredi-

ents (such as chopped leaves) can be layered with green, nitrogen rich ingredients (such as grass clippings, over grown vegetables and scraps, and those non-weedy plant parts) to get the pile cooking.

Add a shovel full of garden soil or finished compost per layer to inoculate it with microbes and water well. Let the pile sit for a year or turn it frequently for faster results.

Compost is a near neutral source of humus, a well-balanced fertilizer and soil tonic good for all types of gardens and even the lawn.

The garden plot is looking better, but I still have lots of weeds to deal with. I've been told that if you miss one year's seeding it's seven years weeding, so there is no way I am going to take the easy route and rototill them in.

As I pull up the weeds by hand, I vow to be a better weeder next year, or better yet, mulch more and weed less.

My chickens, however, are thrilled with my shortcomings! They gobble down those seed heads faster than their morning dose of carrot peelings.

At last, I have a clean slate. In preparation for sowing winter rye seed, I scuff up the soil surface.

If any Jumping Worms cross my path, I feed them to the chickens. Stay tuned for

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Types of animal shelters



Did you know there are different types of animal shelters? Years ago, when I first started volunteering in the world of animal rescue, I learned the difference between open admission shelters, limited admission shelters, and local animal rescues.

All three serve a vital role, requiring equal amounts of care and support from us.

Municipal Shelters: Municipal animal shelters are run by a government, operating on a budget just like police departments, public health departments, and more. These shelters work as part of a city or county's animal control division, and are most often funded with taxpayer monies, aiming to assist animals within the shelter's authority while also protecting humans from the potential hazards posed by animals. As per certain regulations, municipal shelters are often contractually required to take in any animal, regardless of health, disposition, or age—

including every single dog that's surrendered, every stray cat, animals that are sick, kittens too young for adoption, animals taken from hoarding situations, and so much more. Because of this, municipal shelters are considered "open admission" and risk becoming overstrained. As part of a governmental body, the requirement that falls on these shelters is to serve the public as a whole.

Private Shelters: While some privately-run shelters do contract with one or more municipalities, most are independently-operated nonprofit facilities—not run by a government. Private shelters often have a Board of Directors establishing policies, procedures, operations, and bylaws within the shelter, and while private shelters can be open admission (if they're contracted with a municipality) they're most often considered "limited admission." This means that private shelters can choose which animals they take in, and they are able to turn animals away. Private shelters are typically funded through donations, as opposed to an operating budget.

Rescue Organizations: Nonprofit rescue groups are another alternative to consider when adopting a pet; these groups can have a physical location, but often do not and are "foster-based," relying on a network of foster homes instead. These organizations often

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OF NOTE

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

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If the companies do not get pre-qualified for the work, meaning they do not show that they have enough experience in this scale of project, they will not be able to make a bid on the project.

"It does really help improve the quality of the bidders," Wood said.

Once the bids are received, they are shared with the general contractors who then bid and pull in the qualified low bids from the sub bid process.

Throughout this meeting Design Principle of the Mount Vernon Group Architects Dennis Daly also presented an updated version of the exterior design for the building. He explained that the color palette was carefully selected to make the school feel comfortable, especially for the children who would attend it.

"The idea of this color palette is to kind of break down the scale of the school to be a little bit more comfort-

able, especially for younger children, so instead of having one big red brick building we've taken and to scale developed horizontal banding of castone and then the brick schoolhouse grows above that," Daly said.

The design displayed showed a building made mostly of red brick, with it switching to a lighter color brick on top to make the building feel less imposing.

"We top it off by switching the color of the brick to a lighter color in the body of the school, but where we have major elements, such as the library and the front entrance, we allow the red brick to continue through," Daly said. "There's a special magic to red brick that it really stands out to everybody as being a very solid material and the type of material one really wants to see in a civic building."

Continuing with the exterior of the building, the committee also discussed the anticipated layout of the courtyard.

The courtyard will have a mixture of nature for the children to enjoy as well as an outdoor classroom seating area.

The outdoor classroom will provide outlets and wifi in order to ensure that the area is accessible for teaching and potential outdoor events.

"This area will provide Wifi access so that if teachers come out there...they do have connectivity" LeBlanc said. "What we've done in a number of locations is provide the exterior outlets as well as some data...it provides flexibility in the use of the space."

Finally, the committee also discussed the proposed color scheme for the interior design of the building. Currently, they have proposed a color palette of greens, blues and purples.

"One of the things we looked for in the color palette was how the kids were going to respond, does it reflect them in some way...and these colors tended to pick up on that," Senior Interior Designer from the Mount Vernon Group

Architects Susan Taylor said. "We'll next take these colors and develop them some more, bring some other materials in to round out this color palette and start placing them around the building."

"We were all really happy with the color scheme we landed on, we're happy that we landed on three colors, we're thinking one per grade almost so that that way the pods can be almost color oriented," School Committee Member Erin Brunelle said.

Overall, the committee is optimistic about the current status of the project and look forward to seeing how it progresses as they continue to move forward with it.

For more information on the anticipated schedule for this project go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pNN-rugwEhJfB03vIRR9hSy6Gk0CC8YV9/view>.

For an overview of the project go to <https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/page/new-middle-school>.

MEETING, from page 1

had all been notified of the meeting's occurrence.

"I understand what the argument is but from my understanding from prior rulings from the law department so long as it's posted, even though we didn't receive a mail notice ourselves, it met all the meeting laws, which would be sufficient, so the meeting should be able to go forward as is," Council President Todd McGee said.

Councilor Israel Rivera specifically said that he had not received a mailed notice about a special meeting ever in his two years on the council, that he had always received notification by email and it had never been a problem before.

"I never received a letter for any special meeting that we've held...to bring it up now in a particular moment is like wielding it as a weapon when in the past it has never been seen as an issue," Rivera said.

McGiverin agreed with Rivera and added that the language of the charter likely does not include posting by email as it had been written before email existed.

"There is unanimous attendance by the full city council, I think everyone received this by email which I think has been practice probably since COVID-19 and I note that the language doesn't

suggest an email is sufficient but I think when the language was written there were no emails," he said.

He added that while he appreciates the letter of the law, the main purpose of it was to ensure that the councilors were properly notified about a meeting, which they still were.

"I think the whole purpose of the rule is that any member of this body is notified in a timely fashion about a special meeting so something doesn't happen quickly and without them knowing it, whereas we have unanimous attendance and I think everybody was notified timely, even though it wasn't through the post office, it was through email which was even quicker," McGiverin said. "I think with unanimous attendance it speaks for itself that everybody has the agenda and everybody received the notice in a timely fashion."

Attorney Michael Bissonnette, who attended the meeting via zoom, also agreed that the notice was sufficient.

"In any event, I believe that in this case notice has been provided sufficient to meet both section 12 of the charter and your rules," he said.

In the end, the council decided to proceed with their meeting, though they will be working in the future to update the language of the rules and the charter.

SHELTERS, from page 4

take in animals from overburdened open admission shelters, and many function exclusively on donations and the efforts of volunteers.

Limited Admission vs. Open Admission Shelters: Open admission shelters will not, or cannot as per certain regulations, turn away an animal. This creates a problem when intake rates are high and resources are strained.

Limited admission shelters, on the other hand, are not obligated to accept every animal; they can say, "we're at capacity," or they can also accept only a specific group of animals, such as special needs pets or very young kittens, concentrating their resources and offering services that otherwise may not be available. These facilities are often considered "no-kill" as they will not euthanize animals regarded as healthy or adoptable.

Opinion – The Writer's Take: It's our duty to look beyond these labels to become part of the solution. I believe it's a mistake to criticize or vilify the open admission shelters that so urgently need our support. Without these facilities, the animals would have no place to go—these shelters must exist, and it's our job to help them, not decry them.

To be considered "no-kill," an organization must reach a 90 percent placement rate for the animals in their

care, which can include adoption, rescue transfers, and more. This is simply a more achievable standard for the limited admission shelters that can turn animals away, but the good news is that open admission shelters can also reach that "no-kill" status, although it requires a tremendous level of support from us, the community.

To help every open admission shelter get to this status, we must get involved. We must use our voices to spread truth and light, and we must contribute to the programming offered by these facilities. The goal of every animal shelter reaching this benchmark requires us to dig deep within ourselves, to identify where our help is needed, and to contribute our skills and efforts.

The employees and volunteers working in the world of animal rescue are some of the most compassionate and courageous souls I've met; they choose to do what they do because they love animals, and they often put every aspect of their own health on the line. Together, we can help.

It's important that we focus our efforts not on labels but rather on what matters—the animals and the people working to help them.

Editor's Note: The following information was acquired over the course of my career as a journalist, through my work as an animal advocate, and through common knowledge.

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didates for city councilors, school committee and treasurer.

Current City Councilors Jenny Rivera (Ward 1), David Bartley (Ward 3), Kocayne Givner (Ward 4), Linda Vacon (Ward 5), Juan Anderson-Burgos (Ward 6), Kevin Jourdain (At-Large), Jose Maldonado Velez (At-Large), Tess Murphy-Romboletti (At-Large) and Israel Rivera (At-Large) will all be running for re-election.

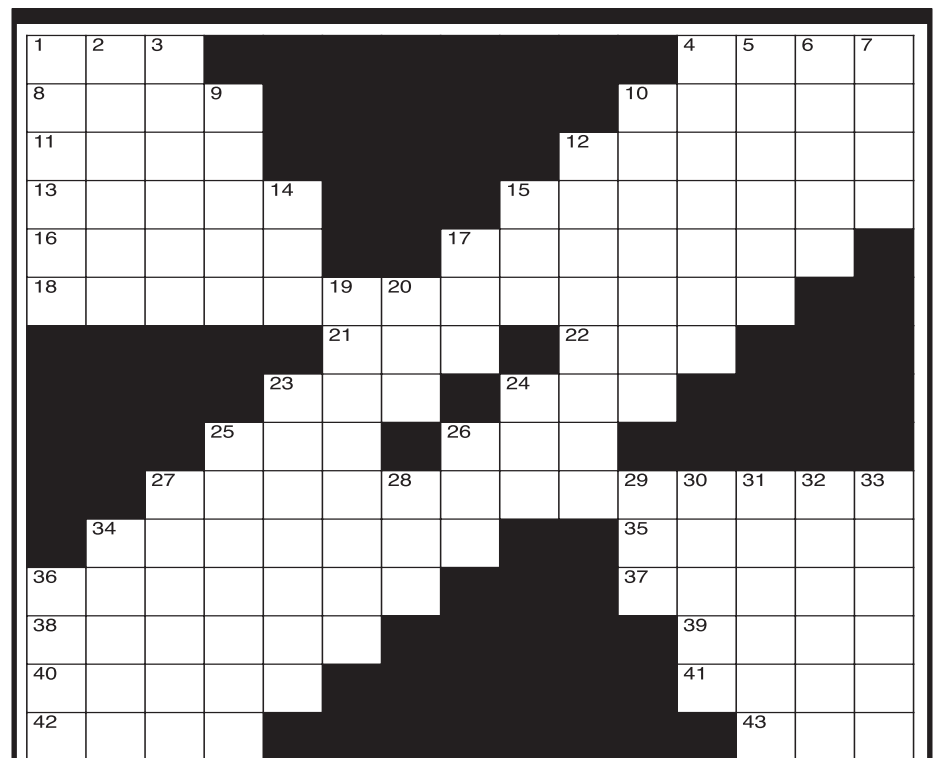
Newcomers vying for a spot on the council are Victor Machado de Jesus (Ward 1), Carmen Yolanda Ocasio (Ward 2), Jannelle Mojica (Ward 2), Anne Thalheimer (Ward 3), Ruth Garcia (Ward 4), Guy O'Donnell (Ward 5), Howard Greaney (At-Large), Michael Sullivan (At-Large), Axel Fontanez (At-Large), Patricia Devine (At-Large) and Mimi Panitch

(At-Large) as well as the primary-selected Brady Leahy and Magrath-Smith for Ward 7.

Running for election to the school committee are: Yadilette Rivera Colon (Ward 3), Gloria Caballero Roca (Ward 4), Faizul Johnny Sibdhanny Jr (Ward 4), John Whelihan (Ward 5), William R. Collamore (Ward 6), Eleanor Wilson (Ward 7), Erin Brunelle (At-Large) and Luisette Arroyo Rosado (At-Large).

The only person who took out papers to run for treasurer was current Interim Treasurer Rory Casey. Casey's papers were certified and he will be on the ballot unopposed.

If you are unsure of where you need to go to vote, go to <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>. For further information on the election, go to <https://www.holyoke.org/clerk-voter-information/>.



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| 8. German city on edge of Black Forest | 26. Deride | 3. Fibrous substance in fungi | 23. Pokes holes in |
| 10. "___, but goodie" | 27. "The Blonde Bombshell" | 4. Cutting | 24. Moved quickly on foot |
| 11. Spiced stew | 34. Cause to become insane | 5. Vedder and Van Halen | 25. Fix-it shops |
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| 16. Organic compound derived from ammonia | 38. Court officials | 10. Make a pig of oneself | 29. Type of drug (abbr.) |
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Members of the Holyoke Police Department were represented.



The Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade Committee were part of the Big E parade.

Holyoke Day at the Big E

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Last Tuesday, Holyoke officials along with youth and families celebrated “Salute to Holyoke” at the Big E. The event drew many local residents out to the large fair and included a parade featuring Holyoke’s elected officials and the high school cheerleaders and marching bands.



The trolley makes its way down the parade route carrying local dignitaries.



The Holyoke Community Charter School cheerleading squad poses before the parade.



The Holyoke High School marching band leads the way.



The band performed throughout the entire parade route around the Big E grounds.



The cheerleaders perform on the parade route.
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Knights even league record

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Holyoke field hockey finally saw its offense have a breakthrough performance with an 11-0 win over Palmer. Gracie Chesmore had four goals, while Kylie Blaha and Siobhan Armstrong each had two goals. The Knights are 2-2 in their league and have an overall 2-4 record so far this fall.



Ava Tellier collects the ball near the sideline.



Siobhan Armstrong separates from her opponents.

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Marialis Camacho passes ahead of the pressure.



Maura Fontaine-Delude starts her way up the field.



Brenna Phillips looks to get around a Palmer stick.

Boys soccer takes loss to rival Chicopee

By **Tim Peterson**
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – Griffen Wisley is a member of the freshmen class at Chicopee High School. He certainly doesn't look like a freshman on the soccer pitch.

In the first meeting of the regular season against Holley Division rival Holyoke, Wisley scored five goals leading the Pacers to an 8-2 victory on a damp evening at Szot Park in Chicopee, last Monday (Sept. 18).

"I've never coached a freshman at the varsity level who was as talented as Griffen," said Chicopee boys' varsity soccer coach Hugo Destapado. "He always gets the job done because he's a true competitor. He just outworks

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Adrian Centeno-Feliciano tries to settle the ball after making a play.



Xavier Matos readies a shot on goal.
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Girls off to positive start

HOLYOKE – After several years of struggles, Holyoke High School girls soccer is off to a great start in the 2023 season.

The Knights are now 5-1-2, with their only defeat coming recently against Lenox last Friday. The Knights defeated Frontier Regional High School 5-0 last Thursday, with Kyra Lippman scoring three times and assisting on another goal. Tryanna Ayala and Yasani Thompson had the other goals for the Knights.

Holyoke has also defeated Easthampton, Ware, and Mahar so far this season. They also have a pair of ties, one with Frontier, and the other with St. Mary's.

The Knights hope to keep the momentum going with a rematch with Ware at home on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m.

FSU edges WSU football

WESTFIELD – Framingham State’s Jared Martino blocked a game-winning field goal attempt in the closing seconds as the Rams held on for a 9-8 win over Westfield State in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game at Bowditch Field in Framingham on Saturday afternoon.

Both teams had to grind it out in rainy and windy conditions all day long, with the Rams taking a 3-0 lead late into the third quarter before Westfield seized the lead on a 22-yard Gabriel Fernandez touchdown pass to Michael Foley. On the ensuing point after try, the Owls came up with a two-point conversion when the kick attempt resulted in a broken play, and holder Owen Thompson was able to pitch the ball ahead to Blake Simpson in the endzone for the two point conversion. Thompson released the ball just as he was being brought down by the rush to give Westfield an 8-3 lead with less than a minute left in the third quarter.

Westfield had a chance to extend the lead in the fourth quarter, but a fumble gave Framingham possession at their own 5-yard line midway through the fourth quarter. The Rams mounted a seven-play, 95-yard scoring drive that was fueled by a bold 54-yard halfback option pass to Manny Lara out of the Framingham endzone, and capped by a 3-yard TD run from Devaun Ford to bring the score to give Framingham a 9-8 lead. The two-

point conversion failed when Westfield State’s Cam Danahy dropped Kevin Leal in the backfield on the try.

The Owls got the ball back for a final scoring try with 3:57 left to play after a short punt gave Westfield 1st and 10 at their own 42. Westfield worked the ball into scoring possession with a methodical drive, getting a key fourth down conversion on a pass to Will Brewster and a pair of third down conversions to keep the drive alive.

Westfield set up for a 32-yard field goal try with seven seconds left, that could have won the game, but Martino flew in from the right side of the formation to block the attempt.

On a day where offense was hard to come by, Fernandez finished 12-29 passing for 162 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Brewster caught three balls for 62 yards, and Foley added five catches for 54 yards.

Ford led Framingham with 158 rushing yards on 27 carries, and the 54-yard pass that keyed the winning drive.

Tyler Cooley led Westfield with six tackles and a fumble recovery. Danahy picked off a pass for the Owls.

Westfield is now 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the MASCAC. Framingham is 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

The Owls will be home next Saturday, Sept. 30 to host Mass Maritime as part of Family and Champions weekend, with a noon kickoff at Alumni Field.

Worcester Railers signings round out 2023-2024 roster

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders), and General Manager and Head Coach Jordan Lavallee-Smotherman announced today that the club has signed defenseman Jake Schultz to an ECHL contract for the 2023-24 season.

Schultz, 27, signs in Worcester after winning the Federal Prospects Hockey League Defenseman of the Year award with the Binghamton Black Bears during the 2022-23 season. As captain in Binghamton, Schultz recorded 33 points (12G, 21A) in 41 games played to go with 136 penalty minutes. He notched career highs in goals, assists, and points last season. The 6’3”, 209lb defenseman suited up in five road game for the Worcester Railers in 2022-23, recording two goals in a weekend series against the Newfoundland Growlers.

“Jake brings a toughness and size to our back end that we were missing last season,” Lavallee-Smotherman said. “We noticed quickly in his brief time with us the positive impact he had on our locker room, and can’t wait to have him embrace a leadership role for us this season.”

The Rochester, NY native has made previous stops in the ECHL with the Indy Fuel, Wheeling Nailers, and Greenville Swamp Rabbits. In 48 career ECHL games, Schultz has recorded seven points

(5G, 2A) and 127 penalty minutes. This will be the seventh season of his professional career.

“I’ll do whatever it takes to earn the trust and respect of my teammates,” Schultz said. “After last season, I’m hoping to put up some good numbers, too. I’m looking to bring that confidence that I had with me in Binghamton.”

The Railers have announced twenty-three players officially signed for the 2023-24 season as Schultz joins Jack Quinlivan, Chris Ordoobadi, Connor Welsh, Myles Abbate, Todd Goehring, Ryan Verrier, Andrei Bakanov, John Copeland, Zach White, Quinn Ryan, Christian Evers, Brendan Robbins, Mike Higgins, Blake Christensen, Blade Jenkins, Max Johnson, Nick Fea, Artyom Kulakov, Anthony Callin, Keeghan Howdeshell, Adam Goodsir, and Anthony Repaci as the twenty-three signees. This concludes the Worcester Railers signings ahead of the 2023-24 season. The team’s professional tryouts & full training camp roster are expected to be announced next week.

The Worcester Railers HC 2023-24 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 22 vs. the Adirondack Thunder and Trois-Rivieres Lions. Season memberships, mini-plans, and group packages for the 2023-24 season are on sale now by calling the Railers front office at 508-365-1750 or by visiting RailersHC.com.

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an entire article on the subject of these invasive worms next week.

Once prep is complete, I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the seed. At a rate of four pounds per one thousand square feet of garden, I use ten pounds.

It’s a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you

have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown, I’ll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season. Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring-

weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating “tarping” it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand. Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you’ll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre!

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.

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Monadnock season concludes with championship races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Five track champions were crowned last Saturday – Nate Wenzel and Michael Yeaton both first timers – as Monadnock Speedway closed out its 2023 racing season on Championship Day at the high-banked quarter-mile.

Late Model ace Tim Wenzel won his crown for the second season in row, Louie Maher is now a two-time king of the Mini Stocks, and then there's Chris Davis. Davis ran a conservative race Saturday to wrap up his fourth Pure Stock title, those along with a Mini Stock championship to boot.

Cole Littlewood and Geoff Rollins led the swarming 19-car NHSTRA Modified field to the green Saturday, with the 100-lapper not only deciding the 2023 track championship, but also contested as the third of four NHSTRA Quest For The Cup races.

Defending track champ Tyler Leary entered Saturday two points ahead of Nate Wenzel, while Wenzel sat atop the Quest leaderboard. Others, including Rollins, were in the Quest hunt too, a battle that will be decided at Lee.

Leary took the lead from Rollins on lap three but, seven circuits later, it was open-wheel rookie Scott Zilinski at the point, his mirror soon filled by Trevor Bleau's ride and, just behind

that, JT Cloutier's.

Bleau took charge on lap 19 but his stay up front was brief, as Cloutier had the lead three laps later. In front, he'd open a huge lead until a lap 43 caution – one of a dozen on the afternoon – brought the pack back to his bumper, and Zilinski to his side.

Getting the jump, Zilinski began his second run at the head of the class on lap 44, again with some major thunder at his back bumper. Wenzel, his nostrils filled with the warm aroma of a pending championship, took over on lap 74, and he never looked back.

When Leary and Zilinski made contact in turn three five laps later, the title chase was over. Cloutier, who'd survived an unnecessary bouncing off the front-chute wall back on lap 59, got back up for second on the 80th go-round, then following Wenzel under the checkers to conclude his own successful season.

With Wenzel earning his first NHSTRA track Modified crown, and solidifying his point lead in the Quest chase, he joined his younger brother, Tim, in celebrating their 2023 sibling Monadnock championships. With Cloutier strong in second, Kimmy Rivet, who earlier this summer survived a horrific crash, ended her summer on the podium with a third-place finish.

Rollins, who struggled through a largely forgettable Saturday afternoon, made masterful use of no fewer than four trips to the pits to stay on the lead lap and finish fourth, keeping his Quest hopes alive for the series' finale next month.

Tim Wenzel, as his brother Modified hot shoe Nate would do later in Saturday's event, closed out his championship summer with an exclamation point, romping to his track-high sixth victory of the summer in the Late Model main.

Taking the lead from Andrew Brousseau on lap 19, Wenzel never looked back. Brousseau, though, didn't fare as well. Picked off by a lapper with three to go, he finished fifth on the day. Hillary Renaud concluded her successful summer in second, and Claremont's Dylan Zullo used a last-lap pass to earn the third-place hardware.

Cameron Sontag rocketed to his third win in a row in the Mini Stock feature, taking the lead from Louie Maher with two laps to go. Maher, though, offered little resistance, riding his runner-up finish to the 2023 championship. Pat Houle, in his strongest run of the summer, came home third.

Colton Martin, trading rides for the day with Andrea St. Amour, blew the field away to win Saturday's Pure Stock feature. Chris Chambers, in St. Amour's team

car, was second, and Zach Zilinski earned the first of his two Championship Day trophies in third.

Chris Davis, who'd seen a title slip away from him in last year's season finale, stayed clear of trouble Saturday, cruising home in fifth to add another championship trophy to his large collection.

Zach Zilinski wired the Six Shooter feature to win his second in a row. Steve Miller Jr. stayed glued to the 16-year-old pilot's bumper to finish second, while Michael Yeaton's third-place run netted him the 2023 championship.

Markus O'Neil led all the way to score his second Young Gun victory of the year Saturday. He had four-time winner Owen Zilinski draped all over him for most of the way but never faltered en route to victory. Addison Brooks came home third.

Oval-tracker Cole Littlewood, aboard the family Honda, won Saturday's Spector Race finale, stealing the win out of the last turn from Xander Stillwell.

Last Saturday's 2023 Championship Day event concluded Monadnock Speedway's 2023 racing season. The high-banked speedplant will take on a new and improved look in the coming weeks, as it receives an entirely new racing surface, its first since the initial paving was completed a half-century ago.

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everyone else on the field."

Destapado has been coaching Wrisley since he was ten years old.

Wrisley, who recorded his first varsity hat-trick, scored at least one goal in Chicopee's first six regular season matches.

Wrisley netted his first career varsity goal at Springfield Central, which was a 5-3 loss, on September 6. He also had an assist in that match.

After scoring another goal in a loss to Westfield, Wrisley netted a pair of goals in each of the Pacers' next three matches against Monson, Springfield International Charter School, and Granby, which were all victories.

The home victory improved the Pacers overall season record to 4-2 and they had a 3-1 league record, while the Purple Knights under the guidance of first-year varsity coach Cam Rivest, fell to 0-5. All their losses came against league opponents.

The Pacers took a 1-0 lead during the sixth minute of the opening half when sophomore Dominic Garcia received a pass from sophomore Hamid Yousif before firing a low shot into the back of the net past Holyoke junior goalie Landon Koziara (5 saves).

Koziara was replaced in goal by sophomore Jaybriel Rivera-Scott (4 saves) late in the first half.

Yousif assisted on half of the Pacers goals. He finished his freshman season with just two assists.

A minute later, Wrisley put his name on the scoring sheet for the first time by putting a shot into the left corner. Senior Daniel Lonczak was credited with the assist.

Wrisley also scored his team's next two goals on a tap in and a line-drive shot that deflected off the crossbar before landing in the net.

Yousif and Tiago Destapado, who's also a sophomore, assisted on those two goals, as Chicopee built a 4-0 lead 15 minutes into the contest.

Chicopee's fifth goal of the match was scored by senior Umaru Kamara five minutes later.

Wrisley capped off the Pacers first half scoring by weaving between a couple of defenders before firing a shot into the left corner for an unassisted goal giving his team a 6-0 advantage.

Holyoke finally broke the ice during

the 22nd minute by converting a corner kick goal. Sophomore Christian Piedra booted the ball from the left corner and junior Arthur Mazzu directed the ball into the net past senior goalie Adam Brunelle (2 saves) for his first varsity goal.

Holyoke's second goal was scored by senior Bradley Provost with a little more than five minutes remaining in the opening half. It was assisted by junior Xavier Matos.

At the start of the second half, senior Caleb Morrissette (2 saves) replaced Brunelle.

Chicopee sophomore Jason Gregoire scored a breakaway goal 22 seconds into the second half.

Wrisley capped off his memorable evening with another shot off the crossbar that landed in the back of the net.

With five minutes left in regulation, Rivera-Scott made a save on a penalty kick taken by Chicopee senior Nicholas Kendra.

A couple of days later, Chicopee High were shutout, 2-0, in the first meeting of the regular season against crosstown rival Chicopee Comp.

The second meeting of the regular season between the Purple Knights and the Pacers is scheduled to take place on October 12 at Holyoke High School.



Peter Pluta makes a quick pass.

Arthur Mazzu tries to make it up the field.

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Bradley Provost slides to try and steal possession.



Alvin Silva attempts to center the ball toward the goal.

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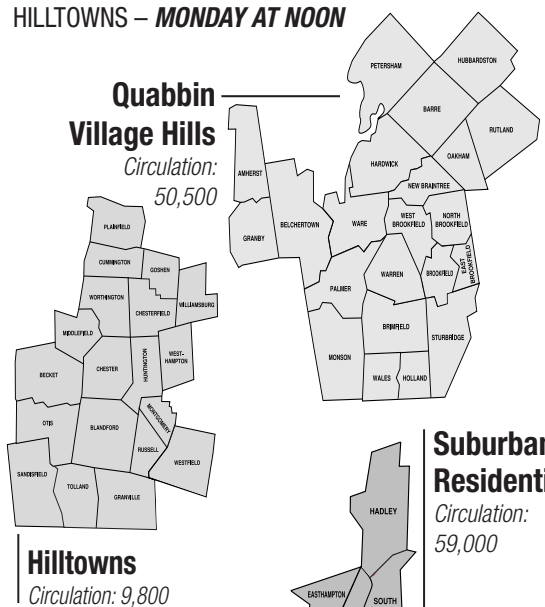
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09/29/2023

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23A0124AD
In the matter of:
Shane Michael Bourgeois
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, §6**

TO:
Kristine Charron
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Colleen Hannigan of Holyoke, MA

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 18, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/29/2023

**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

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1955EA
Estate of:
Una Mae Beatrice Falcetti
Date of Death: 07/13/2023**

**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan Ingegneri of West Springfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Susan Ingegneri of West Springfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 20, 2023

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09/29/2023

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P0349EA
Estate of:
Wesley Kulig
Date of Death: 09/03/2022**

**CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Harriet R Kulig of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 22, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
09/29/2023

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Notice of Public Hearing**

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Applicant:
Mambo Café, LLC
License Board:
Anthony Luciano, Chairman
09/22, 09/29/2023

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Holyoke, MA 01040
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**Commonwealth of
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Hampden Probate and
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50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P1409EA
Estate of:
David Bigelow
Date of Death: 05/26/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **SIA • Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **E.Spencer Ghazey-Bates of Northampton, 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: **E.Spencer Ghazey-Bates of Northampton, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
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09/29/2023

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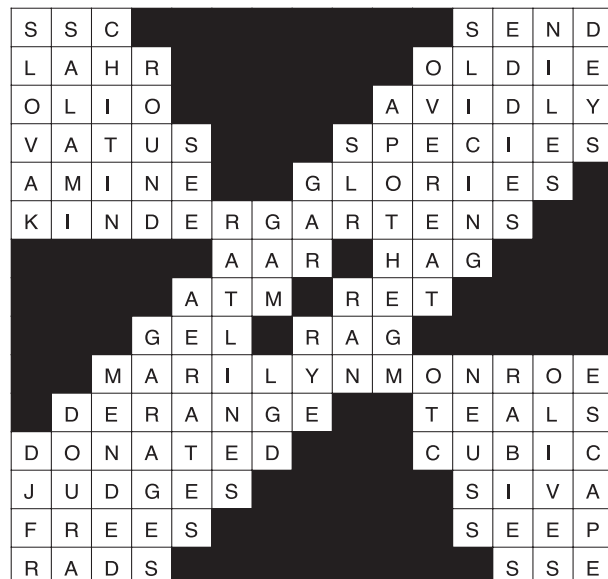
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Space is limited. Contact info@commonwealthmurals.org for more information.

The tour bus will leave from MGM Springfield at 5 p.m. on tour day.

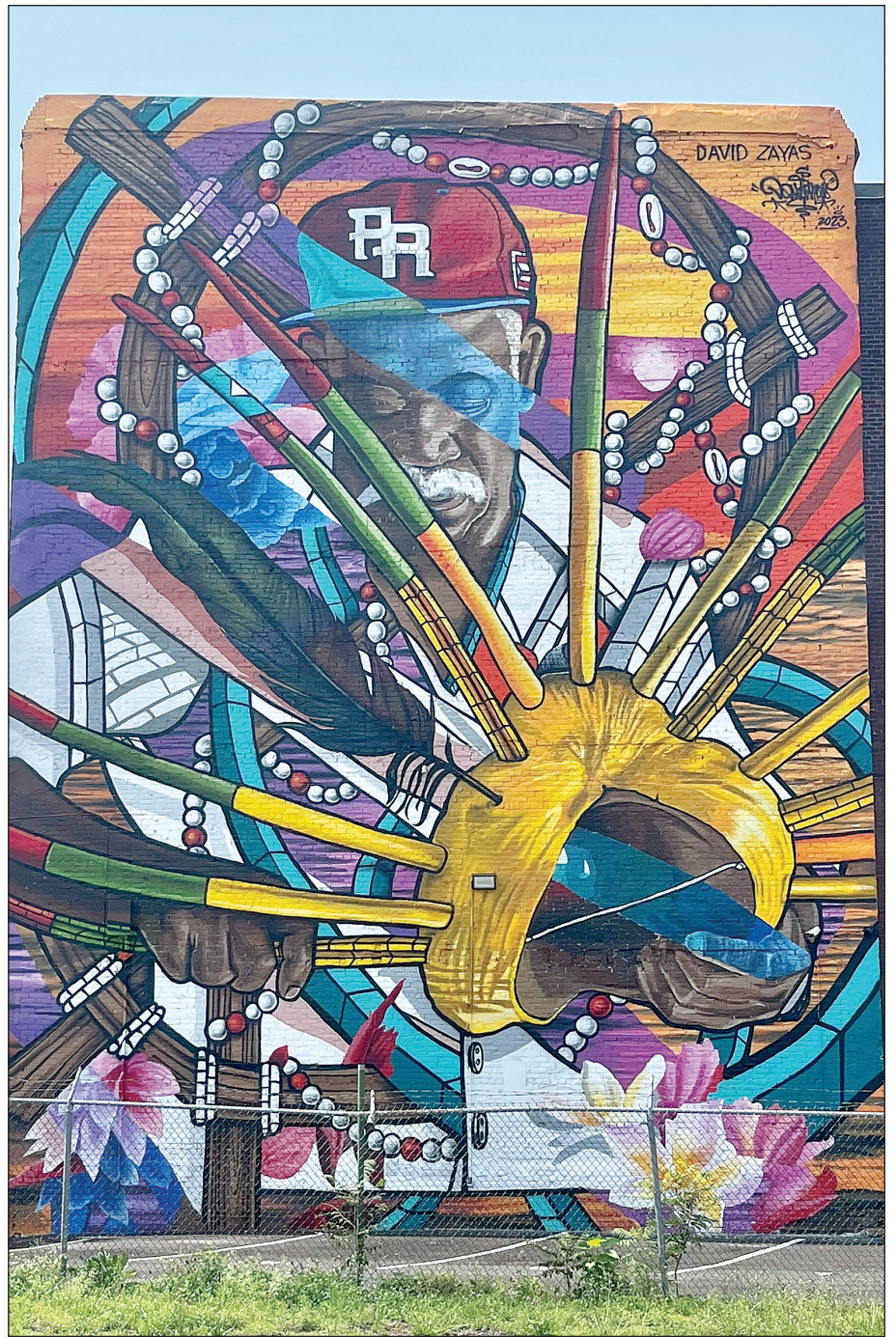


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indeed, matter a great deal. From one veteran to another, thank you again for your service to our country.

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