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Garcia recognized as 'Mayor of the Year'

By Brendan Rooney
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BOSTON – Last Friday, the City of Holyoke received significant recognition as the achievements of its energy preservation and clean energy initiatives took center stage, from inside the Liberty Hotel in Boston.

The landmark played host to a gala hosted by the Northeast Renewable Energy Coalition (NREC), which also handed out various awards that solidify the conclusion of Massachusetts Clean Energy Week, during which the state's leadership in renewable breakthroughs is showcased.

The first major takeaway for the Paper City was the confirmation that Mayor Joshua A. Garcia was named 'Mayor of the Year', due to his leadership in advancing clean energy initiatives in Holyoke and for positioning the city to be a hub for sustainable innovation, something the Holyoke Sun previously reported and highlighted this past summer. The award was then presented to Garcia by Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, and afterwards Garcia took to the podium to offer a moment of reflection, while also provid-



Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, Executive Director of the Northeast Renewable Energy Coalition Kristin Rode, and Coalition President Aman Patel. Inset, The official 'Mayor of the Year Award' presented to Garcia for his outstanding accomplishments as the city's mayor.



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- Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia

ing a sense of perspective about what the honor signifies, along with revealing a focus towards the future of Holyoke by announcing a shift to its identity to one of

sustainability and 'innovation', as the opportunity of 'green energy' continues to fast approach, while ensuring the foundation and value of a time long past will be

forever enshrined. "Holyoke was once known as 'The Paper City', but now we're 'The Innovation City', powered by affordable and renewable energy that draws cutting edge industries and that will continue to help us attract businesses that want these benefits," Garcia said. "This recognition will help spread the word that Holyoke can provide much more affordable and cleaner energy than the big utility suppliers can." Garcia also noted the interest of start-ups and entrepreneurs impressed by the city's vision of a clean energy economy, by stating, "It's also the commitment of Holyoke's res-

idents and neighborhood activists including our small businesses, who have won these awards. Their support and contribution to making Holyoke an innovator in energy conservation has been extraordinary," Garcia confessed.

It should be noted that the annual NREC 'Mayor of the Year' awards recognize municipal leaders in the Northeast region who are dedicated to fostering economic growth and community development through sustainable practices and the adoption of renewable energy.

In addition, Holyoke

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Controversial proposal voted down by council

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HOLYOKE – Just a day after the Development and Government Relations Committee said now, the majority of the Holyoke City Council followed suit, voting down a resolution that would have been sent to the Department of Homeland Security and Holyoke's delegation in the federal government, as well as to the White House.

The resolution, introduced by Councilors Kevin Jourdain and Linda Vacon, made clear that Holyoke is not a sanctuary city, and notes that Mayor Joshua Garcia has publicly declared that Holyoke is not a sanctuary city.

Despite Garcia's declaration, the mayor also issued an order that several cities has, saying that local cities officials and law enforcement were not to cooperate with federal immigration agents, commonly known as ICE. The order from Garcia does not declare law enforcement should interfere with ICE's work, but simply prevents city officials from being involved in their operations.

Part of Jourdain and Vacon's resolution read: "Holyoke adopted Ordinance 2-68 "No elected official, department head or other city employee shall issue

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City offers fall update for ongoing paving plan

HOLYOKE – The City's current paving contractor, Palmer Paving, is planning to begin milling (removal of pavement) and paving activities for streets included in Round 1 of the City's FY26 Paving Program starting on or around Oct. 8. Streets included in Round 1 Paving include:

Lower Westfield Rd. (Homestead Ave. to Whitney Ave.)

Gates Rd. Davis St.

Worcester Place (High St to Commercial St.) Crescent St. (Clemente St to South East St.)

Work is currently expected to proceed as follows:

Friday, Oct. 10
Milling on Gates R. and Davis St.

Monday, Oct. 13
Milling on Worcester Pl. and Crescent St.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
First course paving on

Worcester Pl. and Crescent St.

Wednesday, Oct. 15
Paving on Gates Rd. and Davis St.

Thursday, Oct. 16
Final paving of Lower Westfield Rd., Worcester Pl., Crescent St.

Line striping –

Scheduling to be determined. The above work is tentative only and subject to change based on weather and scheduling.

Emergency vehicles, local traffic, buses, and delivery services will be allowed through.

Traffic signals will also be affected and set to timers during construction activities. Residents should expect minor delays and are requested to seek alternate routes if possible.

Please contact Victoria Houle, Assistant City Engineer, at houlev@holyoke.org with any questions.

Lady of the Cross Church to host classical piano concert

HOLYOKE – On Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m., Our Lady of the Cross Church in Holyoke will host a free classical piano concert featuring the church's resident pianist and organist, Jason Huang.

He will be joined by violinist Shiyu Zhang and soprano Bethany Williams.

The hour-long program includes a nocturne by

Chopin, two violin sonatas by Mozart and Franck, respectively, and a Schubert song cycle.

The church is located on Holy Cross Ave. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful and reflective music.

All are welcome.

For more information, call the parish office at 413-532-5661.

ALTERNATE ROUTE NECESSARY



Above, coming from Main St., the bridge over the canal on Appleton St. is now closed. Below, the other side of the bridge coming from Heritage State Park is blockaded.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



As announced last week, a bridge overlooking the canal on Appleton St. was closed down by state officials. The bridge was deemed deficient and unsafe following an inspection by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. A timeline for repairs and re-opening has been shared publicly as of press time.

Recent HCC alumni invited to free fall celebration

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is inviting graduates from the last decade to attend a free evening of fun and food at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

HCC's first-ever "Fall Back Together: Graduates of the Last Decade," or "GOLD," event will be held on Monday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. All HCC graduates from 2015 through 2025 are invited.

The culinary arts institute is located at 164 Race St. on the corner of

Appleton Street.

In addition to complimentary gourmet appetizers and desserts prepared by students and faculty in HCC's culinary arts program, "GOLD" event attendees will be able to build their own HCC swag bags, play corn hole and bingo, tour the HCC culinary arts food truck and culinary arts kitchens, meet President George Timmons, reconnect with their favorite HCC professors, win raffle prizes, network with other alumni, get a free

professional headshot, and learn about the new HCC alumni podcast (The Green Thread), volunteer opportunities and other alumni events.

"This is the first time at Holyoke Community College that we've done this type of event for graduates of the last decade," said Julie Phillips, HCC director of development. "It's an opportunity for recent graduates to meet members of our Alumni Council, get a LinkedIn headshot, and just have fun together."

The menu for the evening includes an artisan cheese and harvest charcuterie board, slow roasted Puerto Rican-style pork on plantain chips, mini cups of New England clam chowder, Vietnamese chicken meatballs with maple-chili glaze, Thai corn fritters with chili-lime sauce, tomato confit crostini with whipped ricotta, mini Jamaican beef patties, mini Boston cream pies, cider doughnuts, and sweet corn Ice cream with cornflake crumble and blueberry

sauce, plus an assortment of beer, wine, and mocktails.

"We're hoping our GOLD graduates will come hungry, leave inspired, and build connections that will last a lifetime," said Natalia Castagno, assistant director of alumni relations. "And it's all free."

Space, however, is limited, so pre-registration is requested. To register, please go to hcc.edu/gold

For more information, please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@hcc.edu or 413-552-2576.

Volunteers wanted to flag graves

AGAWAM – The Agawam Veterans' Council is seeking volunteers for flagging veteran graves at local cemeteries in preparation of veteran's Day on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Anyone interested in participating, please meet at 8 a.m. in the Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church) in Feeding Hills.

Great Holyoke Brick Race returns

HOLYOKE – Ready, set...brick! One of Holyoke's most creative and quirky traditions is back on the starting line: The Great Holyoke Brick Race zooms into downtown on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., taking over Race Street along the canal in front of Paper City Studios and LightHouse Holyoke.

Part art project, part engineering challenge, and part pure community fun, the Brick Race invites families, artists, school groups, and teams of all kinds to design wild, wheeled contraptions that all share one common element: a standard building brick at their core. From sleek racers to wacky rolling sculptures, no two creations are alike—except for the brick.

Now in its 14th year, the race began in 2011 thanks to artists Dean Nimmer and Bruce Fowler. After a few pit stops for construction on

Race Street and the pandemic, the event has grown into a crowd-favorite tradition with 50–60 race car builds and 400+ spectators cheering along the 100 foot concrete track built by artist Micheal Karmody.

This year, the Brick Race team has been working with students and faculty at LightHouse Holyoke, weaving the planning and build process into their school curriculum. It's all part of the spirit of creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration that makes this event truly unique.

Want to race? Spots are limited! Already 29 racers are registered, with just 21 spots left—so don't wait. Register your brick racer now: Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/HZ9mJNYmtRehNkBr7>

For those who want to give their racer a trial run, there will be a Test Day & Workshop on Saturday,

Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at LightHouse Holyoke / De La Luz Soundstage (114 Race Street). RSVP here: [RSVP for Test Day https://forms.gle/VeBFuAKM11S9Ra1c9](https://forms.gle/VeBFuAKM11S9Ra1c9)

The Great Holyoke Brick Race is made possible thanks to the Holyoke Local Cultural Council and generous local sponsors including Holyoke Gas & Electric, Witman Properties, Hampshire Towing, Clean Crop Technologies, BankESB, and many more. The event is also proudly supported by Holyoke Art Inc., the nonprofit providing fiscal and technical support for art spaces, programs, and cultural events in the city. Learn more at holyokeyart.com. So mark your calendars, grab your friends and family, and start building your brick racers! On Oct. 11, the bricks will roll, the crowd will cheer, and creativity will take the fast lane in downtown Holyoke.

Church to host roast pork dinner

HOLYOKE – There are certain flavors that pair well with the Autumn season, such as apple and cinnamon and pumpkin spice. Another flavor that works well with the season is Roast Pork. If you're in Holyoke, you can get some Roast Pork at United Congregational Church of Holyoke's Roast Pork dinner on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the dinner, which will feature roast pork,

butternut squash, mashed potatoes, homemade apple sauce, homemade apple crisp, and coffee and tea. Diners will have the option of Dine In or Take Out, with Take Out diners requiring payment in advance. Tickets for each are \$17 per person, available by contacting the Church Office at 413-532-1483. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Rebekah's Closet and the Fellowship Committee's Scholarship Fund.

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 our 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.

Providence Place to host Fall Concert

HOLYOKE – If you missed our 2025 Spring Concert Series, you do not want to miss out on our 2025 Fall Concert Series.

We will be kicking off our first Fall concert on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. in Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at Providence Place. Providence Place is located at 5 Gamelin St. in Holyoke,

right behind the Holyoke Mall.

The Oct. 19 concert performance is the Heart of the Valley Chorus, an all-women's acapella choir from Northampton.

Their program will include both contemporary and timeless pieces to celebrate love and remind us that music adds something

special to our lives. This event is free and open to the public with ample parking available, no RSVP is necessary.

For more information on the concert or if you are interested in learning more about our retirement community, please contact Katelyn Bacon at 413-534-9700.

Paper City Food Festival to take place

HOLYOKE – Nueva Esperanza will host the 5th Annual Paper City Food Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12 transforming downtown Holyoke into a two-block, open-air celebration of local cuisine, culture, music, and community. This year's festival will also serve a special purpose: a portion of

activities will support Grace "Gracie" Gianna Falcon, a courageous four-year-old from Holyoke who is battling B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (B-ALL).

"The Paper City Food Festival is about the best of Holyoke—our flavors, our music, our small businesses, and our heart," said Paper City Food Festival organiz-

ers. "By coming together this year, we'll not only enjoy an incredible weekend downtown, we'll also stand with Gracie and her family."

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the event will take place from 2 to 10 p.m. and then 12 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. It will span two city blocks from Appleton to Dwight St.

Hibernians holding clothing, food drive

HOLYOKE – The Ancient Order of Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties along with the Polish National Credit Union Announce the Annual Clothing and Food Drive for Providence Ministries from September to Dec. 1.

Please drop off gently used clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and/or non-perishable food items to the Polish National Credit Union 270 Westfield Rd. Holyoke. Make a donation and be entered to win a raffle basket.

Please help those who are experiencing food insecurity and assist Providence Ministries as they continue to transform lives through their life-changing programs. Stop by the PNCU—your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Church holding Polish fare dinner Oct. 19

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph's National Catholic Church at 73 Main Street in Westfield is hosting a Community Dinner featuring authentic Polish Fare on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 12 noon.

This community feast will feature delicious Cheese Pierogi, Kielbasa, Galumpki, Lazy Cabbage Pierogi, Pickled Beets, Rye Bread, and Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream for Dessert. Coffee, Apple Cider, and Bottled Water will also be available.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. For tickets, phone or text Cliff at (413) 977-2007. Deadline for purchasing all tickets is Oct. 16.

A limited number of Meals-To-Go will be available at 12:30 p.m. (when buying your tickets, please indicate if you are dining with us or planning take-out).

All are welcome. Please join us for an authentic, traditional Polish dinner.

Wistariahurst to hold sensory friendly Halloween event

HOLYOKE – On Sunday, Oct. 19, Wistariahurst Museum is delighted to bring back our spooky and spectacular Sensory-Friendly Trick or Treat event into our halls for the Halloween season! Our bewitching trick or treat event will let you and your little goblins enjoy an adventure in our haunted halls designed for families with sensory sensitivities. Monsters of all ages will have a chance to collect spook-tacular items through gentle

exploration throughout the museum and choose from prizes ranging from candy to fidget toys. Guests are welcome and encouraged to wear their fun, festive costumes throughout

their journey through the museum.

When signing up for the event on Eventbrite, please reserve one timeslot per family. A staff member will reach out to registered guests with questions about accessibility needs before the event to ensure that every ghost and ghouel feels comfortable and welcome during their time. Families are welcome to explore the museum and gardens at this event

as well. Wistariahurst will also have yard games that the whole family can enjoy.

Families can sign up for ten-minute time slots between 12 and 1:30 p.m. and will be limited to two at a time. This trick-or-treat exploration event will continue until 2 p.m. to allow children to explore at their own pace and enjoy a stress-free experience! Stay and search as long as you want, time slots are only meant to ensure a calm and seamless check-in process. Sign up for a timeslot today, our Boo Crew can't wait to meet you.

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Annual 'Trunk or Treat' returns to HCC Friday, Oct. 24

HOLYOKE – Visitors to Holyoke Community College on Friday, Oct. 24, can expect to see witches, ghouls, ghosts and an assortment of characters from popular children's movies, games, books, and TV shows as the college celebrates Halloween with its eighth annual Trunk or Treat event.

Every year, the event draws thousands of children and their parents to the HCC campus for a fun, safe, and early Halloween celebration as dozens of HCC departments, programs, and student clubs, as well as community groups and area businesses, decorate their cars and trucks with a wide assortment of themes.

Trunk or Treat runs from 5 to 7 p.m. in Parking Lot M by the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

Last year's trunk themes included Charlotte's Web, the Wizard of Oz, Minions, mummies, Dr. Seuss, pirates, enchanted forest, haunted vet clinic, aliens, Ratatouille, monsters, Jurassic Park,



The HCC Trunk or Treat event will return this year.

Submitted photo

Shrek, the zoo, STEM, Fairly Odd Parents, castles, Wednesday Adams, spiders, skeletons, scarecrows, witches, sharks, and the Justice League.

In the past, trunk sponsors from HCC have included the Early Education pro-

gram, Student Engagement, Veterinary and Animal Science, Dance Club, ASL Club, Japanese Anime Club, C.A.M.O. (military club), Radiologic Technology, El Centro, Student Records, Early Childhood Grants Initiative, Culinary Club,

Business department, President's Cabinet, Disney Club, Nursing program, Student Senate, STEM Club, Latinx Empowerment Association, Psychology Club, Radio Club, Animation Club, and Dungeons & Dragons Club.

Community groups and businesses sponsoring vehicles last year included Jan's Flowers, the Girl Scouts of America, Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Elms College Teachers Lounge, Holyoke High School North Campus, Western MA Furs,

Agawam Bowmen Club, and Holyoke High School Class of 2025.

Prizes are awarded to vehicle sponsors in various categories including best executed theme, scariest trunk, best costumes, and most original.

Each vehicle will be handing out free Halloween treats and also have non-food items for children with dietary restrictions.

Trunk or Treat at HCC started in 2017 as a safe, fun, and early alternative to traditional trick-or-treating on Halloween night. Rather than going door to door seeking Halloween treats, children go "trunk to trunk" to collect their candy, visiting cars decorated with seasonal themes and familiar stories and characters.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

To sponsor a vehicle, please contact Student Engagement at studentengagement@hcc.edu. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 20.

Mall hosting Halloween event

HOLYOKE – Families and children of all ages are invited to Holyoke Mall's annual Halloween Mall-O-Ween, trick-or-treating event, on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. Participating mall retailers will be handing out candy throughout the center, making it the perfect destination for little ghouls and goblins to safely enjoy trick-or-treating.

Attendees can also participate in a Social Media Costume Contest. Simply snap a photo while

trick-or-treating at the mall, post it on Facebook and/or Instagram, follow and tag the mall at HolyokeMall, and use the hashtag #HolyokeMall Halloween2025.

Contestants must be at least 18 years of age. Winners will be announced on Nov. 3 and awarded spooktacular prizes.

For full details regarding Halloween Mall-O-Ween, please visit <https://www.holyokemall.com/event/halloween-mall-o-ween-2025/>.

Wistariahurst offering cemetery tours at Forestdale

HOLYOKE – Step past the cemetery gates and peer behind the veil with Wistariahurst as our volunteers channel the spirits of Holyoke's ancestors, leading you through the meandering paths of Forestdale Cemetery. Established in 1860, Forestdale Cemetery is a serene yet beautiful landscape and the final resting place for many of Holyoke's founding families, politicians, and other notables who helped breathe life into the city. Guests will walk

amongst the monuments, markers, crypts, and crosses to discover the mystique of Holyoke's vibrant heritage.

"Learn some of Holyoke's history through the tales of the people that lived and died here," Penni Martorell, City History, shares. "Forestdale Cemetery is such a unique and beautiful setting

to reflect on the history we share with the people you will see represented in our tour."

Discover all there is to know about living and dying in Holyoke from narratives of the people who now find solace beneath these hallowed grounds. Cemetery Tours at Forestdale Cemetery include walking and standing on cement and gravel walkways with tours lasting

around forty-five minutes. To fully enjoy this tour, we ask that guests wear comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, the tours will be canceled, refunded, and not rescheduled. Wistariahurst Museum's Cemetery Tours blend history, concepts of the afterlife, and local connections to create an unforgettable outing. Tickets for this delightfully spooky and educational tour sell fast, so make sure to purchase your tickets before they're gone.



UCCH to host Halloween Block Party

HOLYOKE – October is almost here, meaning it's time to plan for Halloween. And Halloween in Holyoke means the Trunk or Treat Block Party, which will be held on Friday, Oct. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. on Maple Street between Appleton and Essex Streets. The event is hosted by United Congregational Church of Holyoke and Multi-Cultural Community Services in participation with downtown Holyoke businesses.

This year's Trunk or Treat will feature an All-Inclusive Family Friendly environment, with candy, costumes, games, prizes and fun for the whole family. The big finale will be a Children's concert with Latin Grammy Award-winning artist MISTER G, held in the Concert Hall/Sanctuary of the Church, Rain or Shine. This event is FREE and open to the public.

If you'd like to learn more about UCCH, please visit our website at www.uccholyoke.org, find us on Facebook or Instagram, or call our office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



St. Patrick's Committee opens up Grand Colleen 2026 applications

HOLYOKE – The St. Patrick's Committee of Holyoke is proud to announce that applications are now open for the 70th Annual Holyoke Grand Colleen Pageant on Jan. 3, 2026.

For seven decades, the Grand Colleen Pageant has been a signature event of Holyoke's St. Patrick's celebrations, honoring the heritage, pride, and accomplishments of young women of Irish descent. Serving as the kickoff to Parade season, the pageant is more than a competition - it is an opportunity to represent one's community, celebrate Irish culture, and join a legacy of ambassadors who have played a special role in the city's most cherished tradition.

This year, the Committee is excited to

announce an expanded eligibility that opens the door for even more young women to participate. In addition to residents of Holyoke and South Hadley, contestants from Holyoke's bordering communities of Easthampton and Southamton are now eligible to enter the competition.

"Being chosen as the Grand Colleen is about so much more than wearing the crown," said Kate Caligaris, Colleen Committee Chair. "It's about leadership, pride in one's Irish heritage, and the chance to be part of something larger than yourself. We're thrilled to welcome young women from our neighboring communities to share in this tradition."

What's new this year?

- Expanded eligi-

bility: Young women from Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton and Southamton are now invited to apply.

- Broader community representation: The Committee hopes this expansion will foster regional pride and strengthen bonds across neighboring towns.

Contestant Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be 17-22 years of age as of March 17, 2026
- Resident of Holyoke, South Hadley, Easthampton or Southamton
- Be single (never married, not a parent)
- Claim Irish ancestry
- Complete a resume and application

Awards and Opportunities

The Grand Colleen will receive:

- \$3,000 to be used as a scholarship or trip to Ireland
- Professional portrait
- Tiara

The Grand Colleen and Court will receive:

- Gifts from local businesses and Colleen Patrons
- A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve as community ambassadors during Parade season

Important Dates

- Oct. 1: applications open
- Dec. 27: Deadline to submit application to enter the Grand Colleen Pageant
- Dec. 28: Colleen Orientation at Mrs. Mitchell's Public House, Holyoke, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 2: Grand Colleen Pageant Rehearsal, at Holyoke High School, 6-8 p.m.
- Jan. 3: Grand Colleen Pageant at Holyoke High School Auditorium, 6-9:30 p.m.
- Jan. 4: Colleen Tea at Donovans, Holyoke, 3-5p.m.
- Feb. 14: Grand Coronation Ball at The Log Cabin, Holyoke

Apply now at www.holyokestpatricksparade.com/apply. For any questions, please contact Kate Caligaris, Colleen Committee Chair at (413) 627-8716 or holyokecolleens@gmail.com.



2024 Grand Colleen Elizabeth Gourde. Submitted photo

City seeking nominees for Veterans Day awards

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 November 11th, 2025. 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.

Nominations can be sent by email to rual@holyoke.org. Deadline for nominations is Oct. 25.

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Guest Column



When will my disability become my regular Social Security?

Dear Rusty:

I hope you can answer this question.

I'm currently receiving Social Security Disability benefits, and I will be turning 65 in February 2026. I'm confused as to how Social Security Disability transitions to regular Social Security, and when. I assume it's age 65, but maybe it's my retirement date?

Also, does the amount remain the same or will it change? I'm not working. I've been on SSDI for about 15 years. Thank you.

Signed: Disabled Senior

Dear Disabled Senior:

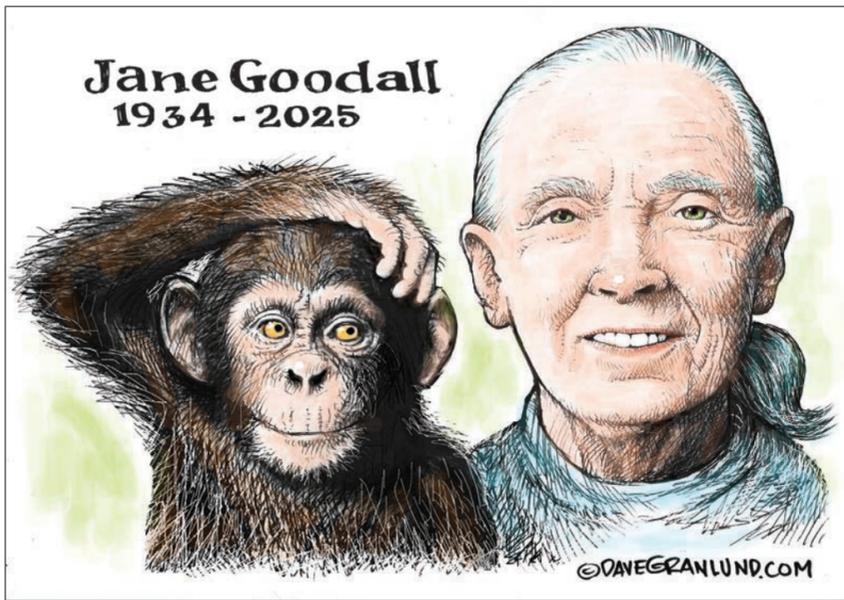
If you are collecting Social Security Disability Insurance benefits, those SSDI benefits will automatically convert to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit when you reach your SS Full Retirement Age, which, in your case, is age 67. For information, FRA today is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on your year of birth, and the full retirement age for everyone born in 1960 or later is age 67.

The change from SSDI to your regular Social Security benefit will be transparent to you because your monthly benefit amount will remain the same. SSDI benefits were originally awarded to you based upon your full retirement age entitlement when you applied for SSDI, even though you hadn't

yet reached your FRA when you went on SSDI. Thus, the monthly benefit amount will not change because it is based on your lifetime earnings record, from before you became disabled.

FYI, although age 65 was once Social Security's "retirement age," full retirement age for Social Security today is based on the year you were born. So, your SSDI benefit will automatically switch to become your regular Social Security retirement benefit as soon as you reach age 67. Essentially, the only thing that will change is the Social Security Trust Fund from which your benefits will be paid.

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Guest Column

The Garden Lady answers a unique question

Sue, who gardens in Gilbertville, called the Garden Lady with a question about Stinging Nettle. Apparently, she has it growing in numerous places on her four-acre property and wants to eradicate it.

"Roberta, are you familiar with this plant?" All I could say, was "Ah, yes," and then I began the story.

Not too long ago I was grabbing weeds by the handful, stuffing them into a bucket. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye I saw the familiar saw-tooth shaped leaf and distinctive hairy stems within my clutches. As soon as my brain registered what I had just plucked, my hand started to sting...burn, really.

Yup, I was fooled again by stinging nettle. Ice helps a little, but usually the burn has to run its course.

Once you have identified stinging nettle, it won't be hard to miss. *Urtica dioica* and other members of the *Urticaceae* family have in common one particular

trait: hairs on the undersides of their leaves as well as on their stems.

It is the hairs, that when brushed upon or grabbed, release formic acid into the skin causing a stinging, burning and a just plain painful reaction. Another giveaway to the plant's identity is its elongated, heart-shaped, saw-tooth-edged leaves that form opposite one another and then alternate back and forth up the stem.

From July through October, the plant sports greenish white flowers, upright at the top of the plant, but drooping from the leaf axils. If these three characteristics don't make it unique enough to spot, look for height and girth! Nettles can grow as tall as five feet, maybe more, and make large

colonies easily, thanks to a tangled web of underground runners that sprout new stems every few inches.

Once it has gotten a foothold it can be difficult to eradicate - think mint but on a larger, pickier scale! Expect to find it growing in rich soil along the forest's edge, in moist woodlands and even flood plains.

If you shuddered at my suggestion of eradicating stinging nettles, chances are you are aware of some of its reported health benefits. Some herbalists even go as far as to plant it on purpose!

I'll admit I even bought some dried leaves once to use along with other herbs in a spring tonic rich in vitamins and minerals. Although it grows wild all over my property I was afraid to harvest it! Since then, I have learned that once cooked or dried, the sting disappears.

Nettles have been used to treat all kinds of ailments over the years. Urtication was a common, albeit curi-

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Red-bellied woodpecker

On Sept. 30, I saw two red-bellied woodpeckers fly from one tree to another.

Since I do not feed the birds suet or seeds until winter due to bears, I had not noticed them before. The red-bellied woodpecker has a black and white barred back and a pale belly. Males have a red crown and nape and the females have just a red nape, but no crown.

These woodpeckers cling to tree bark and use their stiff tail feathers for support while they probe into the bark for insects. White is visible on their wings in flight. They are about nine inches long, the same size as the hairy woodpecker.

Like other woodpeckers, they have an undulating flight. They pick at the

bark rather than drill into it like many other woodpeckers. They inhabit woodlands and forests from old stands of oak and hickory to young hardwoods and pines. They also appear at backyard feeders especially for suet.

They nest in a cavity excavated in dead wood. Males may begin cavity excavation with the female selecting one of the holes and completing it. The female lays two to six eggs. There most common call is a shrill rolling "kwirr" or "churr" given by both sexes. They also make a "cha cha cha" sound.

Helping birds

Another way to help birds is to plant native trees, shrubs and plants in ones yard. Many provide a food source and others become a nesting site or shelter. Leaving a section of yard not mowed and letting it "run wild" also attracts birds, but provides food, nesting sites and shelter. Putting out bird feeders and water sources also bring birds to one's yard, but they also attract black bears and other unwanted visitors.

Blue jays

I heard blue jays



squawking away on Sept. 30. I looked toward the noise and saw four blue jays flitting about among the trees. They were near a winter feeding spot. In winter, I put out shelled peanuts, which is a favorite of blue jays and tufted titmice to name a few. The first year I fed peanuts, I put out unshelled peanuts. They make a mess with the peanut husks, but I enjoyed watching them fly off with a whole peanut and opening it to get the peanuts inside.

Brimfield birds

A Brimfield birder, who emails regularly said, "In the yard most summer visitors have headed south but catbirds are still around and a couple of male towhees



By Ellenor Downer



Catbird

were seen last week. Also a male and female common yellowthroat visited the bird bath."

He said, "I filled the hummingbird feeders last week but haven't seen a hummingbird in several days and the feeders haven't been used much because they are still almost full."

He reported he had to take down my feeders because bear were visiting during the day. He had planted a couple dozen sunflow-

ers in the yard and last week he cut the seed heads off and hung them in the garage to dry. He attached a few of the seed heads to the poles where he hangs his bird feeders. A pair of cardinals, at least three titmice and a black capped chickadee came for the seeds.

Norwottuck Rail Trail

The Brimfield resident in his email of Sept. 30 said, "Last Saturday a friend and I spent a couple of hours walking on the Norwottuck Rail Trail, Station Road in Amherst. It was a beautiful day to be out and about. We didn't see song birds but a few ducks, a couple of great blue herons, three green herons (good looks at one quite

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The Holyoke Sun welcomes election letters to the editor

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

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For more information, call 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspa-

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Alzheimer's Association holds support group

WESTFIELD – On Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at Armbrook Village Senior Living and Memory Support Community, 551 North Road.

Caregivers and family members are invited to enjoy a light dinner and to share their personal experiences and strategies for communicating with their loved ones.

This month they will

have guest speakers from adult day programs presenting at 6 pm.

Group is held in the second floor Creative Arts Room.

The public is welcome. To join this group, people may call 413-568-0000 or email reception@armbrookvillage.com.

Groups are held on the last Wednesday of the month.

'Out of the Darkness' suicide prevention walk on Oct. 25

AGAWAM – Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States and the 16th leading cause of death in Massachusetts. It is also the second-leading cause of death for individuals age 15-34, yet suicide can often be prevented.

Volunteers from western Massachusetts are joining the thousands of people who are gathering this season in towns across the United States to promote suicide prevention. The annual Greater Springfield Out

of the Darkness Community Walk, hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Foundation - Massachusetts Chapter will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. (registration begins at 9 a.m. at School Street Park, Agawam, MA.

This gathering will support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's education, research and support for survivors of suicide loss. In addition to raising awareness and funds to fight suicide,

the walks give those who attend a chance to connect with others and know they are not alone, whether they walk in memory or in support of a loved one or in honor of their own mental health journey.

"Suicide touches one in five families in the United States. We hope that by connecting with one another, we will draw attention to this issue and keep other families from experiencing a suicide loss. Our goal is to save lives and bring hope to

those affected by suicide," said Lyndsey Nunes, Greater Springfield co-chair and AFSP Massachusetts Board Member.

The Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk is one of the hundreds of events being held nationwide this year. Speakers at the Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Walk will include local legislators and Western Mass community members who have been personally affected by suicide.

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any order that shall knowingly violate any law or regulation of the federal, state or local government or the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the Charter of the City of Holyoke, or any lawful order of a court of competent jurisdiction. No such order given shall be valid or shall be enforced by the City of Holyoke or its departments."

The fear for Jourdain and Vacon was that mistaking Holyoke for a sanctuary city because it is not cooperating or assisting with ICE agents, would lead to the city losing up to \$10 million in federal funding through grants and other assistance.

But members of the DGR committee voting not to recommend the resolution said making the resolution known would potentially make the city a target for ICE and could lead to them targeting more people in the city.

"If we are trying to

communicate with the federal government and let them know where we stand on this and what we're doing, if that's the case, then I can't support that," said Councilor Israel Rivera

After the DGR Committee discussed the resolution on Monday night, it went to a full vote by the council on Tuesday evening, where it was also discussed heavily by the council. In the end, the 7-6 vote was a leave to withdrawal vote, which will prevent it from passing and will eventually cause it

to be removed from the main agenda.

Despite Holyoke declaring it is not a sanctuary city, Garcia's order for not cooperating with ICE led the federal government to classify the city as such, bringing forth the concerns of losing federal funding from the city's already tight budget.

Multiple protests of the resolution were held outside City Hall, with protesters fearing it will lead to more racial profiling by government officials as well as alienate residents as a whole.

MAYOR, from page 1

Gas & Electric (HG&E) also garnered top honors at the gala, receiving the Utility of the Year award for its role in attracting clean tech industries to the city as NREC Executive Director Kristin Rode then cited HG&E's success at providing reliable, low-cost

electricity sourced from the Connecticut River to serve energy-intensive industries seeking clean, green, inexpensive power.

Mayor Garcia is the first mayor from the Commonwealth to receive this recognition, with Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno among the finalists.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

GARDEN, from page 4

ous, practice in ancient times. It involved slapping inflicted body parts with bunches of stinging nettles to impart a cure of a particular ailment.

Slapping below a man's navel was thought to improve his virility. If a paralyzed limb was slapped it was hoped feeling would be

renewed.

There are other bizarre accounts of the application of this herb. I read one case of crushed leaves being packed into the nose to stop a nose-bleed. Ouch! Or used in juice form to make hair grow. Grow? Maybe, but stand on end a definite!

All kidding aside, there are other benefits of nettles that go beyond folklore.

Studies are being conducted for its use in treating prostate problems, asthma, allergies and arthritis.

Whether or not nettles are part of your apothecary chest, be sure to handle them with kid gloves! Although the stinging and burning sensation may last for only a few minutes, it very well could last for hours!

That brings me back to

Sue's question. There are multiple ways to try and eradicate the plant. You can suit up and hand pull or get the mower out and mow the area as you would the lawn. Repeated mowings during active growth will eventually kill it.

You can also take a soil test and make the necessary recommendations to improve the soil to a point

that the grasses in your field will thrive and choke out the stinging nettle. Small areas can be covered in black plastic –again, you would do this when the plant is in active growth. Usually a month or more is necessary for this route to be successful.

Spot spraying with weed killers in another option but one that I only use as a very last resort. Good luck!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 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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close) and one horned grebe. A pair of beaver were out enjoying the nice day and we got good looks at them. A few people walking the trail had never seen beavers before and were quite excited and asked lots of questions. Do they eat fish?"

Warren ponds

The Brimfield resident frequently visits ponds in

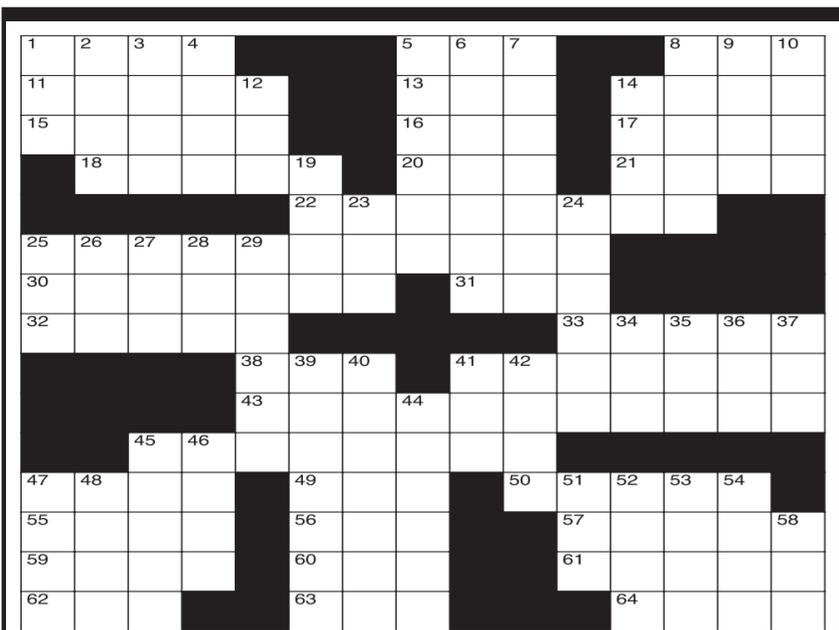
Warren. He saw a bald eagle one day and yesterday (Sept. 29) in addition to three great blue herons I saw a northern harrier and two male turkeys.

Trail camera

The Brimfield resident said in his email, "The trail camera near the bird bath captured a visit by a bear one night. Three days later a bear visited again and chewed open a pumpkin and ate the seeds and then went to one

of the poles with sunflower seed heads and knocked the pole down. It didn't bother another pole with seed heads."

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 or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



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- Own (Scottish)
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- Salts of acetic acid
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- Single Lens Reflex
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- Warm greeting

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
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- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
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- Greek alphabet letter
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- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- A major division of geological time
- Angry
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- Romanian monetary unit
- Stale
- Go quickly
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- Canadian city
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- Perform perfectly
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Pioneers have no answer for Holyoke offense

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Pathfinder boys soccer, which co-ops with Palmer High School, suffered a 5-0 loss at Holyoke High School.

Holyoke, which improved to 8-5-1 and is headed for the tournament, got two goals each from Xevier Davila and Ryan Kennedy.

All of Holyoke's scoring came in the second half. Pathfinder fell to 3-6-1 on the season.



Nathaniel Gomes sends a pass.



Lyderson Albert passes ahead of an opponent's steal attempt.



Jean Roosier Muscadin tries to keep play moving to the offensive end of the field.

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Nayan Tabin tries to turn play around and move up the field.



Xevier Davila plays the ball.



Nathaniel DelValle picks up a loose ball.



Don Ampofo shuffles the ball around an opponent.

Knights even record with win

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School girls volleyball defeated Belchertown 3-1 at home last Thursday evening.

The win raised Holyoke's record to an even 6-6 for the season.

The Knights look to stay at .500 or above to qualify for tournament in the coming weeks. Holyoke will face Greenfield on the road on Friday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m.

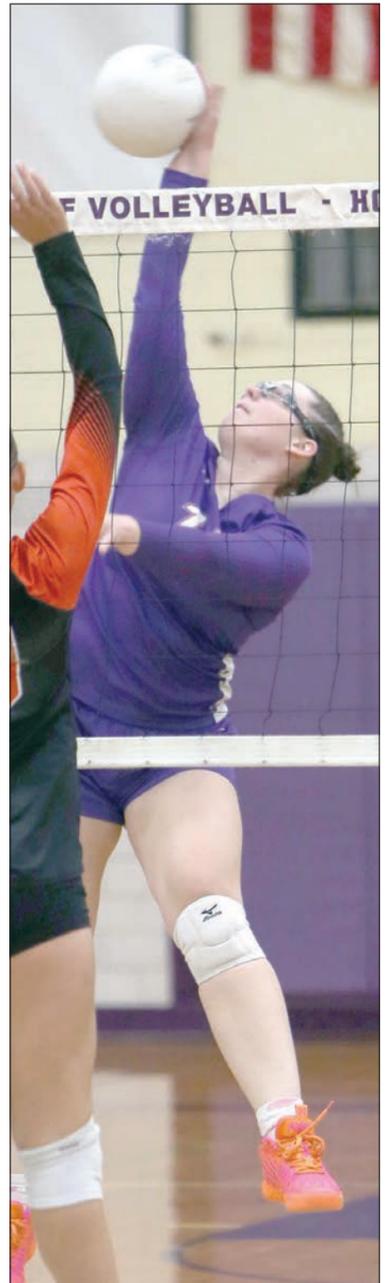


Kierstin St. Lawrence gets a bump.



Tatiana Gonzalez throws the ball up looking to serve.

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Kelcy Brunelle goes for a spike.



Paola Berrios Martinez goes low and keeps the ball in play.



Nemesis Torres Sanchez reaches out for a bump.

Holyoke unified basketball takes the court

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School Unified basketball team was in action last Wednesday. The Knights had one of its home games against nearby Granby. Holyoke has a couple more games remaining in the short season before the jamboree event to conclude the year.



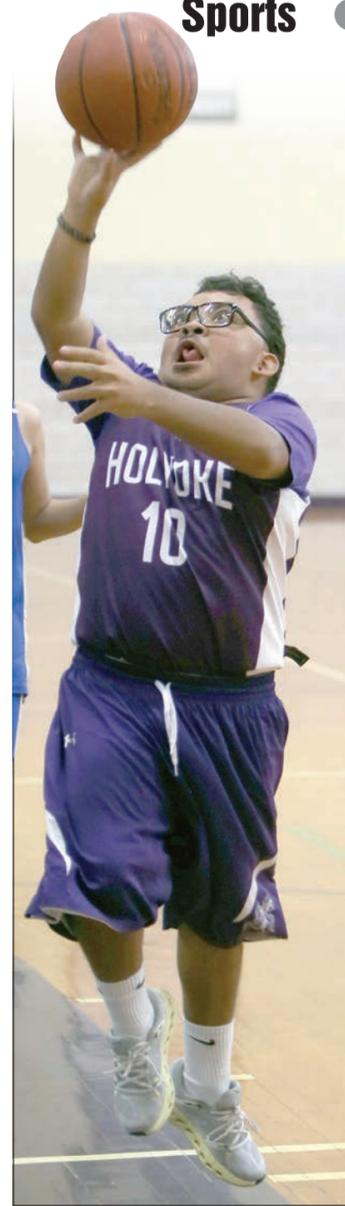
Alondia Santiago attempts a three-pointer.

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Jaedison Santos concentrates on the hoop as he takes the mid-range shot.



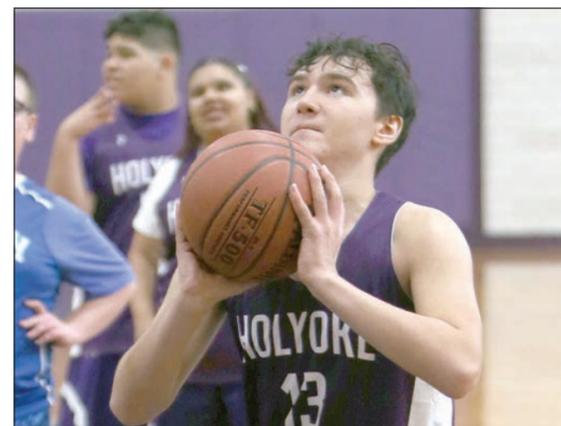
Yeyo Ruiz Mojica takes a shot.



Manny Rivera goes for the layup.



Isaiah Laposte Waites lets loose on a long jumper.



Calogeso Rosario eyes the hoop.

Westfield University Owls suffer defeat to Anna Maria

WESTFIELD – Anna Maria QB Nikolay Boyce threw for 297 yards and five touchdowns to lead the AmCats to a 41-14 win over Westfield State University in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game at Alumni Field in Saturday afternoon.

Boyce's big day offset a 100-yard receiving game for Owls' senior WR Casey Tang, and 95 yards on the ground from first year FB

Manny Mengata.

Anna Maria improves to 3-2 overall and 3-1 in the MASCAC, while Westfield is now 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Westfield turned the ball over eight times on the afternoon, which led to three AMC TD's.

Westfield jumped out to a 7-0 lead on its first possession of the game, capping a 3-play, 53-yard drive with an 8-yard touchdown run from Aidan Patterson.

Anna Maria stacked up a 35-7 lead by the half as Boyce tossed TD's of 13, 67, 38 and 30 yards around a 22-yard interception return for a touchdown from Mar-Zhon Brinson.

Westfield trimmed the lead to 35-14 on the Owls first drive of the second half, as QB Miles Foerster found Teng deep downfield for a 54-yard scoring strike.

Boyce tacked on a 3-yard pass to Tyler Garretson, for Garretson's

second TD catch of the day, early in the fourth quarter to cap the scoring.

Boyce finished 18-30 for 297 yards with five TD's and two interceptions. He spread the ball around to five different receivers, four of whom had 60-plus yards, led by Jeremiah Cadet's 67 yards on a screen pass for a TD, and Garretson had six grabs for 64 yards. Cadet finished with nine carries for 61 yards on the ground as well.

Westfield's Foerster

completed 6 of 19 passes for 130 yards, with one TD and five interceptions. Mengata carried 25 times for 95 yards, with Patterson adding seven carries for 58 yards. Teng led the Owls with three catches for an even 100 yards.

Defensively, Westfield got a pair of interceptions from senior CB Zach Allen. Tafari Proctor led the Owls with eight tackles.

Brinson had a pair of interceptions for the

AmCats, who were led by seven tackles from Charles DiMartino.

Anna Maria finished with 21 first downs t the Owls 20. Westfield was 7-11 in third down efficiency compared to 2-8 for the AmCats. Anna Maria out-gained the Owls 396-349, while Westfield held a slight 31-29 advantage in time of possession.

Both teams will be idle next weekend before returning to action on Oct. 18.

Railers roster taking shape

WORCESTER – The Worcester Railers Hockey Club (@RailersHC), proud ECHL (@ECHL) affiliate of the New York Islanders (@NYIslanders), and Head Coach & General Manager Nick Tuzzolino, announced today that goaltenders Henrik Tikkanen and Tristan Lennox were assigned to the Worcester Railers from the Bridgeport Islanders by the New York Islanders.

Tikkanen, 25, arrives in Worcester in second all-time in franchise history in wins (31), shutouts (4), minutes played (3794), and saves (1889), while being third in games played (65). The 6'9", 223 lb goaltender spent the 2024-25 season largely with the Bridgeport Islanders of the American Hockey League, playing in 30 games with a 4.12 goals against average and a .865 save percentage. All-time

in the AHL, Tikkanen has a 14-24-6 record with a .332 GAA and a .890 SV%.

With Worcester, the Lohja, Finland native has a 3.02 GAA, a .908 SV%, and a 31-28-4 record across three seasons with the club. Tikkanen (31) is 13 wins behind Mitch Gillam (44) as of the start of the 2025-26 season for first all-time in team history. Tikkanen is the first goaltender in franchise history to play parts of four seasons with the Railers.

Lennox, 22, comes to Worcester for the first time since the 2023-24 season, where he appeared in 13 games for the club. Across his time with Worcester, the 6'4", 196 lb goaltender owned a 2.94 goals against average with a .909 save percentage and a 5-6-1 record. The former 93rd overall selection from the 3rd round of the 2021 NHL entry draft made his

National Hockey League debut for the New York Islanders on Thursday, April 10th against the New York Rangers. He is the third ever Railer to debut in the NHL following time spent in Worcester.

Prior to professional hockey, the Ottawa, ON native played in 121 games for the Saginaw Spirit of the Ontario Hockey League. At the junior level, Lennox owned a 3.26 GAA, a .887 SV%, and a 59-45-7 record.

Worcester Regional Airport is the official airport of the Worcester Railers HC and presenting partner of all Railers transactions.

The Worcester Railers HC 2025-26 Opening Weekend at the DCU Center is Saturday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 19 against the Maine Mariners and Adirondack Thunder. The 508 Club is now on sale for the 2025-26 season.

Thunderbirds score preseason win over Providence Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds picked up a 2-1 overtime victory on Sunday over the Providence Bruins inside the MassMutual Center to close their preseason slate.

The Bruins picked up the first goal of the afternoon on a power play with 1:08 remaining in the first, as Lynden McCallum lifted a one-timer over the right shoulder of Vadim Zherenko to give Providence the 1-0 lead at intermission. That came less than a minute after Hugh McGing was awarded a penalty shot, but could not get the puck past Simon Zajicek in the Bruins goal crease.

Springfield had an answer from one of their veterans at 3:53 of the second when Corey

Schueneman lifted a point wristler through traffic and past Zajicek to tie the score. McGing had what appeared to be the go-ahead goal on a power play at 14:07 of the period, but after replay, the officials waved it off, saying that the T-Birds forward had directed the puck in with a kicking motion.

Zherenko's night was complete after 40 minutes and 20 saves on 21 shots. Gage Alexander came on for the third period and overtime and stopped all nine shots he faced.

After neither team could break the ice in the third period, the T-Birds picked up the triumph in the extra frame as Nikita Alexandrov fed a saucer pass to McGing's blade at 3:32, and McGing got

enough of it to beat Zajicek upstairs to finish the game.

The T-Birds now prepare themselves for the regular season slate, beginning with MGM Springfield Opening Night on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6:05 p.m. against the Charlotte Checkers inside Thunderdome. The action starts with the Community Bank N.A. Block Party from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Plaza at MGM Springfield, featuring live music from Moonlight Saints. Fans are encouraged to arrive at the MassMutual Center early for pregame ceremonies, including full team introductions, which will begin promptly at 6 p.m. - all fans in attendance will receive a T-Birds 10th Anniversary Banner and a magnet schedule.

Public Notices

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement given by 156 High Holyoke MA, LLC (the "Mortgagor") to Aloha Capital, LLC, dated April 14, 2023 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at 24973, Page 440, as assigned to Reigo Securitization Sponsor 2021-1, LLC, dated September 9, 2024 and recorded with the Registry in Book 25566, Page 146, of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **11:00 AM on the 7th day of November, 2025** at 156-162 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts, being more particularly in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the easterly line of High Street with the Southerly line of Hampden Street; THENCE running Southwesterly by the Easterly line of High Street forty-nine (49) feet; THENCE Southeasterly and at right angles to said High Street eighty (80) feet to an alley or common passageway; THENCE Northeasterly by said passageway forty-nine (49) feet to said Hampden Street; THENCE Northwesterly by said Hampden Street eight (80) feet to the point of the beginning.

Containing 3,920 square feet of land more or less.

Address: 156 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040
Parcel ID: 013-03-005

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24014, Page 102.

Said premises shall also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all other restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, attachments and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the Mortgage, if any there be, insofar as in force and applicable.

Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or rights of parties in possession now or at the time of said auction which are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and to laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

Terms of sale:

The highest bidder in the sale

shall deposit a bank treasurer's check, or certified check in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) at the time and place of the sale as a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price to be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The highest bidder shall then be required to remit by federal wire transfer an additional non-refundable deposit to bring in an amount sufficient to make the total deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the purchase price within five (5) business days of the date of the public auction.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid upon delivery of the deed within thirty (30) days of the date of the public auction. Each successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the public auction containing the terms herein and any additional terms set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or announced at the public auction.

In the event that any successful bidder at the public auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the applicable premises, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell such premises by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, provided that in each case the next highest bidder delivers to Mortgagee the amount of the required deposit within three (3) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder and promptly executes a Memorandum of Sale providing for performance within thirty (30) days of execution. Mortgagee also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone this sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms to be announced at sale.

For inquiries concerning the auction, please contact Samantha Saperstein at ssaperstein@pesco.com.

Reigo Securitization Sponsor 2021-1, LLC, present holder of the Mortgage, By its attorney,

Lauren A. Solar, Esq.
Hackett Feinberg P.C.
155 Federal Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02110
10/10, 10/17, 10/24/2025

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Fixture Filing, and Security Agreement given by 445 High Holyoke

MA, LLC (the "Mortgagor") to Aloha Capital, LLC, dated April 11, 2023 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at 24973, Page 410, as assigned to Reigo Securitization Sponsor 2021-1, LLC dated September 9, 2024 and recorded with the Registry in Book 25566, Page 154, of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at **12:00 PM on the 7th day of November, 2025** at 445-447 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts, being more particularly in said mortgage, to wit:

PARCEL 1

Certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Holyoke, bounded and described as follows, viz

BEGINNING at a point of intersection of the westerly side of High Street with the northerly side of Essex Street and thence running

NORTHEASTERLY on said High Street Twenty-Eight (28) feet and one (1) inch; thence

NORTHWESTERLY at a right angle to said High Street ninety-seven (97) feet to the center line of an alley or common passageway (which passageway is fourteen wide); thence

SOUTHWESTERLY on said center line of said alley and parallel with said High Street Twenty-Eight (28) feet and one (1) inch to said Essex Street; thence

SOUTHEASTERLY on said Essex Street ninety-seven (97) feet to the place of BEGINNING.

Containing 2,724 1/12 square feet more or less.

Address: 0 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040

Parcel ID: 011-07-007

PARCEL 2:

The land in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection of the westerly side of High Street with the southerly side of Essex Street and thence running

SOUTHWESTERLY on said High Street twenty-nine (29) feet and eight (8) inches; thence

NORTHWESTERLY at right angles with said High Street ninety-seven (97) feet to the center line of an alley or common passageway (which passageway is fourteen (14) feet wide); thence

NORTHEASTERLY on said center line of said alley and parallel with said High Street twenty-nine feet and eight (8) inches to said Essex Street thence

SOUTHEASTERLY on said Essex Street ninety-seven (97) feet to the place of beginning.

Address: 445 High Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040

Parcel ID: 0011-8-000001
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 24895, Page 181.

Said premises shall also be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all other restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, attachments and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the Mortgage, if any there be, insofar as in force and applicable.

Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or rights of parties in possession now or at the time of said auction which are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and to laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

Terms of sale:

The highest bidder in the sale shall deposit a bank treasurer's check, or certified check in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) at the time and place of the sale as a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price to be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The highest bidder shall then be required to remit by federal wire transfer an additional non-refundable deposit to bring in an amount sufficient to make the total deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the purchase price within five (5) business days of the date of the public auction.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid upon delivery of the deed within thirty (30) days of the date of the public auction. Each successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the public auction containing the terms herein and any additional terms set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or announced at the public auction.

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Community Outreach Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting

for a marijuana product manufacturer ACMJ, Inc. is scheduled for **5p.m., November 5, 2025 at the proposed location, 532 Main St. Holyoke 01040.** There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. If you have questions please contact Steven Fontana steve@acmjinc.com 10/10/2025

INVITATION TO BID INTERPRETATION SERVICES

IFB 2026-14SD

HPSHolyoke Public Schools is soliciting sealed bids from qualified vendors to provide interpretation services for students, families, and staff. These services will include in-person, remote (phone/video) interpretation in the languages represented in our district, including American Sign Language, as needed, to facilitate effective communication in accordance with state and federal requirements. This procurement is conducted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B, §5 (Invitation for Bids).

The successful bidder must have the capacity to fulfill a high volume of interpretation requests on a weekly basis, including during school hours and evenings, and provide both consecutive and simultaneous modes of interpretation in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Arabic and American Sign language, with a minimum of 48 hours' notice.

Vendors must be able to assign professional interpreters who are trained in the methodologies, principles and ethics of educational interpretation, including confidentiality protocols. Interpreters should also possess knowledge of medical, legal, academic, and K-12 educational terminology in the United States with familiarity with the local context and cultural diversity of Western Massachusetts.

Documents are available on 10/6/2025@10AM by requesting from morrowj@holyoke.org

Submissions due by **2PM on 10/24/2025. No electronic Submissions will be accepted.** The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in the best interest of the city to do so. 10/10/2025

CITY OF HOLYOKE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2026-15DPW Professional Design Services for Envelope Study and Design Improvements at Holyoke Fire Station No. 3 RFP

The City of Holyoke, Massachusetts, seeks proposals from qualified consultants to conduct and existing conditions assessment and envelope study at Holyoke Fire Station No. 3 to be followed by design and development of contract documents for the implementation of recommended repairs and improvements.

This project may be funded in whole or part with Federal Funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal Funds and must comply with all Federal Requirements including Part 200.

Starting on October 6, 2025, RFP documents may be obtained electronically through the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Department by submitting an email request to Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer, at morrowj@holyoke.org. Responses will also be submitted by email.

A **non-mandatory pre-proposal walkthrough will be held on October 16th at 10AM at the Holyoke Fire Station No. 3, 1579 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.**

Proposals shall be submitted electronically to Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer, at

morrowj@holyoke.org and are due on **November 4, 2025 at 2:00 PM** (local time), based on the digital time stamp when received. Late applications will not be accepted. Proposals submitted through any other means, such as mail or hand delivery, will not be accepted and will be rejected by the City as non-responsive. Proposals must be submitted with 2 attachments I marked "Technical Specifications" and the other one marked "Price Proposal" please make sure technical proposals have no price in it, or it may be rejected.

The City intends to select a consultant within 60 days of receipt of the RFP responses. Work on the project must commence within 30 days of contract execution. The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive any minor informalities and technicalities, or to cancel the solicitation if it is in the public interest to do so. 10/10/2025

City of Holyoke

Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:30pm** to hear a zoning ordinance change proposal to enact a short term rental ordinance. Meeting will take place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via zoom.us Meeting ID 894 1169 7608 Meeting Passcode 426774 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the proposed language or to submit a comment for this public hearing, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair, Israel Rivera 10/03, 10/10/2025

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The Trial Court

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Hampden Division

Docket No.

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Also Known As:

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Date of Death:

December 22, 2024

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Myriam J. Mortimer of Holyoke, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Myriam J. Mortimer of Holyoke, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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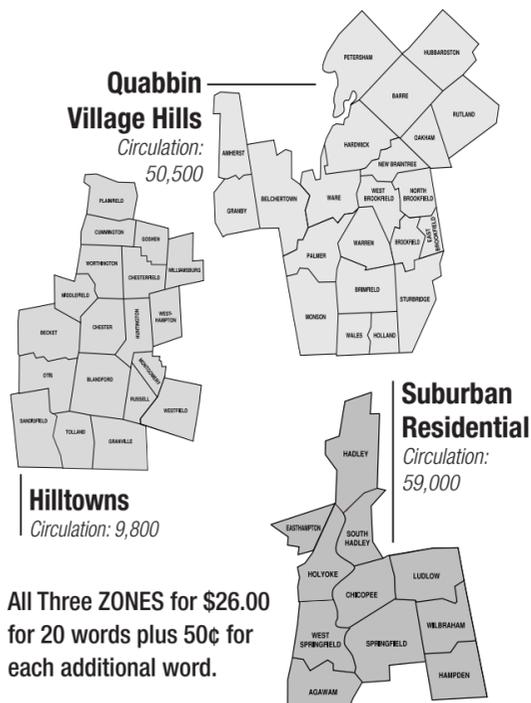


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Event drew rare and one-of-a-kind cars to racetrack

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PALMER – Over 300 Porsches of all years and models arrived at Palmer Motorsports Park on Sunday for the highly anticipated return of the Porsche on the Mountain event.

This is the first time the track has held the event since the pandemic, and it was clear that it was deeply missed by automobile enthusiasts.

“We had a good turnout,” said Al Sandy, Club Director at Palmer Motorsports Park. “We had people waiting at the gate.”

Sandy said this year’s event featured several rare and unique Porsches, even a “Horsche,” which was custom-built featuring a Porsche chassis with a Ford Mustang body.

“There were some very, very special cars there. One-of-a-kinds, lots of special paint colors...in the past Porsche was able to build a car for you and they’d paint it in any color,” Sandy said. “It was very unique, very fun to see.”

One unique car was a 1986 930 Turbo with a rare white gold metallic paint color. The 1986 was the first year Porsche was able to bring a turbo engine back to the U.S., due to stricter emissions laws enacted in the early 1980s.

“This is what Porsche started out with – racing,” owner Joanne Rydings said. “They detuned it and let people drive it.”

Owned by Rydings and Paul Whooten of Middleboro, the couple bought this car 25 years ago after Rydings found it online in the early days of dial-up internet.

“It was a rare color,” Rydings said.

Rydings said the car was located in Kentucky, and that Whooten went down to look at it by himself to see if it was worth buying, when he called her.

“He said, ‘I bought it, you’re going to love it,’” she recalled.

Rydings then flew



Over 300 Porsches were displayed at the Porsche on the Mountain event.

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Joanne Rydings is shown with her rare, white gold metallic 1986 930 Turbo.

to Kentucky and drove the Porsche back home to Massachusetts.

The couple has had many adventures in the 1986, even traveling through Canada and facing some language barriers with a French speaking traffic patrolman who pulled them over for speeding.

Porsches are known for being “ridiculously fast” Rydings said with a laugh.

Rydings recalled the pastel blue Porsche Whooten owned when she first met him, and how she had mistaken it for a Volkswagen, like the 1973 bug she drove.

Learning to drive a Porsche was a “really big difference,” she said.

Rydings and Whooten have been Porsche Club of America members for many years, and they also own a 2011 Turbo S.

The day before attending Porsche on the Mountain, Rydings brought the 1986 to the Concours d’Elegance at The Elms in Newport, Rhode Island, where it took first place in its category.

Rydings talked about why she has been so loyal to the Porsche brand, which she has loved since she was 16 years old.

“It’s just like home to me, this car,” she said.

Leicester resident and owner of Bay State Brewing Co., Chip Jarry purchased his 2014 911 Carrera 4S this past July and brought it to its first Porsche on the Mountain event. Previous to this model, he owned a 964 for many years.



Ron Savenor provided laps in his 911 Cup racer.

The 4S is an all-wheel drive vehicle, with more horsepower.

Jarry talked about the Porsche being a “driver’s car,” and how versatile it is going from the track to the road.

“Nothing drives like it,” he said. “It holds the road.”

Jarry said Porsches are also reliable and hold their value.

This year’s Porsche on the Mountain event was judged by Adam Wright of Unobtainium, a New York-based business that deals in vintage Porsche cars and parts and provides vital resources to those restoring their project car.

“He knew his stuff,” Sandy said of Wright.

Sandy said there were 23 awards handed out at Porsche on the Mountain, including one for the dirtiest Porsche.

“A lot of car shows are what are called ‘concours’ – the cleanest car wins... Here in Palmer, we’re about



Rare and one-of-a-kind colors were found on Porsches throughout the event.

driving, not keeping your car spotless,” he said.

Sandy said there was also an award for the highest mileage, which has gone each year to Tom Thalmann, who has an astonishing 700,000 plus miles on his 2003 Porsche 911 Turbo.

Proceeds from Porsche on the Mountain helped to benefit Homes for Our Troops, an organization dedicated to rebuilding the lives of severely injured post-9/11 veterans nationwide.

Sandy thanked the events sponsors, including anchor sponsor Porsche Norwell and co-sponsors Musante Motorsports,



Chip Jarry is shown with his 2014 911 Carrera 4S.

gates open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

All models and makes are welcomed.

A \$20 donation per vehicle covers entry and car show. Optional Charity Laps (\$20 for three laps) are available to purchase at the park.

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On Sunday, Oct. 19, Mustangs on the Mountain returns to benefit the West Brookfield-based Central New England Equine Rescue, which has been providing care and homes to horses, ponies and donkeys for over 20 years.

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