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## McGiverin honored for service

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Former Councilor and Council President Joseph McGiverin was honored with a street sign declaring the Beech St. entrance to the Holyoke YMCA “Joe McGiverin Way”.

McGiverin served as a city councilor for 44 years and he just retired from his work as a probation officer at Holyoke District Court.

McGiverin and his family were touched by this dedication.

His daughters, Kelly McGiverin and Brenda McGillicuddy were proud that the city was honoring their father in such a way.

“Our father, he is a part of Holyoke,” Kelly McGiverin said. “There is no Holyoke history without Joe McGiverin in our eyes, and I think having this dedication for him to be proud of is something that is very meaningful.”



Joseph McGiverin

They know their father was touched by this honor.

“You don’t really see him showing emotion that much yet when they announced [Joe McGiverin Way] you could see him holding back the emotion,” Kelly McGiverin said.

Joe McGiverin’s family felt that the Beech Street entrance to the YMCA was the perfect place for him to be honored, given his connections to the area.

“Having it centered around the Y and that location really is the cornerstone and foundation of so much my father has done not only for the city but also for us as a family,” McGillicuddy said.

He grew up on Beech St. and often spent his time volunteering at the YMCA.

“Because money was tight, as young children, our parents encouraged us to volunteer at the Y in order to get a membership,” Joe McGiverin’s sister Sue Leary said. “We all volunteered over the years. Joe’s passion was basketball. He started as a player, moved to being a



The driveway to Holyoke YMCA will now be known as Joe McGiverin Way. The former councilor was honored recently for his longtime service to the city.

Submitted photo

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Co-Owner of Imagination Station Dayna Gonzalez and her girlfriend Kiara Royez helped people to learn to crochet at Holyoke Public Library’s class held last week.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

## Library hosts a crochet class

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library hosted a crochet class put on by Co-Owner of Imagination Station Dayna Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, along with their girlfriend Kiara Royez, ran the class and taught the

attendees how to make a crochet hat.

“A beanie is something they can actually use and it was something we thought with the time we had there would be enough time to finish,” Gonzalez said.

This was Gonzalez’s first

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## The Artery holds Paper City Clothing Company’s textile reuse workshop

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Artery hosted a textile reuse workshop put on by Paper City Clothing Company.

The goal of this workshop was to teach people how to stuff draft stoppers for windows and doors using old fabrics that otherwise would have gone into the trash.

Diana Rodriguez from Artisana and Paper City Clothing ran this workshop. Rodriguez made the draft stoppers for people to stuff using fabrics donated to her.

Rodriguez was inspired to do this partially due to her past work at Artisana. Artisana used to take old t-shirts and cut them into yarn and then weave that into household products.

“She [Rodriguez] is trying to find different ways for people to think about energy consumption in the home, so these door stoppers are one way and because it is funded she can offer them for free,” Artery Manager Rachel Rushing said.

They would get fabric donations from different companies in the area to do this work.



Diana Rodriguez from Artisana and Paper City Clothing and attendees of the draft stopper workshop were hard at work preparing fabric and stuffing the draft stoppers.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

She wanted to continue the idea of reusing old fabrics, and so decided to teach people to create and stuff draft stoppers.

“This is important because 2 billion pounds of fabric go to the landfill each year in the U.S. alone,” Rodriguez said.

“We have a textile problem. Fast fashion is damaging our mother earth and we feel like there is a lot of textile out there that can be reused and repurposed.”

Rodriguez hopes that this workshop will inspire people to take more care with their old

fabrics and, rather than throwing them out, using them to create new objects.

She was helped in putting on this workshop thanks to a weatherization grant from the Mass Clean Energy Center.

This grant encourages orga-

nizations to teach people how to save energy in their homes.

Additionally, these draft stoppers will help to preserve energy in homes, as they stop drafts from coming into homes through doors and windows.

Every single item used to create these draft stoppers was recycled, including the thread used to stitch them together.

Currently, Rodriguez is holding a variety of these draft stopper workshops. She holds different sections of these workshops, each one teaching different steps of the creation process.

In the future, Paper City Clothing plans to give out the created draft stoppers at the Holyoke Food Festival.

She also plans to hold similar workshops in the future, teaching people other household objects they can create out of old fabrics.

“Another workshop will be educating people on things they can do at their house to save energy,” Rodriguez said.

If people are interested in keeping updated on the different workshops Rodriguez and others from Paper City Clothing

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# Em-power local to host event

HOLYOKE – A coalition of community stakeholders are hosting an event Oct. 21 to match Holyoke suppliers with Holyoke buyers. The goal is to bring together the City’s local and diverse suppliers (women, minorities, veterans, economically disadvantaged) with Holyoke buyers, providing more revenue opportunities to Holyoke’s businesses.

“EmPower Local: Greater Holyoke Supplier Diversity Showcase,” will be held Monday, Oct. 21, at Holyoke Community College’s Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development, 303 Homestead Ave., with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The event runs from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., with the Massachusetts Supplier

Diversity Office on-hand to explain how to receive one-on-one coaching. Certified vendors will share background on the SDO process and benefits, while buyers will speak directly with local vendors on key requirements for upcoming procurement opportunities. Local vendors who attend will receive coaching to assist them through the upcoming procurement process.

The event is an opportunity to connect with local vendors, learn about getting government contracts, and meet other small businesses. All businesses are welcome at no charge. Registration is encouraged.

“This is putting the ‘Shop Local’ principle into practice,” said Holyoke

Mayor Joshua A. Garcia. Garcia will give welcoming remarks at event.

Participating organizations are the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Holyoke Housing Authority, Holyoke Medical Center, the Holyoke Office of Economic Development, the Holyoke Department of Public Works, Holyoke Community College, FORGE, E for All, Greylock Management Consulting, the Massachusetts Economic Development Corporation, Anchor Collaborative, Center for Women & Enterprise, M&T Bank, and Veolia.

EmPower Local is a community-driven effort to strengthen Holyoke’s vendor and buyer network.

# Fall festival on Oct. 26

HOLYOKE – Our Lady of the Cross Church will hold their Fall Festival the weekend of Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 at 67 St. Kolbe Dr. The Oct. 26 hours will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Oct. 27 hours will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be musical entertainment on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Magic Al the Magician will perform his magic on Sunday from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Polish and American food will be sold and there will be various booths, games and vendors. For more information, please call (413) 532-5661.

# Lions Club to host fruit sale

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Lions Club is pleased to announce the start of the 50th annual fruit sale.

“The fruit sale is our principal fundraiser,” stated Thomas Terry, chair of the sale. “Since this is a special milestone anniversary, we want to reach out to individuals and businesses in the hope that they will consider participating. We sell 2/5 and 4/5 bushels of oranges and grapefruit. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase eye exams and glasses for Holyoke and surrounding community students in need, fund eye research and emergency sight medical needs through the Massachusetts Lions, and support local food pantries.”

The fruit sale was first held in 1974. Prior to then, the sale of light bulbs had been the fundraiser. This

became less profitable so Ernest Davignon, a Holyoke jeweler and Lions Club member, suggested selling fruit. The sale was successful and has continued annually. Customers include both individuals and businesses. Our largest customer is Dowd Insurance who purchases a box of fruit as a holiday gift for each of its employees.

The Lions Club is hoping to celebrate the silver anniversary of its fundraiser by substantially increasing the sales. For information or to place an order, please contact Thomas Terry at terry21@aol.com or 413-478-8526.

The Holyoke Lions Club was founded in 1923 and since then has been fulfilling its mission of assisting the visually impaired and supporting local charities.

# Holyoke unveils the ‘Graffiti Eater’

HOLYOKE – Property owners in Holyoke can now tackle graffiti defacement with the support of the City. The Holyoke Board of Health has introduced a new initiative to assist property owners in removing unwanted graffiti, utilizing the newly acquired Graffiti Eater.

The Graffiti Eater is a state-of-the-art trailer equipped with a power washing machine and eco-friendly materials designed specifically for graffiti removal. This innovative system uses a specially formulated detergent, known as Elephant Snot, which is heated to between 95 and 100 degrees before being sprayed through a high-pressure lance to effectively vaporize graffiti.

Jonathan Moquin, Holyoke’s General Construction supervisor said “The process begins with applying Elephant Snot to the affected area and allowing it to sit for 20 to 30 minutes. After that, we use a high-pressure washer and hard bristle brushes to scrub and

eliminate the graffiti.”

The Graffiti Eater can be deployed upon request from property owners or when graffiti appears on city-owned property. Property owners must sign a waiver acknowledging that the City will not be held liable for any potential damage during the removal process.

“Once we receive the signed waiver,” Moquin said “we’ll schedule a removal for the following Saturday and notify the property owner of the exact time.”

The initial visit is provided at no charge. Subsequent visits will incur a fee, which will be determined based on the extent of graffiti and the labor required for complete removal.

Elephant Snot is touted for its effectiveness, designed to penetrate deeply into porous surfaces like concrete, brick, and stone, making it ideal for tackling even the toughest graffiti.

To request a visit from the Graffiti Eater, please call 413-534-2238.

# Free financial seminar for community

HOLYOKE – On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity will host a free financial seminar for the community.

“Keep it Safe: Protecting your identity” will be presented in both English and Spanish at the Holyoke Public Library at 250 Chestnut St. Class will start at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but participants are required to sign up. To sign up, visit <https://bit.ly/3SL00di>

“With how prevalent financial and identity theft scams are today, it’s important to know how to protect yourself against them,” said Olga Callirgos, GSHFH Homeowner Programs coordinator.

GSHFH hosts free financial litera-

cy seminars monthly. At the workshop, the presenter will provide information on how people can protect their finances and identities from thieves. To keep up-to-date about future seminars, visit [habitatspringfield.org/financial-seminar](http://habitatspringfield.org/financial-seminar).

GSHFH is dedicated to strengthening communities by empowering low-income families to change their lives and the lives of future generations through homeownership and home preservation opportunities. Since 1987, Greater Springfield Habitat has built or repaired 129 homes in Hampden County. For more information, contact Olga Callirgos, Homeowner Programs coordinator, at [callirgos@habitatspringfield.org](mailto:callirgos@habitatspringfield.org) or (413) 739-5503 x1003.

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# HCC to celebrate Massachusetts STEM week

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will recognize Massachusetts STEM Week, Oct. 21 to Oct. 25, with four days of activities and events, including a drone demonstration from the UMass Air aerial research group, agar art workshops (using colorful bacteria to paint), mobius strip magic, origami math, entomophagy (sampling treats made from edible insects), and much more.

STEM Week events at HCC begin at noon on Monday, Oct. 21, with an opening keynote presentation by Yadilette Rivera-Colón, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Bay Path University. Rivera-Colón, who is also director of the university's Center of Excellence for Women in STEM, will give a talk related to this year's HCC STEM Week theme, "Reclaiming STEM Identities."

"We know that, during colonialism, a lot of math and science ideas were stolen from Africa and other parts of the world and co-opted by white Europeans who got the credit for those innovations," said Sharon Edwards, director of HCC's STEM Starter Academy program and STEM Week organizer. "There are also

certain marginalized groups that have been historically excluded from STEM fields, such as women and persons of color. 'Reclaiming STEM Identities' is a way for them to reclaim their relationship to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)."

Rivera-Colón's talk will lead into a 12:30 p.m. "brainstorming" event to launch the HCC Innovation Challenge, a month-long invention contest for HCC students.

From 2 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, biology laboratory technician Kim Howell will lead an Agar Art workshop where participants will learn to paint using bacteria cultures. Finished artwork will be photographed and displayed in an agar art gallery in the HCC Campus Center.

On Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., HCC will welcome 60 middle school students from Springfield Middle School and Holyoke STEM Academy for a series of fun-filled science, math and engineering-based activities.

"The students will get to explore agar art, origami, slime, and the magic of

mobius strips," said Edwards. "During a Lego Challenge, they will work in teams to build a model of some surprise item only one team member can see. Then, during something we're calling 'Bugs on the Move,' the students will have to use everyday items, such as rubber bands, masking tape, and wooden blocks to build a catapult or anything they can think of to see who can propel a plastic insect the farthest."

After lunch, at 12:30 p.m., in the HCC Courtyard, students will have the opportunity to sample "cricket cookies" served by HCC students from the Culinary Arts Truck.

"Entomophagy is the practice of consuming insects as food, and a quarter of the world's population already embraces this practice," said Edwards. "The cookies are made from cricket flour. It's very high in protein. You don't even know they're made from crickets when you look at them."

Wednesday, Oct. 23, STEM Week events and activities, which are open to the public, include an Agar Art workshop (11 a.m., Marieb Building 114); a

drone demonstration from UMass Air (11 a.m., HCC soccer field), followed by a talk from UMass Air drone experts (12:30 p.m., Bartley Center lobby); a "Reclaiming Your STEM Identity" panel discussion (12:30 p.m., Frost Building 309); Culinary Arts Food Truck Cricket Cookies (1:45 p.m., HCC Courtyard); STEM Game Night (5 p.m., Marieb Building 116).

Public events and activities on Thursday, Oct. 24, STEM Week include "Unraveling the Magic of Mobius Strips," a hands-on activity (10 a.m., Kittredge Center 301-303); "Origami Math" (11 a.m., Kittredge Center 301-303), a closing keynote address from Marlowe Washington, HCC vice president of People, Culture and Equity (1 p.m., Kittredge Center 301-303), followed by a free showing of the feature film "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," starring Oprah Winfrey. The movie tells the story of a young African American woman who died of cervical cancer at 31, whose tissue samples, removed without consent, became the first immortalized cell line.

## Holyoke to host Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11

HOLYOKE – The Patriotic Events Committee of Holyoke will host a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Holyoke War Memorial Building.

The observance will salute veterans who have served and personnel currently serving in the armed forces. The event emphasizes support, as a community, not just for veterans, but for their families, as well.

The public and ceremony participants can arrive at 9 a.m. for refreshments and community engagement with local vendors and veteran supporters.

The City of Holyoke's Patriotic Events Committee invites nominations for this year's awards to be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony. The award categories 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, 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, a veteran who has shown exemplary support and dedication for others in the community.

For Citizen of the Year, an individual who has exhibited inspirational leadership, volunteerism, and contributions to the advances of the community.

For Local Business of the year, 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 [santiago@holyoke.org](mailto:santiago@holyoke.org). The deadline for nominations is Oct. 25.

## 4th annual Paper City Food festival set for this weekend

HOLYOKE – The Greater Holyoke Chamber and Invertir Holyoke welcome back the Paper City Food festival for its 4th year, promising a weekend filled with delicious cuisine, local businesses, and community spirit. Set to take place on Oct. 19-20, this year's festival will showcase the rich culinary diversity of the region, featuring a wide array of food vendors, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

Join in on High Street at High and Suffolk, to celebrate the local chefs, artisans, and food enthusiasts in a family-friendly environment. With over a dozen food vendors offering everything from gourmet street food to artisan desserts, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Enjoy performances by local bands and artists, providing the perfect soundtrack to your culinary adventure.

Proceeds from the event will go directly to a family in Holyoke impacted by cancer. Past recipients have included Rays of Hope and Laila Strong. In 2024, we honor Rich Perez, a dedicated local community leader for youth, who has been courageously battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

New for 2024, there will be a special walk in support of the Perez family, where 100% of the proceeds will go directly to them. We invite everyone to join us in this meaningful initiative on Sunday, Oct. 20, to show solidarity and support.

"We're excited to bring the community together once again to celebrate our local food scene and support a worthy cause," said Jordan Hart, executive director, of Greater Holyoke Chamber. "The Paper City Food Festival is not just about food; it's about fostering connections and supporting local families in need."

Vendors include El Paraiso Colombiano, Sweetera, Tacos Pueblos, YJ Catering, and featuring local artists, The Basement Cats, the Holyoke Senior Center's Senior Sing, Last Minute, and much more! Sponsors include Sublime Systems and the USA International Sporting Complex. Sponsorships and space are still available.

For more information, or to register as a vendor, sponsor, or walk, visit // [holyokechamber.com/pcff](http://holyokechamber.com/pcff) or follow us on Facebook.



Notavious Andino-Galarza-Perez, scholarship recipient; Gigi Perez, recipient's mother; Janice Santos, former HCS Head Start CEO and scholarship namesake. Submitted Photo

## Janis Santos Scholarship 2024 recipient announced

SPRINGFIELD – Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield Head Start is an area leader in providing early education teachers with professional development. Last year the organization announced the formation of the Janis Santos Scholarship. This recognition, created by Janis Santos, former CEO of HCS Head Start and resident of Ludlow, Mass, was done to help address the shortage of early childhood teachers.

Santos, an avid supporter of early education for children and families, served as the lead of HCS Head Start for 48 years. Knowing the importance of supporting this profession, she established this scholarship to support current HCS staff, parents, and all Head Start alumni, who are pursuing a degree in early education and care but may be encountering financial hardship.

Last year, the first Janis Santos Scholarship was awarded to Mayra Felix, who applied with the dream of using it towards the investment of completing her bachelor's degree. The second annual scholarship was recently awarded to Notavious Andino-Galarza-Perez who attended HCS Head Start 15 years ago and is currently studying at Columbia University.

"Head Start undoubtedly nurtured my creativity when I needed it most," said Andino-Galarza-Perez.

"Early in life, I, like many of us, realized that life would be difficult. It wouldn't always be fair, and it certainly

wouldn't be easy. However, Head Start set out to challenge that. Day in and day out, the Head Start staff served their community, tirelessly nurturing the next generation (nurturing me), watering the seeds of the future."

Santos, along with Nicole Blais, HCS Head Start's current CEO, were pleased to present Andino-Galarza-Perez this honor at the organization's annual Professional Development Day. The recipient, joined by his mother, expressed his immense appreciation.

"I vividly remember playing teacher," Andino-Galarza-Perez said. "Oh, how I wanted to be in charge of the room. I would have given anything for that. Fast forward 15 years, and although my interests have shifted slightly, the call towards the education field continues to pull at me. I often find myself imagining myself leading a classroom, just like I did all those years ago. This is what ultimately led me to minor in education."

Andino-Galarza-Perez also shared that becoming a teacher would mean he would finally be able to repay the debt of gratitude owed to those who inspired him all those years ago, and hopefully inspire the next generation to always strive to be better than the last.

Through the generous donations of many sponsors, including the Pioneer Valley Financial Group, the Janis Santos Scholarship award will continue to annually support a deserving individual pursuing a career in early education.

Guest Column



## Husband asks about retroactive Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty:

Both my wife and I are 67 1/2, i.e., past our Full Retirement Age of 66 years and 6 months.

Neither of us have yet filed for SS retirement benefits. My wife is entitled to about \$1,000/month based on her work history, and I plan to wait until age 70 to file. I was entitled to \$3,700 at my full retirement age date and am eligible to receive \$4,800 at age 70. Thus, my wife's spousal benefit, which she can get when I start taking my SS, is another \$850, a total of \$1,850, which is 50% of my full retirement age amount.

We just recently became aware that my wife should have claimed her own smaller benefit earlier and taken her higher spousal benefit later when I claim. But has she lost Social Security benefits because she waited until now to claim?

Signed: Trying Hard to Understand

Dear Trying:

Yes, I am afraid your wife has lost some of her SS retirement benefit by waiting too long to claim. In your specific circumstances (where your wife is eligible for a higher monthly amount as your spouse) it is important to know that her spousal benefit amount reached maximum when she attained her FRA of age 66 and 6 months.

Even though she cannot collect as your spouse until you later claim, her eventual spousal amount does not increase because she is now past her FRA. Thus, waiting the extra year after her FRA did not enhance her spousal benefit amount, meaning she could have been collecting her own smaller SS

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## Election letters to the editor welcome

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](mailto: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 newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Holyoke Sun.



Guest Column

## How to move privets and grapes



Joe wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "Hello and thanks, as I am a fan of your column! I want to transplant both some privet hedges and grape vines from my childhood home. They are each at least 70+ years old. They have been mostly well maintained over the years and look fairly healthy; I think. Could you offer any advice on how to do this successfully?"

Thank you, Joe, for your compliments on the column! I am happy to try and help.

I don't know if you have any time constraints with the move. If you don't, I would wait until early spring to do the transplanting, that way it will cause the least amount of distress on the plants.

Both privet and grape are quite hardy, but it may be challenging to dig them up, especially because of their age and the size of the rootball that you can expect with the privet for sure. The picture you sent does show that both are quite healthy.

As soon as the ground can be worked in spring – maybe in late March or in very

early April, I would dig around the drip line of the privet, pointing your shovel straight down. Try to go as deep as you can.

It may help to have a friend or two on the other sides of the bush and together you can lift out the rootball. You might have to use a pair of loppers or a saw to cut some of the larger, main roots.

Without being there, it is hard to say what you will encounter. But, as you know, it will be important to get as many of the roots as you can, leaving the soil attached as much as possible.

If you don't have a pot big enough to encompass the roots, then I'd recommend using a construction grade trash bag, a tarp or even double layers of a bed sheet to keep the root ball together during transport. Getting them a few towns over, as you mentioned, might be tricky in a car.

I'd probably recommend laying the privet down in a truck, braced so that it won't roll around.

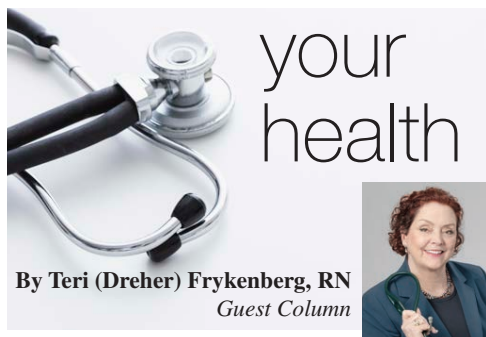
Transplant it in a similar exposure in the new yard, cutting back the branches to make accommodations for a new and smaller root ball. Water it well, deeply, at least two times a week for the first couple of months.

Grape vines can be handled in a similar fashion. By the pictures you sent, they appear so lush and beautiful.

I certainly have to compliment whoever

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## Why your adult child needs a HIPAA form



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

Research indicates that the brain doesn't fully mature until around age 25, but nonetheless: In Illinois (as in most states), 18 is the age at which a child is considered to be a legal adult. And it's when parents lose their right to that child's medical information.

That's why – if you want to be involved in your young adult's health care once they hit that magic age – you need their authorization under the Health Insurance Privacy and Accountability Act, better known as HIPAA.

HIPAA required the creation of national standards to protect sensitive patient health information from being disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. The law doesn't care if your young adult is on

your insurance and you're responsible for the bills. It also doesn't care whether your child is an 18-year-old college freshman or a 45-year-old out on their own.

Or maybe they were out on their own, but came back to the nest. Thanks to the pandemic and associated job losses, the share of adults ages 25 to 34 who lived with their parents reached historic highs in 2020, according to the U.S. Census: 22 percent of men and 13.4 percent of women.

The numbers aren't quite as high now, but they're still significant. In 2022, 19 percent of men and 12 percent of women in the 25-34 demographic cohabit with their parents. Young adults who are disabled or have mental or emotional disorders also tend to live with mom and dad.

Health issues arise unexpectedly – the young adult could be involved in a car accident, diagnosed with cancer or need an emergency appendectomy. You know my mantra: Be prepared with documentation so that health care can proceed according to your child's wishes.

Verbal authorization can take the place of a signed HIPAA release. Your child only has to tell health-care providers, "I authorize my parents to receive my medical informa-

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The beginning of this week I heard Canada geese honking as they flew over my house. Often they land in nearby beaver ponds.

The Canada goose is 25 to 45 inches long and is the most widespread and commonly seen goose. It has a black head and neck with a white chinstrap. The body is brownish gray except for a whitish rump.

They vary widely in size, with the smallest forms living farthest north. These geese feed on the ground and in the water. They eat submerged vegetation, grasses, winter wheat, clovers and other grain especially corn.

Canada geese nest at edges of ponds, lakes or swamps on rocks or grass hummocks out in the water. The female lays four to seven white eggs in a nest made of sticks, moss and grasses.

Some Canada geese that used to migrate now overwinter because food is provided for them by people at local ponds. This creates problems in many parks, golf courses and public lands where the geese fowl lawns, overgraze



Canada geese in flight

and become aggressive during breeding season. The male gives "ahonk" and the female has a higher "hink" call.

#### Northern harrier

I received an email on Oct. 5 from a Warren resident, who said, "My husband and I saw a hawk kill a squirrel in our yard last week. It was large and impressive. We had no idea what it was and no Google searches of hawks in Massachusetts mentioned the northern harrier. But now, after looking at many pictures, we believe that's what it was. Very exciting to identify another bird." She lives near the pond where a Brimfield resident saw a northern harrier. She said New Reed Street is now called Brook Road.

She plans to visit the pond in hopes of seeing the kingfisher the Brimfield

resident mentioned

#### Brimfield resident

The Brimfield resident reported seeing a dark eyed junco on Oct. 1 in his yard. He related a story of a trip to Alaska. "In 2003 my wife and I signed up for a Alaska tour with the American Birding Association. Since we were going to Alaska and might never get back we did a mini pre-tour visit to Nome on our own. The flight to Nome was via Kotzebue and about a third of the passengers were trying to return to Kotzebue. They had been trying to get there for three days, but the planes couldn't land because a river near town was creating ground fog and the planes had to abort their landings. Our flight began its decent and the pilot announced the situation and he would try to land. Suddenly the pilot applied full power and began to climb, no landing at Kotzebue that day. My wife and I heard a nearby native woman say 'we are going to have to kill a raven to get home.' We flew on to Nome, not sure when or if the folks ever go back to Kotzebue."

After returning from his Alaska trip, he did some research about birding in and around Nome. One thing I came upon was a report of a Christmas Count for Nome. I don't recall the year of the

report but the folks braved harsh condition and their total for the day was two ravens.

#### Other birds

The Brimfield resident reported great egrets, great blue herons and Eastern bluebirds at the Warren Ponds. He also saw two common ravens, nine mallards, 10 rock doves, six yellow-rumped warblers and a northern flicker.

He had white-throated sparrows show up in his yard; they are the most common migrating sparrow he sees there. The other day a male Eastern Towhee and four white-throated sparrows taking baths

together. He saw 52 Canada geese and 2 wood duck at Wheeler. There were also lots of turtles taking advantage of a warm sunny day. While sitting in his yard for about an hour he saw a male common yellowthroat, a black-throated blue warbler, two blackpoll warblers and a catbird.

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.

## HEALTH, from page 4

tion and be involved in my health-care decisions."

That works if the patient is awake and alert. But what if every parent's nightmare comes true? You get a phone call in the middle of the night that there's been an accident and your child is unconscious. Now what?

A spouse is considered by default to be authorized to receive medical information. If the partners are separated, though, does your child want their soon-to-be ex-spouse involved in their health care? If not, they need a HIPAA authorizing someone else. Your child may be

single and not have anyone to designate.

If your child does end up in the hospital, the HIPAA authorization will come in handy. Because hospitals do not want to be fined for violating HIPAA, most will err on the side of caution and refrain from disclosing any information to family members without the properly executed documentation. Without this exchange of information, families can be left out of the loop and doctors may miss important family medical history.

As a companion to the HIPAA authorization form, it is also important for young adults to have a Health Care Power of Attorney so that someone will have the authority to make medical deci-

sions on behalf of your child if they are incapacitated. Without this document, you may have to go to court in order to have someone appointed to make crucial medical decisions.

These aren't necessarily easy conversations to have with an adult child because no one – particularly a young adult who is healthy – wants to think about the possibility of illness or injury. And as parents we need to be careful that we're not acting like mother hens and intruding on their privacy.

It might be worthwhile to have a trusted family member or advisor suggest your child should consider executing a HIPAA authorization and health care

power-of-attorney, designating you or another individual of their choosing to be an authorized recipient of medical information and make decisions on their behalf.

HIPAA authorization and health care power-of-attorney forms are available on the Illinois.gov website, or an attorney can help you execute them. The signed forms should be shared with your child's health-care providers and kept in an accessible place in case they're needed.

We buy insurance and hope we never have to use it. Encourage your child to prepare a HIPAA authorization and health care power of attorney, and then hope they're never needed.

## SECURITY, from page 4

retirement benefit starting at her FRA. The good news, however, is not all those past benefits are lost.

Once someone has passed their full retirement age, it is possible to claim up to six months of retroactive benefits. Full retirement age is the cutoff point because your wife cannot get retroactive benefits before her FRA but, since she is about a year past, she can claim her full six months of retroactive benefits. Thus,

she will lose only about six months of her SS retirement benefit by claiming her benefits to start at age 67 vs. now at 67 1/2, which at least mitigates the loss.

And instead of her FRA amount of \$1,000, her initial SS retirement benefit will be about 3% higher because she is claiming past her FRA. But, nevertheless, your wife's eventual spousal amount when you claim will still be limited to 50% of your full retirement age entitlement.

The important thing to keep in mind is that retroactive benefits can only be

claimed after someone has reached their full retirement age and only up to six months of retroactive benefits can normally be claimed. So, in your wife's case, her eventual spousal benefit from you will still be limited to 50% of your FRA amount even though she waited for a year past her own FRA to claim. But she can claim six months of retroactive SS retirement benefits now to soften the financial blow.

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## GARDEN, from page 4

the tender is in your family. The first order of business would be to ease them off of the fence that they are growing on.

Prune back the tops to a manageable height and then dig them up. It will likely be a challenge to tell "what goes where."

That's why cutting the tops back will be helpful. If you can put several of the stems in one large pot for transport, that would make sense. Individual pots would also work fine.

It would be important for both of these plants that you have the new areas prepped and ready to go, so digging up and replanting can happen in a quick turnaround time.

Speaking of timing, if you absolutely must dig this fall, then do so, and water as mentioned until the ground freezes. Be careful that the plants don't heave – remember the roots won't have

much grow time to anchor your plants, so check on them often throughout the winter months and stomp on the rootball should they start protruding from the ground.

It may take a couple of years for the grapes to be as productive as they were, but never fear, because of the hardiness of these plants both should do fine once they adjust to their new surroundings. Good luck to you! I commend you for wanting to save a part of your history!

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# In The News



Co-owner of Imagination Station Dayna Gonzalez ran the beginners crochet class at Holyoke Public Library.



Co-owner of Imagination Station Dayna Gonzalez demonstrated how to do different crochet techniques to those attending the crochet class.



Holyoke Public Library hosted a beginner's crochet class for anyone interested in learning to crochet.



The beginners crochet class at Holyoke Public Library went well, with those in attendance learning how to crochet a hat.

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## CROCHET, from page 1

time running a class and she was excited to hold one at the library.

Reference Librarian Abbey Buedinger had met Gonzalez at the Holyoke Farmers Market where Gonzalez had a stand.

Buedinger enjoyed getting to know Gonzalez and seeing her work and eventually invited her to begin classes at the library.

Gonzalez liked getting to know everyone in the class. She mentioned that she had felt nervous walking in as it was her first class, but she quickly felt accepted.

"Everyone was just so warm and welcoming," Gonzalez said. "Everyone felt comfortable to mess up and make mistakes, it was very comforting."

Gonzalez plans to continue hosting these crochet classes at the library frequently, as she truly enjoyed running the class.

"I really loved it, it was very interesting and new for us, I liked the whole experience," Gonzalez said.

For the next class, she plans to instruct people on how to make a crochet scarf. She believes that the next class will be even better than the first, as she was able to learn from the experience.

"I know for the next class we are coming back ten times better," she said.

She encourages anyone interested to come out and give crocheting a try.

"The worst you can do is try it and not like it," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez has been crocheting for the majority of her life. Her grandmother taught her when she was young and they began to do it together.

"When I was younger, anything that my grandma would do, I would do," Gonzalez said. "When she got into crocheting, we all got into it as a family but I was the one that really liked it and I would go over to my grandma's house to learn a new stitch or pattern."

Since then Gonzalez has been consistently crocheting and working on different patterns and projects.

Then, she began to teach Royez how to crochet and together they came up with the idea of making it into a business.

"I already had 17,000 hats laying around, might as well make it into a business, and that is when we started doing plushies and other stuff like that," Gonzalez said.

Now Gonzalez, her grandmother and her girlfriend work together to create items for the business, Imagination Station, and they sell their creations at the farmers market and on Instagram.

Gonzalez is grateful to Royez for all of her support as she has set up the business and worked on planning out the class at the library.

"I could not have done it without her," Gonzalez said.

To check out Gonzalez's business, go to @imaginestation on Instagram.

To keep updated on the different events at HPL, go to their website at <https://www.holyokelibrary.org/>.

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Vicsse Colon sets the ball forward.



Ashantilys Calderon goes for the spike.



Nayshaliz Gonzalez goes for the bump.

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## Knights prevail in overtime

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE—Despite trailing Minnechaug Regional by 14 points at halftime, Holyoke head coach David Guzman knew that his football team could make a comeback in the second half.

After tying the AA League contest at 14-14 in the middle of the fourth quarter, Holyoke scored a rushing touchdown on the second play of overtime. After the defense managed to keep the Minnechaug offense out of the endzone on their offensive possession in OT, the Purple Knights players celebrated an exciting 20-14 victory on a windy evening at John F. Gilligan Field at the Roberts Sports Complex in Holyoke, last Thursday.

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Reinaldo Andino goes for the tackle.



Devin Velez drops back and looks for an open receiver.

Turley photos by David Henry

## Losses hurt playoff chances

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School girls volleyball team has lost four games in a row, last falling to South Hadley 3-2 on Thursday, Oct. 10. The Knights are now 6-7 and need a few wins to finish the regular season above .500 and qualify for the state tournament. The Knights travel to Monument Mountain on Friday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

## Knights fall to Agawam

HOLYOKE – Last week, Holyoke field hockey suffered two losses. The Knights lost 3-0 at Agawam, then fell 2-1 at Hampshire. The Knights are 6-8 this season and need two wins and a tie or three wins to finish the regular season above .500 to qualify for the state tournament. Holyoke travels to Northampton on Monday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.



Gracie Chesmore tries to head off her opponent.



Kylie Blaha winds up for a free hit.



Siobhan Armstrong tries to keep the offense going.



Marialis Camacho fights for the ball.



Aiden McCarthy and Kylie Blaha both defend the sideline.  
Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

# Justin Bonsignore scores win at Thompson Speedway

THOMPSON, Conn. – Justin Bonsignore was in Thompson Speedway victory lane again on Sunday afternoon. For the 14th time in his career, Bonsignore captured victory on the high-banks in Connecticut - leading the most laps and taking the lead back late after a pit road miscue to rocket to another win.

The victory was Bonsignore's 43rd career on the Whelen Modified Tour, giving

him sole possession of third place all-time. His 14th career Thompson win also put him just one off Mike Stefanik's record of 15.

"We worked hard all summer, but haven't had the best car," Bonsignore said. "We brought back 'Old Faithful'. This car has been sitting bare bones since the last Martinsville race and we finally got it back together. It got us back into Victory

Lane at Thompson and the guys did a great job today with the quick turnaround. It's humbling to be around Reggie and Teddy and to have your name mentioned with them is really special. Obviously we try not to think about that stuff while we're still racing, but it is really awesome to have that much success in this series over the 15 years that we've been here. Hopefully we've got another 14 or 15

years in us if we can stay competitive."

With the win, Bonsignore closed within five points of Ron Silk in the championship battle with two races remaining. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour will return to the track at North Wilkesboro Speedway on Sunday, October 20. The series will then visit Martinsville Speedway on Saturday, October 26, for the season-finale.

# New members added to Board of Governors at HoopHall

SPRINGFIELD – The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced its newly elected Board of Governors, a group of leaders dedicated to preserving the legacy and promoting the future of basketball. Among the outstanding Governors elected at the Board's September 2024 annual meeting is basketball legend Julius "Dr. J" Erving, who will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Celebrated as one of the most electrifying and influential players in basketball history, Erving transformed the sport with his graceful, high-flying style, culminating in his induction into the Hall of Fame in 1993. His position on the Board reinforces his long-standing commitment to basketball's premier institution, having an annual college basketball award named in his honor to recognize the top men's collegiate small forward, and most recently, serving as the host of the Jerry Colangelo Golf Classic at the

Biltmore Golf Club in Phoenix this past September.

"We are thrilled to have such distinguished leaders on our Board of Governors," said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective, and their combined expertise will be invaluable as we continue to honor the game's rich history while also shaping its future."

In addition to Erving, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame is honored to acknowledge the leadership of the following elected officers:

- Jerry Colangelo, Chairman – Partner, JDM Partners, Inc.; Hall of Fame Class of 2004
- James Vinick, Treasurer – Managing Director - Investments, Moors & Cabot, Inc.
- Kathy Behrens, Secretary – President, Social Responsibility & Player

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"I'm honored to continue my role as Chairman of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, working alongside such esteemed individuals," said Jerry Colangelo, Chairman of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. "Julius Erving's election as Vice Chairman is a testament to his exceptional contributions to the game. Dr. J's legendary career and deep understanding of basketball will be invaluable as we attempt to honor the sport's history and inspire the next generation of players and fans."

Other Board members include Bob Beaudine, President & CEO of Eastman & Beaudine; Greg Butler, Executive Vice President & General Counsel of Eversource Energy; Alvin Chun, President of Counterpointe Solutions, Inc.; Frank Colaccino, Founder & CEO of The Colvest Group, Ltd.; Cathy Engelbert, Commissioner of the WNBA; Dan Gavitt, Senior Vice President of

Basketball for the NCAA; Rick Kelleher, Chairman and Former President & CEO of Pyramid Global Hospitality; and Bill Koenig, President of Global Content & Media Distribution for the NBA.

Also serving on the Board are Jim Puhala, Head of Product Solutions & Regulatory Compliance at MassMutual; Byron Spruell, President of League Operations for the NBA; Mark Tatum, Deputy Commissioner & Chief Operating Officer for the NBA; Jim Taubenfeld, President of Me Salve, Inc.; Thomas Tull, Managing Partner of TWG Global; and Rick Welts, Principal at 7Rings Consulting and Private Equity Advisor at Sixth Street Group, as well as a Hall of Fame Class of 2018 inductee.

Ex Officio members include John L. Doleva, President & CEO of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, and Robert Naismith, great-grandson of Dr. James P. Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball.

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"I've been telling my players all season long that we can compete with anybody," said Guzman following the game. "We just shot ourselves in the foot in the first half with several dropped passes, a couple of penalties, and a turnover. I told the guys in the locker room at halftime that we were still in this game. We ran the ball a little bit more during the second half and we continued to fight until the end. This is a very big win for us."

Holyoke (2-3), who defeated Taconic, 51-12, on the road in week three, was able to beat Minnechaug (1-4) on the gridiron for the first time since squeaking out a 24-22 home victory on October 24, 2014.

When the Falcons made a visit to Holyoke two years ago, they barely kept their winning streak alive against the Purple Knights by pulling out an 11-8

victory. Michael Harrigan won that game for the Falcons by making a 15-yard field goal in the fourth quarter.

"We almost beat Minnechaug here two years ago," Guzman said. "We lost that game by a field goal."

There wasn't very much suspense when the two squads battled each other in Wilbraham a year ago, as the Falcons posted a 56-6 victory.

After starting the 2024 regular season with three straight non-league losses, the Falcons opened league play with a 33-20 home win against Westfield.

The Purples Knights offense had the ball first in overtime. They had four chances to score from the ten yard line. Following a four-yard run up the middle by senior running back Avantaey Rivera, junior running back Jesus Morales took a hand off from junior quarterback Devin Velez and scored a touchdown on a six yard run. The extra point attempt was blocked by sophomore Zayde Facchetti giving the visiting team an opportunity to win the game on their first possession of OT.

On the Falcons first play of OT, Holyoke senior Jaden Diaz tackled senior

running back Josh Disa for a one yard loss. Then senior Jayden Cauley-Guzman and Rivera combined to make the stop on the next play.

After Minnechaug junior QB Jack Lucarelle threw an incomplete pass on third down, he attempted to run towards the end zone on fourth down, but he was tackled at the five yard line by Morales which ended the ballgame.

"We blocked the PAT in overtime, which was a big play for us," said Minnechaug head coach Will Nickerson. "Obviously, our offense couldn't score a touchdown there. Hats off to Holyoke. This is a big win for them, and we just didn't play very well, especially during the second half."

The Holyoke head coach praised the performance of his defense.

"Minnechaug scored two touchdowns in the second quarter, but our defense shut them out in the other three quarters and in overtime," Guzman said. "The defense has been phenomenal all season long."

Neither team was able to move the ball offensively during the first quarter.

Holyoke was forced to punt for the third time in the final seconds of the opening quarter. The punt by senior Matt Dumoulin was about to stop rolling when

Minnechaug junior Max Baroni decided to pick up the ball. He then sprinted down the sideline in front of the Falcons bench before being tackled at the Purple Knights 15 yard line.

Following three runs by Disa and a Lucarelle keeper, Baroni capped off the five play scoring drive with a four yard TD run early in the second quarter. Senior Dawson Rice made the extra point attempt.

The Falcons offense got the ball right back when senior Ryan Oldread intercepted a deflected pass.

The visitors took a 14-0 lead when Lucarelle completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to junior Mason Jones with 8:17 left in the second quarter. Rice made his second extra point attempt.

On the final play of the first half, Lucarelle completed a 40-yard pass to Baroni, who was tackled at the 10 yard line by Cauley-Guzman.

The Falcons offense had the ball at the start of the third quarter, but they missed a 33-yard field goal attempt, which was the turning point of the game.

Velez completed a pass to Cauley-Guzman, who made an outstanding catch before sprinting down the sideline in front of the home bench for a 65-yard touchdown with 2:53 remaining in the third quarter. The extra point attempt sailed wide right

After the Falcons were forced to punt on their next offensive series, the Purple Knights put together a ten play scoring drive. The final play of that series was a three-yard TD pass from Velez to senior Matt Dumoulin. Velez also threw a touchdown pass to senior Gedeon Ortiz-Torres on the two-point conversion play, which tied the score.

Both teams had chances to retake the lead during the final six minutes of regulation before Holyoke celebrated their first home win of the regular season in overtime.

The Purple Knights will be looking to make it two in a row when they travel to Chicopee Comp on Friday night. The Falcons will also be in action on Friday night as they'll be hosting Springfield Central.



Avantaey Rivera looks for a hole to run through.



Jaden Daiz goes for the block.



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Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2152GD

In the matter of:  
**Lawrence M Disco**  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

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

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of **11/14/2024**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 10, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2174GD

In the matter of:  
**Demetrio Gonzalez**  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Holyoke Medical Center of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Demetrio Gonzalez** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Michelle T Sikes of West Springfield, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 15, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
10/18/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No. HD23P2490EA  
Estate of:  
**Lois M. Gray**  
Date of Death: 08/22/2023  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by **Cheryl J. Bray** of Holyoke, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/14/2024.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 10, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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Docket No. HD24C0332CA  
In the matter of:  
**Kollin Avery Hosford**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Kollin Avery Hosford of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree

changing their name to:  
**Kollin Avery Archambault**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/15/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: October 15, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CITY OF HOLYOKE**  
**GAS & ELECTRIC**  
**DEPARTMENT**  
**Tree Trimming & Vegetation Management Annual Contract**

Sealed bids for the above contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m., November 6, 2024**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

**Bid Deposit:**  
A Bid Deposit in the amount of \$55,000 must accompany all bids and may be in the form of a certified treasurer's, or cashier's check payable to HG&E from a responsible bank or trust company; cash; or a bid bond from a licensed surety payable to HG&E.

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Rates, which are to apply to the work, are set by the Mass. Dept of Labor & Industries.

Additional information may be obtained from:  
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99 Suffolk St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
(413) 536-9308  
[cwong@hged.com](mailto:cwong@hged.com)

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal or proposals that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes "**Bid for Tree Trimming & Vegetation Management Annual Contract**" and address them to:

**James M. Lavelle, Manager**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
99 Suffolk St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
10/18/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court

50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD24P2054GD  
In the matter of:  
**Jordan Wray**  
Of: Holyoke, MA  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Valley Springs Behavioral Health H of Holyoke, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Jordan Wray** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Vinette T Byfield of Springfield, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 26, 2024  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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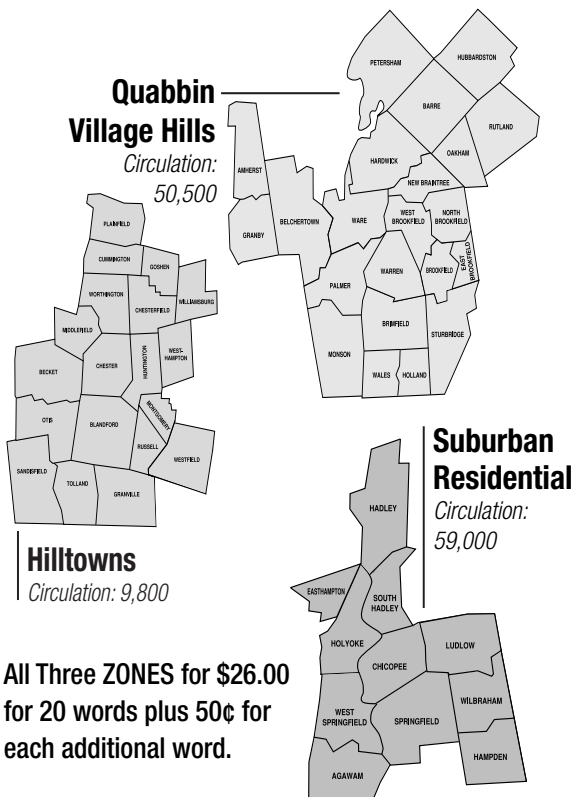
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## In The News

### UCCH to host Trunk or Treat Oct. 24

HOLYOKE – Dust off a costume, decorate a trunk and join in on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Maple Street Parking Lot for the annual Trunk or Treat event.

Trunk or Treat is a free, fun-filled, safe Halloween event for the whole family. Featured activities include Trunk or Treating, interactive fun, a photo booth, crafts and food trucks. It will be a spooky good time.

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. All individuals are welcome, regardless of where they are on their journey. To learn more about UCCH, please visit the website at [www.uccholyoke.org](http://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.



### Grand Colleen pageant application open

HOLYOKE – The Saint Patrick's Committee of Holyoke is excited to announce that its application for the 69th annual Grand Colleen pageant is now live on their website. Eligibility, requirements, and the online application can all be found at [holyokestpatricksparade.com/apply](http://holyokestpatricksparade.com/apply).

Applications will be accepted now through Sunday, Dec. 29. On Monday, Dec. 30, all contestants will have an orientation meeting at the Wyckoff Country Club and the pageant will take place on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025 at Holyoke High School.

Each year the Grand Colleen Pageant decides the five finalists who then go on to the Coronation Ball to have their Grand Colleen crowned. The Grand Colleen reigns with her Colleen Court on a majestic float over the two-mile parade

route. Not only does the honor of being a Colleen represent women who are proud of their Irish heritage and community, but the journey helps them build connections, gain self-confidence, and develop skills that will help in their present and future career paths.

2024 Grand Colleen Elizabeth Gourd said, "I want to encourage anyone who is considering running or running again to please do so. This contest pushes you about 10,000 feet outside of your comfort zone but it will reward you for every single foot. It has changed my life for the better and I hope it can do the same for you."

The 72nd Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 23 and the 48th Holyoke St. Patrick's Road Race will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025.



Diana Rodriguez from Artisana and Paper City Clothing and attendees of the workshop began to work on the draft stoppers. *Turley photos by Quinn Suomala*

## TEXTILE, from page 1

will hold, they can go to <https://www.papercityclothingcompany.com/>

Artery was honored to be hosting this greatly beneficial workshop.

Artery is always open to holding more workshops like this. If anyone is interested in holding a workshop there, or displaying their art, they can go to

<https://www.holyokeart.com/> to find their website.

"We are always open to more workshop teachers," Rushing said.

Artery enjoys bringing art and the community together in an accessible and equitable way. They hope that people are able to continue coming into Artery for workshops and art so that everyone can learn and grow.

## MCGIVERIN, from page 1

referee and then a coach. Ultimately, he became the head of the Saturday basketball league."

McGillicuddy and Kelly McGiverin shared that Joe McGiverin's love for the YMCA has continued into his adulthood.

"My sister and I, growing up, we learned to swim there, we played basketball, we did gymnastics, we grew up there," Kelly McGiverin said.

Joe McGiverin's fellow city councilors were also pleased to see him being honored in this way.

Councilor Patti Devine shared her own time with McGiverin on the council.

"As a Councilor I first served with Joe beginning in 1990 thru 2000 then again from 2006 thru 2012," she said. "Joe rarely missed a subcommittee meeting and was very much respected as President."

McGiverin's family agreed that as council president he worked hard to ensure that all sides of a debate were given equal opportunity to speak, which earned him a great amount of respect from the council.

"I think he really created an environment, especially as president of

the city council...there was a platform where you could hear both sides and they could work together and collaborate," McGillicuddy said.

Devine and many others also respected how Joe McGiverin balanced both his professional and his home life.

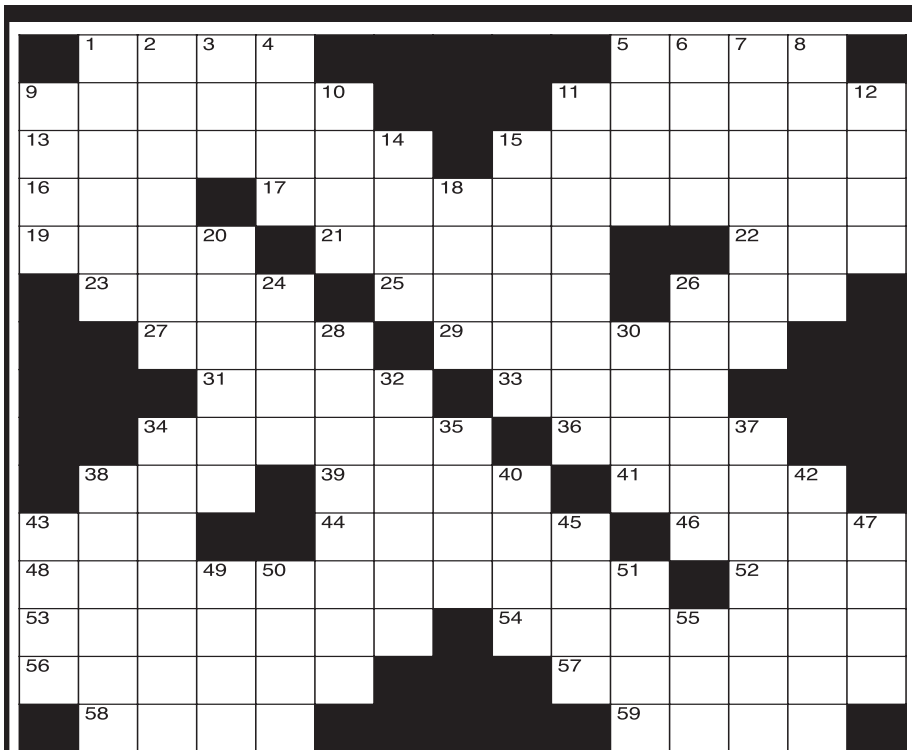
"One thing I always respected about Joe was his fairness as President and his love of family and friends," Devine said.

"Throughout all of this [his time on the council], he was able to be a part of his daughter's lives," Leary said.

McGiverin also dedicated his time to helping the Holyoke Merry Go Round. He has been a part of the Friends of the merry go round for over 30 years and has been president for the last four years.

"We just had a retirement party for him last week and he jokingly gave us one rule that if we were going to throw a party for him it would have to be at the merry go round and all proceeds would go back to the merry go round," Kelly McGiverin said. "Being able to give back while celebrating all he's done for the city is everything that he is about."

Overall, all agree that Joe McGiverin is more than deserving of this honor, and his friends and family hope that it will allow Holyoke to keep remembering all he has done for the city.



### CLUES ACROSS

- Tall, upright post on a boat
- Basics
- Used to refer to cited works
- Folds
- Former UK PM May
- Cold region of Russia
- Standard operating procedure
- Separating
- Particles
- A way to map out
- Referee declares
- Beginner
- Water (Spanish)
- Gov't lawyers
- Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- Spanish friends
- A type of tree

### CLUES DOWN

- Walk heavily
- About a wood
- Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- Political action committee
- SB19 hit song
- Scorch the surface of
- Moved quickly on foot
- Sacred state for a Muslim
- Growl
- Pearl Jam frontman
- Irritating person
- Something requiring a solution
- Firing
- Hazards
- Taiwan capital
- Impudence
- Rock frontman Durst

### CLUES DOWN

- One who rides an elephant
- Absence of bacteria
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Men's fashion accessories
- "Honey" actress Jessica
- Round red root vegetable
- Latin term for "charity"
- Doesn't smell good
- Mental health issue
- Millisecond
- Hairstyle
- Edible starch
- Middle Eastern military title
- Protein-rich liquids
- Indian musical pattern
- Cancer and Capricorn
- Country along the Arabian peninsula
- A bend
- Fishes of the herring family
- Antelopes
- Chaos
- Popular music app
- Cooking material
- Musical instrument
- San Diego ballplayers
- Small amounts
- Poured
- Fabric
- Food option
- Finger millet
- The U. of Miami mascot is one
- Alberta, Canada river
- Canadian flyers
- Dry white wine drink

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**THURSDAY NIGHT LIGHTS**



The northern lights made an appearance in the Western Massachusetts area last Thursday night to the delight of many stargazers. *Turley photo by Kara Walsh-Vey*

**HCC to host Trunk or Treat**

HOLYOKE — Visitors to Holyoke Community College on Friday, Oct. 25, can expect to see ghosts, witches, and ghouls, along with an assortment of characters from their favorite children’s movies, games, and TV shows as the college celebrates Halloween with its annual Trunk or Treat event.

Dozens of HCC departments, programs, and student clubs, as well as community groups and area businesses decorate vehicles every year for this event.

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.

In the past, trunk sponsors from HCC have included the Early Education program, 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.

And from the community: Dean Technical High School, Holyoke Police Dept., Berkshire Hathaway, Valley Opportunity Council, YWCA, Mass. Dept. for Children and Families Holyoke, Positive Regard Network/Center School, NexGen Roofing, Elms College: The Teachers’ Lounge, Holyoke Credit

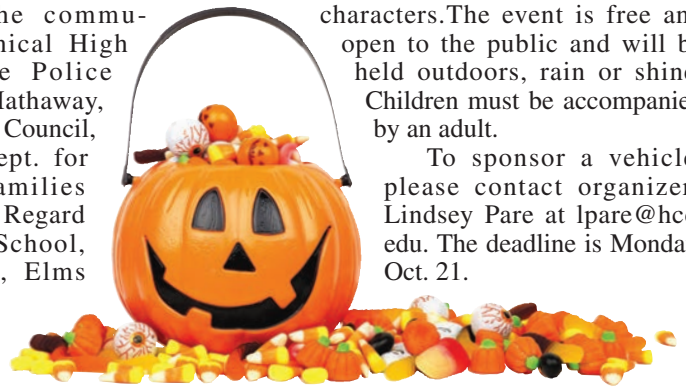
Union, Y Kids Learning Center, Girls Inc. of the Valley, and Holyoke Public Schools-Early Childhood program.

Past year’s trunk themes have included crayons, rubber ducks, happy clowns, a witch’s house, a haunted house, Jurassic Park, The Nightmare Before Christmas, Hungry Hungry Hippos, construction, Hocus Pocus, Paw Patrol, bones, Encanto, Star Wars, spooky fun prom, M&M’s, Frozen, Ratatouille, Disney villains, Muppets, Mary Poppins, Spiderman and other Marvel superheroes, outer space, a pumpkin patch, Alice in Wonderland, the Multiverse, and Ghostbusters.

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 organizers Lindsey Pare at lpare@hcc.edu. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 21.



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