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FOOD DRIVE replenishes shelves

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke’s citywide food drive began on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

This food drive is set to help replenish the shelves of Providence Ministries in South Holyoke, though once their shelves are full goods will be distributed to other pantries throughout the city.

This food drive was put on by Holyoke’s Community Emergency Response Team, a group of volunteers who dedicate their time to helping the city.

“We try to help the community, not only with emergencies, but whatever else they need help with, we’re always there,” Community Emergency Response Team Leader Priscilla Rivera said.

This team and the Emergency Management Department of Holyoke partnered with Providence Ministries when they reached out for assistance in filling their shelves.

Providence Ministries has a long history of helping Holyoke out in different emergencies, so the CERT and the Holyoke EMD are happy to help them help the city.

“Providence has always stepped up to the plate to welcome...so it’s a family that

works together,” Emergency Management Director Jeffrey Trask said. “That’s one thing about Holyoke is they take care of their own people.”

Holyoke, according to Mayor Joshua Garcia, has not hosted a food drive while he has been present in the city. When Providence Ministries reached out for assistance, he was happy to help coordinate the efforts.

“To my knowledge, since I’ve been here I’ve never seen the city of Holyoke organize a food drive, but the Providence Ministries that manages the Margaret’s Pantries program has put out a plea asking for assistance,” Garcia said. “They’ve seen an uptick in people asking for food so I quickly reached out to our emergency management coordinator.”

Boxes are now available at locations around the city. Locations include: Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke Fire Department, Holyoke Police Department, Enlace de Familias, Nueva Esperanza, Holyoke Community College, The Greater Holyoke Chamber, Holyoke Health Center, Holyoke Senior Center and Dino’s Pizza, as well as Kelly, E.N White, Holyoke High and Donahue Schools.

Community members are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items as well as clothing items for the cold weather.

“We are collecting non-perishable goods and we are also collecting—for the cold weather—gloves, blankets, hats and socks,” Rivera said.

The hope is to fully stock the shelves of Providence Ministries and have enough left over to assist other pantries, though all involved will be grateful for any amount collected.

“If we can fill up the Providence Ministry, that would be awesome for us, but whatever we can collect we’d be very appreciative and thankful for,” Rivera said.

CERT is proud to help with this sorely needed project. They know that food insecurity has been especially difficult recently and with the winter months approaching they want to do what they can to help those in need.

“We’re just trying to help as much as we can,” Rivera said.

This food drive is set to run through Nov. 10, giving people a month to get in any donations they can give.

If you are interested in helping with this food drive, you can either drop off goods at one of the box locations or you can contribute a monetary donation. To donate money, you can venmo the emergency management team at @growholyoake or you can reach out to Trask at traskj@holyoake.org.



Mayor Joshua Garcia, Community Emergency Response Team Leader Priscilla Rivera and Emergency Management Director Jeffrey Trask all look forward to helping the people of Holyoke through this food drive.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

FinComm discusses CPA ballot

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The finance committee discussed the CPA ballot question at their meeting on Oct. 11.

The committee discussed whether or not the current city council had the right to vote to place a question regarding the CPA surcharge on the November 2024 ballot given how close it is to the upcoming election.

They used this meeting in order to consult with City Solicitors Michael Bissonnette and Kathleen Degan.

According to Bissonnette, many larger legislative bodies do not roll over legislative sessions from one legislative body to another. Therefore, if keeping with that school of thought, it

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Long-term urban forest study begins

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The data collection for a long-term urban forest study began on Friday, Oct. 13.

This study is dedicated toward investigating the health of trees planted in 94 pits across the city of Holyoke.

Students from Smith and Holyoke Community Colleges

will measure the pit sizes around the trees as well as the diameter of breast height, the diameter of the trees over the next several years to see how they grow in their environment.

“We’re starting a long-term study on the health of these trees...and we have trees that were newly planted in Holyoke,” Holyoke Community College Professor Sage Franetovich said. “We’re

going to come back year after year to measure the trees and see how well they’re doing and see if there’s a correlation between the size of the pit and the health of the tree.”

The goal of this is to learn more about what size pits trees need to grow healthily in urban areas. It will also demonstrate which types of trees thrive best

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Smith College and Holyoke Community College students gather to go over their work after they finish measuring the trees for the day. Work began on the study last Friday.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

Suspects charged with infant murder

HOLYOKE – The Hampden County District Attorney’s Office reported on Oct. 17 that both Jose Galarza, 31, and Jay Marie Rosado-Rosario, 29, both of Holyoke have been charged with, accessory after the fact – murder, in connection with the investigation into the fatal shooting of an infant in Holyoke on Oct. 4.

Both suspects have been charged in relation to the on-going effort in locating the third suspect in the shooting, Kermit Alvarez, for their alleged efforts in assisting him after the shooting.

Jay Marie Rosado-Rosario was arraigned on Oct. 16 in Holyoke District Court and her bail set at \$5,000, her next court date is

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HCC criminal justice professor honored

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College criminal justice professor Nicole J. Hendricks was honored Oct. 6 with an Inspiration Award from the African American Female Professor Award Association.

Each year, the association celebrates a handful of Black female professors at its annual awards banquet, which this year was held at the Griswold Theater on the campus of American International College in Springfield.

Hendricks, a 17-year faculty member at HCC, was one of four Black female professors recognized.

“It was a great honor to receive this award,” said Hendricks. “The ceremony itself was a great celebration of the incredible women who are working in education and a wonderful moment to bring attention to the fact that so few college faculty are Black women, less than 2 percent.”

That statistic was also emphasized by Traci Talbert, AAFPAA’s president and founder, who said professors like

Hendricks are making strides to improve diversity and inclusion at their own institutions.

“Just their presence alone helps to engage with the students and help them identify and relate,” Talbert said. “They are also working in affinity groups and doing other things on college campuses as well as in the community to ensure that these experiences continue to enhance and build equity.”

Hendricks has served as chair of the Criminal Justice Department at HCC and teaches a variety of courses in that area, including criminology and women’s studies. She also teaches interdisciplinary courses as part of HCC’s Learning Communities program. For example, in “Reimagining Incarceration,” she and her teaching partner, economics professor Mary Orisich, explore mass incarceration through the lens of feminist social justice theory, gender and sexuality studies, crit-



Nicole J. Hendricks

ical race theory, and political economy.

Hendricks’ efforts to reimagine incarceration extend well beyond the classroom. Together, she and Orisich founded Western Mass CORE, a prison education program based at HCC that seeks to facilitate pathways to college for people impacted by the criminal legal system.

“Her strong commitment to education as a vehicle for social justice and societal change is evident in her work inside and outside the classroom,” said Kim Hicks, HCC’s dean of Arts and Humanities, who introduced Hendricks at the banquet and nominated her for the award.

In her own remarks at the banquet, Hendricks talked about the “cognitive dissonance” she experienced as a teenager visiting her older brother in prison while she was attending Deerfield

Academy, an elite prep school, and later Wesleyan University, a private college in Middletown, CT.

Holyoke Community College President George Timmons also attended the event and offered remarks at the banquet celebrating the Black women in his life, including his grandmother, who raised him, and his wife, Frankie, a tenured professor of criminal justice at Columbia-Greene Community College in New York.

In addition to a physical award inscribed with a personal message, Hendricks received an embroidered sash with colors representing African ancestry.

In accepting the Inspiration Award, Hendricks said she also accepted the responsibility that goes along with it.

“It signifies, to me, a dedication to continuing to live my purpose,” Hendricks said, “fostering a political consciousness that places equity and racial justice at the center, and does so in community with others.”

October is domestic violence month

HOLYOKE – On Thursday, Oct. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m., Alianza DV Services will mark Domestic Violence Awareness Month with an outside gathering at its 208 Race St. location. The event program will include, remembrances of individuals from across Massachusetts who lost their lives this past year as the result of domestic violence. Recognition of Alianza’s Allies in Action Award recipient, Survivor Theater Project and Introduction of special guests including staff from the Puerto Rico Women Office who will

speaking briefly about their work and their visit to Holyoke.

Alianza Board members and special guests will read aloud the 23 names of victims of domestic violence homicide, including two victims from Hampden and Hampshire counties. Survivor Theatre Project member Irène Shaikly will lead event attendees in an interactive and enlivening drumming activity that is part of the Theater’s healing through the arts program. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite article of purple clothing to the event.

Trunk or Treat event set for Oct. 27

HOLYOKE – Visitors to Holyoke Community College on Friday, Oct. 27, 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.

Last year’s trunk themes 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 super-

heroes, 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 or Alexis Roach at aroach@hcc.edu. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 23.

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Demolition of Peck School building begins

HOLYOKE – Mayor Joshua A. Garica and Superintendent Anthony Soto participated in the first steps of demolition work at the William R. Peck Middle School, as the city moves forward with efforts to build a new, 550-student middle school that meets the needs of a modern education. Garcia and Soto were joined by School Building Committee members, City of Holyoke and Holyoke Public Schools employees, and contractors.

The \$85.5-million project was officially approved in June 2023 by the City of Holyoke and the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

“This community has worked together for years to bring a new middle school building to Holyoke. Our students deserve access to top-quality educational

facilities that create the physical environment conducive to exploration, joy, and belonging,” said Garcia.

“I am deeply appreciative of the Holyoke community for coming together to support a new middle school building for our students and their families. It is a visible demonstration of the community’s commitment to a bright future for all our students and for all of Holyoke,” Soto said.

The abatement, demolition, and site-leveling work is being completed by American Environmental Inc., a Holyoke-based company that submitted the lowest of five bids. This phase of the work is expected to be completed by December.

Led by the consultant team of Mount

Vernon Group Architects and Anser Advisory, the City of Holyoke submitted the required 60% Construction Document to the MSBA in late August. The building project is planned to go to bid in late November and is on schedule.

Meanwhile, Holyoke Public Schools has taken steps to honor memories and artwork of the existing Peck building, which has served the community for almost 50 years. Two murals placed at the school’s entrance in 2010 have become symbolic of its history. Since the murals cannot be physically preserved, they have been documented through photos <https://bit.ly/3EGXmce> and video <https://youtu.be/SLnPLnjh0rs>. The district anticipates creating a photo replica of the murals in the new school building. The ceramic

tile murals were created during an after-school program. Each tile represented notable school moments or individuals.

Of the total \$85.5 million costs for demolishing Peck and building a new middle school, the City of Holyoke is responsible for paying approximately \$40 million and the MSBA will reimburse approximately \$46 million.

The new school is an important component of Holyoke’s efforts to strengthen learning opportunities and re-imagine the middle school experience. The new middle school will replace the energy-inefficient Peck Middle School that no longer meets the needs of a modern education.

More information is available on the district website: www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/page/new-middle-school.

College Notes

Montijo makes Goodwin dean’s list for Summer 2023

EAST HARTFORD, CT – Tanairie Montijo has earned a spot on the Goodwin University dean’s list for Summer 2023.

Montijo, a student from Holyoke, is one of 524 students to make the dean’s list, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance.

Official seek end of receivership

HOLYOKE – Mayor Joshua A. Garcia and three members of the Holyoke School Committee met with Massachusetts Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley on Oct. 6 to discuss the city’s request to end state receivership of the school system.

The School Committee had voted at its Sept. 18 meeting to petition the commissioner to end the receivership that has been in place since 2015. Making the case along with Garcia, who chairs the School Committee, were

Vice Chair Mildred Lefebvre, At-large member Erin Brunelle, and Ward 5 Committee Rep. John G. Whelihan.

The meeting with the commissioner was held at Dean Tech.

Brunelle said Commissioner Riley indicated that “the climate was favorable” for ending receivership. Riley said he would issue a decision by Spring of 2024.

Lefebvre said she felt “optimistic” after the meeting and that Riley indicated that before deciding, he might

send in a team to review the district’s progress.

Garcia expressed the hope that Holyoke could begin the next school year out of receivership.

“I was encouraged by the commissioner’s response as we made our case,” Garcia said. “To be out of receivership will be an affirmation of the work of Superintendent Anthony Soto and a renewal of pride and engagement for the people of Holyoke who have been passionate about taking back our schools.”

Art gallery presenting ‘HolyoRícan Life’

HOLYOKE – The Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College is pleased to present “The City on Paper: Representations of HolyoRícan Life,” an exhibition of photographs by John Leni Marcy.

The exhibition is on display through Friday, Oct. 20, when there will be a closing reception from 7-9 p.m. and a darkroom printing demonstration at 8:30 p.m. from new Taber Art Gallery director Rachel Rushing. Refreshments will be served.

This exhibit of Marcy’s work was curated and captioned in 2022 by HCC students in Latinx Literature and Latinx Politics classes as a Service Learning project under the direction of professors Raúl D. Gutiérrez and Mark S. Clinton, respectively. It was originally displayed at the Holyoke Public Library and funded by a Holyoke History Room grant from the American Library Association’s American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries.

Captions, an introduction, and a curatorial essay were written by the student curators. All materials were translated by Professor Idoia Martínez del Mozo, a languages professor at Emmanuel College.

“I am thrilled to bring this project to HCC as my first exhibition as the Taber Art Gallery director,” said Rushing, an artist who now lives in Holyoke. “It combines many of my goals as gallery

director, particularly cross-departmental collaboration, community connection, and inclusion through multilingual content. I’m looking forward to the Taber becoming an active space for students and the broader Pioneer Valley community through contemporary art and programming that expands the imagination and invites connection and creative exchange.”

Marcy began his photographic work in Holyoke in the summer of 1978. His first pictures, made with a 35mm Olympus OM1 camera, were of old mill buildings, bridges, and canals. The six or so years of photographic work from which this exhibition was taken had its beginning as Marcy was leaving Holyoke. As he approached Newton Street, he saw a teenage boy doing wheelies up the hill on his BMX bike, framed by a beautiful old advertisement painted on the side of a brick building. He took out his camera and took a photograph. This was witnessed by some other children, who asked him to take their pictures. He made prints, gave them to the young people he had photographed, and resolved to pursue this new connection and see where it might take him.

The Taber Art Gallery, located off the lobby of the HCC Library on the second floor of the HCC Donahue Building, is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. during regular school sessions.

ARPA small business program opened, accepting applications

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke ARPA Small Business Code Compliance Program is opened and accepting applications. This program offers financial assistance to those businesses in need of code compliance updates to resume or continue operations. Small businesses may apply from Oct. 15 through close of business on Nov. 18. All applications will be reviewed after Nov. 18.

The City of Holyoke has allocated \$800,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to support small businesses with code compliance improvements. This Program is a subset of the Small Business Grant Program which has already provided nearly \$800,000.00 to assist Holyoke small businesses in their

recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

This round of funding is provided to assist businesses with specific code compliance improvements to buildings, such as accessibility modifications, fire systems and other compliance updates that must be made under orders from public safety or building officials. Minimum award amounts will be \$2,000; maximum award amount will be \$100,000.

Applications materials are available on Facebook (@HolyokeOCD), by emailing the Mayor’s Office at fays@holyoke.org or the Office for Community Development Office at zoellera@holyoke.org or by calling the Office for Community Development at 413-322-5610.

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HPL hosts Day of the Dead presentation

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library will be hosting a Day of the Dead presentation by Jay Savage on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. Attendee will get to learn the history of Day of the Dead.

The 9th and 10th months of the Aztec calendar, the Little Feast of the Dead, and the Great Feast of the Dead, were public spectacles of imperial power.

These festivals, at the main temple of Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital, were also about state religion, ritual sacrifice, and promoted the never-ending warfare of the Aztec empire. These ceremonies

were also known to the Aztecs as the Bestowal of Flowers, and the Feast of the Old Fire God.

There’s clearly much more to the Dia de Muertos than face painting and guacamole. Using original source material, Savage will explore the indigenous, pre-Hispanic roots of what has become, for Mexicans, a magical and powerful commemoration and celebration of loved ones who have passed.

Savage studied history of science at Harvard and Cornell and is a big fan of the theory of knowledge, though much about the Aztecs can’t be known.

Guest Column



How will my wife's Social Security be affected by her teacher's pension?

Dear Rusty

My wife, born in 1960, was a Texas school teacher for about 10 years and receives a \$1,000 per month pension from that work. She didn't pay into Social Security while teaching, but she paid into it for about 23 years while working elsewhere. I paid into Social Security my entire life, the maximum in most years, so my SS benefit will be much greater than hers.

I understand there are some sort of penalties or restrictions on my wife's Social Security benefits and also for spousal benefits due to her school pension. Please share the process I can use to estimate my wife's Social Security and tell me if she can file for spousal benefits.

Signed: Planning for the Future

Dear Planning

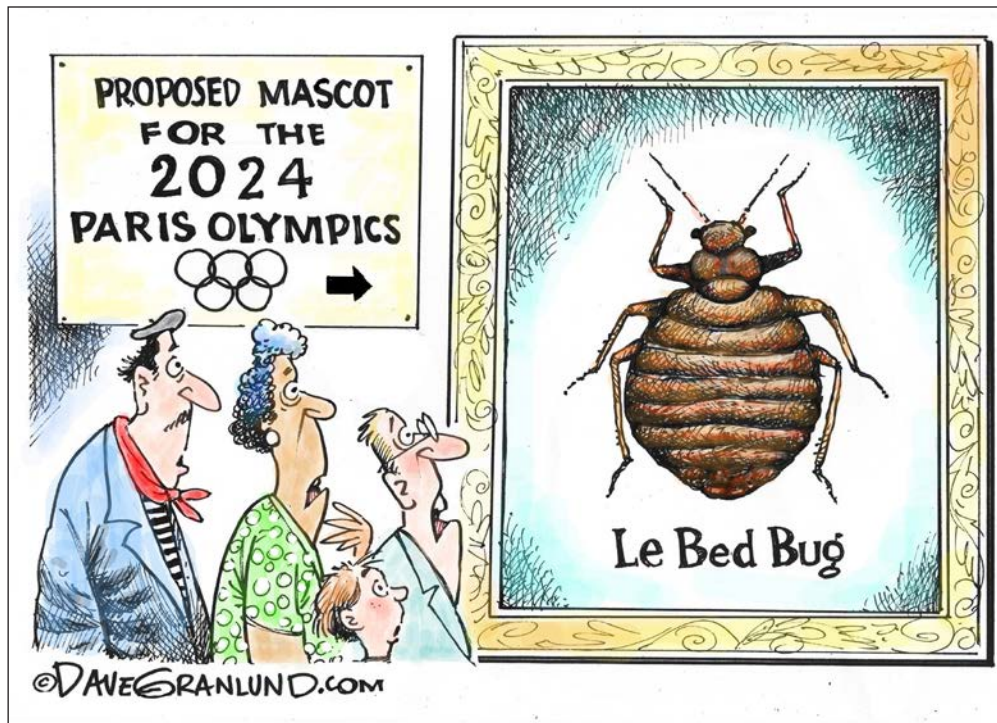
Because your wife has a Texas school teacher pension earned without contributing to Social Security, any SS benefits she is entitled to will be affected by two rules: first, by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which will reduce her personally earned Social Security retirement benefit and, second, by the Government Pension, which will reduce any spousal boost if she is entitled to one to her own benefit.

The amount of the WEP reduction to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit will be computed using a special formula, which considers the number of years she has contributed to Social Security through other (non-state) work. Since your wife became eligible for Social Security benefits in 2022 the maximum WEP reduction with 23 years contributing to SS will be \$358. If your wife has already obtained an estimate of her Social Security retirement benefit, deduct \$358 from that estimate and that will be pretty close to her actual SS retirement benefit when she claims. Social Security will figure out the exact amount of her WEP reduction when your wife applies, but you can also use Social Security's "WEP Calculator" for an estimate, which you can find by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/calculators/.

Whether your wife will be entitled to a "spousal boost" to her own Social Security retirement benefit depends on how your respective FRA entitlements compare and the GPO. The base amount of your wife's spousal boost will be the difference between her pre-WEP FRA entitlement and 50% of your FRA entitlement. If your wife's normal FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, the difference is a "spousal boost" added to your wife's personal SS retirement benefit. However, that base spousal boost will be reduced if taken before your wife reaches her FRA and even further reduced by the GPO (the GPO reduction will be 2/3rds your wife's State of Texas pension, e.g., about \$667. Any remainder left after these reductions to your wife's spousal boost will be added to her own WEP-reduced SS retirement amount, but if the remainder is \$0 then no spousal boost will be given and your wife will get only her WEP-reduced Social Security retirement amount.

FYI, Social Security's WEP and GPO provisions apply to anyone, who has a pension earned without contributing to Social Security, including many public service retirees in the 26 states, which do not participate in the federal Social Security program. I've published numerous articles about how these rules affect benefits and also about the rationale behind both provisions, which you are welcome to review at this AMAC Foundation website by visiting www.SocialSecurityReport.org.

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Guest Column

Garden Lady takes on squash pollination



Christl, a recent transplant to Belchertown from California, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: "We are doing the post-mortem on our veggie garden and we had an issue with our butternut squash.

Last year we grew butternut from seed and had some lovely fruit that lasted most of the winter. This year we used the same seed, but the fruit was white without the distinctive crookneck shape.

I've cooked some and it is definitely not as sweet, but my dog is enjoying the special treats. I suspect that it cross pollinated with something else in the garden.

We also grew two types of cucumbers (which despite the rain went gangbuster), Mini cantaloupe melons and a yellow summer squash. None of these fruits seemed to be affected.

My question is how to avoid this? Are there particular cucurbits that are more likely to cross-pollinate or be cross-pollinated? Is there a certain distance one can plant away from each other?

I was hoping to plant some pumpkins and watermelon next year, but in light of the butternut, I am wary. I may be willing to forego planting some of the cucurbits, but cukes are a must and I'd hate to give up my melons.

I have enough room that pumpkins will stay out of the veggie garden."

Thank you for the wonderful and very timely question! First let's talk about how cross pollination occurs.

In the simplest of terms, bees carry pollen from plant to plant. When fruit forms, and the seeds from the fruit are saved and used the following year to start new plants, you can sometimes run into trouble and not end up with the exact plants you grew the year before.

We will take melon and cucumbers out of the equation here - they belong to the genus Cucumis and are species melo and sativus respectively. They cannot cross pollinate because they are different species.

Nor can watermelons, since they are a different genus and species altogether: Citrullus lanatus.

The genus Cucurbita, to which squash belongs, has five different species. Three of them are commonly grown in our climate; one more only occasionally:

- Cucurbita pepo includes summer squash: zucchini, patty pan, and yellow crookneck as well as acorn, delicata/dumping, and spaghetti winter squashes. Small

gourds, and most pumpkins also belong to this species. Pepos have hard, five-sided ribbed stems.

- Cucurbita maxima is comprised of banana, buttercup, Hubbard winter squash as well as some pumpkins, most notably the white pumpkin Lumina and the pretty deep orange-red "Cinderella." Fruit in this species have round stems and tend to be on the large side. They often have bumps on their skin and button ends (think of a belly-button). Highest carotenoid content when mature and sometimes the largest fruit on earth!

- Cucurbita moschata is comprised of the familiar butternut-type of winter squashes as well as the cheese pumpkin, ancient "Seminole," and many other less common fruits. One distinguishing feature of this group is its smooth surface and usually a tan color. It is often used interchangeably for pumpkin in pie recipes. Quality of flesh and carotenoid content can range from good to poor; seed is nutritious.

- Cucurbita argyrosperma. To people that live in the Southwest, their "pumpkin" of choice is the "Green Striped Cushaw" or "White Cushaw." Most consider it to be a rather pretty winter squash. Just like the moschatas, it can be used interchangeably in recipes calling for pumpkin. Reportedly, it handles dry weather and is quite resistant to vine borer. It is rarely grown in our climate. One distinguishing factor of this species is silver seed which is large and nutritious. Culinary quality, however, is pale and poor.

Confusion sets in when you want to save seeds of your produce!

All squash are monoecious, that is male and female flowers are produced on the same plant. Note male flowers (usually outnumber female flowers 4:1) are on stems, flowers are fused with stamens versus female flowers that have an ovary at base.

Both are high in nectar that is attractive to visiting bees, most notably the honeybee and native ground bees.

Cross-pollination will not occur between different species - say between a pepo and a maxima but it will take place among members of the same species.

Since I grew zucchini, yellow crookneck and pumpkins in my garden, all Cucurbita pepos, I can't save the seeds from any of those fruits and expect them to look, or taste, exactly like their parents did.

What makes seed saving even more confusing for the novice is whether or not the variety they are growing is open-pollinated or a hybrid. Hybrids, however, are the result of crossing two inbreds.

Seeds saved from hybrid plants will likely germinate and produce fruit. Unfortunately, it will not be true, and it may or may not have a resemblance to the fruit you saved it from - it will likely resort back to either of its parents or some unique, different combination of genes.

With all of this said, I have a few

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Marcus Aurelius

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scheduled for Nov. 17. Jose Galarza was arraigned in Holyoke District Court on Oct. 17.

It was released last week that the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office, Holyoke Police Department and Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section was actively pursuing Kermith Alvarez, 28, of Holyoke. Alvarez is the third suspect being sought in connection with the shooting on Sargeant Street in Holyoke which claimed the life of an infant.

Law enforcement is asking that if you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Kermith Alvarez, you are asked to contact the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit at (413) 505-5993 or the Massachusetts State Police: Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section at 1-800-KAPTURE (1-800-527-8873).

ALVAREZ is actively avoiding law enforcement, the firearm used in this incident has not been recovered, and he should be considered armed and dangerous.

On Oct. 6, Johnluis Sanchez, 30, of Holyoke, was arraigned by Zoom in Holyoke District Court for is suspected involvement in the Oct. 4 shooting. His bail was revoked on an open firearms case out of Holyoke District Court, and he is being held without the right to bail on a charge of murder for his suspected involvement in this case, other charges are expected to follow. His next scheduled court date is on Nov. 3.

On Oct. 5, Alejandro Ramos, 22, of Holyoke, was arraigned on a charge of murder in Holyoke District Court for is suspected involvement in the shooting. He is being held without the right to bail,



Kermith Alvarez



Jose Galarza



Alejandro Ramos,



Jay Marie Rosado-Rosario



Johnluis Sanchez

with his next scheduled court date on Nov. 3.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 12:38 p.m. members of the Holyoke Police Department responded to a reported shooting in the 100 block of Sargeant Street.

It appears three male suspects were involved in an altercation, during which a shooting occurred. It is believed one of the rounds from that altercation struck a public transportation bus and an unin-

volved female occupant, who was seated in the bus.

This victim, who was pregnant, was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition. The infant, who was delivered, and needed life-saving medical services, tragically passed away.

This incident is still under investigation by the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office and the Holyoke Police Department.

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would be difficult to bind the new city council to the decision on this matter made by the current council.

"In this case it would be very difficult to argue that the 2023 council could bind the 2024-25 council to this vote," Bissonnette said.

Councilor Joseph McGiverin mentioned that the city council has always practiced the opposite.

"Undisposed of legislature, undisposed of orders by the city council can continue to be acted upon, we've always followed that in the city, right or wrong," he said.

Several other councilors agreed with this. Councilor Peter Tallman pointed out that, in his many years on the council, he has never come across an issue with making a vote for the next year, even if a new council was about to be elected.

"I've been here for a lot of years and I've never heard that I can't vote on something for next year," Tallman said. "I feel comfortable voting on this."

Additionally, both Bissonnette and Degnan mentioned that both the judge who denied the suit against the mayor and outside legal counsel advised the city council to take a vote regarding the actual reduction of the CPA surcharge before they voted to put the question on the ballot.

"Both outside council and the judge have pointed out that the city council must approve or endorse the actual action of reducing the CPA as well as endorse putting it on the ballot," Bissonnette said.

Degnan recommended the council take the two separate votes to ensure that there could not be any pushback on the decision in the future.

"I'm just doing it for purpose of clarity so no one can say 'hey, you didn't do this part right,'" Degnan said. "You really have to make two separate votes... you want to vote to reduce the surcharge from 1.5% to 1%, that's a separate vote you have to vote that first. Then, you want to vote to put it on the ballot."

Again, the councilors disagreed with this recommendation. They did not want to take a stance on the CPA surcharge one way or another, they wanted to leave the decision completely to the voters.

"We're taking a neutral, leave it up to, them position on it," Councilor Kevin Jourdain said. "We're not trying to tell the voters what to do, we're not trying to lead them to a result, let them pick whatever they want."

Many of the councilors are not in favor of reducing the surcharge but acknowledge that this is an important issue to voters and believe that the people of Holyoke should have a say.

"I'm in favor of putting the ballot question on the ballot because enough voters have asked for it, but I'm going to vote no to the ballot question," McGiverin said. "So, I'm not going to vote yes to the reduction as a city councilor."

Additionally, the councilors pointed out that five years ago, when there was the initial question on creating the CPA fund, the council had not had to take an additional vote on whether or not they endorsed the change. Therefore, if they continue to follow what they had been told initially by the law department, they should be able to complete this current process the same way.

"Five years ago when we passed it, there was no challenge and there was no legal advice that we had done anything

improper," Councilor Linda Vacon said. "Fast forward five years we were told we need to do it exactly the same way that we did it five years ago, and we did it exactly the same way we did it five years ago with our law department sitting in on every meeting we had."

Due to this, and the fact that the outside legal counsel was not binding, they were disinclined to take this additional vote.

Degnan agreed, after hearing their reasoning, that they could proceed with this decision.

"You are right that the second opinion is not binding, so there will be no

required two votes," Degnan said. "Some valid points were made here."

The vote was 3-2 to recommend the proposal to put the CPA surcharge question on the 2024 ballot favorably to the city council, with McGiverin and Anderson-Burgos voting against the recommendation and Jourdain, Tallman and Puello voting in favor.

The council requested that the law department present their official opinion on whether or not the 2023 council could officially vote to place the ballot question on the 2024 ballot. This opinion will be presented to the councilors for them to discuss at a future city council meeting.

GARDEN, from page 4

thoughts as to what happened to produce misshapen butternut squash. If it was seed you saved from the plants you grew the year before, maybe they were hybrids and what you ended up with is something back in the genetic line.

Or maybe they cross pollinated with your neighbors moschatas; for true seed, plants would need to be isolated one-half to one mile.

If what you grew was from the original seed packet- not anything you saved,

then it remains a mystery.

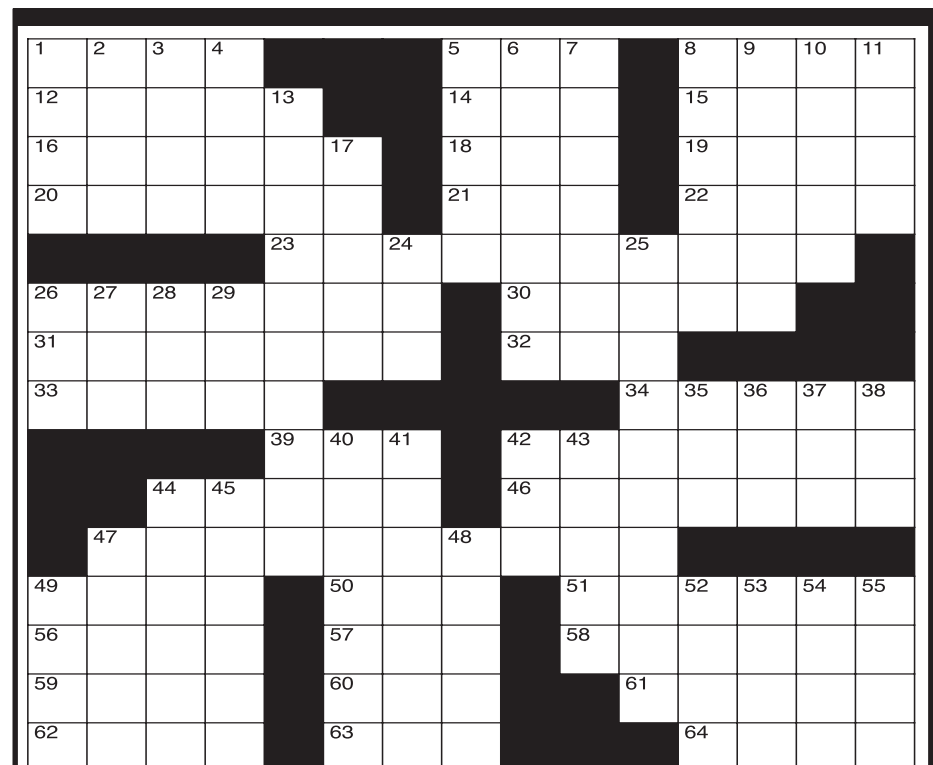
Regardless, I do hope this helped in de-tangling a confusing topic and encourages you to plant all of your favorites next year!

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A device to disengage without a key
- 5. Subdivision
- 8. Network of nerves
- 12. Lounge chair
- 14. Ocean
- 15. C. European river
- 16. Bowl-shaped cavity
- 18. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 19. Lyric poems
- 20. Tia's sister
- 21. A way to develop
- 22. Cows collectively
- 23. Areas close by
- 26. Slightly disreputable
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. One who cites
- 32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
- 33. Narrow valley between hills
- 34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo

- 39. More (Spanish)
- 42. Classroom implementations
- 44. Cognizant of
- 46. One who tells on others
- 47. Free from slavery
- 49. Thick piece of something
- 50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
- 51. Removed entirely
- 56. Late rocker Turner
- 57. Appreciated
- 58. Observation expedition
- 59. Opposite of subtracts
- 60. Unit of work
- 61. Wreckage on the sea bed
- 62. Affirmative! (slang)
- 63. Witness
- 64. River in England

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A dissenting clique
- 2. Japanese city
- 3. Spiritual leader
- 4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
- 5. Musical term
- 6. Ruled over
- 7. Fortified wine
- 8. First year player
- 9. Moved in a circular way
- 10. Adolescents
- 11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
- 17. Bring up
- 24. Factual written account (abbr.)
- 25. Having three sides
- 26. Annoy
- 27. Hustle
- 28. American WW2 leader
- 29. Stale atmosphere
- 35. US Treasury
- 36. Sound unit
- 37. They ___
- 38. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 40. Places to play video games
- 41. Medical event
- 42. When you hope to arrive
- 43. Fixed prices
- 44. Popular Boston song
- 45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
- 47. Omit when speaking
- 48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
- 49. Stick around
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Heroic tale
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Eat

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In The News

Annual social justice fall event scheduled for Oct. 21

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

The event will include complimentary tapas, a musical performance by José González and his Banda Criolla, and a short program to honor Weissman and to announce the Appreciation Grant recipients. A cash bar will also be available. The event is free, and the public is

invited. There will be a request for donations of any amount to support the work of the Carlos Vega Fund.

Weissman, a well-known community activist and organizer, has devoted his life to fighting for social justice, from serving as Union President of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 46 to working with Jobs With Justice. His current efforts focus on passing a bill in Massachusetts to establish a single payer health care system. Weissman worked closely on many grassroots organizing activities with Carlos Vega.

Vega was an advocate for those experiencing hardship because of poverty,

homelessness, lack of education and job opportunities, as well as unfair treatment based on racism and intolerance. His organizing work on behalf of people in Holyoke spanned over four decades. He died in 2011.

A group of Vega's close friends and relatives established the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice to keep his legacy of compassion and social activism alive. The focus of the CVFSJ is to provide modest grants to grassroots organizations to support small but meaningful social change projects that address poverty, oppression, environmental concerns, race, and the needs of vulnerable communities.

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

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

Special Calaveras painting event Oct. 22

HOLYOKE – Attack Bear Press and the Wistariahurst Museum have partnered for a spirited Dia de Los Muertos celebration, featuring a special calaveras painting event on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dia de Los Muertos is a cherished tradition that allows people to celebrate and remember their dearly departed by decorating an ofrenda, a communal altar dedicated to those who have passed.

In keeping with this beautiful tradition, the public is invited to paint a clay calaveras, or skulls, which will be thoughtfully placed on the annual ofrenda hosted at Wistariahurst Museum. Participants may also bring a photograph of the departed loved ones, adding a personal touch to not only the artwork, but the community ofrenda as well. All painting materials and clay calaveras will be provided at the event, and par-

ticipants are encouraged to let their creativity soar. After Dia de Los Muertos has passed, participants are welcome to retrieve their photographs and painted skull to take home as a cherished keepsake.

"This is a unique opportunity to connect with the rich cultural traditions of Dia de Los Muertos and contribute to a beautiful and communal ofrenda," Jason Montgomery, of Attack Bear Press, said. "We look forward to celebrating Dia de Los Muertos with you and honoring the memory of your loved ones."

Viewing for the 6th Annual Holyoke Community ofrenda will be available during the open hours on Oct. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Oct. 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. so that guests may see the collective beauty and tributes created by our very own community.

New art exhibit opens at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE – "The Death of Lake Cahuilla" is an immersive art exhibit by Jason Montgomery that will be open from Oct. 16 to Nov. 7. The exhibit explores the historical and ecological transformation of Lake Cahuilla, now known as the Salton Sea in California's Imperial Valley.

The exhibit showcases various artworks and installations that shed light on the impact of colonization and environmental degradation on the land and its indigenous communities. Through a range of mediums, such as painting, digital art, sculpture, and multimedia installations, the exhibition captures the emotional weight of the lake's transformation.

Montgomery blends traditional and digital techniques while incorporating source materials like vintage periodicals and maps to convey a sense of history and memory.

"My artworks act as powerful sym-

bols of hope and renewal, inviting viewers to consider the importance of cultural preservation and environmental stewardship," Montgomery said.

"The Death of Lake Cahuilla" aims to raise awareness and foster dialogue about cultural preservation and sustainable practices through inviting viewers to contemplate the layers of history, human intervention, and the fragility of cultural and ecological landscapes.

This amazing exhibit also highlights the resilience of the indigenous community in their efforts to reclaim their cultural heritage and restore the land's balance. Come to Wistariahurst to experience this exhibit and immerse yourself in a powerful exploration of history, ecology, and cultural resilience and inspire action towards a more sustainable and inclusive future.

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Landon Koziara smothers the ball for a save.



Ryan Kennedy tries to chase down the ball.

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Christian Guzik passes the ball ahead of pressure.



Adrian Centeno-Feliciano tries to move up the field.

Holyoke boys fall to rival Chicopee

HOLYOKE – Last Thursday night, Holyoke boys soccer suffered a 6-1 loss against Chicopee High School. Nathaniel Gomez had the lone goal for Holyoke, which is 0-13-2 this season.



Christian Piedra stops the ball with his toe.

'Legendary' coaches head for Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Class of 2023 will feature two of the city's most revered coaches and Holyoke High School's most successful girls' basketball team ever. Dean Technical's multi-sport coach Jim McGrath and HHS two

sport skipper Tom Brassil will be enshrined along with the 2012 Western Mass Champion girls' basketball team at the Holyoke Athletic Hall of Fame banquet on November 4, at the Wyckoff Country Club.

James McGrath was a coaching institution at Dean

Technical High, having worked the sidelines for the Hawks' soccer team, the boys' basketball team, the cross-country team, and the girls' volleyball teams during his long tenure as part of the Dean faculty. His greatest success came on the hardcourt, where

he led the Dean boys' basketball team for 25 years. During that time, the Golden Hawks qualified for the Western Mass Tourney 18 times, advancing to Western Mass DIII semi-finals twice, and played in the State Vocational Basketball Tournament (Small School

Division) five times. Under McGrath, the Dean boys won eight Tri-County League titles and one Bi-County League title (2006-07), and McGrath was named the 2009-2010 "Coach of the Year" by Springfield

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Knights win two straight

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday night, Holyoke field hockey was able to get another win over Palmer, defeating the Panthers 5-0 at home.

The Knights followed that

with a 5-1 defeat of Amherst Regional.

The Knights are 4-9 on the season and are looking to finish the season on an upswing as the final week rolls around.



Bryn Sullivan gets into a pickle near the sideline.



Maura Fontaine-Dulude steals the ball from a Palmer player.



Aiden McCarthy looks to get around the defense.



Gracie Chesmore is set up near the Palmer goal.



Siobhan Armstrong socks a pass forward.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Worcester Railers fall to Maine Mariners in opener

AUBURN, ME – The Worcester Railers HC (0-1-0-0, 0pts) fell to the Maine Mariners (1-0-0-0, 2pts), on Friday night by the final score of 4-2 at Norway Savings Bank Arena. The Railers are at the Fidelity Bank Worcester Ice Center against the Maine Mariners on Saturday, October 14th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Maine started the game with two quick goals in the first from Ethan Keppen (2-0-2) and Wyllum Deveaux (1-0-1) to grab a 2-0 lead through one period. Worcester got on the board in the second thanks to Zach White's tip in front to make it 2-1. The Railers and Mariners traded goals midway through the second, as Jimmy Lambert (1-1-2) for Maine put the Mariners up 3-1

just before Jake Pivonka (1-0-1) got the Railers back to within one. Keppen scored the only goal of the third, as Maine would go on to beat Worcester 4-2 on Friday night.

The Mariners poured on the offense in a hurry to open the first, scoring twice in the first 3:06 of the game. Ethan Keppen (1st) finished off a cross-ice passing sequence from Tyler Drevitch to beat Tikkanen far-side and make it 1-0 Mariners. Wyllum Deveaux similarly capped off an up-ice rush with a backdoor tap-in past Tikkanen off a feed from Reid Stefanson (1st) to make it 2-0 Mariners. Former Railer Jimmy Lambert was in the lineup for the Mariners and managed to record the secondary assist on Deveaux's goal.

Shots in the first favored Worcester 14-6.

Zach White (1st) got Worcester on the board early in the second with his first as a Railer. John Copeland unleashed a shoulder-high shot from the point that White redirected past Starrett to make it 2-1 Maine. Lambert (1st) recorded his second point of the night as he beat Tikkanen with 8:01 to go in the second, and put Maine back up by two, 3-1. Just 19 seconds later, Jake Pivonka (1st) got Worcester back to within one off assists from Riley Piercey and Ashton Calder. The second period came to an end at 3-2, with Worcester continuing to outshoot the Mariners 12-11. The Railers led in shots through two at 26-17.

Intensity & physicality escalated midway through the third period. Mike Higgins and Cole Dubinsky dropped the gloves in response to a check on Worcester's Artyom Kulakov, which left him slow to get up. Maine scored first in the third when Ethan Keppen (2nd) found the puck alone far side off a feed from Stefanson to beat Tikkanen and make it 4-2. Worcester went on the power play late in the game with 1:46 remaining as Connor Doherty was sent to the box two minutes for roughing. Kulakov then dropped the gloves with Doherty, with both players ejected for the rest of the game after the fight. Neither team would score to wrap up the third, as the Railers fell 4-2 to Maine to open the preseason.

Springfield Thunderbirds rebound to beat Providence Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (1-1-0-0) overcame a sub-par second period and battled their way to a 4-3 win over the Providence Bruins (0-1-0-1) on Sunday afternoon inside the MassMutual Center.

Vadim Zherenko got the nod in net for Springfield and picked up the win, stopping 38 shots on the afternoon. On the other end, Brandon Bussi got the start for Providence in the net, making 20 saves on 24 T-Birds attempts.

After a flurry of chances in the Providence zone about halfway through the first period, captain Matthew Peca got the T-Birds on the board first as he knocked a rebound home at the 7:48 mark. On a seemingly harmless play, Wyatt Kalynuk wristed a point shot toward Bussi, who appeared like he would squeeze it in the glove to get a whistle. Instead, the puck popped out of his trapper, and Springfield kept the puck in the zone the next half minute, culmi-

nating in the goal by Peca, which came as a sixth attacker was jumping on the ice following a delayed Providence penalty.

Peca's first goal of the season would be the only tally of the period, as the T-Birds marched back to their dressing room with a 1-0 lead. Nathan Walker picked up a point for a second straight day, getting credit for the primary helper, while Dylan Coghlan accrued his first point as a T-Bird with the secondary assist.

Providence had a golden opportunity to score five minutes into the second frame when Vincent Arseneau took advantage of a turnover and found teammate Joey Abate in the slot, but Abate's shot nailed the post and the score remained 1-0.

The T-Birds had a golden opportunity of their own to capitalize on with 7:28 to go in the second after Zachary Bolduc intercepted an errant pass, but Bolduc just missed on the glove side of Bussi as

the shot sailed over the crossbar.

John Farinacci finally got the P-Bruins on the board, hammering home a rebound past Zherenko on the power play, tying the game up at one apiece.

With just over a minute to play in the second, after an unforced giveaway in the defensive end by Springfield, the Bruins took advantage as Farinacci found Luke Toporowski for a one-timer in the slot, giving the P-Bruins a 2-1 lead going into the dressing room.

It didn't take long for the T-Birds to get even in the third, as Walker recorded his second goal of the season just nine seconds into the period to open up the scoring, with Adam Gaudette and Calle Rosen getting credit with the assists.

Just 4:19 later, Bolduc joined the scoring party on a 2-on-1 rush as he rifled home a shot past Bussi on the blocker side. The first-round pick's first career pro goal made it a 3-2 game.

Providence did not go away quietly

though, as Marc McLaughlin tipped in a Reilly Walsh point shot on a Bruins power play at the 13:21 mark, bringing the game to a 3-3 tie.

In need of another response, and with another delayed penalty situation, the top line delivered in the clutch. Finding a quiet area in the slot area, Gaudette snapped a perfect shot under the crossbar and recorded his first of the year and second point on the day, making it 4-3 with just 4:52 to go in the third.

Despite pulling their goalie and several dangerous scoring chances, Providence could not tie the score and the T-Birds escaped with their first victory of the year in thrilling fashion.

The T-Birds return to the MassMutual Center on Friday to complete their season-opening three-game homestand as they take on the Lehigh Valley Phantoms, with puck drop set for 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

Cambridge half-marathon, 5K registration open for Nov. 5 race

CAMBRIDGE – Registration is open for the Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide. The races are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 5 (race begins 7 a.m. EST) on a gorgeous new course with views of the Charles River along Memorial Drive.

The Cambridge Half Marathon is a 13.1 mile fast and flat course featuring views of the MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard University Stadium, Charles River and more. The new 5K race also offers scenic views alongside the Charles River. Both courses are USATF certified and start and finish at CambridgeSide.

Race registration includes quar-

ter zip pull over (half marathon participants) or long sleeve shirt (5K participants), five complimentary CambridgeSide parking passes, training plan, race bib with timing chip, and finishing medal. Register for both races at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K at CambridgeSide race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) as well as other local charities. Cambridge Half Marathon and 5K is sponsored by Canam Group Inc. and training sponsor MYSTRYDE.

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Republican.

McGrath coached Dean's boys' soccer team for six years, the Hawks qualifying for the Western Mass tournament three times and his 1987 team was named the recipient of the Referees' Association annual "Sportsmanship Award". McGrath also coached the cross-country team for six years before the Hawks became a co-op team with Holyoke High, and spent 10 years with the girls' volleyball team, with the girls qualifying for the Western Mass tournament three times and the State Vocational Tournament twice.

Brassil coached the girls' basketball team at Holyoke for 27 years and is credited with 280 wins and guided the girls to the schools only "Girls" Western Mass Basketball Championship in 2011. Under Brassil, the girls captured the Valley Wheel League title in 2010 and continued its success after being moved up a division the following year as they won the Valley League in 2011 and again in 2012. In recognition of Brassil's leadership, he was awarded the MIAA Division I "Coach of the Year" honors in 2010 and again in 2012, and his teams also twice earned the MIAA Sportsmanship Award.

The baseball team also had many successful seasons under Brassil, his teams qualifying for the MIAA post season tournaments 19 times. Competing in the very tough Valley League, Holyoke won eight league championships, with Brassil recording 303 wins in his tenure. He also coached the baseball "Senior All-Stars" Games in 1996 and 2000 and was the coach of the Baystate Games "West" team in 1997. In recognition of all his achievements on the diamond, Brassil was inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of

Fame in January 2023.

The 2011-2012 Holyoke High School girls' basketball team dominated the area high school hardwoods for three years, with the crowning achievement winning the Purple Knights' first ever Western Massachusetts Championship. The championship team featured seven seniors Brianna Carner, Monique Heard, Allison Little, Keila Martinez, Leshawnda Underwood, Tanesia Westbrooks, and Selena Yates, two juniors, Kirsy Segarra and Nyomi Walker, and three sophomores, Carly Costello, Sasha Espinoza and Kelly Reardon, and had a top coaching staff in head coach Tom Brassil and assistants Scott Taupier and Taryn Brassil.

The season highlights included Holyoke successfully defending its Valley League title and the Knights posting a new school win mark in their posting a 23-3 record. Monique Heard was again named the recipient of The Republican's "Vi Goodnow Award" as the top player in Western Massachusetts, with Little joining Heard as first team All-Western Mass selections, and Yates named to the All-Western Mass second team. The seniors closed out their careers boasting two Valley League championships, and a Valley Wheel title. They won the High School Girls' Tip-Off Classic in 2011 and 2010, while the girls also played together as a team to win the 2010 and 2011 Western Mass Girls Summer League Championship.

The enshrinement banquet will also honor athletes Wilfredo Cabrera, Laurin Maruca Funk, Ann Lavelle Mann, Robert Morneau, Michael Westbrooks, and Victor Zwirko, as well as "Holyoke Legends"

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City of Holyoke

Notice of Public Hearing

The DGR Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** to hear a special permit application of Laura Delmolino per 6.1.8.1 for driveway in front yard at 176 Lincoln Street (104-00-061) to widen the existing driveway with a turnaround. Meeting will take place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via www.zoom.us Meeting ID 844 4852 3074 Meeting Passcode 759020 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For an electronic copy of this application or to provide comments for the public hearing, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org or by phone 413-322-5525.

DGR Chair,
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
10/13, 10/20/2023

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law According to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the undersigned desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of RONALD LEONARD CARRIVEAU located at 88 Sycamore Street in the City of Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts 01040 has registered the said name with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State St Paul MN 55101.

Dated the 20th day of September, 2023
Carrievau, Ronald
October 06, 2023
10/06, 10/13, 10/20/2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF HOLYOKE
GAS & ELECTRIC
DEPARTMENT
ELECTRIC LINE
CONTRACTORS
ANNUAL CONTRACT**

Sealed proposals for the above contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:30 p.m., November 16, 2023**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Prevailing Wage Rates set by the Mass. Dept. Labor & Industries shall be paid to all people engaged in work under this contract. All Bidders are required to submit a Bid Deposit.

Additional information may be obtained from:
Chi Wong
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040

(413) 536-9308
cwong@hged.com

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

Please mark sealed envelopes "**Bid for Electric Line Contractors Annual Contract**" and address them to:

James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
10/20/2023

**CITY OF HOLYOKE
PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS
INVITATION TO BID
2024-21 OPED
ELEVATOR REPAIR
SEALED BIDS ARE DUE
BY 2:00 PM ON 11/9/2023**

EMAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids for the provision all labor and materials required to repair an elevator located at 287 High St in Holyoke MA.

Bids will be received at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, MA 01040 beginning at 12:00PM on Wednesday October 18, 2023. Bid documents may be requested via email to sweeney@holyoke.org or in person at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office. The deadline to submit bid proposals is November 9, 2023, by 2:00PM, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened in compliance with Chapter 30B and the City of Holyoke's Ordinances. No electronic Submissions will be accepted. **THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS**
10/20/2023

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and
Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2084EA**

**Estate of:
Virginia R McGinty
Date of Death: 05/05/2023
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kathryn Peterson of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter

a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Kathryn Peterson of Holyoke, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2023.

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

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

A **Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 11, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/20/2023

**CITY OF HOLYOKE
PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT
RFQ 2024-16
GENERAL
CONTRACTOR &
SUBCONTRACTOR
PRE QUALIFICATIONS
PECK MIDDLE SCHOOL
BUILDING PROJECT
ESTIMATE COST
\$55,000,000.00
CONTRACTOR
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This Bid Package scope includes the construction of a new 105,000 GSF building project for a 550-student middle school on the site of the existing William R. Peck Middle School. The

demolition of the existing school is currently under a separate contract. Plans & specifications are not available for the qualifications process. **General Contract & Sub Bid Deadlines are 11/08/2023 @ 4PM** The **Sub Bid Categories** are Masonry; Miscellaneous and Ornamental Iron; Waterproofing, Dampproofing & Caulking; Roofing & Flashing; Glass & Glazing; Tile; Acoustical Tile; Resilient Floors; Painting; Elevators; Fire Protection Sprinkler System; Plumbing; HVAC; Electrical.

This project is being managed by The City of Holyoke's OPM Anser Advisory. RFQ is available on 10/18/23 through BidDocs. Go to biddocs.com and click on the "Bid Listings" tab at the top and then click on the "Solicitations" radial button at the top of the list and then click on the RFQ name. **The city reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.**
10/20/2023

**CITY OF HOLYOKE
PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS 2024-19
PROFESSIONAL
SECURITY SERVICES
SEALED SUBMITTALS
ARE DUE BY 1:30 PM
ON 11/8/2023.
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS
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ACCEPTED**

The City of Holyoke is soliciting submissions from qualified firms with an interest in contracting to provide professional Security Guard Services to various City of Holyoke departments.

Proposals will be received at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, MA 01040 beginning at 1:30 PM on Wednesday October 18, 2023. Bid documents may be requested via email to morrowj@holyoke.org or sweeney@holyoke.org or in person at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office. The deadline to submit proposals is November 8, 2023, by 1:30PM, at which time all submissions received will be publicly opened in compliance with Chapter 30B and the City of Holyoke's Ordinances. No electronic Submissions will be accepted. **THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS. The City Reserves the right to use Federal Funds to pay in part or in whole for this service. Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal Funds and must comply with all**

Federal requirements including Part 200.
10/20/2023

**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF HOLYOKE
GAS & ELECTRIC
DEPARTMENT
SPILL RESPONSE &
HAZARDOUS WASTE
ANNUAL CONTRACT**

Sealed bids for the above annual contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:00 p.m., November 16, 2023**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Bid Deposit:
A Bid Deposit in the amount of \$11,250 must accompany all bids. The bid deposit may be in the form of a certified, treasurer's, or cashier's check payable to HG&E, cash, or a bid bond from a licensed surety payable to HG&E.

Prevailing Wage Rates:
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Additional information may be obtained from:
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Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-9308
cwong@hged.com

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

Please mark sealed envelopes, "**Bid for Spill Response & Hazardous Waste Annual Contract**" and address them to:
James M. Lavelle, Manager
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.
99 Suffolk St.
Holyoke, MA 01040
10/19/2023

**CITY OF HOLYOKE
PURCHASING
DEPARTMENT
INVITATION TO BID
2024-17W
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MUSEUM:
PINE STREET PORCH
CARPENTRY REPAIR
PROJECT
SEALED BIDS ARE DUE
BY 1:00 PM ON 11/7/2023
EMAIL SUBMISSIONS
WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED**

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed bids from qualified businesses to provide exterior wood repair of rotted wood trim on the cor-

nice of the Pine Street Porch at Wistariahurst Museum, 238 Cabot St., Holyoke, MA 01040 including all materials and labor necessary to complete the work.

Bids will be received at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, MA 01040 beginning at 11:00AM on Wednesday October 18, 2023. Bid documents may be requested via email to morrowj@holyoke.org or sweeney@holyoke.org or in person at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office. The deadline to submit bid proposals is November 7, 2023, by 1:00PM, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened in compliance with Chapter 30B and the City of Holyoke's Ordinances. No electronic Submissions will be accepted. **THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS**
10/20/2023

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No. HD23P2083EA**

**Estate of:
Marta Romero
Date of Death:
August 23, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mark W Correia** of Westfield, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Mark W Correia of Westfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/20/2023

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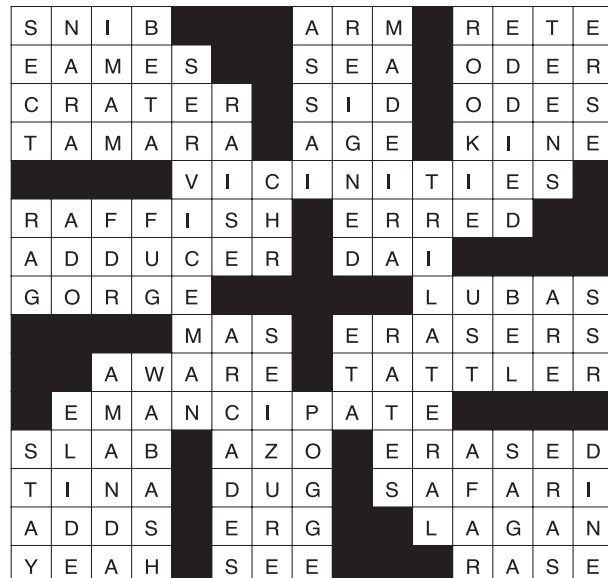
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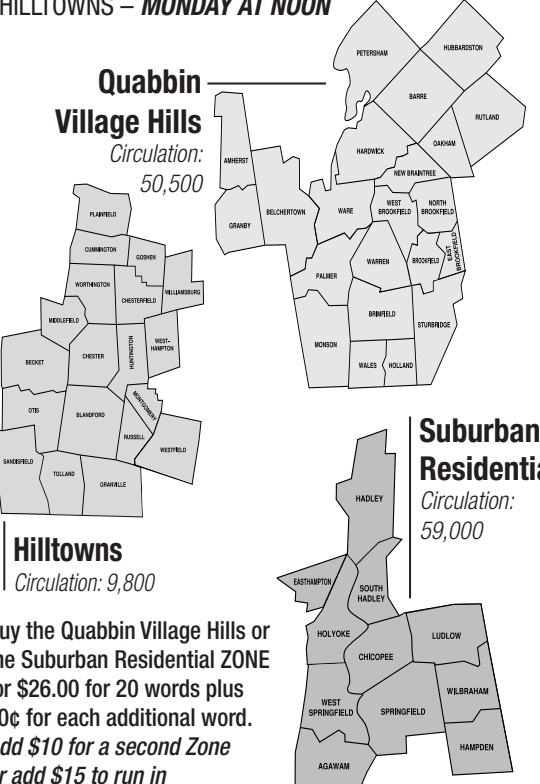
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QUABBIN & SUBURBAN **FRIDAY AT NOON**

HILLTOWNS **MONDAY AT NOON**



Smith College Professor Jess Gersony and Holyoke Director of Conservation and Sustainability Yoni Glogower have worked together for the past year to bring this study to fruition.



Holyoke Community College Students Malylna Dansereau, Veronica Kozac, Courtney Matroni, Hailey Prive and Barbara Ann Santiago work together to measure the length of a pit around a tree.



Holyoke Community College Students Brian Zylich, Steven Saettone and Alex Hines collaborate to measure the diameter of a tree.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala



Students from Holyoke Community College and Smith College worked to help measure trees for the long-term urban forest study beginning in Holyoke.



Holyoke Community College student Alex Hines and Professor Sage Franetovich work on measuring one of the trees.

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in the city environment, with climate change affecting weather and temperatures.

“So we can get a sense of which species do better in different sized pits and...also think about climate change, we can see how different species handle the change in climate better than others as we measure them every year,” Smith College Professor Jess Gersony said.

Using this information, the Holyoke Office of Conservation and Sustainability will try to improve the tree canopy in Holyoke to improve the quality of life for residents.

That office and the Department of Public Works will use the information to plan out future sidewalk and roadway projects to ensure that the sidewalks and roads remain accessible and also open to more trees.

“We want to plan them [sidewalk and road projects] comprehensively so pedestrians can get around, bikes can get around, and we can still have a healthy tree canopy to lower local ambient temperatures and improve air quali-

ty and quality of life for our residents,” Holyoke Director of Conservation and Sustainability Yoni Glogower said.

This study has been planned over the last year. Holyoke Conservation and Sustainability received a grant in 2021 from the state’s municipal vulnerability preparedness program to help them make the city’s first urban forest equity plan.

This plan included a variety of activities centered on community engagement and a full public tree inventory. It was all centered around the goal of improving Holyoke’s tree canopy cover and giving it a more equitable distribution across the city.

From there Gersony and Franetovich got involved with the project.

Gersony is interested in plant physiology, specifically looking into how trees are affected by climate change. This study presented the perfect opportunity for her to expand her work on the subject.

“I was just googling around and I found the urban forest equity plan for Holyoke and I was just blown away by it,” Gersony said. “I was like, this is the work that I believe in and I want to sup-

port, so I reached out to Yoni and Sage.”

Since they connected, the two professors and Glogower have been working on developing this study.

Glogower was able to use the urban forest equity plan to work toward securing another grant, the DCR Greening the Gateway Cities Program’s Implementation Grant and Partnership Grant.

These two grants gave Glogower \$120,000 to be used toward identifying the 94 sites in the city that could use a tree pit or could increase the size of the current tree pit.

“We were looking for sidewalks in areas that were prioritized in the plan or where there was constituent interest... but also areas where there was adequate sidewalk space to begin with where we can put one in without impeding ADA accessibility,” Glogower said.

The trees were planted in the 94 lots last summer and, as they were working on planting the trees, Glogower wanted to investigate how big the pits needed to be to support healthy trees.

Hence, the study that began Oct. 13, was born.

“We wanted to see how big we needed to make these things in order to support a growing tree and a healthy urban canopy,” Glogower said.

Glogower reached out to the professors about the idea, and both were eager to assist.

“Yoni brought the question to us and Sage and I both said ‘Oh, I want to help,’” Gersony said.

Both professors brought in their students to assist in the data collection for the study, allowing them hands-on experience to see where they can take botany in their future careers.

“This is a really great teaching opportunity for both classes to think about how they can apply botany and plant biology in a way that has direct impacts on the community,” Gersony said.

The students will continue taking measurements and recording of the trees for the next week or so, until all 94 are measured.

This study will continue into the future and help to improve the urban forest of Holyoke as all involved learn from the data collected.

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City of Holyoke
Notice of Public Hearing
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court

50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD23P2086PM
In the matter of:
Janat D. Langevin
Of: Holyoke, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE
ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B,
\$5-304 & \$5-405
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Roger Langevin of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Janat D. Langevin** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Roger Langevin of Holyoke, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as

Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.
 The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
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 11/13/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your

attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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 16, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 10/20/2023

Public Notices



HCC nursing student Gabriela Artin of Westfield tending to a patient in one of the medical simulation rooms at the Center for Health Education and Simulation. *Submitted Photo*

HCC event highlights free nursing education

HOLYOKE - As part of state-wide STEM Week activities planned by the Governor's office, Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler and Commissioner of Public Health Robbie Goldstein will visit the Center for Health Education and Simulation at Holyoke Community College on Tuesday, Oct. 17, to officially launch a new state initiative that provides free community college education to nursing students.

The event began at noon with tours of the facility led by HCC nursing students.

There was a short speaking program with remarks by Tutwiler, Goldstein, HCC President George Timmons, and HCC nursing students Afrike Phakos of Springfield and Katelynn Richard of Ludlow.

State Sen. Jo Comerford, Sen. Adam Gomez, state Rep. Pat Duffy, Rep. Brian Ashe, and Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia also attended.

Unlike the state's new MassReconnect program, which provides free community college to students 25

and older, the state's new nursing initiative provides free community college education to nursing students of any age.

The Center for Health Education and Simulation is home to HCC's nursing and radiologic technology programs. Opened in 2015, the 11,000 square-foot facility includes flexible classrooms, student study areas, a radiology suite, a large radiology image library, and an image critique room, four private patient simulation rooms, two semi-private patient simulation rooms, three control rooms, two debriefing rooms, prop storage, prep spaces and two larger multi-bed lab spaces can be transformed into acute care or community environments.

For STEM Week, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler, and other Healey Driscoll administration officials are hosted events across the commonwealth highlighting the importance of STEM education.

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Every Entrant Receives A Gift
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Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m.

Shenkman Trading Center, Mattern Hall

Hear from recent WMA alumnae about their experiences from WMA to the boardroom. Gain new perspective about WMA's Center for Entrepreneurship, Economics & Finance and the opportunities that abound for WMA students.

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