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## Trial Court celebrates city's culture



The Holyoke District Courthouse participated in the Trial Court's multi cultural appreciation week. Greater Holyoke YMCA Membership Sales Head John Colon and CEO Connor Bevan enjoyed the cultural celebration day.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke District Court worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Trial Court to put on a celebration of Holyoke culture on Friday, Oct. 25.

Judge Arose Nielsen from the Holyoke Juvenile Court and First Assistant Clerk Magistrate Azizah Yasin from the Trial Court worked together with many others to make this event come together.

"We're encouraging the courts to take the day to celebrate the local culture and get staff together and community to help celebrate the multicultural and rich history we have and to support one another in the community," Nielsen said.

This was the first time the Holyoke district court and juvenile have collaborated to put on such an event. They were very excited to be bringing the community together in this way.

"This was really important for us to bring to the community this year," Nielsen said.

"This is an opportunity for us to welcome court users," Yasin said.

Throughout the day there were a variety of performances and speakers who discussed or presented on different cultures.

The performers included the Latinx Student Union and Wolfa (an African dancing and drumming group) from Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School.

There was also a performance put on by STEM Beats



from Holyoke STEM Academy, a performance by singing group Earls and Pearls and a performance by the Irish Step Dancers from Cassin Academy.

"Having those students perform, I think it is so incredible and inspiring," Yasin said. "You see students who are competently playing these musical instruments and doing it in a

collective, they're playing in community with each other... the messaging is so inclusive."

On top of the different speakers and performers there was also a variety of community organizations tabling at the event in order to provide resources to the community.

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## HPS to exit state control

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – In an announcement made Tuesday morning, the acting education commissioner said state control over the Holyoke Public Schools will end when the 2024-2025 school year ends.

Acting Commissioner Russell Johnston will finalize the decision in June dependent on the Holyoke School Committee's proper implementation of its turnaround plan.

In a press release from Gov. Maura Healey's office, it stated Johnston announced he was removing the receivership effective July 1, 2025, but the decision was "provisional" pending Holyoke following steps agreed to by the state.

"This is an important step for Holyoke Public Schools. The return to local control will have positive impacts on students, educators and families," Healey said. "I'm grateful for the hard work and partnership of Mayor Garcia, the School Committee and the school dis-

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## Multi-family homeowners bring forward concerns

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Multi-family homeowners and landlords came before the city council to discuss their concerns about fines they were facing from the city.

Last month, the city sent out warnings to landlords and multi-family homeowners who owed fines to the city for building code violations.

The city claimed that if property owners did not pay or come into compliance with the building code by the end of the year, the fines would be added to their January 2026 property tax bills.

The city has initially sent out letters in May telling property owners that they had to get a certificate of inspection issued within 30 business days or they would face fines of \$300 a day for non-compliance.

"The time frames they were giving us were completely unrealistic," multi-family

homeowner Sarah Larose said. "Just think about how hard it is to get an electrician with 30 days notice or an engineer to come out to your house, which is what we've had to do and then get contractors."

Following this, the fine amount was adjusted to \$100 daily for three family homeowners or \$300 daily for all other landlords or multi-family homeowners.

As aforementioned the city sent out warning in September and in October to those who did not come into compliance for this order warning them of how much fines they had accrued up to that point.

Hundreds of property owners were unable to come into compliance within the city's deadline and many felt like they did not have a proper chance to do so.

"It's been marked with such unrealistic timelines, it felt like it was set up for failure," Larose said.

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Raúl Gutiérrez, HCC associate professor of Spanish gave a brief talk about the significance of Dia de los Muertos. Submitted Photo

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated Día de los Muertos, the traditional Mexican Day of the Dead holiday, on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at noon.

The college's El Centro

program and LEA Club (Latinx Empowerment Association) are invited members of the HCC and surrounding community to take part in the construction of an ofrenda on the second floor of the Campus Center outside

room 248.

An ofrenda is a kind of altar designed as a place to celebrate indigenous, Mexican, and Latinx traditions. People

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# Police Chief search extended

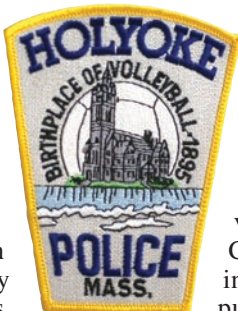
HOLYOKE – The search for a new Police Chief has been extended by two weeks after one of the finalists for the position withdrew his candidacy, according to Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia. Garcia's scheduled interview of the finalists for the position of Police Chief has been postponed. That interview session had been planned for Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The interviews would have concluded a competitive selection process facilitated by Public Safety Consultants, LLC.

"I want to be certain that the best possible finalists are identified by the Search Committee before we take the

final steps in the process," Garcia said. The extended application process will close on Nov. 11.

Following the July 31 retirement of former Chief David Pratt, the Mayor's Office launched a search for Police Chief candidates. A Search Committee, composed of city officials, community leaders, and law enforcement personnel, reviewed applications, conducted interviews, and assessed candidates through a rigorous evaluation process. The process included a public listening session, pub-



lic surveys, and an assessment in which each candidate participates in a series of exercises that simulate critical aspects of the job.

Garcia said the date and time of the rescheduled interviews would be posted on the City website and publicized in the area news media. The public will be invited to the interview session. Individuals unable to attend in person will be welcome to join via Holyoke Media, or via a Zoom link that will be publicized prior to the rescheduled interview session.

# Holiday sip, shop event

HOLYOKE – The Saint Patrick's Committee of Holyoke will be hosting a Holiday sip and shop event on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Holyoke Elks Lodge 902 at 250 Whitney Ave. Kick off the holiday season from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for an evening of holiday cheer and shopping. Explore a variety of local vendors offering unique and festive gifts making this the perfect time to find gifts for loved ones.

During your shopping don't forget to head down to the lounge and indulge in the Elks' famous Wednesday Night Burger Night featuring delicious burgers and a cash bar.

In addition to the shopping and sipping experience, guests will have the opportunity to enter a raffle, providing a chance to win amazing prizes from the St. Patrick's Parade Committee and participating partners. Plus our special guest, Santa, will also be on-site, creating a true community-centered experience that supports local businesses and the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This event is free and open to the public, so bring your friends and family for a night of community fun.

Interested in being a vendor? Please send an social@holyokestpatrickscommittee.org to reserve a spot.

# Thanksgiving comes early

HOLYOKE – The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for its November Community Meal. Dinner will be served on Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a family movie at 6 p.m.

The Community Meal is hosted on the second Friday evening of each month at the church at 300 Appleton St. All are welcome to attend, and the meal is completely free of charge. The menu changes monthly; past meals have fea-

tured corned beef and cabbage, breakfast for dinner, steak sandwiches, and more. Parents must accompany their children.

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. UCCH welcomes all individuals, regardless of where they are on their journey. To learn more about UCCH, please visit our 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.



# Food drive begins Nov. 11

HOLYOKE – The Wealth Transition Collective will be hosting our fifth annual weeklong food drive, Nov. 11 to 15, to benefit Margaret's Pantry at our office in Holyoke in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Weather permitting, we will have a table in front of our office for drop-offs. Thanks to the help of our clients, friends and community, we have raised over 4,000 pounds of food and monetary donations of over \$7,500 since the start of this event.

Some of the most-needed items at the pantry during this time of year are:

- Canned Foods: poultry, tuna, soups, stews, chili, gravy, sauces, fruits, vegetables, and beans

- Dried Goods: soup, stuffing, pancake and other baking mixes, tea bags, powdered milk, rice, and pasta

- Other items to consider: potato chips, granulated sugar, peanut butter, frosting, syrup, honey, bottled water, salad dressing, condiments, Jello, and kids snack items

Margaret's Pantry, a division of Providence Ministries for the Needy, is a full-service food pantry that has provided food to residents of Greater Holyoke for more than 30 years. Presently, the pantry provides food to more than 180 families each month, and approximately 72,000 meals a year are distributed to the needy in the community.

# WestMass ElderCare and KofC offer Thanksgiving dinner to community

CHICOPEE – WestMass ElderCare is proud to announce its continued partnership with the Knights of Columbus to bring Thanksgiving meals to those in need. For the 47th year, the Knights of Columbus will open their dining room at the Castle of Knights in Chicopee from 12 to 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day to serve a free, hearty Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally, meals will be delivered to individuals who are unable to leave their homes from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This cherished tradition welcomes

everyone, with no questions asked. "Come one, come all" is the message behind the initiative, which has been serving thousands of people each year. Before COVID-19, the event served as many as 3,400 people, and while participation dipped slightly last year, the organizers expect a significant increase this year, especially as families grapple with rising food prices.

The Knights of Columbus work tire-

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# Colleen applications available

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.



# Free small business legal clinic

SPRINGFIELD – The Western New England University Small Business Legal Clinic is accepting applications from entrepreneurs and small business owners seeking legal assistance for the spring semester 2025. Under faculty supervision, law students assist clients with legal issues including choice of entity, employment policies, contract drafting, regulatory compliance, and intellectual property issues relating to trademark applications and copyright. This is a free service available to local businesses that might not have the resources to obtain such services.

The Small Business Clinic has assisted more than 500 small businesses since it opened. "The Clinic is a great resource for entrepreneurs who lack the finances to retain an attorney," said Associate Clinical Professor of Law Robert Statchen. "By using the Clinic's services, businesses can avoid problems by getting legal issues

addressed early and correctly. It also provides students with a great opportunity to get real world experience."

The Clinic requests small business owners to submit their applications by Jan. 1, 2025. Applications received after that date will be considered if additional resources are available. Students will begin providing services in mid-January. For more information, call the Legal Clinic at 413-782-1469 or email Marie Fletcher, Clinical Programs Administrator at [mfletcher@law.wne.edu](mailto:mfletcher@law.wne.edu).

The School of Law Small Business Legal Clinic was established to afford law students with an opportunity to provide practical consultation to entrepreneurs starting new and building existing small businesses in the community. This initiative strengthens alliances within the community by using the resources of the University to foster new business development.

# City to host Veterans Day ceremony

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.



# Citizens Advisory Committee members needed

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke seeks Holyoke residents (18+ yrs old) to serve on the volunteer Citizens Advisory Committee through the Office for Community Development to review grant applications and make funding recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, the CAC will also participate in the Consolidated Plan development by identifying community needs, priorities, and goals for the next five years.

The CAC is an opportunity to active-

ly participate in local government, to learn about government processes and to make meaningful decisions that impact the community in visible ways. Mayor Garcia seeks community members who have personal experience with the services provided by federally funded community development activities like community health centers, food pantries, meals, homeless services, addiction services, DV services, affordable housing and Holyoke Housing Authority residents, youth or elderly programs, young

parents, first time homeowners, renters, adult educational services, or small business development services. Low-moderate income residents, residents of low-moderate income neighborhoods, and those from groups underrepresented in local government are strongly encouraged to apply.

CAC members meet in the evenings approximately five times per year. Training and professional staff support are provided.

Interested residents should sub-

mit a letter and resume to: Mayor Joshua Garcia, City of Holyoke, Room 1, Holyoke MA 01040 or by email to [ortizn@holyoke.org](mailto:ortizn@holyoke.org) by Nov. 15. Other ways to apply will be made available if requested.

Please contact Alicia M. Zoeller, Office for Community Development Administrator at 413-322-5610 or [zoellera@holyoke.org](mailto:zoellera@holyoke.org) with any questions. Additional information about the work of the CAC is available at [www.holyoke.org/departments/community-development/](http://www.holyoke.org/departments/community-development/).

# Enrollment open for Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program

*Eligible Massachusetts households can now apply for financial assistance for the 2024-2025 heating season*

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities today announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on Oct. 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, statewide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct. 1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

“No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter,” said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. “With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months.”

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

For more information find your local HEAP agency at <https://hedfuel.azurewebsites.net/>.

# St. Cecilia Women's Club to hold Rummage Sale Nov. 1 and 2

WILBRAHAM – The Saint Cecilia Women's Club is holding its annual Rummage Sale on Friday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m. to Noon in the Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham.

Adult and children's clothing, jewelry, purses, household items, toys, games, puzzle, linens, holiday items, and pictures are sold at very reasonable prices. Saturday is Bag Day. Fill a bag for a minimum price. Bags are provided.

# Special Salute to Veterans concert to feature inspirational performers

WEST SPRINGFIELD – On Sunday, Nov. 10, A special Salute To Veterans Concert will be held at 3 p.m. at Red Oak Church in West Springfield.

The concert will feature songs of Americana and Inspiration performed by TV's The Voice Michelle Brooks-Thompson and her full band, including back-up singers. The performance will include special guest Ryan Bradley, accomplished guitarist, vocalist, and pastor of Red Oak Church performing “God Bless The USA”.

The concert, initiated and coordinated by West Springfield resident Roberta Page, will have proceeds support one of the free, monthly Veterans' luncheons in West Springfield as well as hurricane

Helene efforts in North Carolina through Samaritan's Purse.

“So many Veterans, still, experience challenges and difficulties,” Page said. This will be a good opportunity to remember all of them, past and present, she continued. Reservations are \$20 by contacting 413-279-4567, [PageOneProductions@att.net](mailto:PageOneProductions@att.net) or [PageOneConcerts@gmail.com](mailto:PageOneConcerts@gmail.com).

The church is located at 337 Piper Road. Reservations, also, may be taken at the door which will open at 2:30 p.m.

“Westover Air Reserve Base (the 439th Air Lift Wing) and Barnes Air National Guard Base (104th Fighter Wing) have been invited to participate,” Page revealed.

# Habitat for Humanity's 'Building Dreams Benefit' to be held next week

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity's Building Dreams Benefit is next week on Thursday, Nov. 7. Don't miss the chance to enjoy a night of entertainment, cocktails, raffles, and auctions-all while



making a real difference in the Greater Springfield community. Tickets are \$100 each. Doors open at 6 p.m. at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

From gift cards to luxury items, the silent auction prizes available at the benefit are sure to impress and include brands like Elite Island Resorts, Boston Crawling, Hartford Yard Goats, The Huntington, Lisa Scheff Designs, Hot Brass Indoor Firearm and Bow Range, Craftsman, Boston Bruins, and Boston Red Sox. Register here <https://givebutter.com/c/SZfrkA/auction>.

The event will feature a cash bar, games, and sweet and savory samplings from local restaurants such as MexiRico, Cima, Motu Indian Kitchen, Crave, Jimmy's Pub, All American Bar, Grill, and Patio; and Twin Hills Country Club.

“Our fall benefit is always a great time to celebrate the work that we have completed and show members of the community how they can support future projects,” said Aimee Giroux, GSHFH executive director.

Take part in this worthwhile event that raises money for Greater Springfield Habitat and reserve a ticket today. For more information or to purchase a ticket, go to [habitatspringfield.org/building-dreams](http://habitatspringfield.org/building-dreams)

If individuals are unable to attend, they can still be a part of the silent auction and help raise crucial funds for affordable housing in our community. Go to <https://givebutter.com/c/SZfrkA/auction> and register.

GSHFH is a housing ministry dedicated to strengthening communities

by empowering low-income families to change their lives and the lives of future generations through homeownership and home repair opportunities. This is accomplished by working in partnership with diverse people, from all walks of life, to build and repair simple, decent, affordable housing. Habitat's mission to provide homeownership opportunities to low-income families is unique as we offer a hand up not a hand out, requiring partner families to work alongside the community they will live in. GSHFH has helped roughly 100 local families realize their dream of homeownership over the last 37 years.

For more information, contact Brandy O'Brien, Marketing and Communications manager, at [obrien@habitatspringfield.org](mailto:obrien@habitatspringfield.org) or (413) 739-5503 x1005.

Guest Column



## Question about Taxation of Social Security benefits

Dear Rusty

I am past my Social Security full retirement age, and I am still working. I am married and we file our income tax jointly. My husband is 64 and is not working now, but he may or may not, be able to work in the next year or so. At what point will my Social Security benefits be taxed, if I decide to take them now?

Signed Worried About Taxes

Dear Worried

Many Social Security recipients are surprised to find that their benefits may be considered taxable by the IRS, so I welcome the opportunity to clarify this topic for you.

Whether or not your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your overall combined taxable income for your IRS tax filing status. Taxation of Social Security benefits for a married couple (filing jointly) depends on your combined income as a couple, which is called your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" by the IRS. Your MAGI consists of your normal Adjusted Gross Income on your IRS tax return, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

If your MAGI, filing jointly, exceeds \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes taxable, but if your MAGI as a couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your received SS benefits becomes taxable (at your standard IRS tax rate). Note that these tax thresholds are less for those who file their taxes as a single – e.g., for someone whose IRS filing status is "single," half of their Social Security benefits become part of their taxable income if their personal MAGI is over \$25,000 and up to

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## Election letters to the editor welcome

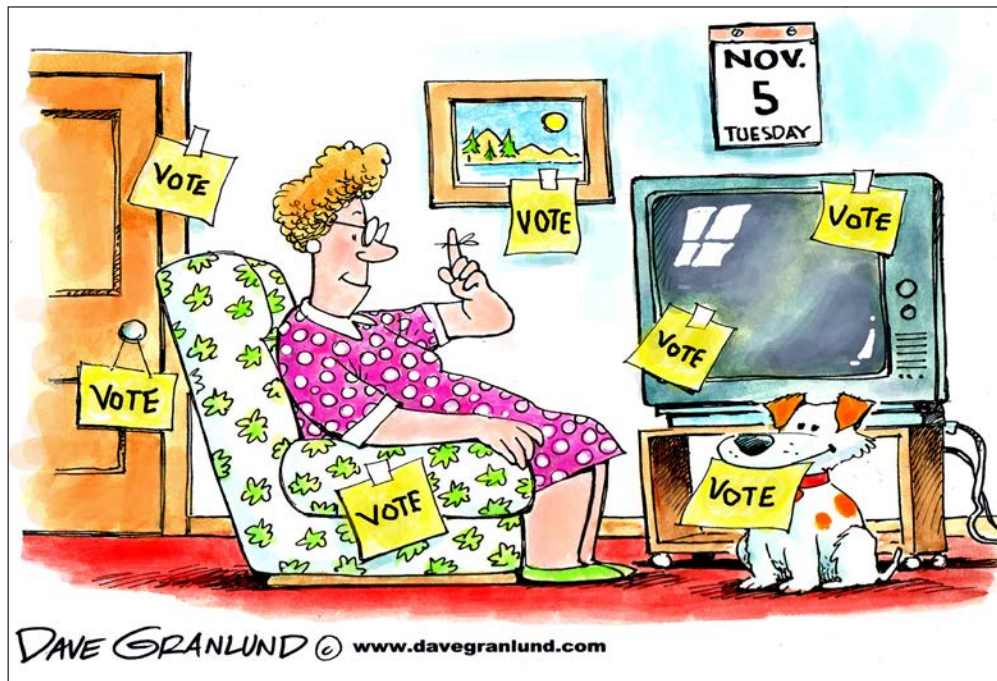
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For more information, call 413-283-8393.

### Campaign news

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.

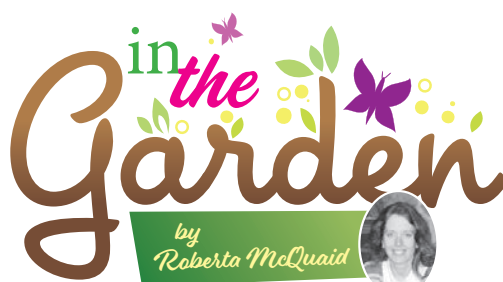
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Guest Column

## Cross garlic off the list



It was a productive weekend "back at the ranch." I had a very long list of things to get caught up on in and around the garden. For the most part I completed everything on the list, although a new list has started. Doesn't it always?

The last task I completed was planting garlic.

I got started growing garlic because of my Uncle Tony. He always planted his garlic cloves in the spring. I think he was under the impression that garlic wasn't hardy and wouldn't survive the winter if you planted it in the fall.

It could very well have been the type he grew. As soon as the ground had thawed, I'd get out there and plant the cloves he'd given me and in just about three months I'd harvest the fists comprised of seven or eight teeny tiny cloves.

Since then, I've gone on to plant my bulbs in the fall and again, it's probably a variety thing, but my cloves are two or three

times the size of those I planted in the spring those many years ago. I have a pretty good system going that I've shared with my readers a few times over the years.

Read on for a refresher on garlic planting.

Garlic should be planted four to six weeks prior to the ground freezing, much like you would daffodils or tulips. The time is now!

Your goal is to have a well developed root system to anchor the plant through the winter. Because garlic prefers a pH of 6.5 (6.0-7 is OK), a sprinkling of lime won't hurt.

Mix in a couple of inches of aged manure or compost to planting bed. I use a pitchfork to loosen and mix the soil with the manure and lime so that it's incorporated well.

Over the years I've learned that the secret to big bulbs has a lot to do with spacing. Space individual cloves eight-10 inches apart pointed side up and plant two-three inches deep (up to the knuckle if you are pushing them into the soil by hand) and firm down.

If rain has been scarce, water the planting well. A friend who attending one of my gardening talks a few years back, shared that she places a sheet of cardboard over the bed, and then applies mulch on top of that.

For the last few years, I have done this and it has worked out great to keep the weeds

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By Ellenor Downer

A Brimfield resident reported white-throated sparrows in his yard. He said, "Adult white-throated sparrows are polymorphic, occurring in two plumage types or forms: white striped (bright) or tan striped (dull). Almost all of the white-throated sparrows I see are the tan striped morph." I also saw white-throated sparrows, but they are mostly the white striped morph.

I put a small amount of bird seed and shelled peanuts in my feeders in the morning. I do not fill them as there are many black bears in my area. With this wonderful Indian summer weather, I have been working outside since I use a laptop computer. Besides working on the two papers I edit, Barre Gazette and Country Journal, I enjoy the weather, and get to see birds coming and going at the feeders.

The white-throated sparrow is 6 1/2 inches long with a dark crown with a buff or tan central stripe and white throat. Depending on which morph, they have either white or tan eyebrows with a yellow mark before the eye.

Their breast is gray with a few, faint streaks.

The female has a less bold pattern on the head, duller yellow by eye, more streaking on the breast and gray. The immature of either sex looks like the female. Immature plumage is kept through their first winter. Breeding pair usually contains one bird from each morph, either a tan female and white male or white female and tan male.

The female lays four to six light blue-green eggs with dark marks in a nest of grasses lined with hairs and rootlets. It is placed on the ground or under a small tree or shrub.

For many years, my family and I had horses. Their hair was a popular nesting material for the birds in our yard. Nests often had horse hair woven into them. After grooming the horses, birds would often come and fly away with strands of horse hair especially from the horses' mane or tail.

White throated sparrows summer in Canada and winter in the northeastern and part of the southern United States. They feed on the ground eating weed seeds, grain, fruit and insects. They come to tray type feeders or scattered on the ground. They like cracked corn, sunflower seeds and millet.

Their song is two long whistled notes followed by three or four higher, quivering notes. It sounds like "sweet sweet Canada Canada Canada." Calls are "tseeet" when birds are in flocks and "pink" in alarm. They inhabit coniferous and mixed woods and brushy areas.

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# Love a good nap? So does your brain... maybe



By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column

The headlines were all over the internet a couple of months ago: Napping is good for brain health. But, as with all health studies, you have to read the fine print.

Habitual napping was associated with larger total brain volume, which is in turn associated with a lower risk of dementia and other diseases, according to researchers from University College London (UCL) and the University of the Republic of Uruguay. The researchers estimated the difference in brain volume between nappers and non-nappers was equivalent to 2.5 to 6.5 years of aging.

As I've noted before, though, association is not causation. Is brain volume larger because of napping, or could there be other factors at play – heredity or physical activity, for instance. The

study only compared people who are genetically predisposed to nap and those who aren't – not those who elect not to nap. Also, the napping behaviors studied were self-reported by participants, which is not exactly the gold standard for research.

Even with all of those caveats, I agree with the researchers that there's nothing wrong with a brief daytime nap. By brief I mean 30 minutes or so -- you don't want it to interfere with the next night's sleep. Afternoons are a good time for napping because that's when we tend to experience a dip in energy levels.

Nappers tend to feel more alert and clear-headed after a snooze, and there's a movement afoot to permit naps on the job, particularly for office workers. Naps are especially helpful for people who don't work regular schedules or who are doing shift work. Aging bladders can wake us up during the night, too. If you don't fall back asleep right away, a nap the next day might be just the thing.

But if you're not regularly getting seven to nine hours of sound sleep a night, I don't recommend long daytime naps to make up the difference. First, you're more likely to wake up groggy after an extended nap because your brain is trying to enter the deep sleep phase.

There's evidence that people make more mistakes after a long daytime nap.

Second, a nap doesn't give you the benefit of the restorative nature of sleep – when your eyes and muscles fully relax and your body is repairing and rebuilding bone and muscle, consolidating memories and shoring up the immune system.

Everyone has a bad night once in a while. For many consecutive nights of disrupted sleep and days filled with naps, though, consult your doctor. You might need a sleep study to determine whether something like sleep apnea could be the cause.

Napping is associated with other issues as well. Elderly adults who napped at least once a day or more than an hour a day were 40 percent more likely to develop Alzheimer's than those who did not nap daily or napped less than an hour a day, according to a study published in *Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, in March 2022. Also last year, a study found that people who often nap have a greater chance of developing high blood pressure and having a stroke, according to CNN.

And then there are those who can't nap. Just as there appears to be a genetic disposition toward napping, there also appear to be people for whom napping

is physiologically difficult, if not impossible. Jeremy Derbyshire, writing in the *Financial Times*, is one of those. His attempts at napping usually end in frustration, he says, "after 10 minutes or so lying down rigidly and willing myself, unsuccessfully, into unconsciousness."

Maybe we need to expand the definition of "nap." Let's consider a nap everything from closing your eyes for 10 minutes to just letting your mind wander for a while.

No pressure here! Even one of the authors of the UCL study is not a big fan of napping. "Honestly," she told the BBC, "I would rather spend 30 minutes exercising than napping."

So, nap if you can. But if you're not cut out for napping, don't lose sleep over it. A brisk walk might be just as beneficial.

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85% of their SS benefits are taxable if their individual MAGI is over \$34,000.

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on your MAGI, becomes taxable income at your normal IRS tax rate.

So, in your case, if you claim your SS benefits now and your combined income your MAGI exceeds the above levels for a married couple, then a portion either 50% or up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year will be included in your income taxable by the IRS. Note, too, that it is possible to have income tax withheld from your

Social Security benefits by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security office. You can download this IRS form at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4v.pdf).

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down. Garlic abhors weed competition.

One year, though, I had a problem. I didn't see my garlic sprouting in the spring, so I lifted the cardboard, and the top growth was stuck underneath! I made holes for it to grow through and all was well.

Last year I made sure I watered the bed a lot so that the cardboard would soften and this wouldn't be a problem ever again.

Garlic loves fertile soil, so top dress with more aged manure/compost in the spring, about the time when daffodils are up two inches. I slide back the mulch/softened cardboard and add the compost then replace it for continued weed suppression and moisture retention.

Repeat this process once per month in May and June.

If rain is scarce, make sure that your

garlic beds get about one inch of water a week. Stop additional watering one month prior to harvest and cut off curly "scapes" (immature flower heads) as they form.

Garlic is ready to harvest when one third of the leaves have yellowed/browned. Don't wait much past this time, or bulbs will separate within the fist, and length of storage could be affected. Cure in an airy location, free of humidity and moisture.

I get excited planting garlic. It's the first installation of the "new year!" Funny, how just three weeks ago I was almost sick of the garden, now it's all new again.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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### Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident reported not much happening at the Warren ponds. In his yard, he saw a male eastern towhee, a couple of ruby-crowned kinglets, five goldfinches, a chipping sparrow, song sparrow and white-throated sparrows.

### Black swallow tail caterpillars

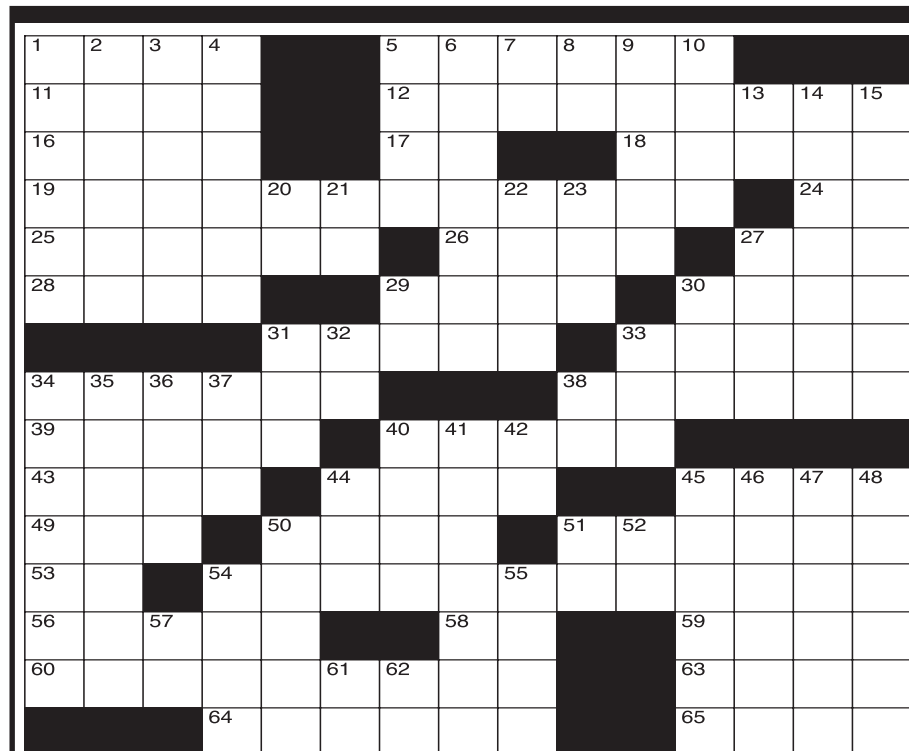
The Brimfield resident also said in an email, "Over a week ago we found a couple of black swallowtail caterpillars on a volunteer 12" tall fennel plant growing out of the space between pavers in our walkway. I collected the caterpillars and put them in the house in a small aquarium with fennel leaves. Last year we found three black swallowtail caterpillars chrysalises in the garden, kept them inside a shed over the winter and in the spring tied the chrysalises to tree branches. All three hatched and flew away."

The Brimfield resident also offered some facts about Canada geese he got

from MassWildlife. Human intervention radically altered the status of this species within the Bay State. Before the 1930s, these geese rarely nested here, today many Canada geese are in this state year round.

The migratory population still pass through in the spring and fall and stop to rest during migration. Resident population are descendants of captive geese used by waterfowl hunters; live decoys were outlawed in the 1930s and captive birds were released. With no pattern of migration, these geese began nesting in Massachusetts. In the 1960s and early 1970s, MassWildlife moved geese from the coast into central and western Massachusetts to the applause of both hunters and non-hunters. A population explosion followed.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 5. Highly impressed
- 11. Pronoun to identify something specific
- 12. Uttered in an impassioned way
- 16. Outfits
- 17. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 18. Stewed game casserole
- 19. Indignities inflicted on others
- 24. Blood type
- 25. Says beneath one's breath
- 26. Taxis
- 27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 28. NFL great Randy
- 29. Where college students live
- 30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
- 31. Condiment
- 33. -frutti
- 34. Polish city
- 38. Astronomy unit of distance
- 39. Romanian village
- 40. Bears first overall pick Williams
- 43. Irritated
- 44. Clothing for sale has them
- 45. One-time world power
- 49. When you anticipate arriving
- 50. Farm building
- 51. Organize thoughtfully
- 53. Detective
- 54. One who reduces
- 56. Nursemaids
- 58. Partner to "Pa"
- 59. World's longest river
- 60. Commemorates
- 63. Compound
- 64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
- 65. Email function

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Open-roofed entrance
- 2. Japanese religion
- 3. Dancer's garments
- 4. Distributes
- 5. Yemeni port
- 6. Spanish doctors
- 7. It cools your house
- 8. Engine variant
- 9. Makes more manageable
- 10. Days (Spanish)
- 13. Milliliter
- 14. Spread out from
- 15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
- 20. Respectful title for a man
- 21. Equally
- 22. Scarlett's home
- 23. Big Blue
- 27. Subway dwellers
- 29. One-tenth of a liter
- 30. Central European river
- 31. Distress signal
- 32. Expression of sympathy
- 33. Bar bill
- 34. Football equipment
- 35. Dance music
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Mary \_\_\_, cosmetics
- 38. Gym class
- 40. Autos
- 41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
- 42. Defeats (abbr.)
- 44. A way to color
- 45. Planet
- 46. Form of humor
- 47. Taken without permission
- 48. Go over again
- 50. Auto parts manufacturer
- 51. Detective's source
- 52. Home of the Flyers
- 54. Short official note
- 55. Emit coherent radiation
- 57. In the year of Our Lord
- 61. Atomic #18
- 62. Not from, but...

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# Holiday Fun at the Connecticut Trolley Museum

EAST WINDSOR, CT – The Connecticut Trolley Museum presents Holiday Fun with several events planned. These events include:

Winterfest and the “Tunnel of Lights”

Winterfest 2024 and the dazzling “Tunnel of Lights” return to the Connecticut Trolley Museum. Experience the magic every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night from Nov. 29 through Dec. 22, with extended hours from Dec. 26 to Dec. 30 during school vacation. This family-friendly holiday tradition runs from 5 to 9 p.m. and promises to immerse visitors in festive cheer with over 10,000 lights illuminating both the museum’s interior and exterior. Opening Night Nov. 29 Santa will be visiting, bring a camera to capture a picture with Santa.

Outside, hop aboard one of the museum’s cozy, closed trolley cars and ride through the enchanting “Tunnel of Lights”. For a more immersive experience, brave the winter chill on one of the open-air trolleys, entirely adorned with holiday lights for an unforgettable view of the tunnel. Bundle up, bring blankets, and enjoy the crisp air as you take in the festive atmosphere.

Inside, the Visitor Center transforms into a Winter Wonderland, featuring elaborate model train layouts, twinkling lights, and holiday decorations that will captivate visitors of all ages. With something magical around every corner, it is the perfect destination for families and holiday enthusiasts alike.

Admission ranges from \$16 to \$21 per person, and all tickets must be purchased in advance through the museum’s website at [www.ct-trolley.org](http://www.ct-trolley.org). Museum members enjoy half off admission, making it a wonderful time to join and celebrate the season at the Connecticut Trolley Museum.

### Breakfast with Santa

Kick off the holiday season with a magical morning at Breakfast with Santa at the Connecticut Trolley Museum on Dec 7. This unforgettable experience includes a delicious



breakfast, a festive trolley ride, and access to the beautifully decorated Visitor Center—all while Santa himself makes a special appearance to spread holiday cheer.

Breakfast features a hearty and delicious spread, including fluffy scrambled eggs, pancakes, assorted donuts, freshly brewed coffee, juice, and water. After enjoying a meal, take a memorable trolley ride through the scenic museum grounds, decked out in holiday splendor, and explore the Connecticut Fire Museum, located right next door. Marvel at a collection of antique fire trucks and historical fire apparatus, all included with your admission. This family-friendly event offers a full morning of festive fun for all ages. Admission is \$25 per person, with discounted tickets for museum members at just \$20. Come celebrate the season in style, with Santa, delicious food, and a whole lot of holiday magic.

### Storytime Trolley with Santa and Elf

A great program for our younger visitors. Storytime Trolley with Santa & his Elf will run on Saturday Dec 7 and Dec. 14. Visitors will enjoy a ride in a decorated vintage trolley car where Santa will visit with each child and be engaged the entire ride on the trolley. Also, while on board Santa’s elf will read a holiday story and each child will complete a craft. Following the Trolley ride, Museum guests will head to the Visitors Center which has been transformed into a Winter Wonderland with multiple model train layouts

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## Knights

### put up good fight

HOLYOKE – Last Wednesday night, the Holyoke High School boys soccer team had a rare independent game against one of the top programs in the state as they took on multi-time state champion Belchertown.

The Knights fought the Orioles tough and fell 2-1 on the road. Holyoke fell to 2-12-2 on the season.

They were scheduled for non-playoff games this week.



Don Ampopf plays the ball off his chest. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Christian Piedra tries to settle the ball and move up the field.

### Holyoke split final games

*Will not make states*

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke High School girls volleyball team needed two wins to qualify for the state tournament. Unfortunately for the Knights, they only got one.

Last Tuesday, the Knights fell on the road at Pittsfield 3-1. They would beat Southwick at home 3-0 in its final match, but the Knights finished the season with an 8-10 record.

They are not ranked in the top 32 in the state and will not qualify for the Division 2 state tournament for the first time since the tournament began.



Nathaniel Gomes gets the header.



Ryan Kennedy circles around the ball.



Nayan Tabin dribbles ahead of pressure.



Jesus Morales grabs a snap.

### Another tough matchup for Knights

HOLYOKE – Last Friday night, Holyoke High School football fell to 2-5 on the season and face Westfield in Week 8. The Knights will be in nonplayoff action for Central High School

62-0. The Knights fell to 2-5 on the season and face Westfield in Week 8. The Knights will be in nonplayoff action for Weeks 9 and 10.



Jaden Diaz tries to pull off block.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Xavier German is pulled down near the sideline.



Parker Brunelle kicks off for the Knights.



The Knights defense tries to guard against a point-after kick.

# Thunderbirds score bounce-back win over Hartford

HARTFORD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (3-5-0-0) bounced back from a pair of defeats to finish the three-game weekend with a 5-2 win over the Hartford Wolf Pack (3-2-0-1) on Sunday at the XL Center.

The T-Birds faced challenges before the game even began, as seven lineup regulars were unavailable due to injury. Despite their shorthanded lineup, Steve Konowalchuk's T-Birds came out with a purpose, generating a pair of power plays in the opening half of the opening period, and forcing Louis Domingue to make many great saves in tight. Domingue's best work was when he reached back the paddle of his stick and pulled a loose puck dangerously close to the goal line.

The Wolf Pack, though, still managed to get on the board first, as top-

line centerman Bo Groulx pounced on a loose puck in center, roared in on the right wing, and snapped a perfect wrist shot off the inside of the post behind Colten Ellis to make it a 1-0 game at 8:16.

That precise shot would be the only blemish on Ellis's record in an opening period that saw the young T-Birds back-stop deny 11 Hartford chances, including several on a pair of Wolf Pack power plays.

At the other end, the T-Birds' third line evened the slate less than three minutes after Groulx's opening marker as Drew Callin swooped in front from behind Domingue's net and surprised the veteran with a wraparound through the legs to make it a 1-1 tie at 11:12.

The gutsy effort continued in the middle stanza, and Dalibor Dvorsky was

rewarded at 8:52 with his third goal of the campaign. After skating the puck out of danger and entering the offensive zone, the 19-year-old pulled up on the left-wing boards and created a shooting lane. The rookie's flip shot into traffic found a home through Domingue's legs and gave Springfield its first lead of the day, 2-1, at 8:52.

Not even three minutes later, Tanner Dickinson entered the scoring realm as he took a beautiful setup from Michael Buchinger and lifted a forehand over Domingue's stick at 11:08. Dickinson's first AHL goal of the season also marked Buchinger's first career point as a pro, and it gave Springfield a 3-1 lead into the third.

Just nine seconds into the final period, Springfield added to the lead as Hugh McGing spotted a wide-open

Marcus Sylvegard at the net front for a tap-in. It tied for the fastest goal in any period in team history and propelled the T-Birds to a 4-1 advantage.

Ex-Hartford defenseman Hunter Skinner exacted some payback against his old team at 3:28, taking a drop from Dylan Peterson and rifling a wrister under the crossbar to build the lead up to 5-1.

Hartford mustered only one goal in response when Dylan Roobroeck stuffed a rebound through Ellis at 10:32. The Springfield goaltender put up his fourth consecutive start with just two goals allowed, stopping 27 shots for the game.

The T-Birds look to build upon the win on Friday night when they welcome the Bridgeport Islanders to the MassMutual Center for the first time this season. Puck drop is set for 7:05 p.m.

# Worcester Railers score shutout of Maine Mariners

PORTLAND, ME – The Worcester Railers HC (2-2-0-0 4pts) beat the Maine Mariners (1-4-0-0, 2pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 in front of a crowd of 2,947 at Cross Insurance Arena. The Railers are back on the ice next at Norfolk Scope taking on the Norfolk Admirals on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:05 p.m. EST.

Worcester got the scoring started tonight with Justin Gill (1-2-3) breakaway goal 6:22 into the period. Seven minutes later at 13:33 Matthew

Kopperud (1-0-1) finished back-side to give the Railers a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The Railers continued their scoring late in the second when Riley Piercey (1-0-1) got his first goal of the season. Piercey scored with two minutes remaining in the period extending Worcester's lead to 3-0. Worcester finished the scoring off on the player play with a power play goal from Mason Klee 8:41 into the third, cementing the Railers 4-0 win.

Worcester found the back of the net first tonight, as Justin Gill (1st) forced

a turnover and took it down the ice all alone scoring with his backhanded shot just 6:22 into the first. Matthew Kopperud (2nd) took an intercepted pass down the ice and scored off passes from Justin Gill and Jack Randl out in front 13:33 into the period. Neither team scored after Kopperud, ending the period with Worcester leading 2-0. Maine outshot Worcester 16-9.

The second period seemed as if it would come without a score from either team until the Railers extended their lead to 3-0 thanks to Riley Piercey (1st).

Piercey broke the scoreless period 18 minutes in when he got one by Brad Arvanitis on the crossing dish from his teammate Justin Gill. Shots favored Worcester 12-11 in the second.

The Railers kept their great scoring night going in the third. Mason Klee (2nd) found the back of the net on the power play at 8:41 to make the Railers lead 4-0. The Mariners had a late power play opportunity, but the Railers penalty kill held strong on their perfect night. Shots favored Worcester 10-4 in the third and were even on the game 31-31.

# Owls fall to Plymouth State

WESTFIELD – Plymouth State took advantage of three short fields in the first half to build a big lead, as the Panthers topped Westfield State 35-7 in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference game at Panther Field in Plymouth, N.H. on Saturday.

The Panthers capitalized on drives of 41, 39, and 40 yards, capped by two 2-yard TD runs from Willie Lombard sandwiched around a 3-yard plunge from Greg Walker to build a 21-0 half-time lead.

Westfield drops to 2-5, 2-4 in the MASCAC with the loss, while Plymouth evens its record at 3-3 overall and 3-3 in the league.

The Panthers tacked on a punt return TD and recovered a scoop-and-score fumble recovery on a 70 yard TD return by Nick Marcinowski to put the finishing touches on the win.

Westfield got a late 4-yard rushing touchdown from Matt Varteresian for the Owls lone score of the day.

Defensive linemen Cade Nelson

and Anthony Messoro led the Owls with five tackles each.

Plymouth got 12 tackles from Evan Wilson.

Westfield was limited to just 79 yards rushing on the day, led by 46 from Dylan Disabella. Conor Schlittler led the Owls receivers with two catches for 36 yards. Westfield QB's combined to go 14-24 passing for 172 yards, led by Ryan Scott, who completed 10 of 17 for 125 yards.

Plymouth's offense was led by an efficient performance from Braden Lynn, who completed 13 of 17 passes for 144 yards. Mitchell Cripps was his top target with six catches for 47 yards. Walker finished with 27 yards on the ground.

Westfield actually outgained the Panthers, 251-197 yards on the day, and had 15 first downs to Plymouth's 10.

Westfield will have a quick turnaround for their next game, as the Owls travel to conference foe Mass Maritime for a rare Thursday night kickoff.

# Hall of Fame heads for Vegas

PHOENIX – Position Sports, in partnership with the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), announced that the 2027 Hall of Fame Series Las Vegas will take place at the iconic Allegiant Stadium on November 12, 2027, marking the first-ever basketball game at the renowned stadium.

The historic event will feature two marquee matchups between elite men's basketball programs: Arizona vs. Duke and Indiana vs. Kansas. Both games will once again be showcased on TNT Sports' networks and platforms, with additional programming information to be announced at a later date.

These four teams represent some of the most storied traditions in college basketball, with a combined 15 national championships, over 35 Hall of Famers, and a legion of passionate fans. The rivalry between Duke and Arizona, which will be on display in Tucson, Ariz., on November 22, as well as the timeless Kansas vs. Indiana matchup, is set to

provide fans an unforgettable experience and signal a significant milestone in Las Vegas' sports history.

Allegiant Stadium, home of the NFL's Las Vegas Raiders and Super Bowl LVIII, will be hosting its first college basketball games, showcasing the versatility of the venue. The stadium will also serve as the site for the 2028 NCAA Men's Final Four, further solidifying its position as a premier destination for top-tier sporting events.

The Hall of Fame Series, owned and operated by Position Sports, is a collection of multi-game, singular events that showcase several of the top collegiate basketball teams in exciting non-conference matchups played both domestically and abroad. The inaugural Hall of Fame Series took place in 2023 in Las Vegas, Charlotte, San Antonio, Toronto, and Phoenix, and the series continues its successful run in 2024 with upcoming stops in Las Vegas (November 4), Phoenix (November 14), Baltimore (November 15), and New York (December 14).

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lessly year-round to make this event possible, holding fundraisers to ensure that the Thanksgiving meal, which includes over 1,000 pounds of turkey and all the classic fixings, is fully funded.

Ron Grenier, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, shared his enthusiasm for the event, saying, "We look forward to it all year. All of us here feel great about it. More people in our organization get together to help out. We have a great time doing it."

"We are honored to be part of such a long-standing tradition that brings comfort and community to so many," said Lisa Lovell, Director of Nutrition at WestMass ElderCare. "The Knights of Columbus' generosity is inspiring, and together, we're able to reach people across the region to ensure they feel

cared for this Thanksgiving."

For those unable to attend in person, meal deliveries are available within the community. To order a meal for delivery, please contact the Knights of Columbus at 413-533-0938 or WestMass ElderCare

at 413-538-9020 by Nov. 20. If you would like to volunteer to help deliver meals, please contact the WestMass ElderCare Nutrition Department.

This annual event is a testament to the strength of the community and the

dedication of those committed to ensuring everyone can enjoy a warm meal this Thanksgiving.

### About WestMass ElderCare:

WestMass ElderCare (WMEC) has been serving the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers in Western Massachusetts for 50 years. Through its comprehensive services, WMEC aims to support individuals in maintaining their independence and dignity at home and in the community.

### About Knights of Columbus:

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to serving communities through charitable initiatives. Each year, the Knights host events to support local families, including their long-standing Thanksgiving meal service in Chicopee.





**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: 836 3939 8493; CALL IN \*67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance Sec 6.4.6.4 an Increase in Sign Size and Quantity for a Burlington sign, at 39 Holyoke Street (Parcel 174-00-020), submitted by Holyoke Crossing, LLC.

The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke Planning Dept M-F, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Applicant:  
Blair Sign Programs

Planning Board:  
Mimi Panitch  
10/25, 11/01/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD24P2169EA**

**Estate of: Dominic L. Falcetti Date of Death: August 4, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary L. Falcetti of South Hadley, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Mary L. Falcetti of South Hadley, 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.

11/01/2024

**City of Holyoke Notice of Public hearing**

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing to hear a zoning ordinance amendment proposal so that no group homes, profit or non-profit, be allowed within the city limits of Holyoke, Ma without the approval of the Holyoke City Council. Hearing will take place on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID 829 0560 0479 Meeting Passcode 358486 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. For a copy of the application or to provide comments, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at [Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org](mailto:Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org) or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair,  
Israel Rivera  
10/25, 11/01/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24P2253EA Estate of: Hugh E Hurlburt, Jr. Date of Death: 05/24/2024 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kathleen M Wohlers 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: **Kathleen M Wohlers 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 11/22/2024. 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.**

**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 25, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
11/01/2024

**City of Holyoke NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 5:15 pm**. You can join via Zoom.com; ID **83974921923**; CALL IN: \*67 646 558 8656 or in person at **20 Korean Veterans Plaza Room 406**, regarding the application for a **Transfer of an on premises All Alcohol License from GCA LLC DBA Gateway City Arts, 92 Race Street to Laudable Productions LLC, 92 Race St.** pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant:  
Laudable Productions, LLC  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano, Chairman  
10/25, 11/01/2025

**CITY OF HOLYOKE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com**; ID: 836-3939-8493; CALL IN \*67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a **Site Plan Review** (Sec 10A); Holyoke MA BESS Lightshift Energy (File 165), submitted by

Delorean Power LLC dba Lightshift Energy (176-00-036).

A complete copy of the application may be seen in the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, M-F.

APPLICANT:  
Delorean Power LLC dba Lightshift Energy  
PLANNING BOARD:  
Mimi Panitch, Chair  
11/01, 11/08/2024

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT GAS ROTARY METERS ANNUAL CONTRACT**

Sealed bids for the above contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept until **3:00 p.m., November 12, 2024**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St, Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

Additional information may be obtained from:

Chi Wong  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept  
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 that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelope

lopes "Bid for Gas Rotary Meters Annual Contract" and address them to:

**James M. Lavelle, Manager**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept  
99 Suffolk St  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
11/01/2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24P2216EA Estate of: Bonnie Marla Stein Date of Death: 08/15/2024 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 **Scott E Stein of West Dover, VT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Scott E Stein of West Dover, VT** 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 11/22/2024 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.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 25, 2024  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**, Register of Probate  
11/01/2024

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& lights galore. The cost is \$25 for any age, half off for members and ticket sales must be made in advance.

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All aboard the elegant Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad #303, affectionately known as the 'Roarin' Elgin' or the 'Great Third Rail,' for some old-fashioned holiday fun on Dec. 8 and Dec.15. Passengers will board the historic car and enjoy a festive journey filled with hot chocolate in a souvenir cup, a cookie, and a candy cane-all served with holiday cheer by two friendly elves. As the train turns around, kids will have the chance to write letters to Santa, which will be collected on the Westbound trip and delivered straight to Santa's mailbox in the Visitor Center. After the ride, families are welcome to explore the Visitor Center as we prepare for the next magical adventure. The cost is \$30 for any age, half off for members and

ticket sales must be made in advance.

Tickets are encouraged to be made in advance to secure a spot at [www.ct-trolley.org](http://www.ct-trolley.org). Walk-ins are welcome, but availability is not guaranteed. These events will be held rain or shine, ensuring nothing stops your holiday festivities. Please note that all ticket sales are final, and refunds or ticket transfers will only be honored up to seven days prior to the event date. After this period, no changes can be made. Transfers will have a charge associated with the transaction. No-shows will be charged the full price, so be sure to plan ahead and reserve your spot early for these festive experience. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your departure time.

The Connecticut Trolley Museum is located at 58 North Road (Rt. 140) and is 15 minutes north of Hartford and 15 minutes south of Springfield. For more information, please call our business office at 860-627-6540 or visit our website at [www.ct-trolley.org](http://www.ct-trolley.org).

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**WARREN WATER DISTRICT** is hiring for part-time office help. Please apply in person at **988 Main St., Warren. 413-436-9819**. EOE.

## TOWN OF WILBRAHAM

### DIRECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES

The Town of Wilbraham is looking for a Director of Veterans Services. For application and more information please visit [www.wilbraham-ma.gov](http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov). EOE

## HELP WANTED

### TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

#### HIGHWAY POSITION OPENING

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest from qualified candidates to fill **two full-time Equipment Operator/General Laborer** positions in the Town Highway Department.

Valid MA CDL operator, Hydraulic Hoister's licenses and OSHA-10 certification is preferred.

- Highway maintenance laborer salary rate range: \$18.16 - \$26.46
- Highway maintenance laborer with CDL and Hoister's license salary rate range: \$25.00 - \$36.41

Further information can be found on the Town's website:

[www.worthington-ma.us](http://www.worthington-ma.us)

Questions will be answered by the Highway Superintendent at 64 Huntington Road, Monday-Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM; 413-238-5830 or send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to: [worthingtonhighway@gmail.com](mailto:worthingtonhighway@gmail.com) or to Worthington Highway Department, PO Box 643, Worthington, MA, 01098. This posting will remain pertinent until the two positions are filled.

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## HELP WANTED

### TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT OPENING

##### Highway Department

The Town of Worthington is soliciting letters of interest and resumes from qualified candidates to fill the position of Highway Superintendent.

Nature of work: The Highway Superintendent is responsible for administering and overseeing the daily activities of the Highway Department including the maintenance and repair of town roads, parks, bridges, equipment maintenance and snow/ice removal operations.

This is a benefited position which requires a thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of highway department maintenance, construction and procurement.

Salary rate range: \$62,941.00 - \$91,707.00, with potential for winter overtime.

More information can be found on the Town of Worthington website:

[www.worthington-ma.us](http://www.worthington-ma.us)

Please send letter of interest, resume and three (3) references with relevant contact information to:

[selectboard@worthington-ma.us](mailto:selectboard@worthington-ma.us). This posting will remain pertinent until the positions are filled.

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## HELP WANTED

### Worthington Police Department 51 Huntington Road, Worthington, MA 01098

**FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER**  
The Worthington Police Department is seeking qualified candidates for Full-time Police Officer.

Applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age or older, a U.S. Citizen and possess a valid driver's license.

They should also have a high school diploma/GED, license to carry and be certified by Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and be POST certified.

This is a benefited position with a salary range of: \$52,000.00 - \$75,733.00. The successful candidate shall be highly motivated, self-disciplined and possess a community policing philosophy and live in, or near Worthington. Previous candidates must reapply.

Send letter of interest, resume and three references with relevant contact information to:

**Worthington Police Department  
P.O. Box 246  
Worthington, MA 01098**

Or via email to:

[chief@worthingtonpd.org](mailto:chief@worthingtonpd.org)

Subject line: Employment

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## Classified Advertising

### DEADLINE

MONDAY AT NOON

## HOMEOWNERS, from page 1

According to Larose, Mayor Joshua Garcia himself said that 634 properties had received the initial letter warning them to come into compliance with the building code.

Of those 634 properties, only 67 were able to come into compliance within the deadline the city had set. The remaining 567 were fined.

Larose was concerned about the number of people fined and by the rate of the fines themselves. She and hundreds of other property owners have formed a Facebook group where they have discussed next steps and tried to support one another.

Many of these people could find themselves in severe financial distress should these fines go through.

"Many of us have been fined at such a rate that we are at risk of losing our

homes," Larose said.

This could not only mean problems for the property owners, but also the 64% of the Holyoke population that rents. They could see their rents increase or also be at risk of losing their rental homes.

"It's dangerous for all of us," Larose said.

Due to the level of distress Larose was seeing in her community, she reached out to several city councilors to work toward a solution to this problem.

The city council met on Oct. 15 and at the meeting many property owners came forward to share their experiences with this issue.

Following their presentation, the council passed the first reading of two ordinances. The first ordinance requested that the city establish a moratorium to give multi-family property owners more time to come into compliance with the order.

Within the order it stated that the two-month rollout for the property owners to come into compliance was unrealistic and that, based on state regulations, the property owners should have had 18 to 36 months to come into compliance.

"This was a horrible, horrible roll out," City Councilor David Bartley said. "Everything should just be rescinded, go back to ground level here."

While this moratorium is in place, no fines will be accrued and all previous fines will be rescinded.

The council also passed the first reading of an ordinance requesting an ad-hoc committee made up of representatives from the building commission, the city council and multi-family homeowners.

This committee will focus on improving this process for the future.

However, before these ordinances are implemented, they must go before the mayor and also be discussed in the ordi-

nance committee of the city council.

Larose hopes that this process will move quickly.

"I hope that they will be signed in an expeditious fashion, but we don't know at this point," Larose said.

Also at this city council meeting was City Attorney Jane Mantolesky, who promised that the law department is working hard with the building department to try to help solve this issue.

"We did already speak with the building department and ask that no other letters go out," Mantolesky said. "We have been waving to the extent that we can."

Mantolesky encourages property owners who are facing this problem and who have questions to reach out to her over the phone or via email so she and her department can try to help them.

Her contact information can be found at the city website at <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/solicitor/>.

## CELEBRATED, from page 1

were invited to bring pictures of their loved ones and any offerings they'd like to include on the community ofrenda.

Raúl Gutiérrez, HCC associate professor of Spanish, coordinator of HCC's Latinx Studies program, advisor to the LEA club, and a native of Mexico, gave a brief talk about the significance of the holiday.

Guests and participants will also were able to enjoy pan de muerto, bread traditionally baked in Mexico during the weeks leading up to Día de los Muertos.

HCC celebrated Día de los Muertos for the first time in November 2022.

"This is another opportunity for us at HCC to celebrate the unique culture of our Latinx community," said Julissa Colón, director of El Centro.



## HPS, from page 1

district to make progress on ensuring all students are receiving a high-quality education, and we look forward to continuing to work together to ensure they can successfully exit receivership next year."

The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education named Holyoke Public Schools a chronically underperforming district in 2015, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) worked with the community to build a turnaround plan. Since then, the district has been led by a state-appointed superintendent/receiver focused on implementing the plan, which was most recently renewed in 2022. The district's current superintendent/receiver, Anthony Soto, is a Holyoke graduate himself.

During the spring and summer of this year, the Holyoke School Committee's Local Control Subcommittee worked with DESE to create a capacity building plan, and the full School Committee approved it in August. The plan focuses on implementing governance activities with targeted training supports in four key areas of school district governance: hiring a superintendent, evaluating a superintendent, budgeting

and finance, and developing policy.

In a letter to school district families as well as the community at-large, Receiver/Superintendent Anthony Soto and Mayor Joshua Garcia, who serves as chair of the school committee, lauded the progress made by the schools since the receivership started.

According to the letter, accomplishments include:

- A 14-point increase in the district's graduation rate to 74.6% in 2023, with even more dramatic improvements for students who are English Learners (23-point increase) and students with disabilities (18-point increase);

- Doubling access to pre-kindergarten programming to more than 500 seats, while dramatically expanding full-day PreK;

- A majority of juniors and seniors completing advanced coursework (advanced placement, dual enrollment, early college, and work-based learning) as part of our high school redesign, reaching 57% last year;

- A dramatic expansion of dual language programming, with more than 750 students in grades PreK-8 now enrolled in the program, representing 20% of our students;

- A 19-point increase in teachers of

color, reaching 32%; and

- Investments of more than \$100 million in the physical infrastructure of our existing schools and construction of a new middle school scheduled to open in August 2025.

"Together, we have rebuilt a school district that appropriately balances high expectations and high support for students and staff," the letter from Soto and Garcia states. "We have strengthened our students' educational experiences by implementing high-quality, standards-aligned curriculum; by coaching our educators to apply strong teaching practices in the classroom; and by analyzing and acting on student performance data. We have dramatically improved the operations of central services, ensuring schools have what they need to best support students and families. Most importantly, we have witnessed students growing as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists, musicians, artists, athletes, and community members."

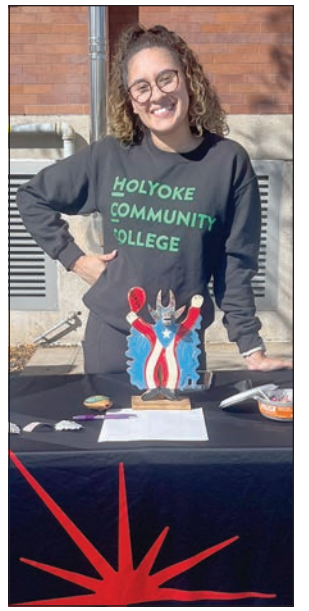
Garcia said the Capacity Building Plan, which will be used for the transition back to local control, will continue to be worked on and evaluated over the course of the school year. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months.



Holyoke STEM Academy's performing group STEM Beats performed at Holyoke District Courthouse for the cultural celebration day.



Outreach and Event Coordinator from Nuestra Raices Sicry Garcia tabled at the Holyoke District Courthouse's cultural celebration day.  
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Sintique Carillo from Holyoke Community College volunteered her time at the cultural celebration day.



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**CULTURE, from page 1**

These organizations included the Greater Holyoke YMCA, Pa'lante, Nuestras Raíces, Massachusetts Behavioral Health Network and Holyoke Community College.

Both Yasin and Nielsen hope that this event will give people a chance to celebrate different cultures and that it will show people that the courts are trying to remain connected with the community.

"It's a way to do outreach and really in a compassionate way show that we care," Yasin said. "Every case is representing a person, representing a family and we want, from the court's perspective, to embrace the community."

To those working in the courts it is important to them that the people they work with know that they are more than just cases on a desk, but are instead seen as individuals with their own histories

and beliefs.

They hope that events like these will demonstrate to the community that the courts truly do care about the individual.

"We care about the whole person, not just what brought you to the courthouse," Yasin said.

They also hope that this event will bring the community together and help them to begin to connect with one another and understand different people and cultures.

"People coming together to celebrate our identities collectively, it really helps not only for us to be more cohesive as a community...and it helps to eradicate implicit bias because we get to know each other and with more familiarity comes a sense of comfort and understanding," Yasin said.

They believe that this event will be the first of many more such community celebrations in the future.


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