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FinCom endorses funds for security cameras

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Finance Committee unanimously approved to recommend to the city council the transfer of funds from the capital stabilization fund to Holyoke Police Department to pay for 38 new cameras to be installed around the city.

The funds asked for these cameras totalled \$256,000.

The PD needs new cameras as, of the 28 cameras currently installed around the city, only four are functioning.

“The transfer is for the city wide cameras, it’s going to fix the current cameras we have, replace them, and then add 10 new ones,” Police Chief David Pratt said. “We currently only have four that are operational, they’re pretty old, I believe they

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‘Key to the City’ scavenger hunt comes to an end with ceremony



People who completed the Key to the City Scavenger Hunt gather in the mayor’s office to hear the winners of the different contest categories and to receive their keys to the city.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

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Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke’s Key to the City Scavenger Hunt has officially come to a close with a ceremony at City Hall on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 1 p.m.

Anyone who had completed the scavenger hunt was invited to come to Mayor

Joshua Garcia’s office to find out who had won the prize categories.

There were four categories available for prizes, The Trailblazer Award for being the fastest to complete the hunt, The Visionary Lense award for the best quality-photos, The Whimsy and Wonder Award for the most creative photos and The You and Me Award for

the best photos submitted by a youth and adult team.

Joseph Tissi received the Visionary Lense award for his consistent quality of photos as well as his ingenuity with positioning his sock mouse, which was his photo avatar.

“They were very creative and really high quality,” Holyoke Preservation Trust Member and Scavenger

Hunt Co-Organizer Meagan Magrath-Smith said.

“The judge liked that you kept high quality in composition throughout,” Holyoke Preservation Trust Member and Scavenger Hunt Co-Organizer Robert Comeau said to Tissi.

Laura Meara was the fastest to complete the hunt, taking a mere six days from when the hunt was announced. For her efforts, she received the Trailblazer Award.

Kerry Harvey was the most creative, earning the Whimsy and Wonder Award. She made each photo she submitted look as though it was an excerpt from a newspaper

“Each photograph was like you were unfolding a paper,” Magrath-Smith said. “Each one had a mini article about the site and then the photograph in it.”

Unfortunately, there were no submissions for the You and Me Award.

All first place winners receive a \$100 cash prize to honor their efforts.

Second place winners also received prizes. They

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IT'S GOOD TO BE BAD ON HALLOWEEN



The City Auditor’s office won best costumes at City Hall’s Halloween contest. Tanya Wdowiak as Ursula, Sharon Bittner-Willis as Cruella, Alyana Natal as Malificent and Minerva Ramos as the Evil Queen dressed up as Disney villains.

Submitted photo



Carson Langlois, Jahmia Stevenson and Wayne Lavalle from Altitude Trampoline Park passed out candy to trick-or-treaters.

Turley photos

Mall hosts annual trick-or-treat event

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Hundreds of Holyoke community members participated in the annual Holyoke Mall at Ingleside trick-or-treat event from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

This event is hosted by the mall each year in order to give

the people of Holyoke a safe environment to trick-or-treat in.

“It’s a great event for people to come in and have a safe and controlled environment to spend their Halloween,” Marketing Director Ruth Hastings said. “We also just

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Indigenous Heritage Celebration hosted Nov. 5

HOLYOKE – Join Attack Bear Press and Wistariahurst Museum on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., as they host this year's second annual Indigenous Heritage Celebration. This year's event centers around the theme of land sovereignty with an amazing panel discussion featuring indigenous leaders, activists, and experts. Our panelists include Rachel Beth Sayet, Rhonda Anderson, Ella Nathanael Alkiewicz, and Anthony Melting Tallow, with Jason Montgomery from Attack Bear Press moderating.

Rachel Beth Sayet, or Akitusut (She Who Reads), a member of the Mohegan Nation. Sayet brings a unique perspective to the discussion, having been raised with the spirits of her ancestors, learn-

ing traditional stories and teachings, and actively participating in tribal events.

Rhonda Anderson, an Iñupiaq-Athabaskan from Alaska, will share the creation story of Ohketeau Cultural Center and the incredible, first-of-its-kind relationship of a true partnership, reciprocity, and land back with Double Edge Theatre in Ashfield, Massachusetts.



Anthony Melting Tallow, Bo'taan'niis (Flying Chief), a Visual Artist, Public Speaker, Poet, and Indigenous social justice advocate.

Ella Nathanael Alkiewicz (she/her) is a versatile individual, blending her self-taught artistic and poetic talents with formal training in early childhood education, journalism, Native studies, and nonfiction writing.

Jason Montgomery is a Chicano of

Indigenous Californian/Mexican heritage, is a writer, painter, and community artist hailing from El Centro, California. In 2016, he co-founded Attack Bear Press in Easthampton, MA.

This amazing event is sponsored by the MCC Festival Grant and food for the event is being sponsored by The Greater Holyoke Council for Human Understanding, making food and admission for this event absolutely free. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with the community, learn about vital issues and immerse yourself in rich, cultural expressions.

For more information visit: <https://wistariahurst.org/events/indigenous-heritage-celebration/>.

Free diabetes wellness fair

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Medical Center will be hosting a free diabetes wellness fair on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Holyoke YMCA located at 171 Pine St. This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored in part by Abbott, Abbott Nutrition, Dexcom, and Novo Nordisk.

"Holyoke Medical Center is dedicated to improving the health of the community we serve, and this event aims to support those with diabetes who want a more balanced, healthy life. Guests can learn about household-wide lifestyle changes to help prevent or manage this chronic disease," says Lisa Wray Schechterle, director of Community Benefits at Holyoke Medical Center. "Living with diabetes can be challenging but with a team-based approach that addresses the whole body, Holyoke Medical Center is here to help and be a

part of your journey."

Registered dietitians from Holyoke Medical Center will have food samples and recipes to share, prepared by HCC Culinary students. The Greater Holyoke YMCA will demonstrate how to incorporate exercise into a daily routine. Guests can learn about Holyoke Medical Center specialties available to support diabetes care.

The diabetes wellness fair will also offer free blood pressure screenings, type 2 diabetes risk test questionnaire, raffles, and more. Children's activities, including a bounce house, will be included.

Pharmacists will be on hand to discuss medications available to treat diabetes. Private consultations with the pharmacists for those with more in-depth questions about medications and how to manage their diabetes will also be available.

TAC seeks new logo design

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke's Tourism Advisory Committee is pleased to announce they are seeking designs for the TAC logo. Design submission deadline is Dec. 8, by tagging @exploreholyokey on Instagram or Facebook with #holyokeytourism and emailing a high resolution copy of the design to brazeaum@holyokey.org.

The winning design will be selected by the Tourism Advisory Committee.

Prizes: 1st Place- \$500, 2nd Place- International Volleyball Hall of Fame swag package with pint glass, shirt, sticker and 4 free passes and 3rd Place- Holyoke 150th Anniversary commemorative book.

UCC hosts community meal

HOLYOKE – The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is hosting its monthly community meal on Friday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. featuring traditional Thanksgiving fare. A family movie immediately follows 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 featured 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. We welcome all individuals, regardless of where they are on their journey. If you'd like to learn more about UCCH, please visit our website at www.uccholyoke.org, find us on Facebook or Instagram, or call our office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Residents asked to volunteer

HOLYOKE – Mayor Joshua A. Garcia is asking interested residents to consider volunteering for the Holyoke Board of Appeals within the city government. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to serve our community. The Board of Appeals has the following responsibilities:

To hear and decide appeals or petitions for variances with respect to particular land or structures, as set forth in G.L. c. 40A, s. 10. To hear and decide appeals taken by any person aggrieved

by reason of the inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from any administrative office under the provisions of G.L. c. 40A, ss. 7, 8 and 15. To hear and decide comprehensive permits for construction of low- or moderate-income housing by a public agency or limited dividend corporation, as set forth in G.L. c. 40B, ss. 20-23.

If interested in applying for this Board, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to: mayorsoffice@holyokey.org.

Jeffrey Lewis at Gateway City Arts Nov. 8

HOLYOKE – Jeffery Lewis, an anti-folk cult songwriter from New York City, will perform at Gateway City Arts on Nov. 8 from 8-10 p.m.

Lewis has toured globally and is touring the Northeast with The Burning Hell. He's shared stages with acts like Daniel Johnston, Roky Erickson, The Fall, Stephen Malkmus & The Jicks, The Vaselines, and The Mountain Goats.

Accompanying Lewis will be The Burning Hell. The Burning Hell consists of Mathias Kom and multi-instrumentalists Ariel Sharratt and Jake Nicoll. This is a seated show with room for dancing and full bar in the theater. The Bistro will serve food from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$21 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available at gatewaycityarts.com.

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HCC to host health careers open house Nov. 15

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will host an open house at its Center for Health Education & Simulation on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m., for anyone interested in exploring educational programs and careers in healthcare, animal care, or human services. This event is free and open to the public.

Visitors to the Health Careers Open House are welcome to tour HCC's state-of-the-art health education facility and talk to representatives from the college's programs in nursing (RN and LPN), radiologic technology, veterinary and animal science, medical assisting, CHW (community health worker), direct care, EMT (emergency medical technician), Foundations of Health (Public Health), CNA (certified nursing assistant), medical billing and coding, and human services.



Nursing student Gabriela Artin of Westfield performs a wellness check on a "patient" in one of the simulation rooms at HCC's Center for Health Education & Simulation. Submitted Photo

The building, located at 404 Jarvis Ave., just off the main HCC campus, is home to the college's nursing and radiologic technology programs, and medical simulation labs.

There will also be representatives attending from the offices of financial aid, admissions, advising, and workforce development to talk to prospective students about their educational options and career pathways.

"This is an excellent opportunity to explore all of our health majors at one time, see our state-of-the-art simulation labs, meet our faculty and staff, and learn all about our outstanding student support services," said nursing resource coordinator Dee Westcott.

To register in advance for this event, please visit hcc.edu/open-house-health.

For more information, please contact Dee Westcott at dwestcott@hcc.edu or advising@hcc.edu.

Holyoke to share in \$1 million to reduce asthma triggers

BOSTON – On Thursday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced nearly \$4.2 million to fund seven projects across Massachusetts that advance environmental justice, including \$1 million to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to improve asthma outcomes in Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield. The DPH will use the money to achieve measurable and meaningful improvements in asthma outcomes through the reduction of home environmental asthma triggers in those three communities. It will leverage various funding sources and provide in-home environmental remediations to address the needs of vulnerable residents and communities, according to the EPA.

The \$4.2 million will also include projects across the state such as awarding

Boston \$1 million for improving indoor air quality and electric infrastructure of properties in Dorchester by replacing gas stoves with electric coil ranges and induction stoves, promoting environmental benefits, green job opportunities, and addressing public health concerns such as asthma in the community.

The organizations, which EPA has selected through its Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Cooperative Agreement and Environmental Justice Government-to-Government programs, will use the funds to ensure disadvantaged communities that have historically suffered from under investment have access to clean air and water and climate resilience solutions.

"EPA strongly believes that historically disadvantaged and overburdened com-

munities must have a place at the table as we work toward climate and environmental justice. Successful environmental justice programs are built with community collaboration, common goals, and community empowerment," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David Cash.

"The climate crisis isn't just on our doorsteps, it is in our classrooms and our homes, and it doesn't hit our communities equally from Boston to Springfield," said U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, D-Malden. "I applaud the EPA for awarding more than \$2 million to environmental justice communities across Massachusetts so that all Bay Staters can breathe clean air, stay healthy and safe, save their hard-earned money, and put the principles of the Green New Deal revolution into practice to lower costs and save our planet."

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, EPA has launched and expanded innovative programs to provide more support than ever before to communities that unjustly bear the burdens of environmental harm and pollution. This includes the \$177 million for the creation of 16 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers to remove barriers to federal resources and help communities pursue funding opportunities like those made available through President Biden's Investing in America Agenda. EPA has also launched and will award funds through the \$550 million Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program before the end of 2023.

To learn more about environmental justice at EPA, visit <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice>.

Annual food drive starts Nov. 17

HOLYOKE – The Wealth Transition Collective, a financial planning firm out of Holyoke, recently announced it will host their 4th annual weeklong food drive, beginning Monday, Nov. 13 through Friday, Nov. 17, to benefit Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke in honor of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Since the start of this event, they have collected over 3,000 pounds of food and raised monetary donations of over \$5,000.

Individuals can drop off non-perishable and canned foods during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at their office at 1632 Northampton St. Weather permitting, there will be a drop-off table outside the front door for easy accessibility.

Some of the most-needed items

at the pantry during this time of year are: stuffing mixes, canned good like gravy, soups, stews, baking mixes, frosting, syrup, salad dressing, condiments, Jell-O, and kid's 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.

"We feel very fortunate to be in a position to make a difference in the community by supporting the efforts of organizations like The Providence Ministries for the Needy" said Greg Sheehan, CEO of the Wealth Transition Collective in a press release.

ARPA program 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.

Local students named RAs

SPRINGFIELD – The following students from your area have been named Resident Advisors for the 2023-2024 academic year at American International College. AIC applauds these students for their excellence in leadership.

Xavier Ramos of Holyoke is working toward a Master of Public Health.

Naisha Ortiz of Holyoke is working toward a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Resident Advisors are students chosen for their leadership qualities, interpersonal skills, and dedication to fostering a positive impact on their fellow students. Among the RA's respon-

sibilities are mentoring, community building, safety and security, policy enforcement, and communication.

As mentors, RAs at AIC provide guidance and support to students living in the residence halls, helping them adapt to college life, resolve conflicts, and make responsible choices. RAs also create a sense of community within the residence halls by organizing activities and social events and serving as a liaison between residents and the College. These leaders also ensure the safety and security of AIC students living on campus by monitoring the building, responding to emergencies, and enforcing College policies.

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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters
By Russell Gloor



My birthday is on the first of the month; when should I claim Social Security?

Dear Rusty

I will be 62 on Nov. 1 and I have chosen to take my benefits early. I know that my benefit will be less than it would be if I waited and that does not concern me, but I don't want to be without income for a long period of time. I know that if my birthday is on the first or second of the month, then I can draw that month. Does that mean that when I turn 62 on Nov. 1 that I can receive my first check on the second Wednesday of November? And should I select November as the month I'd like my benefits to start? I also read that I would be paid the month following the month I select, hence my confusion.

Signed: Confused Senior

Dear Confused

There are a few different Social Security rules, which come into play in your specific circumstance which are likely creating your confusion. First, since you will be 62 on Nov. 1, you will first become eligible for Social Security starting with the month of November.

Those born on the first or second of the month are eligible for benefits for that entire month, whereas those who turn 62 later in the month wouldn't be eligible for benefits until the following month. To claim benefits, you must be 62 for the entire month and, because your birthday is on the first, your first month being 62 for the entire month will be November and that is the month you should specify as your benefit-start month on your

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Holyoke Sun welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Holyoke Sun, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to thesun@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Friday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call 413-283-8393.

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.

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



Guest Column

What I did (wrong) last summer

in the Garden
by Roberta McQuaid



I always joke that gardeners are an optimistic lot. We no sooner pick that last fruit and we are already thinking about next year's garden. Our goal may be to improve on our mistakes or simply try something new.

Mistakes do happen.

Oftentimes it's because we run out of time to do everything we should, or we do this or that to simply "get it done."

Sometimes we underestimate or overestimate. Sometimes we are hopeful but not practical.

Read on to learn about my imperfectness this past summer.

Right now, I have 50, three-inch apples staring at me when I walk to my car. Had I thinned said apples I would have had 10-15 five-inch apples.

What's the big deal? It's likely I'd fill a basket to the same height, be it with three-inch or five-inch fruit.

Of course, we all like bigger apples, but it goes well beyond that. I learned that seed production really tires out the tree, so fewer apples would mean fewer seeds and a happier tree.

I'll have to be observant come spring. Will my tree be too tired to bloom next year or bloom well?

If I'm lucky enough to have fruit clusters, I will indeed thin out all but one fruit per cluster. Ordinarily you would save the biggest one, but if it has any insect damage, it's best to take off that fruitlet and save another.

Thinning is especially important in young trees. While it's hard to wait for trees to bear, it's best to leave only a few fruit early on so that energy can go to strong roots and developing a healthy scaffold of branches.

As I stare out the window just now, I'm reminded of another misstep. I did not dead-head my spent lilac blooms.

Not only do the blackish seed heads look ugly, I fear that I will lose some flowers because of it. Seed production comes into play here too in terms of the plant expending energy and then being too depleted to perform well the next year.

Pruning or deadheading lilacs can take place any time before July 1, not to sacrifice flowers for the following spring.

My winter squash production was abysmal this summer. I had soil tests done last fall and did I follow the recommendations to the T? No.

I was told that my nitrogen and phos-

phorus were low. While I amended the rows for individual crops like tomatoes and green beans, I neglected to amend the larger area within my garden in which I grew my cucumbers and squash.

Being frugal I added a little compost to the rows (I was trying the row method and not the hill method this year) and called it done. The vines grew for a while, set a few fruit, then turned yellow.

Squash bugs overran.

I think I have three edible squash (actually I just checked and it's officially two!) from a 200 square foot area. The same area in year one, with fresh soil and no bugs yielded 50 fruit.

I was short on time and energy. Next year I will amend the soil per the test results.

The squash vine that has engulfed the chicken coop (not planted on purpose, mind you) is still lush and green, growing in all that nitrogen rich chicken fertilized soil. I only hope the two beautiful butternuts have a chance to fully ripen.

Another area in which I was lax was removing volunteer plants. I was so proud of my new perennial border, only to have many Cosmos seed themselves.

The bed was pretty enough but the tall cosmos through the whole design off. The Goldfinches were happy so that was a consolation, but next year they will have to be happy in another part of the garden where the Cosmos will be planted on purpose.

A long time ago someone told me the real definition of a weed: "a plant that grows where it is not supposed to regardless of whether it is a dandelion or a rose!"

I did do a few things correctly.

Planting a bed of carrots after the garlic was harvested was smart. They are ready for harvest and boy are they sweet now that colder temperatures have set in.

The succession of lettuce transplants I put in after the peas are also going strong. I am dreaming about next year already, despite my failures and I hope you are too!!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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A Quote

OF NOTE

"Food is better in November than any other time of the year."

Cynthia Rylant

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Letters to the Editor have a maximum of 350 words. We require writers to include their name, address and phone number in order for our office to authenticate authorship prior to publication. Addresses and phone numbers are not published.

Unsigned or anonymous letters will NOT be published.

We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions. Libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks or defamation of character are not allowed.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday at noon.

Please email (preferred) letters to thesun@turley.com. Mailed letters can be sent to *The Sun*, 24 Water Street, Palmer, MA 01069.



I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods



Ruby crowned kinglet

of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets.

Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.

Lots of wild turkeys

It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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application.

The next thing to be aware of is that Social Security pays benefits in the month following the month those benefits are earned. That means that your November benefits will be paid in December. The exact payment date is determined by the recipients birthday – born before the eleventh of the month, SS payments are made on the second Wednesday; born between the eleventh and twentieth of the month, payments are received on the third Wednesday of the

month and for those born after the twentieth of the month, payment is received on the fourth Wednesday.

Thus, since you were born on the first of the month and are claiming benefits to start in November, your first Social Security payment will be deposited in your bank account on the second Wednesday of December and all subsequent Social Security payments will be made on that same second-Wednesday schedule.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits up to 4 months prior to the month you wish them to start, and SS

recommends you apply at least 2 months prior to allow time for processing your application. On the application, they will ask which month you wish your benefits to begin, and you can indicate November to get your earliest possible payment in December.

Actually, you can simply select the following option on the Social Security benefit application: "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction," which will accomplish the same thing.

The Association Mature Citizens

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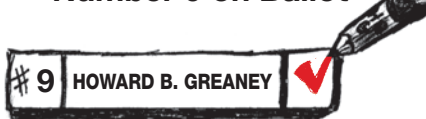
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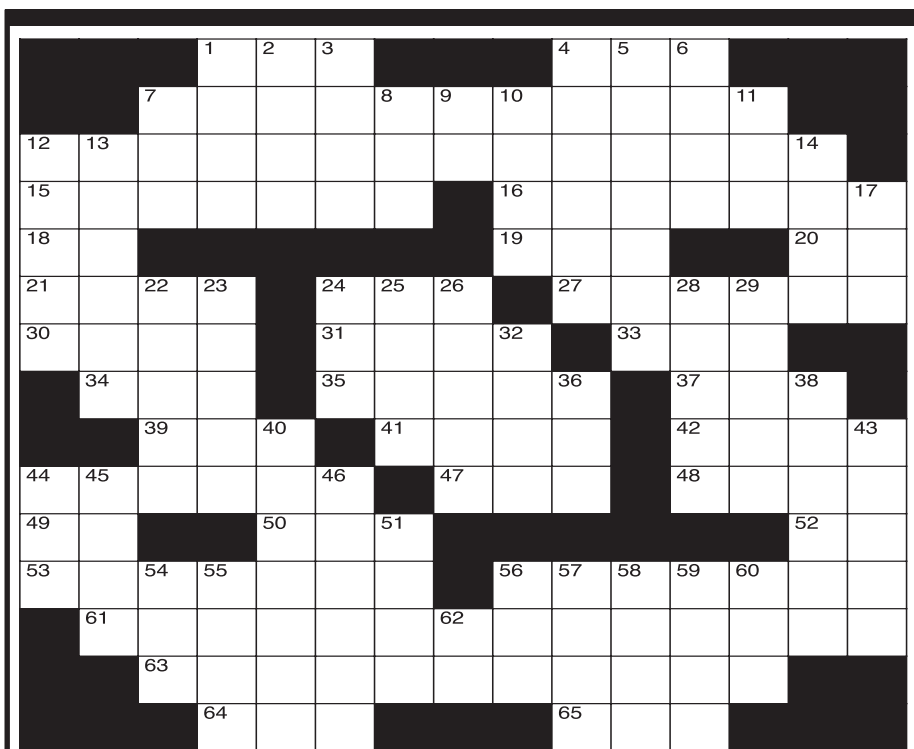
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1. A way to drop
4. Bits per inch
7. Ghosts
12. Presents
15. Noises
16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
18. Elevated railroad
19. A way to drench
20. The Tarheel State
21. Lilly and Manning are two
24. Where golfers begin
27. Harvester
30. Unit of subjective loudness
31. Jewish calendar month
33. Dash
34. Armed conflict
35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
37. Jump

CLUES DOWN

1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
44. African country
47. Cool!
48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease
49. __ route
50. Ed Murrow's home
52. Lethal dose
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
63. In an incisive way
64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
65. Criticize

2. A domed or vaulted recess
3. Trade agreement
4. Larger
5. Edged
6. Data
7. Something curved in shape
8. Root mean square (abbr.)
9. Farm state
10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
11. Short-term memory
12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
13. Honor as holy
14. Monetary unit of Samoa
17. Company that rings receipts
22. City in Finland
23. Small finch
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch

- cheese made in balls
26. Very willing
28. Partner to "oohed"
29. Turntable
32. Major Hindu deity
36. Move head slightly
38. Plain-woven fabric
40. Die
43. Shipped as cargo
44. Something highly prized
45. Individual thing or person
46. Humbled
51. Speak indistinctly
54. No seats available
55. Financial obligation
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Singer Charles
62. Camper

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In The News

WSU no longer emergency shelter

WESTFIELD – With Lammers Hall at Westfield State University no longer being considered by the state as a possible emergency assistance shelter for migrant families, Sen. Velis issued the following statement.

“Simply put, putting an emergency shelter in the heart of a campus defies all logic and reasoning. And unlike buildings considered at some other institutions like Salem State University, Lammers Hall also lacks access to critical services and is fully inadequate to serve as an emergency shelter,” said Velis, who was recently activated by the Massachusetts National Guard as part of their mission to

support the commonwealth’s Emergency Assistance Shelter System.

A September report from MEMA comes after an end-of-August tour of Lammers Hall by state officials where Velis expressed initial concerns about the proposal. The MEMA report found that Lammers Hall was only technically feasible to be an emergency assistance shelter. In addition to the building being in the middle of campus, the report also noted that the dorm building faces ADA accessibility challenges, potential asbestos tiling issues, and lacks access to medical clinics and kitchen services for families.

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Obituary

Judith A. Flaherty

Judith A. Flaherty, of Longmeadow, MA, age 82, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2023, after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Gerald A. and Elaine K. Lamothe, both of Dennisport, MA, and formerly of Holyoke, MA. Judie graduated from Holyoke High School in 1959 and the University of Massachusetts in 1963, before teaching at Granby Elementary School in Granby, MA. Later she was a Substitute Teacher and Volunteer for over thirty years in the Longmeadow School System. When not teaching, she spent her time reading, listening to music, knitting and making baby quilts for many teachers and their young children.

She leaves her husband, Michael J. Flaherty of Longmeadow and their two children, Karen McFarlane (Stephen) of Wayland, MA, and Kevin Flaherty (Barbara) of Los Angeles, CA. She also leaves four grandchildren: Ryan and Chloe Flaherty and Cooper and



Brooke McFarlane. She is also survived by her brother, Gerald “Jay” A. Lamothe of West Barnstable, MA, her nephew Jeffrey Lamothe of Hyannis, MA, and niece Jennifer (Lamothe) Choiniere (Scott) of Milton, Vermont. She was pre-deceased by her sister-in-law, Patricia (Judd) Lamothe.

The family invites friends and family to join them for a service on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Forastiere Smith Funeral & Cremation, 220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow. Burial will follow in St. Michael’s Cemetery, State Street, Springfield.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association – MA/NH Chapter is 309 Waverly Oaks Road Waltham, MA 02452, the Longmeadow Educational Excellence Foundation (www.goleef.org), or to a charity of your choice. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com

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Football seeds released

Belchertown, Chaug, Ware, South Hadley head for tournament

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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It has not been easy going for teams from the West and Central region of the state to make the 16-team state tournament since its inception in 2021.

For the third straight year, only a small handful of Western Mass. teams will make the eight 16-team fields.

Among those heading for the tournament will be Minnechaug, Belchertown, Ware, and South Hadley.

For the third time, Minnechaug qualified for the Division 3 tournament. The Falcons went 5-2 on the regular season. Minnechaug qualified as the No. 14 team, but could have done better had it not lost a game on its schedule early in the season. The Falcons were scheduled to play West Springfield in Week 1, but severe thunderstorms on Sept. 8 forced the cancellation of the game. Attempts were made to make up the game as late as Monday, Sept. 11, but more severe weather nipped that plan, and the Falcons only played seven games in the regular season. Minnechaug will be traveling to No. 3 Milton for the first round.

See FOOTBALL, page 8



Yacelin Caraballo looks to tip the ball over the net.



Aliesh Cotto Torres goes straight up with a set.



Yohadlie Pabon sends the ball over the net.

Knights fall in quarterfinals

AMHERST – Last Tuesday evening, Holyoke girls volleyball was defeated by Amherst Regional High School 3-0 in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Class A Tournament. The Knights are next set to participate in the Division 2 state tournament. They will play a preliminary round game against Milton. That matchup was scheduled for Nov. 2.



Zuleymi Santiago starts a play off with a bump.



Ashantyls Calderon reaches out to bump the ball.

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Kayshaly Garcia looks to get through a pair of defenders.



Yasani Thompson looks to settle the ball after receiving a pass.



Selina Alicea sends a pass away.

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Kyra Lippman fights to keep the ball.

Girls head for state tourney

HOLYOKE – After having one of their best seasons in recent history, Holyoke High School girls soccer scored a win and a tie in nonplayoff action as they await the state tournament. Holyoke did not place in the top eight in local power rankings to qualify for Western Mass., so the Knights tied Central and defeated Frontier Regional to increase their record to 10-5-3 ahead of the state tournament. Seeds were announced on Wednesday, with Holyoke assured of a spot with their 10 wins.

Thunderbirds even record with wins over Bruins

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (4-4-0-0) came back from two separate third-period deficits to knock off the Providence Bruins (1-3-1-2) on Sunday at the Amica Mutual Pavilion in a 3-2 overtime victory.

Vadim Zherenko got the starting nod and was up to par in the first, blocking aside all 14 Bruins shot attempts, including a calm breakaway stick save against Justin Brazeau in the opening minutes. Brandon Bussi was not tested much at all in period one, as the second-year Providence goalie only needed to make four saves in the opening 20 minutes.

After a chaotic first period that featured no goals but a combined eight penalty infractions, the Bruins finally broke the 0-0 tie with their fourth power-play goal in three games against Springfield. Reigning AHL All-Rookie Team member Georgii Merkulov netted the tally with a wrister from the right circle at the 7:41 mark of the middle period, his second of the year.

The complexion of the game may have changed just past the midpoint of regulation when Sam Bitten dropped the gloves before a puck drop with Trevor Kuntar, drawing a huge ovation from his teammates on the bench. While Bitten and Kuntar would be given game misconducts for the fight, the shots and chances heavily leaned in Springfield's favor from that point forward.

2:43 into the final period, Bitten's scrap had its first tangible effect when Drew Callin took a feed from Mathias Laferrriere in the trapezoid and wrapped it home through Bussi to tie the score, 1-1.



More adversity loomed just nine seconds later, though, as Justin Brazeau scorched a slap shot into the top shelf from the right circle, and Providence had restored its lead, 2-1.

Despite the quick counter by the Bruins, the T-Birds continued to play with confidence, and in a period where they outshot Providence 18-7, Mikhail Abramov found a soft spot in the slot area to deflect a Calle Rosen wrist shot over Bussi to make it a tie game again, 2-2, with 9:34 remaining in regulation.

The T-Birds' penalty kill then had the pressure on its shoulders after Austin Osmanski inadvertently cleared a puck out of play, forcing Springfield

into a delay-of-game minor with just over five minutes to play. The PK picked up their teammate, and after nothing was settled in the closing minutes, the two rivals went to overtime, Springfield's first extra-time game of the season.

In the 3-on-3 session, Abramov helped complete the comeback when he peeled off at the right-wing boards, drawing the attention of two defenders. Meanwhile, Dylan Coghlan sneaked down the left side to receive a rink-wide pass and snap a wrister perfectly off the post and in to win it at the 1:38 mark of overtime, 3-2. It was Coghlan's second straight game with a goal.

Zherenko earned his third win in four starts by virtue of his 25 stops, while Bussi turned away 33 in the losing effort for Providence.

The T-Birds embark on yet another 3-in-3 on Friday night as they welcome the Belleville Senators to the MassMutual Center for a 7:05 p.m. puck drop.

Worcester Railers fall to Norfolk Admirals

NORFOLK, VA – The Worcester Railers HC (2-3-0-0, 4pts) fell to the Norfolk Admirals (2-2-0-1, 5pts), on Sunday afternoon by the final score of 4-0 at Norfolk Scope Arena in front of a crowd of 1,844. The Railers are back at the DCU Center against the Adirondack Thunder on Friday, November 3rd at 7:05 p.m. ET.

Norfolk attacked first with a goal from Stepan Timofeyev (2-1-3), his first of the season at 3:43 in the first period. Shots favored Worcester 13-12. Continuing momentum in the second period Andrew McLean (1-0-1) scored his second goal of the season at 9:30. Shots favored Norfolk 13-5. Norfolk added a third goal at 4:51 of the third period by Griffin Mendel (1-0-1). At 11:36 of the third period Norfolk scored their final goal by Stepan

Timofeyev, his second of the game.

The first period was off to a hot start in favor of Norfolk just 25 seconds into the game after a shot off the post by Keaton Jameson warranted an instant replay. Review by head officials ruled the shot no goal. Worcester was unable to find the back of the net but participated in a physical first period. For the Railers Christian Krygier earned a roughing penalty after a brawl with Mark Liwinski. For Norfolk Mark Liwinski was called for roughing and Simon Kubicek for cross-checking. Norfolk led the first period with a goal at 3:43 by Stepan Timofeyev making it 1-0. Shots favored Worcester 13-12.

Norfolk added another goal at 9:30 in the second period by Andrew McLean, making it 2-0. The physical nature of this matchup intensified as

both sides combined earned 52 penalty minutes in the first two periods. Artyom Kulakov found himself face to face with Mark Liwinski once again at 12:18 in the second period resulting in matching unsportsmanlike conducts. Mark Liwinski earned an additional 10:00 misconduct with his fourth penalty of the game. Norfolk controlled the offense, outshooting Worcester 13-5 in the second period.

At 4:51 in the third period Norfolk added a third goal to the board with a pass picked up by Griffin Mendel. Danny Katic recorded his second assist of the game on the goal. Norfolk added another at 11:36 with a shorthanded goal scored by Stepan Timofeyev, his second of the game. Norfolk outshot Worcester 13-4, grabbing their second win of the season.

FOOTBALL, from page 7

Belchertown is a first-time qualifier to the state tournament. Belchertown received the No. 14 seed in Division 5 with a 7-1 record. The Orioles travel to No. 3 Shawsheen Valley Tech on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

In Division 7, South Hadley qualified at No. 14 with a 7-1 record. The Tigers made the state tournament for the second time and head for West Bridgewater, the third-seeded team.

Ware makes the state tournament in Division 8 for the third time. Ware was a perfect 8-0 and they will hold the No. 5 seed and host No. 12 Randolph on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

Not making tournament despite positive records are Agawam and Pathfinder. Chicopee, Palmer, Ludlow, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke join them and will be in non-playoff games for Week 9 and 10.

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**City of Holyoke
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE**

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com** ID: 836 3939 8493; Call in *67 646 558 8656 to hear a Special Permit in the DR Zone (Sec 8.8.4) to reduce the minimum lot size and frontage requirements at 267 Elm Street (Parcel 004-03-004).

APPLICANT:
GEM Holdings, LLC
PLANNING BOARD:
Mimi Panitch
10/27, 11/03/2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN, Div.
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Dept.
HD23E0051PP**

To David L. Ager of Holyoke, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Elizabeth C. Ouimette, of Holyoke, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as joint tenant in an undivided part or share of land lying in Holyoke, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at a private sale or public auction for not less than Five Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$550,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private

sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney, should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before ten o'clock in the morning on the **eighteenth day of December 2023**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 17th day of October 2023.

Rosemary A. Saccomani, Register
10/27, 11/03, 11/10/2023

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Convergent Energy, Inc. is seeking a modification to a previously approved Special Permit (Sect 9.3.4) Notice of Decision (File 2021-18).

APPLICANT:
Convergent Energy & Power, LP

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**CITY OF HOLYOKE
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The City of Holyoke is soliciting proposals for the undeveloped lot located on Route 141 near the Easthampton border, south of the Log Cabin and adjacent to the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game East Mountain Wildlife Management Area and Mount Tom State Reservation. The Property is described in the Holyoke Assessor's Records as Map 212, Block 00, Parcel 001, consisting of approximately 53.5 acres of land. The Property is zoned as Business General (BG) with an assessed value of \$1,119,200.00.

Proposals will be received at the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Office, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, MA 01040 beginning at 11:00AM on Tuesday October 17, 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 21, 2023, by 2:00PM, at which time all submissions received will be publicly opened in compliance with Chapter 30B and the City of Holyoke's Ordinances. **THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS** 11/03, 11/10, 11/17/2023

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The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No electronic submissions will be allowed. This project may be funded in part or in whole with Federal funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal funds and must comply with all Federal requirements including Part 200. 11/03/2023

**CITY OF HOLYOKE
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panies and/or individuals to provide leased space for a storefront for the ARTery and Splattery, a retail art gallery and painting room operated by Holyoke Art. The key requirements for the space are: a minimum of 2000 sq/ft (ADA accessible), 500 sq/ft retail space, storage, public restrooms, classroom space, and painting room with a sink.

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WITNESS, **Hon. Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 25, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
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The new cameras will replace the old ones, therefore not requiring new wiring in those areas. The ten additional cameras will require new wiring to be put in to install them.

These cameras will monitor different "hot spots" in the city as well as key entrances and exits.

"We're just trying to cover all of the exits and entry points," Pratt said.

The hope is that with increased monitoring it will deter criminal activity as the police will have an easier time identifying and tracking people who committed crimes.

"A call comes in at whatever location and boom, we'll be able to look right through the cameras to see, probably even before anyone is even able to get there, what is going on in that area," Pratt said.

These cameras will work in conjunction with Shot Spotter, according to Pratt. When Shot Spotter goes off the cameras in the area will automatically zoom in on the identified location where the shots went off.

"The cameras will zoom in to that pinpointed area on Shot Spotter so you can see who is in that area," Pratt said. "Ideally, if it happens you're going to see the people on camera that were involved."

City Councilor Kevin Jourdain especially approved this aspect of the cameras, as he feels it is a good addition to the Shot Spotter system.

"I think this is what we would call phase two of our Shot Spotter technology initiative, which I think is fantastic," Jourdain said. "It's what we want."

The cameras will be monitored by officers on dispatch and in the station, though someone will not be monitoring the cameras all the time.

However, as incidents come in the cameras will be able to store their recordings so the police can rewind the tapes to track recordings to the time of a crime.

"If something happens we can go back, watch the film over and over and pull whatever video we need from that," Pratt said.

Therefore, even if someone is not watching the cameras when an incident occurs, they can rewind to view what was recorded when the incident happened.

Pratt also said that these cameras will be high quality enough that they will be able to zoom in on and

identify individuals in view.

Additionally, Pratt noted that these cameras will not be able to do plate readings.

The finance committee voted unanimously to recommend this transfer of funds to the full city council so that these cameras can be installed.

Jourdain especially was enthusiastic about the potential of the new cameras.

"We just crank up the level of scrutiny on the bad guys to a point where they're like 'it isn't worth doing business in Holyoke' and get them the hell out of here," Jourdain said.

To see the locations of current cameras that will be replaced as well as the proposed locations of the 10 new cameras, go to https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1_xQa2-iACjx0k-PJzBBKgtx3HkdsriI&usp=sharing.



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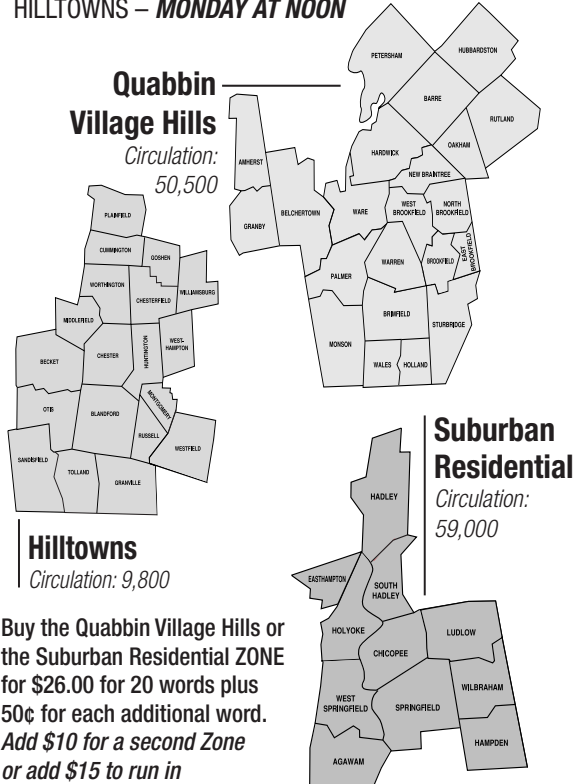
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Elle Consiglio from Claire's passed out candy to eager trick-or-treaters.



Iris and Guillermo Garay dressed up in matching scarecrow costumes to attend the Holyoke Mall trick-or-treating event.



Xavier and Xophia had fun wandering around the mall and gathering candy at the trick-or-treating event.



Office Assistant for Holyoke Mall Management Carly Haaga and Marketing Director Ruth Hastings were excited to welcome the community to the mall's annual trick-or-treating event.



Alivia Caruso and Najy Knee from Showcase were dressed in witch costumes while passing out candy.



Tiffany Franco and Anais Stokosa from Hollister welcomed trick-or-treaters to Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.



Ryan Pichardo and Brie, Eli and Myah Cabrera were all eager to enjoy the evening of trick-or-treating at the mall.



Ms. Fariah, Ms. Lineika and Mr. Birdy from Master Heo's Taekwondo greeted community members attending the trick-or-treat event.



Firefighters George Soderbaum and Junior Morales, Captain Jim Cadigan and Firefighter/EMT Jessica Sylvester from Holyoke Fire Department greeted trick-or-treaters at the Holyoke Mall event.



State Trooper Deshawn Brown and Holyoke Police Department Officer Josh Colon handed out candy to the trick-or-treaters.

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have a lot of fun hosting it."

All throughout the mall, different stores were passing out candy for children to enjoy. Many of the mall workers themselves were in costume to enjoy the festivities.

Several other groups from the community were present, including Master Heo's Taekwondo, Holyoke Fire Department, Holyoke Police Department and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke.

The representatives from the

Kiwanis club were excited for the opportunity to get out into the community.

"We're here to get the word out that we're back and ready to help out the community," Director of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke Christopher DiSanto said.

The club was passing out safety kits for new parents, with information packets, temperature checkers for baths and outlet protectors within.

The goal was to try to help offer new parents support by providing them tools that they may not have or have even thought of needing.

The Holyoke Fire Department also looked forward to being out in the community. This event provides a safe way for children to go out and trick-or-treat, so they were to support it.

"We're here to give kids their candy and to support the community," Firefighter George Soderbaum said.

On top of this event, the mall is also running a costume contest on social media. Anyone interested has from Oct. 31 through Nov. 7 to enter the contest.

To enter the contest follow @HolyokeMall on Instagram, create a post of you in costume at the Holyoke Mall.

Then tag @HolyokeMall in the post and use the hashtag #HolyokeMallHalloween.

Those entering the contest have a chance to win a variety of prizes from stores in the mall, including a \$50 Altitude Trampoline Park gift card and a \$50 110 Grill Gift Card.

Categories for the contest are: most creative and best group costume.

Winners will be announced on Instagram on Nov. 8.

To learn more about this, go to <https://www.holyokemall.com/event/mall-o-ween/>.

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were awarded a gift certificate to one of Robert Comeau's famous historical tours.

Second place for the Visionary Lense award was Joseph Mashpo. For the Trailblazer Award Stephanie Billings received the second place prize. Finally, Liam Brackman received second place

for the Whimsy and Wonder award.

Additionally, all who had completed the hunt were able to receive a key to the city from Mayor Joshua Garcia.

This scavenger hunt began on Saturday, Sept. 30 and participants had until Oct. 22 to try to complete it.

The goal of the hunt was to allow more people to get out and experience Holyoke while enjoying themselves.

"The goal was for it to be fun and for it to be creative and allow people to connect with the city," Magrath-Smith said. "I think it did that, I think we made that goal."

Magrath-Smith enjoyed setting up and designing all the clues for the hunt, as well as seeing all the photos roll in as people began to participate.

"Writing the clues was really fun," Magrath-Smith said. "It was really fun to see all these people sign up and to see all the different ways that people were going through it and the choices they were making."

The participants agreed that the hunt was enjoyable and allowed them to learn more about the city of Holyoke.

"I love it, now I know a lot more about the city," one of the participants said.

Garcia was grateful to all who entered into the hunt and congratulated them on their efforts.

"I know that each of you care about the city so much that you completed a city-wide scavenger hunt, so congratulations," he said.



Holyoke Preservation Trust Member and Scavenger Hunt Co-Organizer Meagan Magrath-Smith welcomes all the attendees who had completed the Key to the City Scavenger Hunt.

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Mayor Joshua Garcia congratulated the attendees on completing the Key to the City Scavenger Hunt.



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