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Whalen seeks to challenge Neal for seat

SPRINGFIELD – On Tuesday, Feb. 10, public school teacher Jeromie Whalen pulled papers to begin his campaign to challenge long-time incumbent Congressman Richard Neal in a bid to represent the people of Massachusetts' 1st Congressional District.



Jeromie Whalen

A proud product of Western Massachusetts, Whalen grew up in Belchertown, built a life with his wife in South Hadley, and earned three degrees from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, most recently his Ph.D. in Mathematics, Science, and Learning Technologies in 2025. He has spent over a decade as a high school teacher in the Pioneer Valley.

"I'm coming from outside the traditional political world, and I think that's exactly what we need right now," said Whalen. "Old-school establishment thinking and the corporate greed that has seeped into our campaign finance system have pushed this country in the wrong direction. The way forward is electing real people from our communities who are not tied to those entrenched systems and who will actually fight for the policies we need to create change."

Massachusetts' 1st Congressional District represents 83 cities and towns across Western and Central Massachusetts, including

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HCC'S RADIO STATION celebrates 50 years

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

HOLYOKE – A historic moment is unfolding on the campus of Holyoke Community College (HCC) as it was reported that the institution's radio station, WCCH 103.5, has officially reached the 50-year benchmark of being in use. Currently spearheading the station is general manager Pat LaBelle, who showed some of the improvements that the college has invested in the program, along with the elevated sense of marketing that has been rolling out in full force as of late.

Reflecting on the overall success and discussing the foundation of what came before was LaBelle.

"I think right now we are at an interesting place where we have so much respect for the tradition of WCCH, and going back to the days of Everett (Clegg), who got this off the ground back in 1976," LaBelle said. He then pivoted focus to offering some insight into how the station got its start.

According to campus records, the program was



Top photo, the team of Radio WCCH 103.5. Above, The first episode of Green Thread Podcast - Pat LaBelle, Natalia Castagno, Mychal "Mikey" Connolly Jr., and Mychal "Myke" Connolly, Sr. 04.

Submitted photos

established in 1976 under the guidance and supervision of the late professor and director of the campus's Audio-Visual Center, Everett Clegg, who the during the first year of its existence, the station, then known as WHCC, was a student-led campus project and was only able to broadcast to the pod, which continues to be a small gathering space located in the Maurice A. Donahue building on the campus.

Greatness from small beginnings

In addition, in its early days, the station faced many challenges in becoming licensed. For example, over the span of its first year, back in the late 70's, most particularly 1976-1977, WCCH received approval for funding from the Student Senate, which allowed it to pursue an FCC-licensed FM station. However, a bump in the road did occur when looking for a call sign. The

first option which chosen was WHCC, but it was quickly established that it was already taken by Holy Cross College, so HCC and Clegg decided to change it to WCCH, and it stuck, and hasn't been changed since.

And speaking of historic moments, one year later, on Nov. 14, 1977, the students aired their first official WCCH broadcast, in collaboration and partici-

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Virtual Community outreach meeting scheduled March 2

HOLYOKE – Notice is hereby given that Rise Holdings, Inc. will hold a Virtual Community Outreach Meeting on Monday, Mar. 2 at 5 p.m. to discuss its efforts to add a medical marijuana treatment center license to its existing medical and adult-use cultivation and product manufacturing facilities at 28 Appleton Street in Holyoke. This project will not result in any site changes.

Virtual meeting information is at the end of this notice. This Virtual Community Outreach

Meeting will be held in accordance with the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission's Administrative Order Allowing Virtual Web-Based Community Outreach Meetings and the applicable requirements set forth in M.G.L. ch. 94G and 935 CMR 500.000 et seq. A copy of the meeting presentation will be made available at least 24 hours prior to the meeting by emailing p.silverman@vicentellp.com.

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Donahue principal honored with Black History Month award

HOLYOKE – Following a program of music, acting, and dancing during the "A Little Bit of Soul" celebration, staff and students at Transitions Academy had a surprise up their sleeves: The presentation of the inaugural Black History Month Leadership Award to Dr. Marc Swygert.

The award honors his years of school and community leadership in Holyoke. Dr. Swygert has been a part of the HPS community since 2015, and principal of Donahue Elementary School for the last nine years. During that time, Dr. Swygert has been a role model for students and staff alike, explained Transitions Academy Director Corrine Moguel.

"When we were new to this community, Dr. Swygert welcomed us with open arms," said Moguel. "His leadership has made a difference for countless



Submitted photo

Dr. Marc Swygert recently received a new Black History Month award from Transitions Academy.

Donahue students, and we like him as a role model for our community."

City deals with high winds, spared large snow total

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – Some called it "Snowmageddon, Part 2."

Others used the term "Snowpocalypse." Certainly, the people on Cape Cod and in Providence, RI might describe it that way. While Providence will be digging out of more than 33 inches of snow from last Sunday and Monday's nor'easter, Holyoke and much of the southern Connecticut River Valley were spared high snow totals.

Westfield reported just five inches of snow and surrounding areas only received 5 to 10 inches of snow. Holyoke received a reported 10 inches of snow. While that amount is a healthy amount for a single storm. But it paled in comparison to the eastern part of the state and in Rhode Island. Reported "blizzard" level

winds also did not come to fruition on Monday and snow drifting into the evening was not as bad as originally forecasted, though there were gusts at times.

Holyoke's mid-winter vacation for school students did have to be extended by one day, with classes set to re-start on Monday. But classes were called off late Sunday in anticipation of a forecasted 8-14 inches of snow by several forecasts.

Snow also cleared up in the area much sooner than expected, with just occasional flurries floating around by 12 noon on Monday, allowing Department of Public Works crews to quickly get main roads clear of snow and most main roads in town were clear by early afternoon, allowing for safe travel. Though there was less snow than the storm a month earlier, Holyoke still had to do considerable work to clear streets. However,

school was held as scheduled on Tuesday morning.

For the most part, Holyoke, like the area was spared a second major thumping. For the first time in almost a decade, the region is experiencing considerably more snow. The biggest hit came on Jan. 25, when a major snowstorm came through the region and Holyoke was the recipient of about 18 inches of snow.

Holyoke has different challenges compared to some of its rural neighbors, including trying to clear roads as well as move a lot of the snow away from the sidewalks and sides of the road.

Because of that, Holyoke had to expand a parking ban from Sunday all the way until Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday, the city returned that what is

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Auto dealer Gary Rome joins HCC fundraising campaign

HOLYOKE — Auto dealer Gary Rome is again partnering with the HCC Foundation for a one-day campaign to raise money for student support programs and academic resources at Holyoke Community College.

The sixth annual “Together HCC: Drive to Change Lives” campaign is set for Wednesday, March 4, and will run for 24 hours from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. With a goal of 500 donors, this year’s success would put the campaign’s six-year cumulative support total over \$1 million.

“What makes this cam-

paign special is seeing all our community members come together in a single day to tell our students, ‘We see you, we believe in you, and we’re invested in your success,’” said Julie Phillips, HCC executive director of development.

Donations can be made through a secure portal on the HCC website: hcc.edu/drive

The campaign supports six critical areas that directly support HCC students: academic excellence and innovation; scholarships; the Thrive Center and Food Pantry; the President’s Student Emergency Fund;

the President’s Fund for Opportunity; and the HCC Foundation’s general fund.

The campaign has already received pledges for challenges and matching funds in excess of \$125,000.

Rome, who is a member of the HCC Foundation’s Board of Directors, has pledged an additional \$50 for every first-time donor. To help promote the event, Rome will be visiting the “Together HCC” celebration on campaign day from 11 a.m. – noon on the second floor of the HCC Campus Center.

“My father always said that no one can ever take

away what you put between your ears,” said Rome. “That lesson has stayed with me my whole life, and it’s exactly why community college matters so much to me. HCC gives people the chance to build something no one can take away – education – and that’s worth showing up for, year after year.”

Additionally, longtime supporters Peg Wendlandt ‘58 and Gary Wendlandt will provide \$100,000 in challenge gifts throughout the day. Alumni Myke Connolly ‘04, founder of the Launch and Stand Out marketing agency, and Dylan Pilon ‘12, founder of Cloud

9 Marketing Group, have pledged \$10 each for every alum who makes a gift.

The HCC Foundation launched “Together HCC: A Campaign for Caring” in March 2020 to build community support and raise money for students experiencing financial distress during the pandemic. As part of that campaign, members of the HCC community — students, staff, faculty, alumni, relatives, and college friends — were asked to use the hashtag #TogetherHCC to share stories and images on social media that demonstrated the resilience of the college community in

response to the COVID-19 crisis.

In its first year, the campaign raised \$40,000 for the President’s Student Emergency Fund and was selected as a finalist for a national Bellwether award. In 2021, with Rome signed on, HCC added the “Drive to Change Lives” theme and has so far raised more than \$900,000 for student support programs over the past five years.

“Our students are driven, and they are just getting started,” said Phillips. “A gift to ‘Together HCC’ will help make sure nothing gets in their way.”

City seeks administrator to carry out financial plans

HOLYOKE — In the wake of the Holyoke City Council’s approval last week of Mayor Joshua A. Garcia’s Financial Modernization Act, Garcia has launched the search for one of the key players in the City’s redesigned financial landscape — the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, or CAFO.

“We’re looking for a dynamic, mission-driven leader,” Garcia said. “This newly created role offers a rare opportunity to help shape the future of City

government by strengthening day-to-day operations and modernizing how the City manages its finances. The CAFO will play a key leadership role in organizing separate financial offices into a centralized finance department, implementing consistent systems and controls, and driving citywide coordination across departments.”

At the Mayor’s direction, the CAFO will exercise oversight of all City departments and coordination of special projects and interdepartmental ini-

tiatives. The management responsibilities include budgeting, collective bargaining, and purchasing, as well as implementation of the Mayor’s policies and initiatives.

The CAFO will also serve as an advisor to the Mayor, City Council, and municipal departments and boards.

Candidates for the position, which pays between \$115,000 and \$160,000, must meet a high standard of education and professional achievement.

“This is an ideal

opportunity for a collaborative, solutions-oriented leader who thrives in complex environments and is excited to build new systems, improve processes, and deliver results that matter,” Garcia said. “If you thrive in complex environments, love improving systems, and want to make a lasting impact, Holyoke wants you.”

Those interested can apply on Indeed.com or send resume and cover letter to Personnel@holyoke.org. The application deadline is March 31.

Providence Place holding Spring Concert Series

HOLYOKE – If you missed our 2025 Fall concert series, you do not want to miss out on our Spring 2026 concert series. We will be kicking off our first concert of the Spring series on Sunday, Mar. 1 at 2 p.m. in our Mother of Sorrows Chapel at Providence Place. Providence Place is located at 5 Gamelin Street in Holyoke, right behind the Holyoke Mall. The Mar. 1 concert will include a performance by the UMASS SIA Lambda

Phi Chapter who will be presenting a variety of vocal and instrumental selections that features music throughout history – from the classical era onward. This event is free and open to the public with ample parking available, no RSVP is necessary. For more information on the concert or if you are interested in learning more about our retirement community, please contact Katelyn Bacon at 413-534-9700 or email kbacon@providenceplace.org.

Council president to hold talk at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE — Wistariahurst Museum is hosting a talk with Holyoke’s City Council President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti during Civic Learning week. Getting involved with your local city council is a way to engage with and be aware of what’s happening in your city. Residents from Holyoke and beyond can take away information about civic engagement from Murphy-Romboletti’s talk.

Tessa Murphy-Romboletti is entering her third term as an At-Large Holyoke City Councilor and is currently serving her second term as Council President and is the first woman in the city’s history to hold the title. For seven years, Murphy-Romboletti led EforAll/EparaTodos Pioneer Valley, helping hundreds of local entrepreneurs—particularly women, immigrants, and under-rep-

resented founders—start and grow their small businesses. Before that, she guided the SPARK Holyoke initiative through its transition to EforAll and previously worked for the City of Holyoke in both the Planning & Economic Development Department and the Mayor’s Office. Her dedication to community empowerment has been recognized repeatedly throughout her career.

Born and raised in Holyoke, Murphy-Romboletti is a proud graduate of the Holyoke Public Schools and earned her B.A. in history and sociology from the University of Delaware. She currently serves on the MassHire Holyoke Board of Directors and is an active member of the St. Patrick’s Parade Committee of Holyoke.

Holyoke’s City Council holds hearings, passes ordinances, financial orders,

and resolutions, as well as oversees city finances. Councilors also address resident concerns. City Council committees hold various duties including appointing municipal officers, approving municipal budgets, and approving laws. In her talk, Murphy-Romboletti will offer information on the functions of Holyoke’s City Council and how residents can get involved.

If Not You, Who? Getting Involved in Local Government will occur Thursday, Mar. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Wistariahurst Museum during Civic Learning Week. This annual, nonpartisan awareness week brings together students, educators, policymakers, and leaders in the public and private sectors to highlight and further energize the movement for civic education in states and communities across the nation.

UCCH hosting corned beef dinner March 14

HOLYOKE – St. Patrick’s Day is right around the corner, and what better way to celebrate than by indulging in some Corned Beef and Cabbage for a good cause? Well, now is your chance.

United Congregational Church of Holyoke is hosting a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, March 14 at 6 p.m. Dinners will include dessert and coffee or tea and can be dine-in or take-out. Tickets are \$17 each and can be reserved by calling

the church office at 413-532-1483.

All Proceeds will go to the Outreach Community to continue their critical work in the community.

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.



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known as a “regular” Winter Parking Ban. This means, according to the city, there is no parking on the even side of the street, unless other posted. There is also no parking on cul-de-sacs.

Residents who need a place to park may do so at the Ernest Proulx Municipal Parking Garage on 505 Dwight St. That parking pan will exist until further notice.

Trash and recycling was also delayed by one day

this week.

Depending on how much more accumulation the city receives, a lot of extra work will needed to be done to clear roads for the St. Patrick’s Road Race and parade coming up on March 21 and 22.

PUBLIC NOTICE TO FORMER HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS

Please be advised that student’s Special Education (Chapter 766) records, with a withdrawal date within the year 2017/2018 will be destroyed on March 18, 2026.

If you wish to obtain a copy of your records, please contact the:

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57 Suffolk Street, Holyoke, MA 01040
Tel: 413-534-2000 Ext. 1209

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Favor informarse que los archivos de estudiantes de Educación Especial (Capítulo 766) con fecha de retiro dentro del año 2017/2018, serán destruidos el 18 de Marzo de 2026. Si desea obtener una copia de sus archivos, favor de comunicarse con las:

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Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from company representatives about the proposed facility and operations. Questions

can be submitted in advance by emailing p.silverman@vicentellp.com or asked during the meeting. Register for Zoom Webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_MiY80DwpTtpy13JgsmwFeQ#registration.

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First Lutheran presents Dan Kane Singers

HOLYOKE – First Lutheran is hosting a free concert that is open to all the community on March 29 (Palm Sunday) at 2 p.m. The concert will feature the popular group, Dan Kane and Friends. First Lutheran Church is located at 1810 Northampton St., Holyoke. Dan Kane will also lead a sing-a-long with a couple of familiar hymns. Entrance and handicap access available.

Carlos Vega grant applications now open

HOLYOKE – This year marks the 15th year of The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice mini grants.

Local non-profits and individuals are invited to apply for funding between Mar. 9 and the Apr. 20 deadline, by completing the application form available at www.carlosvegafund.org. All applicants must have either 501(c)(3) status or be fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) organization.

For more than 40 years, Carlos Vega fought for

social justice in the Greater Holyoke area. In 2010, a small group of family and friends started the Fund to support the kind of social justice initiatives that were important to Carlos.

This year the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice will provide grants amounting up to \$2,000 to be used for one-time programming or project that focuses on the fundamental primary causes of injustice, fosters change, and promotes self-help and empowerment.

The purpose of the grants is to support the efforts of those who are addressing issues of poverty and oppression, and involve people who are socially and economically marginalized in the Greater Holyoke area.

Previous mini grants have supported a variety of organizations including: Girls Inc. of the Valley, Granby Public Schools, The Gray House, Holyoke Public Schools, Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative, Holyoke Senior

Center, Home City Development, OneHolyoke CDC, The Performance Project, Lorraine's Kitchen in Chicopee, Common Wealth Murals, Seeds of a Father, The Care Center, Eagle Eye Institute, Wellspring Cooperative and Wistariahurst Museum.

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice is administered through the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and is overseen by an advisory committee. Since 2012, the

Fund has awarded more than \$90,000 to more than 50 organizations in the greater Holyoke area.

Grant Awardees and the 2026 Social Justice Award recipient will be publicly announced at an event on May 28.

For further information and/or to obtain an application, please visit the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice website at <http://www.carlosvegafund.org/> or contact Aaron Vega at carlosvegafund.413@gmail.com.

Women needed for state commission

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is currently seeking candidates for the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women, one of 11 Regional Commissions across the Commonwealth that strives to represent women and girls in the areas of equality and opportunity.

The mission of the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women (HCCSW) is to

provide a permanent, influential voice for women and girls across the county that facilitates and fosters community and inclusiveness. The Commission stands for fundamental freedoms, basic human rights, and the full enjoyment of life for all women and girls throughout their lives.

HCCSW represents all cities and towns in Hampden County which include Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester, Chicopee, East

Longmeadow, Granville, Hampden, Holland, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Montgomery, Palmer, Russell, Southwick, Springfield, Tolland, Wales, West Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

To apply for the Hampden County Commission on the Status of Women and to submit a resume, please visit: <https://masscsww.org/about/regional-commissions/hampden-county/>

Liberty and Labor art exhibit coming to Wistariahurst Museum March 10

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is celebrating the Fourth Annual Women's History Month juried art showcase. This year, the theme is women's labor and community building efforts. An opening reception for this exhibit entitled Liberty and Labor will be held on March 10, 2026.

Liberty and Labor includes the work of artists who identify as women or nonbinary. Historically, Women's labor has been undervalued and overlooked. Oftentimes, the work women have done in areas such as homemaking, community building, and parenting,

has not even been viewed as work. Liberty and Labor highlights these efforts, and others, that showcase the hard work and dedication of women throughout history. From fiber art to painting, and sculpture, this exhibit includes a wide array of thought provoking pieces that connect with this theme.

Artists featured in this exhibit include Jankaleishka Burgos Cruz, Amy Crawley, Campbell Lackey, and Nancy Myrdal Carroll. There are also several other artists who have been awarded honorable mentions and will display their work as well.

The opening reception of

Liberty and labor will be held Tuesday, Mar. 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wistariahurst is an artist-friendly space that encourages creativity and supports the growth of this region's artists. Open Gallery Hours will be held from Mar. 10 to Apr. 7 on Mondays (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and Tuesdays (4:30 to 6:30 p.m.), which will also be free and open to the public. We hope that you stop by and explore Liberty and Labor. This program is funded in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

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communities in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester, and Berkshire counties. The district spans a wide range of urban, suburban, and rural areas. Neal, who has held the seat since 1989, once served as chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Some worry about losing perceived influence in the halls of Congress," said Whalen. "But when I hear about the power our current congressman is supposed to have, I can't help but ask who he's actually using that power for. When nearly all of your funding comes from corporations and large donors, it means Congressman Neal is motivated to support policies that benefit those contributors rather than the people in his district. What you're left with is a congressman who's rarely around, out of touch with the communities he represents, and advocating for corporations instead of constituents."

Whalen has a strong record of civic activism and has dedicated his career to helping future generations

gain both the educational opportunities to succeed and the social skills to grow into caring, compassionate members of the community.

"I'm putting in the work to meet people where they are and hope to earn the support of voters."

- Jeromie Whalen

"I'm putting in the work to meet people where they are and hope to earn the support of voters across Western and Central Massachusetts in the Democratic primary on Sept. 1. This grassroots campaign is building a new political infrastructure, and I'm proud of the authentic, honest relationships we've built with community stakeholders along the way. At its core, this campaign is about connecting the dots between municipal, state, and federal government and bringing real relief to local communities grappling with shrinking budgets and skyrocketing

costs," said Whalen.

Previously, Whalen served as communications director and building delegate for the Northampton Association of School Employees (NASE). He has also served as vice president of the board of directors for Northampton Open Media.

As an educator and community media advocate, Whalen led a team of students and local volunteers in the Emmy Award-winning production of "Young@Heart." This Boston/New England regional award was given by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

As an academic researcher, he has published numerous studies that have garnered over 1,800 scholarly citations on the impact of technology in education, including examinations of emergency remote teaching and artificial intelligence.

Neal was last challenged in a primary several years ago by former Holyoke Mayor Alex Morse. Morse was unsuccessful in his challenge and since moved on to be the town administrator in Provincetown.

Chamber hosting annual St. Pat's breakfast

HOLYOKE – The Greater Holyoke Chamber invites the entire community to its highly anticipated annual St. Patrick's Breakfast, proudly presented by Witman Properties, PeoplesBank, HG&E, BankESB, and Greenfield Cooperative Bank. The event will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 18 at 7:30 a.m. at The Log Cabin. This traditional gathering offers an opportunity for residents, business leaders, community leaders, and community members to reconnect, celebrate local achievements, and honor this year's distinguished award recipients.

The breakfast serves as a cornerstone event for the Greater Holyoke area, bringing together hundreds of individuals to celebrate the city's rich heritage and vibrant future. Building on a year filled with meaningful community engagement—

including a successful Food Drive, numerous new business ribbon cuttings, and a host of collaborative initiatives—the Chamber is proud to continue fostering connections that strengthen the fabric of Holyoke. This year, the Chamber aims to make the celebration the largest in recent memory, rallying the community to support business owners and civic leaders as awardees. All are welcome to join what promises to be a truly inspiring and festive morning.

Award presentations will be complemented by a raffle featuring a variety of prizes. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to submit raffle prizes, further highlighting their commitment to the community, while attendees are invited to purchase raffle tickets in advance or at the breakfast to support the Chamber's efforts.

Businesses interested in maximizing their participation are invited to purchase tables, ensuring strong visibility for their teams and organizations. Register now at holyokeychamber.com as a guest or as a sponsor, and secure your raffle tickets to be a part of this dynamic event.

As an added highlight, crowd favorites Last Night's Fun will return to perform, bringing atmosphere and entertainment to the breakfast and setting the stage for a memorable celebration.

Attending the breakfast is an excellent way to show support for the Chamber's mission of fostering economic growth and goodwill. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the area, this event provides the perfect setting to network, celebrate community leaders, and kick off the St. Patrick's season in style.

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In the spirit of the festivities surrounding

2026 Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade

The Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties invite the public to attend the

Annual Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Mass at 8 A.M. at St Jerome's Holyoke
Breakfast after at Wyckoff CC Holyoke

Guest Speaker: Ian Delahanty, Associate Professor of History at Springfield College

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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY Matters

By Russell Gloor



My friend is 65; shouldn't she be exempt from Medicare payroll taxes?

Dear Rusty:

My girlfriend is 65 and she just enrolled in Medicare.

She is still working full time as a nurse, but they are still deducting Medicare taxes from her paycheck. I thought as soon as you started Medicare, that they would no longer take any Medicare taxes from her paychecks. Is that not correct?

Signed:
Concerned Friend

Dear Concerned Friend:

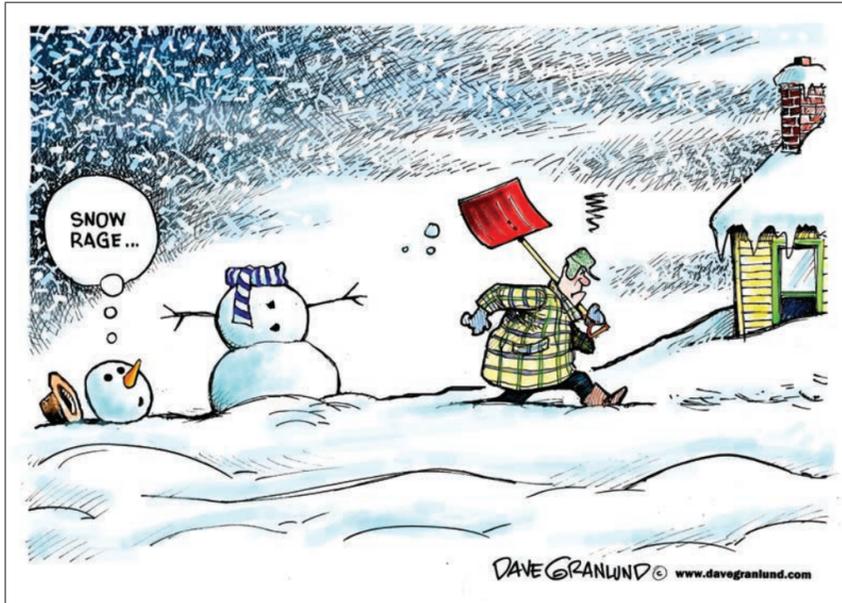
Your understanding about Medicare payroll tax is, indeed, not correct. Medicare taxes are levied on everyone, who works and earns, regardless of whether or not they are currently enrolled in the Medicare program. That is how Medicare has worked since it was first enacted in the mid-1960s and how it still works today.

For Your Information, everyone who works for an employer must pay Federal Insurance Contributions Act payroll tax of 7.65%. Most (6.2%) of that payroll tax goes to support Social Security, but 1.45% goes to support Medicare Part A. Self-employed individuals must also pay this tax under the Self-Employed Contributions Act, which is equivalent to FICA, except the self-employed individual must also pay the employer portion of the payroll tax. The Social Security portion of the FICA/SECA tax has an earnings cap (\$184,500 in 2026), but there is no cap on earnings for the Medicare portion of the FICA/SECA payroll tax. FYI, employers pay an equivalent amount of Social Security and Medicare taxes and the Medicare portion of the payroll tax is paid on all earnings. There is no cap

on earnings from which the Medicare payroll tax is withheld.

To ensure understanding, Medicare Part A provides healthcare coverage for inpatient hospitalization services and Medicare Part B provides coverage for outpatient medical services (doctors, medical tests, etc.). That 1.45% of the FICA and SECA tax for the self-employed is paid by those who work to help fund the Medicare Part A program, which is premium-free for most Americans after age 65. For Medicare Part B, there is a separate premium which helps pay for Medicare outpatient healthcare services. The standard Medicare Part B premium for 2026 is \$202.90 per month, compared to Medicare Part A which is free to all who are eligible for Social Security benefits. But the 1.45% payroll tax which is being withheld from your girlfriend's paycheck is paid by everyone who has work earnings, even if they are enrolled in Medicare.

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Guest Column

Snow flowers for an impending storm

As I write, we are expecting a blizzard. More snow in a winter that has already provided plenty, at least in my humble opinion.

Instead of focusing on all of that depressing news, why don't we "think spring" by focusing on bulbs that appear just as the snow is melting.

Perhaps the earliest and best known of the spring harbingers is the Snowdrop (*Galanthus nivalis*). Toughened points on the leaf tips make it possible for the snowdrop to push through the crusty soil of late winter. Two or three strappy leaves grow from each bulb; most often there is just one flower.

You'll notice three white outer petals first and upon closer inspection you'll see green tipped inner petals. The flowers are held on the stem in a nodding fashion and in my experience they stay in bloom for upwards of three weeks.

Reportedly they are well adapted for bees, at least those that are brave enough to venture out of the hive in search of pollen during the warmest days of late winter!

Snowdrops will naturalize if happy, increasing in

In the Garden

by Roberta McQuaid

and white. They thrive in full to part sun situations, whether it be the rock garden, at the base of shrubs or deciduous trees or even when planted in the lawn! They naturalize easily, forming large colonies by bulb offsets and self-sowing. They are deer resistant.

Glory of the Snow stay in bloom upwards of two weeks, maybe longer if temperatures don't spike. Like other spring bloomers, the bulbs go dormant after the foliage ripens. It does not stick around long enough to be much of an eyesore in the garden.

One word of caution for those looking for the blue flowered lawn effect: don't mow until the foliage has yellowed or mow high to miss the foliage.

Another one of my favorite harbingers is the Snow Crocus (*Crocus tommasinianus*). Not to be confused with the large Dutch crocus, Snow Crocus is typically lilac in color and has white stems.

They grow about three inches tall and naturalize well with daughter corms forming around the mother corm. They are both squirrel and deer resistant.

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On President's Day I saw a northern flicker fly up into a tree as I traveled in Barre.

The white rump patch was clearly visible. A Brimfield resident said he has a friend in Belchertown, who occasionally has a flicker come to his suet feeder. Four or five bluebirds also frequent his suet feeder.

Northern flickers are a fairly, large woodpecker about 11 to 12 inches long. They are larger than a hairy woodpecker and smaller than a pileated woodpecker.

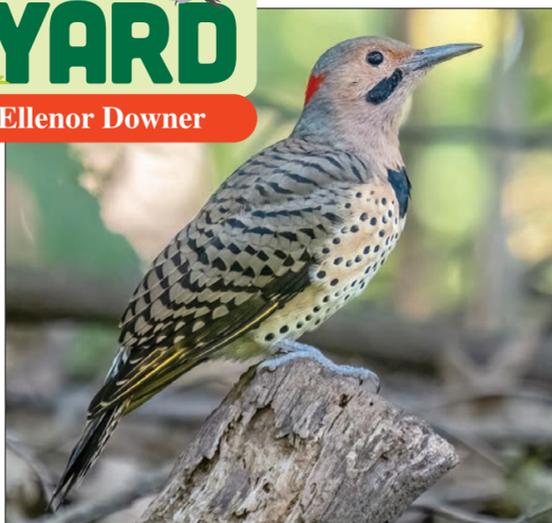
They appear brownish overall with a white rump patch that's is conspicuous in flight and often visible when they perch. The undersides of the wing and tail feathers are bright yellow for eastern birds or red for western birds. The brown plumage has black spots, barring and a black "bib." The sexes are similar, but the male has a black mustache.



By Ellenor Downer

Flickers spend a lot of time on the ground and like many woodpeckers fly in an undulating up and down path with flapping and gliding. They make a repeated flicker or "wicka-wicka-wicka" call and a loud "kleer."

They inhabit open forests, woodlots, groves and semi-open country. The female lays five to eight eggs sometimes more. Both sexes incubate the eggs with the male incubating at night and part of the day. Both parents feed the young by regurgi-



Northern flicker

tation. The young leave the nest in about four weeks after hatching, but parents feed them for whilet. Later, they follow them to good foraging sites. They mainly eat ants

and other insects. They also eat fruits and berries in fall and winter.

Bird bath visitors

A Brimfield resident sent an email recently. He said, "I have a heated bird bath so I modified it by placing rocks in the center so that the only water available is near the edge and birds can't immerse themselves in water to take a bath. The birds sit on the edge of the bird bath to drink."

He also said, "I have a trail camera aimed at the bird bath. I was looking at pictures taken during December (40,000) and saw that blue jays, house finches and juncos are the most frequent birds taking a drink. Birds that show up less often are cardinals, titmice and morning doves. Curiously chickadees drink infrequently even though they are often seen in the yard. We seldom see

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pation of many enthusiastic and passionate DJ's, news broadcasters and organizers, and it didn't take long before the station became known as "The New Voice in the Valley," amassing a respectable audience among both students from HCC and the greater Holyoke community, which one it still holds today.

Labelle also revealed that the station continues to look towards the future, as he also took a moment to credit those who came before him and left their legacy.

"I mainly knew Stevie (Converse), who was in charge before me, and I built a great network with former student station managers. I want to add that the main goal is to respect the past and embrace the future by creating this new progressive outlook for the station, where we want to take WCCH to new heights, by being a staple in the community, and a resource for students to grow in the realm of both personally and professionally," said LaBelle.

Looking towards the future

The vision and direction of the station has never been brighter as LaBelle explained that this past fall semester, he oversaw more than 43 DJ's who each provided a different sense of perspective in



Live From Studio B Team 2025.

terms of content, along with helping steer all aspects of branding, as he recognized a few such as Todd "DJ Busta hip" Therrien, 60, and has been found acclaim and public recognition among the campus, as he once interviewed the President of the college. LaBelle also shouted out Big Al, who runs a sports show and has podcasts that can be found on all platforms of social media. Another notable name, LaBelle, shed light on was DJ Eric Gingey, who has his own show, which is dedicated to a more political platform, with his news show "The Gingey Report."

In addition LaBelle discussed the importance of

the studio B space, which was once a small space that only housed two lights and one camera, but thanks to the collaboration of the Perkins grant and the HCC foundation, led by the support of Julie Phillips and Sue Doyle, helped secure funding for new headphones and chairs for the 'Green Thread' podcast, which allows past HCC alumni to come on and reflect on their college experience, and to provide an update in terms of what they have done post-graduation, and just reached the 5th episode mark.

LaBelle noted it was a proud moment to see the once small space now

evolved into a separate branch of productivity, which has been utilized to the full extent of the new additional programming.

On top of that, he also offered a small glimpse into some of the leadership he has around him, highlighting the partnership between the college's administration, citing digital media and podcasting Professor Tim Cochran, who been a great resource to lean on.

Lastly, LaBelle bestowed credit and spread the wealth of success around, noting it's a family, and everyone has a part to play. He then spotlighted multiple individuals, such as adjunct professor



Submitted photos

WCCH 103.5 FM General Manager Pat LaBelle, and Todd "DJ Busta hip" Therrien.

Joe Saphire, who has been a key supporter of helping run the studio B side of things, and praised the leadership of student managers Flynn Paul and Dayment "DJ Daymen T" Toussaint.

"Flynn has been instrumental in helping create a network of recruitment by helping ease encouragement in driving retention," LaBelle said. "I also want to add that Flynn has been vital in keeping the organization of things, whereas everyone can agree that I'm (LaBelle) more suited for marketing.

In closing, LaBelle confessed that the station's door is always open, and he

encourages everyone to take a chance and to step out of their comfort zone, and know that the station, which has now reached the half-century benchmark, is only going to continue to grow, and the success starts from within, and he couldn't be prouder.

"I want it to be known that the main focus of this entire station is that WCCH has always and will be a main staple of the campus experience, and the diversity of all the DJ's in place is a testament to the HCC community, and the fundamental standard that music is and always will be a great unifier," LaBelle said.

BIRDS, from page 4

goldfinches drinking, but they are not seen in the yard often. I was surprised to see a downy woodpecker show up twice to get a drink. I can't recall ever seen a woodpecker drink at the bird bath before, summer or winter."

Helping birds

The Brimfield resident said creating brush piles provides shelter for birds. The piles also provide shelter for small animals as well. He said this time of year is a good time to trim trees and shrubs, a source of materials for a brush pile.

He said someone sent him a link about the possible dangers to birds of their feathers freezing if they take a bath in cold weather. For more information, people

may visit the link at <https://blog.nature.org/2022/01/31/should-you-provide-birds-water-in-winter/>.

Project Feederwatch

The Brimfield resident also said, "I recently visited the Project Feederwatch 2025 results (https://cdn.feederwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Winter-Bird-Highlights-2025_12.22.2025.pdf). The chart shows the top 25 birds seen in the Northeast during last year. The top 11 species can be seen most days in our yard."

Here is the list: 1. chickadee, 2. dark-eyed junco, 3. northern cardinal, 4. downy woodpecker, 5. blue jay, 6. mourning dove, 7. white-breasted nuthatch, 8. American goldfinch, 9. house finch, 10. red-bellied wood-

pecker, 11. tufted titmouse, 12. American robin, 13. European starling, 14. house sparrow, 15. hairy woodpecker, 16. Carolina wren, 17. white-throated sparrow, 18. song sparrow, 19. red-winged blackbird, 20. common grackle, 21. American crow, 22. brown-headed cowbird, 23. chipping sparrow, 24. northern flicker and 25 purple finch.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005. The Palmer office has a new phone system and I will be getting an extension where messages may be left. I will publish the number as soon as it is set up.

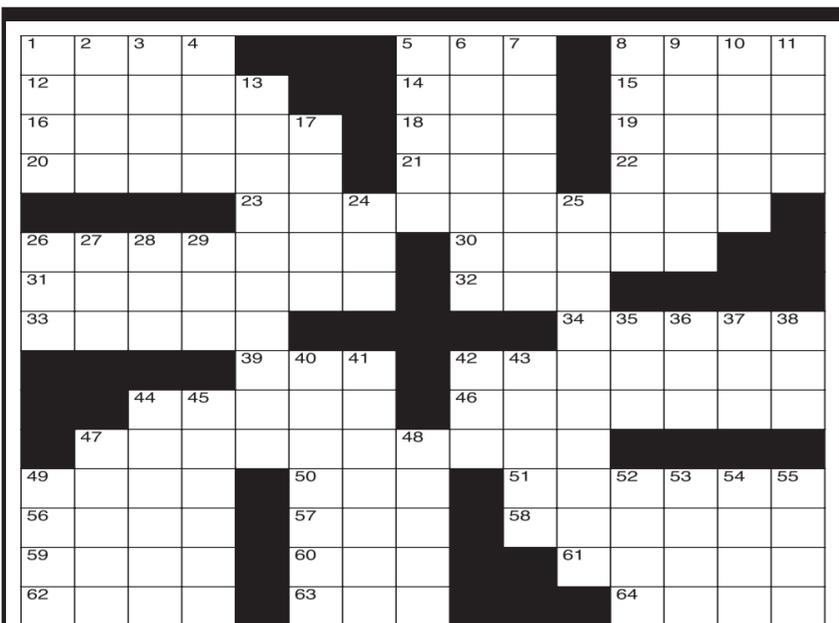
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Native to Hungary, Snow Crocus are sometimes called "Tommies" thanks to their species name, which was a tribute to Muzio G. Spirito de Tommasini, a Hungarian botanist. Years ago we had these beauties in a sequence of spring bloom-

ers that started with Snow Drops, moved on to the Snow Crocus, then on to a Daffodil and then finally the Spanish bluebell. The combination spanned March through May.

Just the thought of that versus what we are expecting in terms of weather has lightened my mood some; I hope it has done the same for you.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 34 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.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. What travelers must do
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Hopefully quickly
- 12. Once more
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 16. Astronomy unit
- 18. Savings vehicle
- 19. Get your ducks in this
- 20. Right away
- 21. Popular sports league
- 22. Containers
- 23. Entireties
- 26. One who wassails
- 30. Turned-up position
- 31. Extreme modesty
- 32. Writing utensil
- 33. Rewards (archaic)

- 34. Ancient capital
- 39. S. American wood sorrel
- 42. General discomfort
- 44. Philippine island
- 46. A witty saying
- 47. One who summarizes
- 49. Covered in
- 50. Mimic
- 51. Henry was a notable one
- 56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 57. Retired NFLer Newton
- 58. Playground equipment
- 59. Concept
- 60. Satisfaction
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Hammer end
- 63. A father's male child

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Off-Broadway figure
- 2. Gelatinous substance
- 3. Concern
- 4. "Lick It Up" rockers
- 5. Serbian river
- 6. Part of a hat
- 7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- 8. Semitic language
- 9. Utter a shrill cry
- 10. Long times
- 11. Animal parts
- 13. Causing annoyance
- 17. Amorour talker
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Harmonic effects
- 26. Cost per mile
- 27. They ___
- 28. Bitterly regret
- 29. Not even
- 35. A way to drop
- 64. Japanese drink
- 36. Title of respect
- 37. World leader
- 38. Georgia rockers
- 40. National capital
- 41. Great Plains people
- 42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- 43. Architectural recesses
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. Mountainous
- 47. Kite bird
- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
- 49. Popular snack made of potato
- 52. 70s songsters The Bee ___
- 53. SE China port ___ men
- 54. Something to fill up
- 55. League of Legends character

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BLUE TRAIL

By Keith Davies
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 Guest Contributor*

Editor's Note: This is part in a multi-part series about the Chicopee 4Rivers Watershed Council.

By 2014, the original Chicopee River Watershed Council (1970s) had ceased to exist, it had not been able to engage new people.

A small group of people saw a need to change that and began to renew an idea: the Chicopee Watershed and its tributaries are a special place and should be better known and appreciated by its local residents. Why and how to do that?

Rivers have long been the lifeblood of communities across the region. They helped build New England and they were worked hard and taken for granted.

By the 1970s, people began to realize we needed to clean up our rivers, they benefited us and wildlife in ways we had overlooked. Watershed Councils sprang up and helped start a process to turn things around and in the big picture, things improved, our rivers were cleaned up a great deal.

Yet the job is not done, and some practices still impact healthy rivers in undesirable ways. Today we enjoy rivers recreationally and realize they serve wildlife and people in many important and healthy ways. The new effort start-

ed with going community to community sharing the idea and inviting people to get involved. We held many local meetings at town halls, libraries, and community centers and it stirred interest and awareness.

We hosted river paddles and clean ups. Some joined the effort.

To give this effort focus and connect people in meaningful ways to the rivers, C4R inaugurated two programs: Water quality monitoring and Paddling trail development.

We would monitor the basic bacterial health of the river for recreational use and enjoyment. This would invite people to see these special places and learn if they were a healthy place to enjoy.

We started with six sites on two rivers in 2015 and are now at 20 sites on all four rivers. We have created four Blue Trails, routes on and maps of the rivers that highlight both historical and natural places that people can explore to see how special our four local rivers are.

Knowing their special character and health benefits reveals their value.

Good progress, yet just a start. The initial excitement of renewing the idea has worn off a bit.

But once something of value is recognized, it needs to be maintained, cared for, what a handful of people had started needs more hands to keep things going. Could you help?

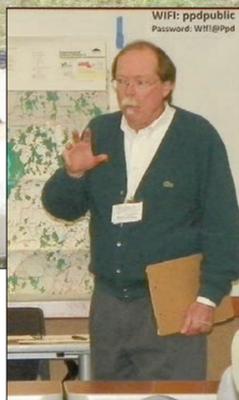


Paddlers explored the Quaboag River Blue Trail.



Volunteers stood near a pile of trash and debris collected during a cleanup.

Submitted photos



Keith Davies led a discussion about the Chicopee 4Rivers.



Volunteers participated in one of many river cleanups in the Chicopee River Watershed.



A paddler is shown enjoying a day on the river.

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Knights pick up win over Smith Voke

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The Knights had a 33-11 lead at halftime and didn't look back.



Michaela Guzman heads down the court.



Kyra Lippman is pursued as she goes for a layup.



Isabelle Lachat attempts a running jump shot.



Sujelyz Peralta takes a free throw.

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Tatiyana Zuniga passes in transition.

HCC Women celebrate final home game

HOLYOKE – Women's basketball played their last regular season game on Friday evening, Feb. 20, hosting regional opponent Bunker Hill CC. The Lady Cougars defeated their opposition 67-56 to earn their seventh straight win. Holyoke's two second-year players, Emily McGrail (Ware, MA / Ware HS) and Erin Bullough (South Hadley, MA / South Hadley HS), were honored with a sophomore night that included a pre-game ceremony recognizing

the athletes and their accomplishments. Posters, photos and decorations were hung on the walls and in the stands around Golas Court.

McGrail led the Cougars in blocks during Friday's game and was second in rebounds, tallying six of each. She leads Holyoke in blocks this season with 59 and blocks per game, averaging 3.5. McGrail is sixth in NJCAA Division III in blocks and third in blocks per game. Bullough sunk the Lady Cougars first basket of

the game on Friday. She leads Holyoke in three-point shooting percentage this season and is second in three-pointers made. Bullough has made 41.3% of the three-point shots she has attempted this year, ranking her fourth in NJCAA Division III. She has drained 31 total shots from long range on the year. Anastacia Dixon (Keene, NH / Keene HS) had an outstanding game in the regular season finale, leading Holyoke in points with 24 and rebounds with eight.

Women's basketball closes out the regular season with a 10-3 regional record and a 14-7 overall record. They are the second-place team in the New England (Region XXI) standings and will be the #2 seed entering the regional tournament.

This will be HCC women's basketball's first post-season appearance in over 15 years. The Lady Cougars will get a bye to the tournament semifinals and will host the winner of one of the two quarterfinals.



Erin Bullough tries to overcome pressure.



Anastacia Dixon gets the short jumper away.



Mileidy Rosado avoids a block and gets a shot.



Johanys Andrades goes for the layup.

Registration for Pioneer Valley Baseball opens for 2026 summer season

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, has just opened up its registration for the 2026 season.

The adult league will be administered by the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, and a registration link is on the home page of the league's website www.quabbinvalley-

baseball.org. Thought it will be under the Quabbin umbrella, there will be no major changes in how the league is operated.

This year, the PVBL will have a 22-game regular season schedule followed by a double-elimination playoffs. The league, which had five teams last year and had to utilize multiple byes throughout the season, will be fielding a

sixth team this season.

There are several spots open for that sixth team, so players interested in joining the league should get signed up as soon as possible to claim a spot.

The league is a wood-bat only league utilizing playing under regular baseball rules though all players do bat. The league operates on a Saturday-Tuesday schedule. Games are

played on Saturday mornings with 10 a.m. starts typical and on Tuesday evenings with start times in the 5:30 to 6 p.m. range. The league will start play in late April and running through the end of August. There are slots open for both full-time players and part-time players. The fee for full-time players will be \$260 with part-time players getting up to 11 games for \$130. Fees

paid go toward the operation of the league, paying for insurance, umpires, fields, and baseballs and no one profits in any way.

In addition to the new sixth team, there are limited open roster spots on the other teams in the league, so get your registration in as soon as possible to participate in this season.

Games are played at

ballfields throughout the region from as far south as Southwick's Whalley Field, through South Hadley's Beachgrounds and up north at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield.

For any questions, please go to the league website for more information. The league hopes interested players will come out and join the fun this spring and summer.

Worcester Railers score win in overtime over Rapid City Rush

RAPID CITY, SD — The Worcester Railers HC (23-19-5-1 pts) grabbed a 5-4 overtime victory over the Rapid City Rush (21-23-4-0) on Friday, February 20th at The Monument in front of a crowd of 3,409. The Railers will wrap up their three-game road series against the Rush on Saturday, February 21st, with puck drop at 7:05 p.m. MST.

Rapid City struck first with back-to-back goals from Briley Wood (2-0-2) in the opening half of the first period. Matt DeMelis (1-1-2) got Worcester on the board with a one-timer at 9:35 in the second. Drew Callin (3-0-3) kept it rolling for Worcester with two goals for the Railers, the latter of which was on the power play to put the team ahead 3-2

heading into the final period of play. Rapid City's Ryan Chyzowski (1-1-2) tied the game for the Rush once more at three apiece early in the third. Linemate Blake Bennett (1-0-1) put Rapid City ahead for the second time of the evening with a power play shot atop the right circle to make the new score 4-3 at 10:31. Callin scored his first hat-trick as a Railer and pushed the night into overtime with a quick shot off from the left faceoff circle over the shoulder of Nathan Torchia (4-4). Anthony Repaci (1-1-2) lit the lamp for a final time for the Railers just fifty-nine seconds into OT and picked up the 5-4 victory off a pass from DeMelis.

Rapid City established an early two-goal lead for them-

selves with back-to-back unanswered goals at 7:05 and 9:43 in the first, both from Briley Wood. Wood (7th) deked out goaltender Tristan Lennox and created an opening along the right side of the Railers' net to score the Rush's first tally. Wood (8th) followed up the play with a second unanswered goal for the team three-and-a-half minutes later, a shot that snuck its way in between the pads of Lennox (0-2). Worcester was unable to respond to the new lead before the horn sounded. No penalties were called in the period. Worcester led in shots on goal with 13 to Rapid City's 6.

The second period was Worcester's turn to chase down the Rush's lead and take the game for themselves. In the

span of six minutes and twenty-four seconds, Worcester went from trailing by two to a three-goal lead. Matt DeMelis (14th) got the scoring streak going with a quick one-timer assisted on by a pass through the crease from Riley Ginnell at 9:35 (1-2). Drew Callin (16th) capitalized on a center ice breakaway as Rush goaltender Nathan Torchia was unable to block the push (2-2). Kristian Acosta was then sent down to the ice on the next play as he collided with the Rush's net. The act put the Railers on their first extra-man advantage of the night as Mitchell Smith headed into the box for roughing. The two minutes with the man-advantage proved fruitful as Callin (17th) nabbed a second tally, his fourth in two

games. Amidst heavy traffic, Callin finished off a rebound and put the puck into a wide-open Rush net, which gave Worcester their 3-2 lead as the second frame of play came to a close. Shots on goal once again favored Worcester 15-9. Smith's penalty was the only one called for the period.

Rapid City quickly re-tied the game for the second time early in the third. The goal was tucked into the Railers net by Ryan Chyzowski (21st) at 4:18. Rapid City then reclaimed the game lead at 10:31 with a top-shelf shot atop the right circle from Blake Bennett (18th) (4-3). The play came from an man-advantage delivered by a tripping penalty called on Railers' defenseman Adam Samuelsson at 9:35. Drew

Callin (18th) kept a victory in the Railers sights with a late-game hat-trick as netminder Lennox was called to the bench to give Worcester the extra body. Callin drove the puck from the left faceoff dot over the shoulder of Torchia, and both teams skated into overtime, nodded up at four apiece. As the overtime clock began to count down, it was Anthony Repaci (15th) who claimed the game winner just fifty-nine seconds into play. Repaci tipped a backhanded pass from DeMelis out in front to claim the Railers' second victory in South Dakota with a 5-4 final score. Worcester put up 53 shots on goal to Rapid City's 20. Worcester and Rapid City each collected one penalty in the third.

Springfield Thunderbirds come up with win in shootout with Bridgeport Islanders

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Thunderbirds (19-25-4-2) rode a turbulent night to an eventual 5-4 shootout win over the Bridgeport Islanders (21-21-3-4) on Friday night inside the MassMutual Center.

Unlike their last contest on Wednesday, the T-Birds and their opposition had a much slower start to the night offensively, with a scoreless struggle carrying late into the first. Thomas Bordeleau finally broke the ice at 14:54,

winning a draw and darting to the right wing circle and rifling home a feed from Calle Rosen to give Springfield a 1-0 advantage.

Just 1:16 later, and less than half a minute into their first power play of the night, the T-Birds built a cushion as Chris Wagner jammed a loose puck through the legs of Marcus Hogberg from the blue paint to make it 2-0.

Bridgeport's power play provided a response at 19:05 when Julien Gauthier inter-

cepted a loose puck deep in the offensive zone before sifting a forehander over Vadim Zherenko to make it a 2-1 game into the first intermission.

Zherenko proved to be pivotal in the second, especially when he made a lurching post-to-post skate save on Matt Maggio to keep his team in front. Later in the same sequence of play, Matt Luff hit Alek Kaskimaki on a 2-on-1 pass, and Kaskimaki picked the glove-side corner

on Hogberg, making it 3-1 for Springfield at 6:53 of the second.

Down 3-1 heading into the third, the Islanders turned the game upside-down in the span of just over six minutes. After Springfield killed two straight Islander power plays, Hunter Drew finally got Bridgeport's second goal of the night at 5:02, moments after Hogberg kept Springfield from goals on two straight odd-man rushes.

Liam Foudy followed

Drew's lead with a sneaky wrist shot from the left side at 8:42, tying the score at 3 before Pierrick Dube got a fortuitous bounce in the slot and whistled a shot over Zherenko's blocker at 11:31 to get Bridgeport its first lead of the night, 4-3.

In desperate need of a momentum shifter, Hugh McGing delivered just that for Springfield, crashing the low slot area and firing a forehander over a fallen Hogberg at 14:28 off a centering pass

from Juraj Pekarcik.

For a fourth time in 10 meetings, overtime was needed between the clubs, and for a third time, it reached the shootout. Bordeleau put his stamp on the night with a gorgeous backhand deke to beat Hogberg in the opening round. Zherenko then stood his ground and made three successive saves on Adam Beckman, Gauthier, and Dube to secure Springfield's first shootout triumph of the season.

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City of Holyoke
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** via Zoom.com ID: 825 8639 3209; Call in *67 646 558 8656 to hear applications submitted by ISO New England, Inc. for the property located at 115 Whiting Farms Road (115-00-002) pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, Section 10.0, a **Major Site Plan Review** (File #170); pursuant to Section 4.6.3.2, a Special Permit for an Exceed Fence Height (2026-2); and pursuant to Section 5.4.1, a Special Permit for the **Multiple Principal Structures** (2026-3).
 For a complete copy of the application and site plan, contact the Planning Department at (413) 322-5575.
APPLICANT:
 ISO New England, Inc.
PLANNING BOARD:
 Lauren Niles, Chairperson
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by: **Patrick O. Murray of Springfield, MA** requesting allowance of the sixteenth and final account as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 **March 25, 2026.**

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. **Claudine T. Stouemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 20, 2026
Rosemary A. Saccomani
 Register of Probate
 02/27/2026

City of Holyoke
Stormwater Authority
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
 The Holyoke Stormwater Authority will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, March 2, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** to hear, pursuant to Section 38.0 of the Holyoke Ordinance, an application for a Stormwater Permit requested by the City of Holyoke for park improvements including the installation of a new asphalt path, replacement of playground equipment and play surfaces, and stormwater infrastructure improvements at Jones Point Park, parcel 097-00-002.

The hearing will be held in person at the Holyoke Department of Public Works, 63 Canal Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 and remotely via video conference. Meeting location and zoom link

will be posted on the City's meeting website in advance of the meeting at: <https://www.holyoke.org/departments/public-meetings/>

A copy of the application and site plan may be obtained electronically by sending an email to the Holyoke Assistant City Engineer at houldev@holyoke.org or by appointment requested through this same email address.

STORMWATER AUTHORITY:
 Mark Lubold, Chairman
 02/27/2026

City of Holyoke
Massachusetts
Request for Qualifications
RFQ 2026-28DPW
Professional Consultant
Services:
Design Engineering Services for River Terrace (CSO-21B) Combined Sewer System Separation (Phase B) (Rebid)

The City of Holyoke Department of Public Works (DPW) seeks qualifications from engineering firms to complete the final design and bid-ready construction documents for the River Terrace (CSO-21B) Combined Sewer Separation Project. To date, the project has been designed to the 60% design level. The proposed scope of work requested as part of this RFQ includes confirming and updating utility base mapping as previously surveyed against current utility records, potential field investigations (e.g. test pits) to identify and resolve any potential design conflicts with utilities, finalizing design plans and profiles, completion of any necessary regulatory permitting, preparation of technical specifications, preparation of cost estimates, assistance with documentation necessary to obtain State Revolving Funds for the construction phase of the project, and preparation of final bidding documents. It should be noted that Final Design documents must be completed for

submission to MassDEP on or before December 30, 2026, to comply with the anticipated time extension pending approval under the City's Consent Decree. This project may be funded in whole or part with Federal Funds. Respondents will be verified for eligibility to receive Federal Funds and must comply with all Federal Requirements including Part 200. This Request for Qualifications is being reissued to reflect a revised project schedule. The scope of services and project requirements remain substantially unchanged from the prior solicitation. **A non-mandatory virtual pre-submission meeting be held on March 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM.** A link to the meeting will be provided to interested parties requesting a copy of this full RFQ. The City has set a not to exceed budget for work to be completed at \$450,000.

Starting on February 23, 2026, RFQ documents may be obtained electronically through the City of Holyoke's Purchasing Department by submitting an email request to Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer, at morrowj@holyoke.org. Responses will also be submitted by email.

Qualifications Packages shall be submitted electronically to Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer, at morrowj@holyoke.org and are due on **March 24, 2026 at 2:00 PM** (local time), based on the digital time stamp when received. Late applications will not be accepted. Qualifications Packages submitted through any other means, such as mail or hand delivery, will not be accepted and will be rejected by the City as non-responsive. The City intends to select a consultant within 60 days of receipt of the RFQ responses. Work on the project must commence within 30 days of contract execution. The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, to waive any minor

informalities and technicalities, or to cancel the solicitation if it is in the public interest to do so. The City of Holyoke is an EEO/AA/MBE employer. Women and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply.
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Probate and Family Court
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Michele M. Aubrey of Holyoke, MA.**

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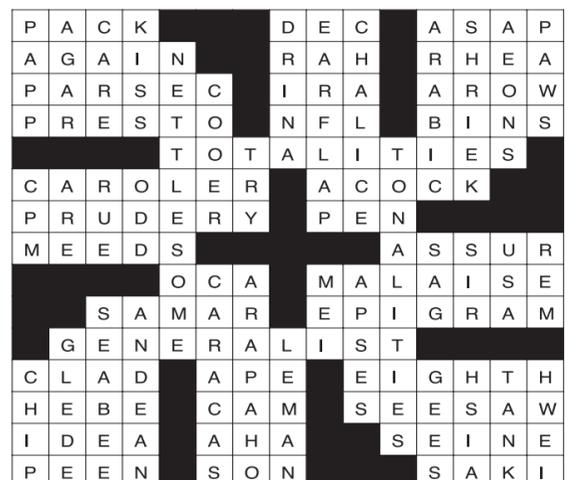
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Check Out These Great Camps!

Registration open for HCC Summer Youth Programs

It's still winter, but it's not too early to start thinking about summer.

Registration is now open for 2026 Summer Youth Programs at Holyoke Community College.

Starting July 7 and running through August 8, HCC will offer 16 week-long, in-person summer programs for youth aged 8 to 16.

For more than 40 years, HCC has offered fun, challenging summer education activities for youth, providing early opportunities for students to experience a college environment guided and encouraged by experienced professionals.

HCC's 2026 on-campus

summer youth programs run Monday through Friday, some for a full day and others for a half day.

All in-person programs will be held on the main HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave., except for cooking classes, which are held at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke:

July 6-10:

Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16): In this lively hands-on camp, young chefs will team up to chop, stir, and create tasty dishes from around the world. Each day brings a new theme and a chance to dis-



cover fresh ingredients, cool cooking techniques, and the joy of working together in the kitchen. By week's end,

they'll walk away with new cooking skills, delicious recipes to show off at home, and plenty of tasty memories. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Di-ana Swanigan (ages 9-16): Join us for an exciting week of hands-on culinary fun, where young chefs will discover the joy of cooking delicious, easy-to-prepare meals to share with family and friends. Participants will work together to chop, season, cook, and taste a variety of recipes – all made from scratch. Each day introduces new menu themes, ingredients, and techniques designed to build confidence in the kitchen. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

July 13-17:

Cooking without Borders with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Fun Bites with Chef Di-ana Swanigan (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

ROBLOX Coders (ages 8-10; 11-14): Discover the Lua coding language while designing experiences in ROBLOX, an online universe where you can create anything you dream of. New developers will learn to use ROBLOX's Studio software to reimagine the popular game genres with their own custom code. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. to noon for ages 8-10; 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

July 20-24:

Around the World with Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16): Cuisine around the world serves as a universal language that unites people across cultures through shared flavors, traditions, and stories. Learn to prepare full-course meals from Asia, Puerto Rico, Greece, Italy,

and New Orleans. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

Make Your First Video Game (ages 8-10; 11-14): Go beyond the limitations of traditional 2D game design classes and create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

Passport to Flavors with Chef Marangelly Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

August 3-7:

Python Programmers (ages 8-10; 11-14): Learn the world's fastest-growing programming language favored by Google, NASA, YouTube, and the CIA. Learn how to code with Python to create engaging apps and games. Instructor Brittany Pietskowski. (9 a.m. – noon for ages 8-10; 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 11-14, \$199)

For more details or to register for Summer Youth Program classes, please go to: hcc.edu/summer-youth.

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Holyoke Community College Summer Youth Programs for Ages 8-16

Save your spot and register today for summer fun!



- July 27-31, Minecraft Designers (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- August 3-7, Python Programmers (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 20-24, Make Your First Video Game (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 13-17, ROBLOX Coders (ages 8-10, 11-14)
- July 6-10 and 13-17, Fun Bites with Chef Swanigan (ages 9-16)
- July 20-24 and 27-31, Around the world with Chef Swanigan (ages 9-16)
- July 6-10 and 13-17, Cooking without Borders with Chef Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16)
- July 20-24 and 27-31, Passport to Flavors with Chef Vargas-Gonzalez (ages 9-16)

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Check out our adult enrichment courses, too! hcc.edu/bcs

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BEMENT SUMMER CAMP

REGISTER FOR SIX WEEKS, GET THE SEVENTH FREE!

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES K-9
Campers participate in a wide variety of fun activities including arts & crafts, swimming, nature programs, hiking, and 18 enrichment themes! Lunch is included and before and after care is available!

DAY CAMP JR. DAY CAMP	ENRICHMENT CAMPS	Weekly Tuition \$350-\$500	MOUNTAIN BIKING & ADVENTURE CAMPS
WEEK 1: JUNE 15-19	Studio Arts & Crafts	Cross Country Camp	Game's Guild
WEEK 2: JUNE 22-26	Speech & Debate	Taylor Swift Camp	STEM Challenges!
WEEK 3: JULY 6-10	Broadway at Bement	Soccer Club	Mission Monadnock
WEEK 4: JULY 13-17	Magic Behind the Music	D&D Camp	History Hunters
WEEK 5: JULY 20-24	Graphic Novel Camp	Counselor in Training	Flag Football & More
WEEK 6: JULY 27-31	Little Explorers Camp	Soccer Camp	PE Games & Sports
WEEK 7: AUGUST 3-7	Movie Magic Camp	Spanish Explorers	



The Bement School
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Registration Link
bement.org/summer

