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Submitted photos  
The Grand Colleen and her court along with several 2026 award recipients gather in front of the flag poles.

## Ward 7 councilor named new VP

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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HOLYOKE – Local history was made in January when the Holyoke City Council elected its first-ever vice president councilor.

Previously, the legislative body of the city only had a president that was elected by the body and there was no one else designated to lead the council in the absence of the council president.

The council agreed almost two years ago to change its rules and name a vice president, something communities like Agawam do have.

At the Feb. 17 meeting, Council President Murphy-Romboletti announced she would hold an election to name a new vice president, and Meg Magrath-Smith, who represents Ward 7, was elected on the first ballot.

She received nine votes of the 13-member body. Councilor Linda Vacon received two votes, and Patti Devine received the other two votes. Councilor Israel Rivera supported Devine to be the vice president.

Magrath-Smith was immediately sworn in as the new council vice president. Magrath-Smith is in her second term on the city council and replaced former Council President Todd McGee.

In January, Rivera was named the first-ever vice president following the re-election of Murphy-Romboletti as council president.

But Rivera summarily resigned following pressure that stemmed from an arrest in December 2025 for operating under the influence of alcohol. The ensuing controversy further damaged Rivera's reputation as body cam footage showed him making disparaging remarks about the Holyoke Police Department and making threats to cut their budget. He also used racial slurs in cam footage.

He resolved the case with a continuance without a finding and will have to attend a class and lose his license for a period of time. His behavior also got him axed from the Public Safety Committee, and he also gave up his chair on the government relations committee. He then resigned as council president, all amid pressures from the Holyoke Police

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## Irish season begins with flag raising

HOLYOKE – On Monday morning, the Irish flag was raised in front of the John F. Kennedy monument led by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Committee, and city officials, who held a ceremony. Speeches were made by Mayor Joshua Garcia, and

Parade Marshal Michael Moriarty. The Irish flag-raising ceremony has become another tradition added to the slate of events to celebrate road to St. Patrick's Day in Holyoke. The Grand Colleen and her court and many of this year's award winners were also in attendance at the event.



Left, both flags fly high as Irish season gets underway in Holyoke. Right, The Irish flag is raised.



## Dean Tech lottery results imminent

HOLYOKE – More than 225 current eighth graders applied for admission to Holyoke High School's Dean Tech campus next fall—and soon they will find out whether they have been selected by lottery to attend.

In all, 130 incoming freshmen will be accepted to attend the district's career and technical education high school in the fall. Dean Tech offers nine Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, including Advanced Manufacturing, Auto Collision, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Diesel Technology, Electrical, Health Assisting, and Programming and Web Development.

"The application window closed on February 28, as planned," explained Director of Enrollment Services & Transportation Rebecca Lamb. "The next step is for our enrollment team to pull and verify attendance and discipline data for all applicants to determine how many entries in the lottery each individual will receive."

As a reminder, each applicant receives one lottery ticket for applying, and can earn additional lottery chances for maintaining good attendance and for having no major disciplinary actions. Ms. Lamb anticipates being able to announce the results of the lottery on or about Wednesday, March 11.

## Republican challenger to Gov. Healey visits

By Amanda Munson  
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LUDLOW – On Feb. 20, the Republican Town Committee held a meet and greet for Republican Candidate for governor Mike Minogue to discuss his goals and plans in the state. Held in the banquet room of Tony and Pennies, *The Holyoke Sun* spoke with Chairman of the Republican Town

Committee Ron Saloio and understood the importance of bringing in government leaders to a local level, speaking with individuals and asking questions face-to-face, and getting real-time answers.

Saloio, who's been part of the Republican Town Committee for a couple of years and was involved in the school committee in the past, shared that now that as chairman of the committee,

he's happy to get the Town involved in events like these and was grateful for the attendance at the evening's meet and greet.

"It's great, a lot of the people that do a lot for the Town are here. That's a good thing and it just shows that people want to get involved and people want to make a change.

That's the most important part; we can't let things happen to us anymore. We

have to get out there and make things happen themselves, I'm really excited about this turnout," said Saloio.

When asked about

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Republican Candidate for governor Mike Minogue talks about his values, family and work background, while highlighting his reasons for running against current Governor Maura Healey. The room was packed with Republican Town Committee members and guests.



Turley photos by Amanda Munson

## St. Patrick's Committee announces calendar as parade season gets underway

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HOLYOKE – "Parade season" is underway in the City of Holyoke.

It has gone from being just a weekend featuring the St. Patrick's Day Road Race and the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and now there are numerous events beginning in March and leading up to the main events.

Starting earlier this week, the Ancient Order of the Hibernians joined the

mayor and city officials and the St. Patrick's Day Committee to raise the Irish flag at city hall in order to herald Irish season.

Coming up next, there will be a public safety meeting held at the Holyoke Elks Lodge featuring a lunch event at 12 noon on Friday, Mar. 6. With several incidents that have happened at public events in recent years, the St. Patrick's Committee has been regularly holding safety meetings in order to convene stake-

holders involved with the parade.

At the lunch, the Committee will convene federal, state, and local public safety agencies for a coordinated planning session in preparation for Parade Weekend. Officials will review logistics, safety protocols, and operational plans to ensure a safe and successful celebration for all attendees.

The next big events will take place on Saturday, March 7 starting with the

Tartan Party for Dobbin. It begins at 2 p.m. and takes place at Heritage State Park.

A family-friendly afternoon at the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round featuring unlimited rides, free face painting, crafts, and Holyoke Tartan merchandise for sale. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

There will also be face-painting, hair braiding and green glitter, a craft table, and plenty of food, beer, and wine for sale to go with the unlimited merry-

go-round rides for attendees.

Marshal Mania will take place that evening, going from 6:30 to 11 p.m. An evening of live music and celebration featuring "Unforgettable Fire," the premier U2 tribute band, with opening act the Greater Holyoke All Star Band. Tickets are \$30 and proceeds go to benefit the committee.

Finally, on Sunday morning, the weekend is

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# Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice 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](http://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](mailto:carlosvegafund.413@gmail.com).

## UCCH holding corned beef dinner

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, Mar. 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

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## 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://masscs.org/about/regional-commissions/hampden-county/>

## Samra appointed to HCC Board of Trustees

HOLYOKE – Patricia Samra, of West Springfield and Cambridge, a recently retired healthcare executive, has been appointed to the Holyoke Community College Board of Trustees by Gov. Maura Healey.

Until 2025, Samra, a master's level registered nurse, was the vice president of HR Operations and Total Rewards at Baystate Health in a career that began with the Springfield-based healthcare organization in 1986. Over 40 years, she

served two 14-year stints at Baystate, starting as a registered nurse before moving into human resources.

Before returning to Baystate for her second stint in 2006, she worked for nine years as an independent healthcare consultant for the Dix Consulting Group in Portland Maine.

She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing administration from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Samra attended her first HCC Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

"I believe community colleges are powerful engines for equity and transformation," she said. "Serving on the HCC Board of Trustees will allow me to bring my experience, values-driven leadership, and commitment to expanding pathways that help every student succeed."

Her term runs through March 1, 2029.



## 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.

## City now 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 initiatives. 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](http://Indeed.com) or send resume and cover letter to [Personnel@holyoke.org](mailto:Personnel@holyoke.org).

The application deadline is March 31.

## Providence Place holding Spring Concert Series

HOLYOKE – Providence Place will be kicking off the first concert of the Spring series on Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Mother of Sorrows Chapel. Providence Place is located at 5 Gamelin Street in Holyoke, right behind the Holyoke Mall.

The March 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](mailto:kbacon@providenceplace.org).

**PUBLIC NOTICE TO FORMER HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

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## Scholarship season ends March 13

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. The application deadline is Friday, March 13, 2026.

Last year, the HCC Foundation awarded 410 scholarships worth about \$364,000 to 379 incoming, current, and transferring HCC students. Some students received multiple scholarship awards. The average scholarship award is typically around \$900.

“The scholarship program is the flagship initiative of the HCC Foundation, and it reflects the incredible generosity of our donor community,” said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships. Applicants only need to fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

To view scholarship opportunities and begin the application process, please go to: [www.hcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.hcc.edu/scholarships).

The HCC Scholarship Resource Center, on the first floor of the Donahue Building (Room 158), is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182, or by email to [scholarships@hcc.edu](mailto:scholarships@hcc.edu).

## Founding mothers book chosen for discussion at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE – Join fellow readers for the next book discussion group at Wistariahurst beginning Mar. 24. This book club, coinciding with Women’s History Month, will dive into “Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation” by Cokie Roberts.

“Founding Mothers” is the perfect read to celebrate both Women’s History Month and the 250th anniversary of the United States.

This book tells the stories of the women who have shaped the history of this country and their part

in the American Revolution. “Founding Mothers” discusses women such as Abigail Adams, Mercy Otis Warren, Deborah Read Franklin, Eliza Pinckney, Catherine Littlefield Green, Esther DeBerdt Reed, and Martha Washington. These women, among others, were crucial in forming a new nation.

This book discussion group will meet over the course of four weeks on Mar. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 7, and Apr. 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wistariahurst Museum. The required read-

ings for each meeting are as follows:

- Tuesday, Mar. 24 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. having read pages 14-95

- Tuesday, Mar. 31 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. having read pages 96-159

- Tuesday, Apr. 7 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. having read pages 160-241

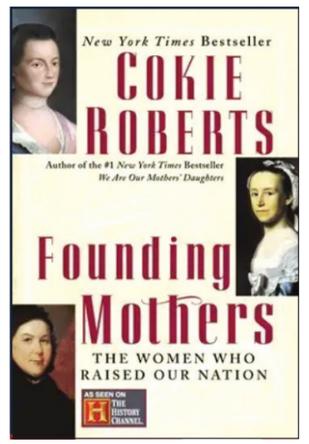
- Tuesday, Apr. 14 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. having read pages 242-292

Visit your local branch to get a copy of “Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation.” If the book isn’t available at your

local library, ask about an inter library loan.

This book is also available for free as an eBook on Libby and Hoopla and as an audiobook on Hoopla. Participation in this book discussion group is free and open to the public.

We look forward to meeting with readers to discuss this unique, explorative book! Interested readers should register on Wistariahurst’s Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/organization/wistariahurst-museum-64788818143>.



Submitted photo  
An HCC nursing student and instructor in one of the patient simulation rooms at the HCC Center for Health Education and Simulation.

## HCC hosting health careers open house

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College will host an open house at its Center for Health Education & Simulation on Thursday, March 26, for anyone interested in exploring educational programs and careers in healthcare, human services, and veterinary and animal science.

Visitors to the Health Careers Open House are welcome to tour HCC’s state-of-the-art health education facility from 4 to 6 p.m. and talk to representatives from the college’s programs in nursing (RN and LPN), radiologic technol-

ogy, veterinary and animal science, medical assisting, Foundations of Health (public health), CNA (certified nursing assistant), medical billing and coding, and human services.

The event is free and open to the public.

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 a fantastic chance to dive into all of our health majors in one exciting event,” said nursing resource coordinator Dee Wescott. “We welcome everyone to explore our cutting-edge simulation labs, connect with our dedicated faculty and staff, and discover the exceptional student support services that set us apart.”

If you can’t make it in person, please contact Dee Wescott at [dwescott@hcc.edu](mailto:dwescott@hcc.edu) for more information.

## Grant enables HCC child watch center program to add evening hours

HOLYOKE— Holyoke Community College has been awarded a \$245,000 grant from the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation to add additional staff and evening hours to its Itsy Bitsy Child Watch program.

The grant will pay for the hiring of two more staff workers (one full time and one part time). That will allow the child watch center to increase capacity by operating a second classroom during its busiest daytime hours and also by adding care hours in the evenings for students who take classes at night.

Itsy Bitsy Child Watch is a free center on HCC’s main

campus for parents in need of short-term childcare while they attend class, study, or meet with tutors and advisers. It opened as a pilot program in fall 2022 and was so successful it quickly reached capacity in its original location.

In September 2025, the child watch center opened in a larger, newly renovated space funded by a previous \$600,000 grant from the Davis Foundation.

“At the Davis Foundation, we have five priorities: We fund early childhood, early literacy, the K-16 pathway, youth development, and economic mobility,” Executive Director Kiley O’Meara said

at the grand reopening celebration for the center. “So, it’s everything that you all are doing here, every day. Really, every college needs this, and we’re just thrilled to be a part of it.”

The new Itsy Bitsy Child Watch Center, located on the second floor of the Frost Building, roughly doubled the capacity of children it can serve at any given time, from 10 to 19. It has two full classrooms for different age groups, a dedicated children’s bathroom, an office, an adjoining gross motor skills room, and an expanded kitchenette with a dishwasher and full-size refrigerator.

“It’s a beautiful space,” said President George Timmons, “but it isn’t just about square footage. This is about possibility and removing barriers. This is about saying to student parents: We see you; we support you; and we want you to get to the finish line.”

According to Kimm Quinlan, HCC director of early childhood initiatives, student parents who use the child watch service have higher than average course completion rates and are more likely to graduate.

“We know it works,” Quinlan said. “With the generous support of the Davis

Foundation, Itsy Bitsy Child Watch is able to meet a critical need for our parenting students. We are deeply grateful for this investment, which brings real relief to our program and will allow us to better support student success across our community.”

The Itsy Bitsy Child Watch program, which serves children from three months to 12 years old, is now open Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Starting in the fall 2026 semester, the center will also be open for evening care four to five evenings a week.

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**2026**

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Guest Column



## I lost money as a widow and ex-spouse by not knowing the rules

Dear Rusty:

I just found out, as someone who was collecting widow's benefits on my second husband, a very small amount, for some time, that I was, all along, entitled to divorce benefits from my first husband, which are much more. I thought I had to wait until my first husband passed before I could collect anything from him. Now I learned I have the right to collect as a divorcee. All of these years I have been missing out on a bigger benefit because I didn't know this. Please make this clear and stress it for others in my position.

Signed: Lost Benefits

Dear Lost Benefits:

I am truly saddened that you lost out on benefits from your first husband for such a long time. Although you could not collect an ex-spouse benefit from Husband #1 while you were married to Husband #2, as soon as your current husband died you again became eligible for ex-spouse benefits from Husband #1.

Basically, the rules say you cannot collect benefits from an ex-spouse if you have remarried and remain married. In other words, you cannot be "currently married" to collect benefits from an ex-spouse. But the death of Husband #2 meant that you were now eligible to collect ex-spouse benefits from your first husband - husband #1. I hope when you later filed for your ex-spouse benefits you asked for six months of retroactive benefits.

In your situation, when your Husband #2 died, you actually had a choice - either collect your surviving spouse benefit from your recently deceased husband #2, or to collect a regular ex-spouse benefit from your first husband if that is more than your benefit as your second husband's widow. Regular ex-spouse benefits from your first husband are available even though he is still living (and, indeed, even if he remarried) because you are no longer married to husband #2.

This, however, is not always the way things work out for someone who has had multiple marriages. It all depends on the SS benefit each former spouse was entitled to. That's because your survivor

benefit as your 2nd husband's widow is based on the full (100%) amount he was receiving from Social Security when he died.

In contrast, your benefit as your first husband's ex-spouse while he is still living will be based upon half (50%) of his full retirement age SS entitlement. And often, 100% of a deceased person's SS benefit is more than 50% of another living person's amount. But not always.

It's important to also know that if you claim any SS benefit before reaching your personal Rull Retirement Age, the monthly amount will be reduced. Benefits as a spouse (or a surviving spouse) do not reach maximum until the spouse reaches FRA, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67 depending on the spouse's year of birth.

It's also important to know that if a surviving spouse is working, any SS benefit received will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test, which limits how much can be earned before SS benefits are affected. For 2026, the earnings limit for those collecting early SS benefits is \$24,480 and, if that limit is exceeded, Social Security will take away some of your benefits. Note that the earnings test goes away when you reach your full retirement age.

Finally, be aware that if your first husband also predeceases you, you will then become eligible for a surviving ex-spouse benefit from him, even if he has remarried.

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Guest Column

## Garden related chores to ease in the season

Last week I'm writing about a blizzard, while this week it looks as if the mercury is going to climb! How about our crazy New England weather?

If the skyrocketing temps have you feeling the urge to get a jump on the gardening season, you are not alone! Here are a few tasks, straight from the archives that will get you outside, and a few more to get you back indoors, because inevitably, winter is here for awhile longer. I think.

Perform appropriate garden chores.

I am usually negligent in cutting down asparagus foliage in the fall. Weather permitting, in other words, if the snow melts enough over the course of the next two weeks, I will get out there and cut it back to its base soon, then haul off the branches to prevent any bugs that overwintered there from infesting this year's spears.

It is also time to prune blueberries, apples, raspberries and grapes.

Pruning can vary depending on the age and health of your specimens. If you are not experienced at it, consult any number of good books on the subject before you head outdoors with your pruning shears and loppers.

Assess your tools. Was the rototiller running rough last fall? Perform or schedule a tune up for later this month and beat the rush. Same goes for the weed whacker and lawn mower.

Hoe and spade blades can be washed of dirt and debris then sharpened with a metal file. Medium grit sandpaper works wonders to smooth out the wooden handles of these and other garden tools.

After which, boiled linseed or tung oil can be applied to both the handle and the metal blade. It helps the wood resist moisture which leads to cracking and prevents rust on the blades.

I love my Dad's old spade. It has a great, hand-made wooden handle that is about to crack through; sure wish I had oiled it 20 years ago!



by Roberta McQuaid



If you find yourself short, you need not buy them. You can start seeds in repurposed fruit and vegetable boxes, the kind that mushrooms, strawberries and lettuce mixes come in. They work great as long as you make a few drainage holes in the bottom.

Pint sized ice cream containers are perfect for a second transplanting of tomato or pepper plants. Seeds of squash or annual flowers can be sown in single serving ice cream cups. As a kid I always saved our Popsicle sticks for labeling seedlings or garden rows.

When I run out of labels, all it takes is a trip to the recycle bin to make some more.

Last year I cut them out of quart-sized yogurt containers; they were the perfect length.

Practice good garden hygiene

Disinfect any containers, labels, stakes etc. that you wish to reuse this gardening season by washing them in hot soapy water then a quick rinse of one part bleach to nine parts water. This mixture will kill any pathogens left behind from previous gardening endeavors.

Out with the old, and in with the new - all in due time!

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# your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN  
Guest Column



## What happens when nurses go on strike

strike after voting down the hospital's latest contract proposal. The major issue is what they consider unsafe staffing. "From the beginning, our biggest concern was staffing," said the president of the New York State Nurses Association, Nancy Hagans.

Nurses at two other major New York hospitals went back to work after making progress on issues including protections from workplace violence and staffing, as well as pay.

In California, Kaiser Permanente workers – some 31,000 of them -- remained on strike for the fourth week. Members of the United Nurses Associations of California/Union of Health Care Professionals have never before walked off the job. Again, staffing is the main

issue, along with what they see as pay that is inadequate for recruiting and retaining medical professionals.

We may soon see strikes in Michigan, Washington state, Boston and Philadelphia.

These job actions disrupt patient care, as hospitals bus in traveling nurses to take up the slack. That's unfortunate – especially if you're the one waiting for surgery or going to the emergency room. In the long run, though, patients will benefit.

I've been a registered nurse for more than half my life, inspired by a beloved aunt, so I get where these nurses are coming from. They're not asking for luxuries, just the tools and support they need to do their jobs safely and effectively.

The nursing shortage – the U.S. was short 500,000 nurses last year, and the shortage is growing – has created a greater need for patient advocates. It's a career I've been very proud of, and now I'm proud of helping nurses forge their own paths by becoming patient advocates themselves (nurseadvocateentrepreneur.com) to offer the care they were trained for.

Patient advocates can fill some of the gap, but not all of it. Nurses are standing up not only for themselves, but also their patients. When one nurse is stretched too thin, the patients feel it. When burnout becomes the norm, care suffers. When safety concerns are ignored, everyone is at risk.

I hope all of these medical professionals return to

their jobs soon, with greater safeguards and better patient safety.

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When nurses strike, it's not about walking away from patients — it's about fighting for them.

Across the country, nurses are raising voices over what they view as unsafe staffing conditions, wages that don't reflect the intensity of the job or protect them from inflation, workplace violence, lack of mental health support and the growing strain on the quality of patient care.

Research has shown that adequate nursing ratios – how many patients per nurse – has a direct impact on patient outcomes: lower risk of death, fewer complications, fewer safety incidents and better patient satisfaction. In Massachusetts, hospitals are required to have a staffing ratio of one nurse to one or two patients in intensive care units.

When you're in the hospital, you can gauge for yourself whether there are enough nurses. It may take a long

time for someone to answer a call bell. Medications may be delayed or missed. Your vital signs may not be monitored as closely. And you can tell, despite their professionalism, when a nurse seems exhausted or frustrated.

Nobody wins. As I write this, nurses at New York Presbyterian Hospital are continuing their

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  - One who tells
  - Free from bondage
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## Knights close out season

HOLYOKE – On Feb. 16, Holyoke High School drew a second trip out to Agawam High School for nonplayoff action to close out their season. Holyoke would battle it out with the

Brownies, but would fall late 72-71. Holyoke's season concluded at 6-13.

Holyoke did not make the state tournament for the first time since it began in 2021.



Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com  
Michael Medina charges across midcourt.



Jordan King-Perilli keeps his dribbles as he looks at the defense.



Geo Aponte shoots over the defense.



Gian Cora attempts to grab a rebound.



Julian Fasoli powers around an Agawam guard.

## Chicopee defeats Holyoke in 7/8 semifinal

CHICOPEE – On Monday evening, the play-offs in the girls Suburban Basketball League got underway. In the seventh and eighth division, Chicopee and Holyoke met in a semifinal match-up. Chicopee would pick up the win and advanced to the finals, which are schedule to take place this Sunday.



Milah Perez sends a pass away.



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Reese Sherman gets the easy shot.



Sophia Fonseca sends a three-pointer away.



Avah Andujar gets a shot away.



Avery Athas shoots over a block.



## Volleyball Hall of Fame getting ready for next class

HOLYOKE – Each year, the International Volleyball Hall of Fame opens its doors a little wider – inviting the global volleyball community into a process that is both a celebration of history and a declaration of what matters most to the sport's future.

That journey continues on Mar. 17, when the IVHF will reveal the official finalists for the Class of 2026.

Finalists will be announced across six categories: Indoor Players (men and women), Beach Players (men and women), Coach, Leader, ParaVolley, and Referee. These individuals represent the very best of the game – legends whose careers and contributions have left a lasting mark on volleyball at every level.

From this group, the global volleyball community will have the opportunity to participate in the Players & Coaches Fan Vote.

For those new to the process: the Players & Coaches Fan Vote is one important component of the overall selection system. Fan voting results are calculated alongside the official

ballots cast by the IVHF Voting Members (living Hall of Famers), with each element contributing to the final outcome. This balanced approach ensures the process reflects both expert evaluation and the voice of the worldwide volleyball community.

The Hall belongs to everyone who loves this game — not just insiders, not just institutions, but the players, coaches, fans, and families who have given so much to volleyball. Your participation matters.

Here is what you can expect over the coming weeks:

**March 17** – Finalists revealed & Official Voting opens.

Meet the official Class of 2026 finalists across all categories.

**April 1** – Fan Vote opens.

Fans may vote as often as they would like.

**April 15** – Fan Vote closes.

**April 17** – Fan Vote results announced.

**May** – The Class of 2026 is officially announced.

# Different name, but overtime win for Worcester Railers

WORCESTER – Did anyone in the city see their front door blow open unexpectedly at about 5:30 Sunday afternoon?

If so, it had nothing to do with the weather. It was the entire staff and roster of the Worcester Monkey Wrenches exhaling in unison after veteran Drew Callin scored what up to now is their biggest goal of the season.

It came at 4:27 of overtime to give the home team a 1-0 victory over the

Adirondack Thunder, one of the four teams ahead of them in the North Division standings. The goal snapped a four-game losing streak on home ice and allowed Worcester to earn four of a possible six points for the weekend.

The game marked only the second time in team history it was 0-0 after 60 minutes. Worcester won the last one, as well, on March 21, 2018 at Wheeling in a shootout.

The goal was Callin's 20th goal of the season.

Anthony Repaci set it up by stealing the puck in the left circle. Callin was alone on the right side, moved in on Thunder goalie Jeremy Brodeur and beat him with a backhand fake.

"Patch made a great pass over," Callin said, "that gave me some free space. I just picked my head up, saw (Brodeur) sliding over and I figured I'd go the other way."

The overtime victory was the home team's seventh of the season, fifth at

the DCU Center.

The goaltending was great, as it often is in this division.

Brodeur stopped 27 shots. Worcester's Parker Gahagen made 25 saves for his second 1-0 victory in 29 days.

The Monkey Wrenches killed five penalties and had just one power play. They killed them beautifully to keep the game scoreless.

Worcester's penalty kill featured some excellent

work by Cole Donhauser, who played a major role in Sunday's victory.

"We have a little bit of plan going into it," Donhauser said, "but the main thought is to deny the seams, don't let the puck get going east to west, deny the one-timers, try to protect the house and our D-men did a great job blocking shots."

Gahagen's presence has made a huge difference in all the close games Worcester has played recently. Throughout

the back-and-forth havoc, especially in the third period and overtime, he looked like the calmest person on skates.

And the home team is playing nothing but close games these days.

"I think everybody deems it important this time of year to play the right way," Tuzzolino said.

Callin became the 14th player in team history to score 20 goals. He joins brother Anthony who had 24 last season.

## Thunderbirds beat Checkers

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (21-25-5-2) overpowered the Charlotte Checkers (30-18-4-0) on Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 6,793 inside the MassMutual Center on Military Appreciation Night, coming away with a 5-1 victory.

Zach Dean provided instant offense on Friday night, and the third-year pro experienced *deja vu* on this night, jabbing home a 2-on-1 pass from Hugh McGing just 2:20 into the action to give Springfield a 1-0 lead.

Unlike a night earlier, Steve Ott's team was able to build upon its early lead with two successful penalty kills, followed by a power-play redirection by Matthew Peca at 18:57 of the first, as the captain tipped a Calle Rosen shot through Kirill Gerasimiyuk.

The T-Birds' offense proved to be far from finished, as Alek Kaskimaki took a breakaway pass from Otto Stenberg at 4:30 of the second and stayed with his initial shot to cash in on a rebound past Gerasimiyuk, extending the lead to 3-0.

Charlotte finally got on the board just 52 seconds later when Noah Gregor crashed the net to chip a Brian Pinho pass over the shoulder of Will Cranley, but it proved to be just a small

blip on the T-Birds' radar in what would evolve into a firestorm of offense for the home team.

Only 1:03 of game time passed before Springfield had restored its three-goal advantage, as Jakub Stancl circled the offensive zone to the right circle before firing the puck back toward the goal mouth. Dylan Peterson parked himself right outside the crease and allowed the puck to ricochet off his skate and past Gerasimiyuk to make it a 4-1 game, chasing Gerasimiyuk from the game in the process.

Charlotte backup Louis Domingue did not fare much better, as McGing revved up the ice on a breakaway 55 seconds later. McGing was tripped and may have earned a penalty shot, but as he was falling, the puck continued on a straight line path under Domingue's legs, giving McGing credit for the third T-Birds goal in a 2:50 blitz, extending the lead to 5-1.

There would be no more goals in the final half of the game, but the fireworks were far from done, and with just eight seconds remaining and tempers flaring, Cranley and Domingue met at center and dropped the mitts for a goalie fight, the first in T-Birds history, which left the sellout crowd in an uproar to close out the victory.

## More players wanted for Pioneer Valley Baseball

SOUTH HADLEY – The Pioneer Valley Baseball League, an adult baseball league for players who are age 18 and over, is now fully open for 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.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.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 sea-

son 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 run 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. 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.

## Registration now underway for over-28 baseball league

SOUTH HADLEY – Registration has opened for the Quabbin Valley Baseball League, an over-28 recreational league, held its first meeting of 2026 to prepare for the upcoming season.

For the 2026 season, the cost will be \$215 and will include a 16th game added to the regular season schedule.

During the 2025 season, the league experimented with playing on Mother's Day Saturday as well as a week-night game to allow players an opportunity to play under the lights. While the night

games were very successful, the Mother's Day Saturday games were rained out.

Those elements will return along with a 16th game with an opponent to be determine as the league's board explores possibilities for interleague matchups with another league in the region.

For returning players to the league, the deadline is Mar. 22 at 12 noon to be registered for the 2026 season in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. There will be open practices for all players but

specifically targeted at new players scheduled for March 29 and April 4 at times and locations to be announced. The draft is currently scheduled to take place on April 4 following that practice.

The season is currently slated to start on Sunday, April 19 and following the success of the six-team fall league last year, the league will also have a fall league in September and October this season.

The registration is live at [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Players must regis-

ter and then pay the league dues via Venmo or contact the league leadership if an alternate form of payment is needed.

Aside from the week-night and Mother's Day games, other games take place Sundays at 10 a.m. outside of Mother's Day, Memorial Day and July 4 weekends. Playoffs will be in August.

This is the 30th season for the league and league officials are looking to celebrate the anniversary with a couple of events.

## In The News

# Registration open now for HCC Summer Youth programs

HOLYOKE – 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 discover 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 Diana 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 Diana 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 begin-

ner 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): This hands-on cooking camp takes kids on a delicious journey across global cuisines, exploring flavors, techniques, and ingredients that make each culture unique. Dive into fun daily themes like diner classics, Mexican favorites, Mediterranean feasts, Filipino street bites, and southern comfort food, all while building confidence one tasty dish at a time. (9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

### July 27-31:

**Around the World** with Chef Diana Swanigan (ages 9-16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., \$425)

**Minecraft Designers**

(ages 8-10; 11-14): Learn how to create a custom map, design structures to share between worlds, build with Redstone and Command blocks, and create custom textures for you to import at home or share with friends. 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).

## VP, from page 1

Department's unions to resign completely from the city council. Rivera has refused to do so, and is still on the council. There are no recall provisions for the city councilors.

The unions are still waiting on a legal and ethics opinion whether or not Rivera should be allowed to vote on police matters.



Meg Magrath-Smith

As of March 3, the city council had not been issued a legal opinion that was made public. Both police unions believe Rivera's negative comments

toward the department should deem him ineligible to vote on anything related to the police department and its budget.

## Chamber hosting annual St. Pat's breakfast for awardees

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, cel-

brate 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 raf-

fle 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](http://holyokeychamber.com) as a guest or as a sponsor, and secure your raffle tickets to be a part of this dynamic event.

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Signed,  
Jeffery Horan, Chairperson  
03/06/2026

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**Holyoke Floodwall Stoplog #7 Repair**  
**Bid #2026-31 STOP LOG #7**  
**Sealed bids for Holyoke Floodwall Stoplog #7 Repair, Holyoke MA will be received on March 26, 2026 at the City of Holyoke Office of Procurement, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, Attn: Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer until 2 PM prevailing time, at which said Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids shall be submitted within a sealed envelope addressed to the "City of Holyoke Office of Procurement, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, Massachusetts 01040, Attn: Jaime Morrow, Chief Procurement Officer" and titled "Holyoke Floodwall Stoplog #7 Repair, Bid #2026-31. Documents are available starting on 2/23/2026 electronically by requesting from: [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org)**

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**City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council as well as the Holyoke Planning Board will hold separate public hearings to hear a zoning ordinance text change proposal to require a certain percentage of native plantings in new construction or major rehabilitation projects and to bring the city into alignment with Massachusetts' Prohibited Plant List in banning their use. **Planning Board public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID: 821 5782 8682 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same meeting ID. Ordinance Committee public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) Meeting ID 847 9735 1126 Meeting Passcode 243017 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. To provide comments to the Planning Board, please contact Brianna Tejada at [tejadab@holyoke.org](mailto:tejadab@holyoke.org). To provide comments to the Ordinance Committee, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at [Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org](mailto:Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org) or by phone 413-322-5525.  
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**City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing**  
The DGR Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing to hear a Special permit application of Holyoke Mall Company - Pyramid Companies at 50 Holyoke Street (176-00-Lot 10C) to raise the roof height of approximately 50,000 sq ft of the former Sears to accommodate layout for Dick's House of Sport project per sec 5.3.1. Hearing will take place on **Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID 836 8603 7067 Meeting Passcode 652755 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with

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a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Suzanne Gillies of Auburn, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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03/06/2026

**City of Holyoke Conservation Commission**  
Pursuant to MGL Chap. 131 §40 and the Holyoke Wetlands Ordinance, the Holyoke Conservation Commission will hold a **Public Meeting on Thursday March 12th, 2026 at 6:15 p.m.** remotely via zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83189025752?pwd=sCx3V77mzmdKzQoFJ7VNSmDVfWef0m.1> to review a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Hilda Roque for the replacement of an existing wooden farm bridge with a Stone Ford Crossing at 24 Jones Ferry Road (MBP: 118-00-013) within Banks and Land Under Water Bodies and Waterways.  
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## In The News

### Council president to hold talk at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE — 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-represented founders—start and grow their small businesses. Before that, she guided the If Not You, Who? Getting Involved in Local Government will occur Thursday, March 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Wistariahurst Museum during Civic Learning Week.

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future events, "If I can help in any way, I would love to help. The main thing is getting something done.

As far as the event goes, the Republican Town Committee is growing. When I first got in it there were only four people and it was building and building.

I hope that this will make people more aware of what's going on, and we get together, especially for the

local elections. We do whatever we can do to support them.

For the community, we can't just sit and complain about things that are happening here, that's what's been happening and we're in that position now we wake up and ask how did this happen? Because we let it happen. We didn't get out and do something so that's the most important part, is to get people involved," said Saloio. Volunteer and Grassroots

Coordinator Stephanie Mulroy shared what led her in support of Minogue as governor and stated, "It's not about shaking the right hand or making the right back-room deal, it's about meeting the people and hearing them." Minogue was seen greeting guests and listening to their concerns and comments during the meet and greet with Ludlow residents.

The committee is involved in a variety of community outreach efforts like

fundraising for candidates, trivia nights, and events like meet and greets. "It's a great way to build a community. Our meetings revolve around what's happening, what we think we could do to help situations and ask why people are running, and what we can do to help them," ended Saloio.

To learn more about the Republican Town Committee, visit the Mills Tavern the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

### PARADE, from page 1

capped with the Annual Colleen Gathering from 2 to 5 p.m. The Colleen Gathering is an event that is rotated among the communities that crown colleens.

Holyoke, which crowns the "Grand Colleen" is this year's host and the event will take place at Wyckoff Country Club.

Colleens representing Holyoke, Agawam, Chicopee, Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield

will gather with family and friends to celebrate Parade season with food, music, Irish dancing, and raffles.

Other upcoming events include the Chamber of Commerce's breakfast and then the main events, the 49th running of the St.

Patrick's Road Race on Saturday, March 21 at 1 p.m. and the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 22.

For more information on the numerous events taking place over the next few weeks, go to [www.holyokest-patricksparade.com](http://www.holyokest-patricksparade.com).

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**HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### Make the most of the summer camp

Summer camp season will soon be here, and throngs of children will board buses each morning or pack their parents' cars full of essentials to survive a few weeks away from home.

Looking back, many adults who experienced summer camp have fond memories of their adventures — whether they all went according to plan or there were some hiccups along the way. Parents want their children to make their own summer camp memories. Even if the canoe capsizes or the cabin leaks during a summer thunderstorm, such experiences can build character and strengthen friendships.

According to RegPack, an online registration software company, more than six million American children participate in some form of camp each year, including sleep-away camp or day camp. The American Camp Association says that number is closer to 14 million, with the most popular camp session length around one week or less. Families getting prepared for camp can follow these guidelines to ensure the experience is one kids won't soon forget.

#### Search for an accredited camp

Accredited camps must meet more than 300 standards related to program quality, safety and health, according to the ACA. An accredited camp will likely give parents the most peace of mind.

#### Consider children's readiness

There's no magic age when a child may be ready to go to camp, but generally kids who are ages seven or eight may be fine to start a resident sleep-away camp. Day camp kids can begin as early as age three, the same age kids often begin preschool programs. Gauge whether the child has spent time away from home at friends' or family members' homes to decide if a resident camp will be the right fit or if a day camp is a better fit.

#### Connect with fellow campers

If possible, attend a meet-and-greet prior to the start of the season. Neighborhood day camps tend to draw kids from local communities, so there's already a chance kids will know a few fellow campers.

#### Get to know camp counselors early on

Campers can introduce themselves to camp counselors and other program directors and are urged to ask questions about specific programs. Counselors can direct campers toward activities they may enjoy.

#### Make the most of all situations

Much of summer camp will likely be smooth-sailing, but it's reasonable to expect some bumps along the way. Campers shouldn't expect perfection, but use the situations that may go awry as learning experiences on how to handle adversity — trying to find the fun in them anyway. Even a medical situation can be overcome, particularly because camps staff qualified medical personnel to ensure campers are safe and well.

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