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Mine Your Business

The Greater Holyoke and Chicopee chambers of commerce, in conjunction with *BusinessWest*, staged the first Mine Your Business networking and sales-building event at the Kittredge Center at Holyoke Community College on Nov. 4. Two-person teams from more than two dozen area companies met with one another, made introductions, and initiated dialogue that could lead to new sales opportunities. Clockwise, from above: from left, Steve

Curley and Dawn Stevenson from Valley Gifts & Engraving talk with Hal Beattie from the Chamber Insurance Partnership; Bryan Fortier, left, a senior associate, and Tony Gabinetti, senior manager, both with Meyers Brothers Kalicka, await their next meeting; from left, Delcie Bean, president, and Kevin Hart, director of sales, both with Valley Computer Works, meet with Rebecca Whiteford, director of Corporate Sales, and Peter Rosskothan, president, both with the Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House.



CHD Annual Meeting

The Center for Human Development staged its 39th Annual Meeting on Nov. 9 at the MassMutual Center. Attendees were given updates on CHD programs, listened to a few clients tell their stories, and heard an inspirational talk from keynote speaker Kathleen Harrison, a foster mother of more than 150 children, who discussed her work on the front lines of social services. Pictured are, from left, Jay Primack, CPA, principal with Moriarty & Primack and chairman of the CHD Board of Directors; Peter Barry, a partner with the Springfield-based law firm Bulkley Richardson & Gelinas and winner of the Rick Moriarty Volunteer of the Year Award; and CHD President and CEO James Goodwin.

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AMICCON

The MassMutual Center was the setting for the first Advanced Manufacturing Competition & Conference (AMICCON) on Nov. 16. The event drew more than 50 area manufacturers and service providers. Clockwise, from above: Joseph Peters, left, president of Universal Plastics in Holyoke, meets with Andrew Robb, CPA, president of Burgess, Schultz & Robb, P.C. in East Longmeadow; from left, Chet Kieszek, regional sales representative, and Jeffrey Shinnars, president and CEO, both of Pioneer Packaging Inc. in Chicopee, talk with Peter Renz and Jonathan Gasperini, North American sales manager of Renz Binding and Laminating Systems in Agawam; Bill Conley, outside sales for Hayden Laser Services LLC in West Springfield, chats with Kevin Garvey, field services and sales for Hayden Corp. Thermal Spray Coaters in West Springfield.



Green Power

Ground was broken on Nov. 12 to begin construction of a new greenhouse at Greenfield Community College (GCC) that will showcase energy-neutral technologies and provide a teaching and learning space for the GCC Science Department. Funding was provided by a U.S. Department of Energy grant earmarked by U.S. Rep. John Olver and a private donation from Sherry and Don Rice. Pictured, front row, left to right, are GCC associate deans Peter Rosnick and Lindy Gougeon; Olver; benefactor Don Rice; GCC Board of Trustees Chair Tim Farrell; GCC Science Department faculty member Brian Adams; GCC director of Physical Plant (ret.) Harry Gaines; and GCC Associate Dean Regina Curtis.

