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Parks and Rec sponsor Club Mud Pie

HOLYOKE – Club Mud Pie, sponsored by the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department for ages 5 to 10, will be held over the summer from Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$25 per week, and financial assistance is available. Spaces are limited. The

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Family fitness summer program starts July 22

HOLYOKE – The 413 Family Fitness Summer Program sponsored by the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department will be held from Monday, July 22 to Friday, July 26 from 1-3 p.m. at Community Field. The program is for ages 8

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CPAC seeks member to fill vacancy

HOLYOKE – The Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC) of Holyoke would like to announce that there is a vacancy on their committee that needs to be filled over the summer. The City Council is in charge of filling this position, so those who are interested may send their resume and cover letter to the Personnel Department at Holyoke City Hall. Applicants may visit the CPAC website for more information at holyoke-cpac.org.

Holyoke youth performs under the **BIG TOP**

By Colleen Montague
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – For many people, there is just something magical about the circus. Everyone dreams during their childhood about being a performer under the big top. It might be flying gracefully through the air on a trapeze or displaying skill with balance walking across a fine tightrope. The dream might include doing a routine on the Chinese pole and never losing rhythm or dropping a single club in a juggling act.

For one Holyoke youth, that dream came true after he auditioned for the traveling youth circus Circus Smirkus and won a place with the Summer 2019 troupe, which will perform around New England this summer.

Circus Smirkus, now in its 32nd year, is a nonprofit arts and education organization from Greensboro, Vermont. Its mission is to promote the culture, traditions and skills of a traveling circus; it is the only traveling “tented” youth circus in the country. Among its many New England city and town destinations, Circus Smirkus will perform in Northampton in July at the Three County Fairgrounds.

“My favorite part of being in the show is it’s really cool to perform for so many people all over New England,” Bradley Zweir said. “Performing is my favorite thing to do, so I get



Turley Publications Photo courtesy of Kathy Zweir

As part of his live audition, 18-year-old Bradley Zweir and another youth, not shown, do a duo act on the Chinese Pole.

to spend the whole summer on an adventure of a lifetime doing my favorite thing.”

Zweir’s mother, Kathy, explained that youth looking to audition submit audition videos showing their talents during the fall before the new year. From all those videos, she says, Smirkus grants around 40 live auditions, which also include youth

on the current tour. From there the youth are invited up the New England Center for Circus Arts (NECCA) in Brattleboro, Vermont in January for the audition process, including skill assessments, group work and a three- to five-minute live audition. She added that her

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Council discusses group home

By Colleen Montague
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke residents came out to share their concerns regarding a group home going in on Yale Street during the City Council’s June 18 meeting.

Discussion came as the council addressed an order on a possible moratorium on group homes coming into the city, and how gateway communities like Holyoke are being disproportionately used as recipients of group home programs. There were also concerns raised about whether the group home actually met the education definition that would preclude the city from regulating the facility in any way. The discussion also followed a previous meeting with Representative Vega and Senator Humason about what was happening at the state level.

Councilors also discussed four other orders in relation to group homes in Holyoke. The council will have state Sen. Humason and state Rep. Vega file legislation at the state level to redefine the meaning of education under the Dover Act and will have the legal department look into all litigation opportunities to address the number of group homes coming into the city. The council

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Celebrate Holyoke to host three-day festival Aug. 23-25

HOLYOKE – The Celebrate Holyoke Planning Committee announces the 2019 dates for the three day community event. Celebrate Holyoke will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23, 24 and 25 at Heritage State Park in downtown Holyoke.

Celebrate Holyoke is a three-day festival drawing an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 people downtown over the course of the weekend each year. This year’s festival will include live musical performances, food and beverages from local restaurants, and goods from local artists and makers.

“I am thrilled to see Celebrate Holyoke return to Downtown Holyoke this year,” said Holyoke Mayor Morse. “With three days of music, food, and entertainment, we have an opportunity to connect with one another as a community and celebrate all those things that make Holyoke exceptional. We are happy to announce that our new Fiscal Sponsor is Holyoke Community Media, Inc. Holyoke Community Media, Inc. (DBA Holyoke Media) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Holyoke Media seeks to

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STANDS OUT IN A CROWD



Turley Publications Photo courtesy of Dennis Lee

Dennis Lee came across this red eft as he was hiking at Mt. Tom on June 20. The red eft is the juvenile stage of the Eastern newt.

Holyoke elementary school wins ‘Green Team’ prize

BOSTON – State environmental officials recognized students from 72 schools across the Commonwealth for outstanding environmental actions as members of the “Green Team,” a statewide environmental education program sponsored by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

“Congratulations to the teachers and students who participated in the Green Team program during the past school year, showing that there’s a new generation of enthusiasm and environmental leadership in Massachusetts communities,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Participation in Green Team activities is an important educational foundation

that helps students take action to protect our natural resources, and brings to life the subjects they are learning in school.”

Students of any age can participate in the Green Team program, an initiative composed of students who share the goals of reducing pollution and protecting the environment. More than 82,000 students in 351 classes at 322 schools joined the Green Team this school year.

Students took part in a range of activities including: expanding school recycling programs, collecting textiles for donation and recycling, starting a compost pile using organic waste from the school cafeteria and using the compost it generates to nourish a garden to grow vegetables, making their school driveways “Idle-Free Zones,” increasing energy efficiency in their schools and communities and reducing their carbon

footprint at school and at home.

These activities incorporated classroom disciplines from the fields of science, engineering and mathematics to reading, writing and art, as well as other non-classroom, interrelated projects.

“Green Team students learn environmental stewardship, bringing energy conservation, recycling, composting and pollution prevention projects to our schools and communities,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Green Team members work to have a positive impact on our environment and to make their communities more sustainable.”

Participating teachers received a Green Team Kit containing classroom posters, lesson plans, recycling tips and access to a library of other resources. In addition, 51 schools received recy-

cling equipment from the Green Team to initiate or expand school recycling programs. Fifteen schools received signs reading “Idle-Free Zone” from the Green Team that serve as a visual reminder to drivers to turn off their engines while waiting in the schoolyard.

Participating classes were entered into a drawing for prizes and 72 classes received prizes for their efforts. Lt. Clayre P. Sullivan Elementary School in Holyoke received a Green Team prize of a recycling show. The teacher was Rick Haggerty.

Seventeen schools won grand prizes and will receive schoolwide performances by environmental educators Jack Golden and Peter O’Malley or gift cards to local garden centers for trees or garden supplies to further “green” their schools.



Wistariahurst Museum. Turley Publications Courtesy Photo

Wistariahurst offer ‘Servant’s Perspective Tour: Chauffeur Charlie Linderme’

HOLYOKE – On Sunday, July 7 at 1 p.m. 3 p.m., Wistariahurst will host “A Servant’s Perspective Tour: Chauffeur Charlie Linderme,” a guided tour of Wistariahurst Museum.

At its peak, 32 servants and support staff kept Wistariahurst running. On this specialty tour, hear from one of them as a Wistariahurst docent offers a guided tour in character as chauffeur Charles Linderme. Listen as Charlie

recalls his time attending to the woman he affectionately called “the Chief,” Katharine Kilborne, Wistariahurst’s last Skinner resident. Learn about the behind-the-scenes workings of the Skinner Estate.

Advance ticket purchase is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased online at www.Wistariahurst.org. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students, seniors, and Wistariahurst Museum members.

Diaspora youth project offers program

HOLYOKE – The MassHire Holyoke Career Center has developed an exciting pilot project funded by Commonwealth Corporation for the Summer 2019. The center is recruiting Pioneer Valley students between the ages of 14 and 15 that are evacuees from Puerto Rico due to Hurricane Maria. It is a work and learning opportunity and students will receive a stipend for participating. The program’s start date is July 8 and there is an application and eligibility process.

The aim of the project is to teach youth about food security, local agriculture and sustainability. Students will learn how to cultivate and process crops

and will participate in weekly trips to local businesses where food is warehoused, prepared and accessed. Nuestras Raices, a grassroots urban agriculture organization based in Holyoke, will use a curriculum called “Siembra Siempre” or “Always Grow” to educate participants. MassHire Holyoke Career Center will document the project and provide work readiness preparation.

For more information, people may contact Diaspora Project Coordinator Jharikem Borrero at 413-322-7165 or jborrero@masshireholyokey.org, or Youth Center director Gladys Lebron-Martinez at 413-322-7143 or glebron-martinez@masshireholyokey.org.

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promote all voices in our community through media,” Mayor Morse added.

“They share our governmental proceedings and all public school activities. In addition, the center serves as a place for Civic Engagement. We are excited about our new partnership with Holyoke Media! A big thanks to the organizers of this event for working hard and going that extra mile to produce a quality event that brings thousands to our downtown area and making Celebrate Holyoke a Holyoke tradition, you make our City proud,” he concluded.

This year, Arlo Guthrie returns to Holyoke on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Celebrate Holyoke. Arlo Guthrie has been known to generations as a prolific songwriter, social commentator, mas-

ter storyteller, actor and activist. Arlo’s career soared with his debut of “The Alice’s Restaurant Massacre” at the Newport Folk Festival in 1967. Later that year, Arlo was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Folk Performance category. Since then, he has traveled and performed solo, with family and/or friends.


The Executive Planning Committee welcomes alcohol distributors, food trucks, restaurateurs, artisans, nonprofits and community organizations that are interested to apply to be a part of this three day event at Celebrateholyokeymass.com/vendors.

Although planning for Celebrate Holyoke has been underway for the last few months, the committee has opened up applications for volunteers during the three day event. Volunteers are greatly needed for shifts throughout the weekend of the event.


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Anderson graduates top in her nursing class

HOLYOKE – At first, Melissa Anderson thought, there is no way. She was too old, a high school dropout with a GED, a single mom raising three young children and taking care of her sick grandmother too.

Go to college now and then go to nursing school? There is no way.

“When I first applied, I was scared,” Anderson recalls. “I didn’t think I could do it and manage everything else.”

And yet she did. She applied. She enrolled. She excelled.

After four years, the 39-year-old Belchertown resident graduated June 1 with her associate degree in nursing from Holyoke Community College. As the student with the highest GPA in her class, a 3.8, Anderson received the 2019 HCC Nurse Faculty Award for Excellence in Academic and Clinical Nursing.

“Once I started school, I said, if I’m going to be taking time away from my children then I’m going to do the best that I can do,” she says. “I’m not just going to get by with B’s and C’s. It’s not worth it to be away from them and not do well.”

Anderson had left Belchertown High School in 10th grade and planned to get her GED right away.

“But I didn’t,” she says. “I was a

teenager and I did a lot of teenage things.”

When Anderson was 18, her older sister died in a car accident and she struggled for the next several years with substance abuse. “I overcame an addiction,” she says. “I was in rehab at 21 and I’ve been sober since. I was able to make it through and I’m stronger now.”

She moved to Miami and worked in various jobs, telemarketer, gold broker at a jewelry shop, travel agent – “whatever I could get my hands on.”

After eight years in Florida, she returned to Belchertown. In 2009, when her first daughter was born, Anderson decided to get her GED, a plan she put on hold once more after she got pregnant again with twins born at 27 weeks with special needs.

For the next three years, there were a lot of doctor visits, hospital stays and early intervention therapy sessions. Finally, in 2014, she got her GED through the Valley Opportunity Council in Chicopee. A teacher there recommended HCC.

“Once I had kids I knew I needed to do something more with my life,” Anderson says. “I needed to be some-



Melissa Anderson

body they could look up to.”

Taking care of her own children and her grandmother made her think about a career in healthcare.

“I knew I wanted to be a nurse when my grandmother got sick,” she says. “Every doctor and nurse would ask me, are you a nurse? Are you in the field? They told me I was very knowledgeable and very good at it and should

pursue that. And, of course, taking care of these little itty-bitty babies that are very fragile made me realize that I can do this.”

Despite initial doubts, Anderson made it through her pre-requisite courses for nursing with the help of HCC’s Writing and Tutoring centers and her early success in Anatomy and Physiology with professor Jesse Lang boosted her confidence.

“She made me work really hard and gave me a good foundation for nursing,” Anderson says.

During her time at HCC, Anderson regularly made the dean’s list. She was invited to join the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society and received two HCC Foundation scholarships and the nursing achievement award.

“I’m very proud of myself for being

a high school dropout who went back to get her GED later in life with three children and a family to care for,” she says. “To be able to maintain a GPA that high, I think, it’s a great accomplishment.”

She pulled it together with the help of a good study partner, her parents, who helped with child care and a strict schedule that allowed her to maintain a healthy balance of study and family time.

“As soon as the kids got off the bus and until they went to bed, four to eight o’clock, all my books went away,” she says, “then I would restart. I had the whole time to study while they were at school.”

Now that school is over, her schedule will change, at least for a while. Anderson has delayed accepting permanent nursing position until her son recovers from bladder surgery next month. Then she plans to take some per diem work as a visiting nurse with a local hospital and ultimately return to school for her master’s degree in nursing. “My goal is to be a hospice nurse,” she says.

For the summer, though, her children will get all her attention. “I need to spend a little time with my family,” she says. “For four years I’ve been non-stop studying at school. I think they deserve a little bit of my time.”

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke receives DESE grant

HOLYOKE – With grant funding awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke is addressing the need to bridge summer learning for youth preparing for the transition into high school. The Summer Transitions and Education Program (STEP) will blend two Boys & Girls Club of America award-winning programs, Torch Club and Career Launch, to expose youth to age-appropriate college and career readiness, build leadership skills, introduce the importance of

community service and environmental awareness.

During the eight-week program, youth will have opportunity to visit colleges and universities, learn about the college admission process, financial aid and scholarships, and academic concentrations that align with areas of interests and dream career, get hands on job experience, volunteer within the community, and engage in enrichment activities such as kayaking, non-contact boxing, rock climbing, and much more. On a weekly basis, youth will be enrolled in experiential environmental learning at

Eagle Eye Institute Learn About Forest Program (LAF). LAF partnership will introduce a group of students to different aspects of the forest, such as trees, wildlife, soil, and water, and make connections back to the natural and built environments of the city. The intentional sequence of activities, including mindfulness practices, games, hands-on learning with natural resource professionals, stewardship, group work, and self-reflection, connects youth with nature, others, and themselves.

Summer learning loss is a phenomenon where children can lose some of

the skills they gained during the previous school year, particularly in the areas of math and reading. Early summer learning losses have later life consequences, including high school curriculum placement, whether kids drop out of high school, and whether they attend college.

Boys and Girls Club of Greater Holyoke STEP is free for middle school youth who are currently enrolled as members of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke School Aged and Satellite Unit Programs and is fully sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

FLUFFING HIS FEATHERS



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A bald eagle preens its feathers as it perched in a tree just below the Holyoke Dam.

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Mt. Tom announces upcoming programs

HOLYOKE – Mt. Tom State Reservation announces their upcoming programs through July 9.

Saturday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. entitled “Life Around The Lake.” Snakes are the focus for this week’s topic. The many snakes that live in and near the lake have many adaptations to survive this watery habitat. Their survival are discussed in this 60 minute program. People should meet at Bray Lake.

Saturday, July 6 at 1 p.m. is a “Hike Around Bray Lake.” This one-and-a-half- to two-hour hike travels around Bray Lake on the outer loop. The terrain is mostly easy with a few moderately strenuous spots. Discussions center around the lake and its inhabitants. People should meet at Stonehouse Visitor Center and bring

water and bug spray.

Sunday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. the program is “Birding for Beginners.” This one-hour program is meant to help beginners learn the basics of birding. The use of bird guides, lists and binoculars are used to learn about these feathered creatures.

Sunday, July 7 at 1 p.m., the Sunday Afternoon Family Program is Animal Homes. Everything needs a home of some kind even animals in the wild. This program explores where each animal chooses their favorite spot for a safe and comfy abode.

Monday, July 8 at 10:30 a.m. the program is Junior Rangers. Children ages 5 and 6 are welcome to participate in this four-week program to become a certified Junior Ranger. Through exploration, crafts

and games, participants can receive an official Junior Ranger patch and certificate. Each child must attend three out of four classes to qualify for this status.

Monday, July 8 at 1 p.m. there is “Advanced Hike for Seniors” for seniors and others that want more of a challenging hike can join in on this one- to two-hour hike up one of the more strenuous trails. The hike on these trails is at a slower pace to accommodate this age bracket. Participants should bring water.

Tuesday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m., there is a senior hike that is an easy paced one hour hike. The terrain is mostly easy and the nature talk quite abundant. People should bring water and bug spray.

Tuesday, July 9 at 2 p.m. is Explorers Club. This weekly one- to two-hour pro-

gram lets children ages 10-14 learn map reading skills, trail markings and proper hiking techniques as they travel on all the trails here at Mt. Tom. Plus of course nature is observed closely. Participants should bring water and bug spray.

These programs are sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation and are free and open to the public. For more information, people may call 413-527-4805. Mt. Tom State Reservation is located on the Holyoke/Easthampton line with entrances on Routes 5 and 141.

Unless noted all programs start at the Stone House Visitor Center, which is about two miles from either entrance. There is a \$5 per car fee on weekends and holidays.

B-17 crash anniversary service to be held July 20

HOLYOKE – The 73rd anniversary memorial service of the Mt. Tom B-17 “Flying Fortress” crash in Holyoke will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20. Residents are encouraged to come and honor the memory of the 25 men that perished in the crash.

On July 9, 1946 at 10:21 p.m. a B-17 “Flying Fortress” bomber, converted into a transport plane, crashed into the southeast slope of Mt. Tom outside of Holyoke. All 25 men that were returning home after serving their country in Greenland during World War II

perished.

To get to the memorial take US Route 5 north from Holyoke or south from Northampton to the Mt. Tom access road. The Mt. Tom B-17 Memorial is located at the site of the accident, on the southeast side of Mt. Tom 300 feet below the summit. Shuttles up the access road will be provided beginning at 8 a.m. To attend the 10 a.m. ceremony, people should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. For more information, people may go to www.mttom-memorial.org.

Holyoke ranks in top ten cities with shortest commutes

STATEWIDE – Everyone hates sitting in traffic. Less time commuting means more time for work, family and fun. See which areas of the country of done the most to reduce the time it takes for people to get to work.

The average travel time to work in the state of Massachusetts is 33.3 minutes, but it varies greatly by location.

UnitedStatesZipCodes.org recently released a study on the Best and Worst Commutes in Massachusetts using the latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The study lists the 50 best and 50

worst commutes. Holyoke rounded out the top ten shortest commutes with 19.8 minutes. The top shortest commute was Williamstown with 14.5 minutes. The number-one longest commute in the study was Norfolk with 40.1 minutes.



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and up, will feature dance, games and an obstacle course. Cost is \$25 and financial assistance is available; please include registration forms and check

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schedule of programs are as follows.

The Future Entrepreneurs Club will meet from July 8 through July 12 at Rohan Park. Create your own business and set up shot for their Kid-Run Market on Friday.

The Future Scientists Club will meet from July 15 through July 19 at Community Field. Hypothesize, experiment and observe. Don’t miss the solar oven pizza challenge.

The Healthy “Selfie” club meets from July 22 through July 26 at Community Field. Picture your best you. Focusing on safety, nutrition and

made payable to Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA 01040. Spaces are limited. Registration and medical forms can be found at www.holyoke.org. For more information, people may visit www.413familyfitness.com.

social emotional health.

The Future Leaders of Holyoke Club meets July 29 through Aug. 2 at City Hall. Explore the rich history and culture of Holyoke, meet current leaders and build the Paper City.

The Best Art and Theatre Club Ever will run Aug. 5 through Aug. 16 at Community Field. Two whole weeks of art and theater fun in the sun. Star in a play, paint a mural and meet your future band-mates.

Please include registration forms and check made payable to Holyoke Parks and Recreation, 536 Dwight St., Holyoke, MA, 01040. For more information, people may call 413-322-5620.

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son was one of eight new members among the 30 or so performers for this summer.

For his live audition, Kathy Zweir said, Bradley performed a duo act with another youth on the Chinese Pole, which included things like back and forth work, a lot of climbing and clinging to the pole. She added that he also tried to show off some of his other circus skills that include juggling, unicycling, partner acrobatics and clowning. He also got in as an alternate for one of the other acts in the show.

“It was a culmination of hard work and dreaming [...] it’s so thrilling for him and for us,” Kathy Zweir said, adding that he had wanted to be part of the show after his older brother joined the troupe. She also added that he had made it to the live audition for last year’s season, but he didn’t get in.

“One of the biggest challenges that

comes with my circus specialties is that I have to be in sync, physically and mentally, with my fellow performers to accomplish the tricks,” Bradley Zweir said.

“Some of the challenges with being part of a show like Smirkus is the rigorous creation process,” he added. “The whole show is created over just three weeks so we have to do a lot of training and act creation within a short time.”

The Northampton performances will be on July 9 and July 10, with shows at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day. The show will be held at Sheldon Field right in the parking lot at the fairgrounds. Tickets are \$24 for adults ages 13 and over, \$19 for children ages 2 through 12 and free for children under 2. Tickets are available at smirkus.org, locally at A2Z in Northampton and River Valley Coop in Northampton. Zweir said that shows typically sell out. The Northampton performances’ local sponsor is North Star Academy.

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urged the mayor to seek a legal course of action to clarify whether the program to be run out of the home on Yale Street qualified as an “educational program” under the Dover Act.

“Saturation is the message we’re trying to get to Representative Vega and Senator Humason and to the state legislature,” said Councilor Joseph McGiverin. “[The problem is] the saturation into gateway communities.”

Several councilors did state they had no contention about the group home, the type of care given, or the population served. It was more about the tax dollars, whether it met the educational definition that precluded the city from regulating it in any way and the number of facilities in Holyoke.

Many of the residents who spoke expressed their support for group homes.

The residents stated that programs similar to the one going into Yale Street helps people with substance use. One woman added that to try to prevent the entrance of a group home into a community actually violated the federal Fair Housing Act, continuing to state that it was amended to protect people with disabilities including those in recovery from substance use disorder and mental health issues. Some also added they felt having a welcoming space within a residential area was a burden on the community.

“I think people should move on from the fear of new things and come open arms with compassion, and it’s good for the evolution of humankind to have things like this because everyone can be functional and working well in today’s society,” said one young resident.

One resident did speak against the Yale Street group home, stating that he

didn’t believe it was a group home but that it was a 16-bed medical facility servicing that community. He also added he felt Holyoke should not have such a disproportionate share of the problem and that it should manage its fair share.

“If the local zoning is in place and the burden is shared, then I think it’s fair and I think it’s the right decision,” he said.

“The City Council made it clear [during the previous meeting] that we think that it should be a broad span – if something’s going to happen it should be partaken in 351 cities and towns,” said Councilor James Leahy, adding he also felt the facility was a medical facility and that it didn’t belong in a residential neighborhood. “We have a lot of other communities that could be helping us as well.”

Councilors also expressed concerns about the impact group homes would

have on the city’s tax base, stating that when group homes came in with a non-profit status they took property tax dollars away. They also added they were not compensated for the tax dollars used to provide various city services that the other facilities enjoyed.

“If we’re going to continue to be recipients of such programs, then we need to make sure that the local aid formula is also compensating the city of Holyoke and other gateway communities that seem to be gaining at a higher rate these sorts of facilities,” said Councilor Rebecca Lisi.

Following discussion the Council voted 12 in favor and one against that the order was being complied with. The City Council also voted unanimously to receive, adopt and send the other orders to the legal department, mayor and the state delegation to get guidance in terms of next steps.

WSU, HCC scholarships benefit Hispanic students

HOLYOKE – College students of Hispanic heritage from Holyoke will benefit from new scholarships established at both Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College (HCC), thanks to \$100,000 gifts to each institution from Victor and Mariellen Quillard of West Springfield.

Victor Quillard, a retired president of Hampden Bank and his wife Mariellen are both Holyoke natives and their gifts aim to support Hispanic residents from Holyoke that are pursuing their college degrees. The \$100,000 donations were given to the Westfield State Foundation and the Holyoke Community College Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising corporations of each institution.

The gifts will establish two new endowed scholarships in the Quillards’ name.

“Our community is fortunate to benefit from the Quillards’ life-changing support,” said Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of Institutional Advancement and executive director of the HCC Founation. “Vic and Mariellen have



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Holyoke Community College Foundations recently received a donation for scholarships for Hispanic students from Holyoke.

been dear friends of HCC through the years, and this scholarship is evidence of their belief in the potential of today’s and future generations of students. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, HCC is particularly grateful for the Quillards’

leadership in helping us graduate more students from underserved populations, and in creating a path for students to continue their education beyond HCC.”

The Victor E. and Mariellen Quillard Scholarship at HCC gives preference to

Holyoke residents of Hispanic heritage who have completed a minimum of 12 credits and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75. The Victor and Mariellen Quillard Scholarship at WSU gives preference to Holyoke residents of Hispanic heritage who transfer from HCC to Westfield State and have a minimum GPA of 2.75.

“We greatly appreciate the Quillards’ generosity and their commitment to Holyoke and the Hispanic and Latino communities,” said Erica Broman, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Westfield State University and executive director of the Westfield State Foundation. “The Quillard Scholarship will have a transformative impact for these transfer students from HCC who attend Westfield State for many years to come.”

“These significant monies will support the university’s goals to offer an accessible and affordable education while supporting its commitment to a diverse and welcoming community,” said Westfield State University president Ramon S. Torrecilha.

WNEU rates first in preparing graduates

SPRINGFIELD – A new report finds Western New England University number one in Massachusetts and number five in the nation when it comes to the preparing graduates for the job market.

The analysis by the career-focused site Zippia utilized data from the federal government’s College Scorecard, looking at employment rates ten years after students graduated. Western New England University’s employment rate is 95.56 percent, placing it ahead of all, but four institutions nationwide.

“This is yet another powerful endorsement of the career-readiness of our alumni. It also demonstrates the value and significant impact of the University’s curriculum -- a unique blend of liberal and professional learning,” said Anthony S. Caprio, University president.

“As we celebrate our centennial and reflect upon our past, we see that throughout our first 100 years of continuous progress, we have demonstrated a firm commitment to meeting the needs of a changing workforce. And as we craft our second century, we will remain dedicated to our clearly understood mission of providing a profoundly enriching education that creates

professional opportunities for our students and alumni.”

As part of its efforts to prepare students for successful careers, Western New England University incorporates career exploration and preparation starting with a student’s first year on campus. According to vice president of enrollment management and marketing Bryan Gross, the incorporation of hands-on career preparation into the curriculum resonates with prospective students and their families.

“We know that our positive student outcomes have for many years now not gone unnoticed by the ever increasing number of applicants and enrollees who eagerly choose to be a part of the Western New England University community,” said Gross.

The university offers a myriad of experiential learning opportunities, including field experiences, student teaching, engineering design projects and traditional internships at a network of more than 1,000 companies and organizations across the country. In addition, the University’s Career Development Center provides job search coaching and other resources to both current students and alumni.

Homes for Warriors to host first ever Summerfest

CHICOPEE – Homes for Warriors have teamed up with Veterans Inc. and Poor Richards of Chicopee to host a fundraiser featuring music, activities and a recognition ceremony for returning post-Sept. 11 Veterans in the area, sponsored in part by the Call of Duty Endowment, on Sunday, July 28 from 2-8 p.m. at Poor Richard’s Live Music Bar and Grill, 116 School St. The ceremony

is slated to begin at 4 p.m. Featured bands will include OTAN VARGAS, Southern Rain, The Boneyard, The Ship and The Shield, and more. Food trucks will be onsite as well featuring local businesses. Tickets are priced at \$20 and will be available on site or at Homesforwarriors.org. All proceeds will go to Veterans Inc. toward the housing and employment of local veterans in need.

Open gym and swim program announced for summer

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department announced that the Open Gym and Swim Programs will run from July 1 through Aug. 15. The Open Gym Program will be held Monday through Friday from 1-6 p.m. at the Holyoke High School

Gym. The Open Swim Program will be held at the Holyoke High School Pool from Monday through Friday from 1-6 p.m.; the Senior Swim will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Children under 15 need to be accompanied by an adult. The programs are free.

Holyoke Arrests

Note: All suspects listed in this log are innocent until proven guilty.

Between June 18 and June 24 Holyoke police arrested 28 people.

Joseph Eisenstein, 30, of Holyoke was arrested on June 18 on a warrant.

Justine Samantha Matos, 28, of 179 Sargeant St. first apartment, Holyoke was arrested on June 18 on a warrant.

Miguel A. Perez, 27, of 283 Plumtree Road, Springfield was arrested on June 18 for failing to stop for police, leaving the scene of property damage, three counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, a marked lanes violation, operating negligently or to endanger, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation, speeding at a rate of speed exceeding the posted limit, going the wrong way on a one-way street, failing to wear a seat belt, and failing to stop for a stop sign.

Alejandro Ortiz Gonzalez, 35, of 298 Elm St. Apartment 1R, Holyoke was arrested on June 18 on a warrant.

Daisha L. Diaz, 36, of Holyoke was arrested on June 18 on a warrant, and for shoplifting by concealing merchandise and possession of a Class B drug.

Zachary R. Baroski, 32, of 244 State

St. Apartment C, Granby was arrested on June 18 for shoplifting by asportation and on three warrants.

Elliot T. Baroski, 30, of 54 Clemente St. Apartment C, Holyoke was arrested on June 19 on five warrants.

Joseph W. Jamroz, 39, of 5 Tenney St., Chicopee was arrested on June 20 for trespassing.

Carlos Gabriel Rivera, 23, was arrested on June 20 on six warrants and for possession of a Class E drug.

Moises Santana, 28, of 558 South Summer St. Apartment 1R, Holyoke was arrested on June 20 for distributing a Class A drug and conspiracy to violate a drug law.

Nelson Vazquez, 46, of Holyoke was arrested on June 20 for distributing a Class A drug and conspiracy to violate a drug law.

Jessica Rewa, 31, of 407 West St., Ludlow was arrested on June 20 for possession of a Class A drug, possession of a Class B drug, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and trespassing.

Daniel P. Williamson, 34, of 55 East St., Southampton was arrested on June 20 for failing to stop or yield, possession of a Class B drug, and trespassing. He

was also arrested on June 20 for drinking in public.

Marc Bastien, 36, of 1072 Main St. first apartment, Holyoke was arrested on June 20 for possession of a Class A. drug, possession of a Class B drug, trespassing, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards.

Francisco Ortiz, 36, was arrested on June 20 on two warrants.

Sarina Sweeney, 29, of 155 Wells St. Apartment 2F, Greenfield was arrested on June 20 for failing to signal, possession of a Class A drug, possession to distribute a Class A drug, and possession of a Class B drug.

Patrick James Gamache, 21, of 239 Turnpike Road, Montague was arrested on June 20 for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, an uninsured motor vehicle, and an unregistered motor vehicle.

Justin Elliott, 29, of 211 Colemore St., Feeding Hills was arrested on June 20 on two warrants.

Edwin F. Rivera, 43, of 317 Chestnut St. Apartment 3R, Holyoke was arrested on June 21 for attempting to commit a crim, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and on a warrant.

Emanuel J. Varela, 38, of 21 Francis Avenue, Holyoke was arrested on June 21 on a warrant.

Jennifer Gingras, 39, of 275 Main St. Apartment 402, Holyoke was arrested on June 21 on a warrant.

Anjali Khanna, 32, of 178 Florence Road Apartment A., Florence was arrested on June 22 on three warrants.

Efrain Diaz, 29, of 178 Florence Road, Florence was arrested on June 22 for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, no inspection or sticker, and on four warrants.

Luis Melendez, 28, of Holyoke was arrested on June 23 for disorderly conduct and on a warrant.

Almalik Sabour Ford, 22, of 463 Appleton St. Apartment 23, Holyoke was arrested on June 23 for disorderly conduct.

Meranda Rios, 24, of 76 Newbridge St., West Springfield was arrested on June 24 on a warrant.

Jennifer J. Hull, 48, of 1515 Northampton St. Apartment 111, Holyoke was arrested on June 24 for disorderly conduct.

Johnny Navarro, 44, of 22 St. Jerome Avenue Apartment 1L, Holyoke was arrested on June 24 on a warrant.

Editorial

Glorious Fourth of July pasts

As a child, I loved the Fourth of July especially band concerts and fireworks. The town where I grew up always held fireworks at the athletic field by the high school. Often we walked to the event, as parking was limited. There were always events prior to the fireworks as well as numerous vendors. One of the events was a greased pole climb. It was messy for the participants, but lots of fun to watch. Most of the high school football players attempted to climb the pole. I never remember anyone getting to the top, but some did make it about half way up.



Ellenor Downer

Sparklers were legal back when I was a child. My brother and I would light and watch them burn out. We also waited until dark for the best effect. Sometimes, we took advantage of Mother Nature's natural firefly show. Our family would watch the fireflies and my brother and I would chase after them barefoot on the cool evening grass. I believed my grandmother when she said that fireflies always came out for the first time on the Fourth of July.

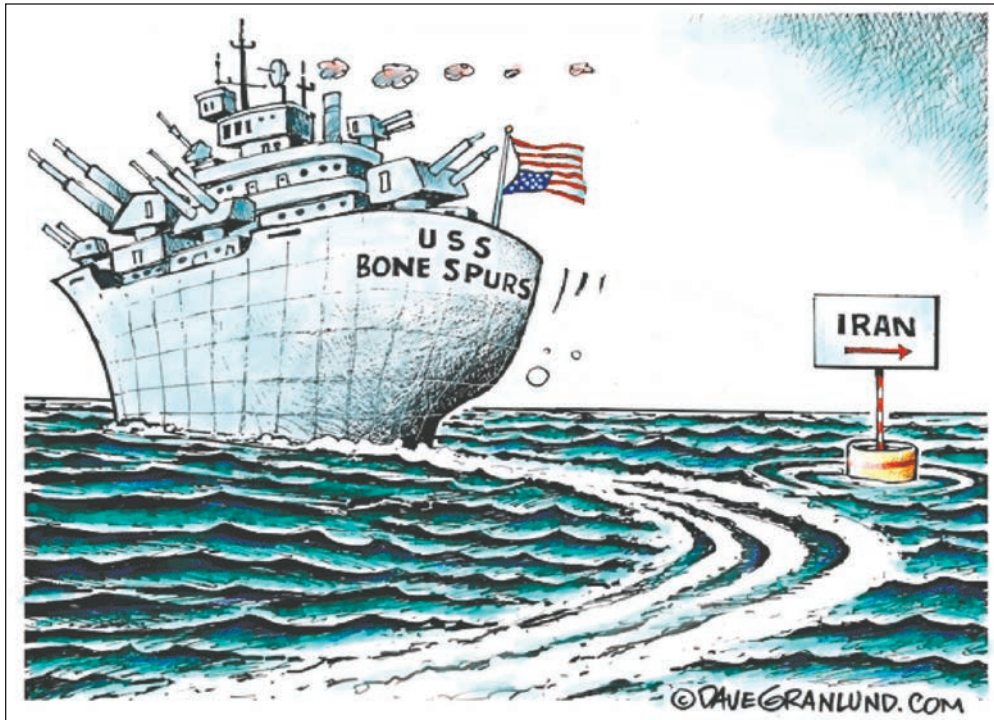
Sometimes we would be at the family camp on Lake Winnisquam in New Hampshire over the Fourth; a state where fireworks are legal. We often went to Meredith to watch the fireworks display at Meredith Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee. However, if we didn't want to battle traffic and parking issues, several property owners on Lake Winnisquam would set off fireworks from their docks and shot them over the lake. In recent years, several of my son-in-laws did that a couple of times.

Our family's worst Fourth of July experience involved fireworks and our Labrador Retriever, Casey. Casey hated the sound of thunder and fireworks. My family was at the lake for the July 4 week. July 3 several property owners celebrated with fireworks. Casey sought comfort by climbing up on the sofa.

The fireworks did not end early and bedtime became a nightmare. First, he kept jumping on my parent's bed with them in it. My husband, Les, grabbed Casey and brought him into our room. He placed him on the floor and held his collar so he would not run or jump onto our bed. We closed the windows and pulled the shades in an effort to reduce the sound and the flashes of light.

We spent several sleepless hours until the fireworks ended with a flatulent dog in a very hot room. Anticipating a second sleepless night on the Fourth of July, we purchased some Dramamine and gave him a dose before the anticipated fireworks started. There were no

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Guest Column

Current proposal for new schools not only option

We have had a number of meetings to complete our due diligence on a matter that has a huge and long term (30 years) financial impact on our city. While the work done to develop the ideal proposal from the perspective of the educational needs is respected, it was recently learned that the only way to fund this is through a debt exclusion vote (proposition 2 1/2 override). On May 29, when presented with a one-school proposal (one included in the study), the Director of the MSBA stated the only option that would be considered is for two schools. So we are faced with an all or nothing option at this time.

The State Receiver said in one public meeting that if the project did not move forward he would develop an alternate plan. There is always more than one way to achieve a goal.

While those who have come forward to share the impact of a \$132 million debt exclusion vote have been largely ignored, it does not change the reality of the situation. This project must be looked at in the context of our entire city.

The number of non-tax paying properties is increasing in our city every year. This will place an increased burden on existing taxpayers.

We are now presented with a city budget reflecting a 5.7 percent increase. Those paying for the budget are receiving one to two percent increases if they are lucky, with many living on a fixed income trying to stay in their homes; others working two jobs to pay the rent or keep their home. Only eight of thirteen City Councilors attended the budget hearing on May 30.

Our largest taxpayer will be hugely affected by a debt exclusion override. The

GM of the Holyoke Mall has shared with us that this would cause "severe hardship." At the budget hearing our Assessor shared that the Mall is seeking revaluation. Small businesses are sharing that they are squeezed with the new mandated benefits along with tax increases, sewer rate increases, CPA tax, and so forth. Our average income is \$37,000 per year. If this was only \$240 each year for each tax payer it would be affordable. The reality is the increase would range from \$240 each year for a taxpayer with a house of average value to over \$600,000 each year for our largest tax payer.

Other communities who have had these ballot questions placed do not have the same demographics as we do.

In addition to this consideration are the debts we have already incurred but have not yet started to pay. We have just received some of this information on June 4. Our Auditor is working on putting a summary together so that we can better understand the costs of long-term financial commitments we have already made.

A two-thirds vote of the City Council was required for this ballot question to be placed on the ballot. This is a high hurdle required because of the serious implications it has for our city. Yet ten Councilors voted to pass the buck and place this on the ballot without understanding the current debt of our city. As your representatives it is our duty to look at any proposal to consider the community-wide implications. We have 10,100 property tax payers and 25,000 registered voters.

I disagree that the current proposal is the only option available for us to improve our

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A Quote

OF NOTE

"If we're going to continue to be recipients of such programs [group homes], then we need to make sure that the local aid formula is also compensating the city..."

Rebecca Lisi,
Holyoke City Councilor

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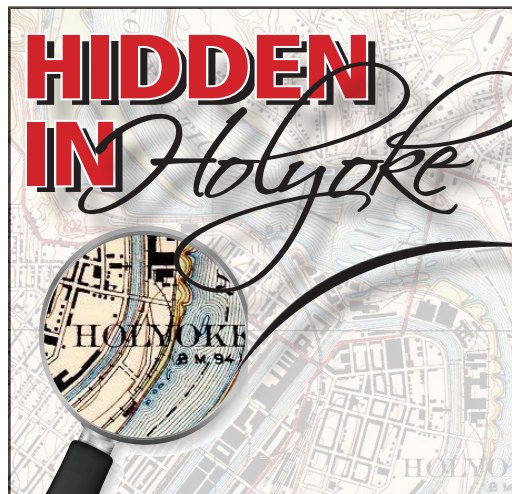
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Each week, The Holyoke Sun will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

Think you know what or where it is? Readers are encouraged to submit their guesses to "Hidden in Holyoke" via email to TheSun@Turley.com. In order to qualify for the weekly contest, entries must be received by Wednesday at noon for inclusion into Friday's edition. Please include your full name with your guess in an email to TheSun@turley.com. colf more than one correct answer is received, the names of all those who submitted guesses will be listed. For more information, contact The Holyoke Sun at 536-5333.



Above, last week's "Hidden in Holyoke" was taken of Hillside Avenue, a formerly commercial building that is now residential living space Steve Clarke and Edward Trudeau identified it.

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

My brother and I took a day trip to Rhode Island last Thursday. We stopped at Point Judith Light after eating lunch at a local restaurant. We noticed four very large gulls compared to several herring gulls on the rocky shore. One of the large gulls was eating the tail of a fish and the others were hoping to steal the morsel.

The large gulls were great black-backed gulls. The mature adults have a black back and white head and front, year round. The legs are pink and the bill yellow. Immature gulls have gray-brown speckled backs with a contrasting whites head. The immatures' bill is black with outer tip light colored. They inhabit the east coast and the Great Lakes. Its breeding range expanded down the east coast and the Great Lakes in the last 50 years. Being the largest gull, 30 inches long, it dominates other gulls.

The great black-backed gull is often a colonial nester. The female lays two to three olive eggs with darker mark in a nest of seaweed and other vegetation

placed on the ground or ledge. They eat a variety of food items including other birds like shearwaters, puffins and terns, small mammals and fish. It makes a low-pitched "crowp, cowp, cowp" and other calls.

Bald eagles, blue herons and more

I received an email from a woman that saw a pair of bald eagles near the Holyoke Dam. She said the eagles were an "awesome sight." She spotted many blue herons. She also saw a Baltimore oriole at Mt. Tom Reservation. She reported that her daughter, who lives in Florence, has a flicker that takes dust baths in her yard. Birds take dust baths, also known as dusting or sand bathing, as part of preening and plumage maintenance. It helps keep the feathers in top condition. The dust worked into the feathers absorbs excess oil to help keep the feathers from becoming greasy or matted.

Hummingbirds

I continue to have lots of hummingbirds come to the two nectar feeders I

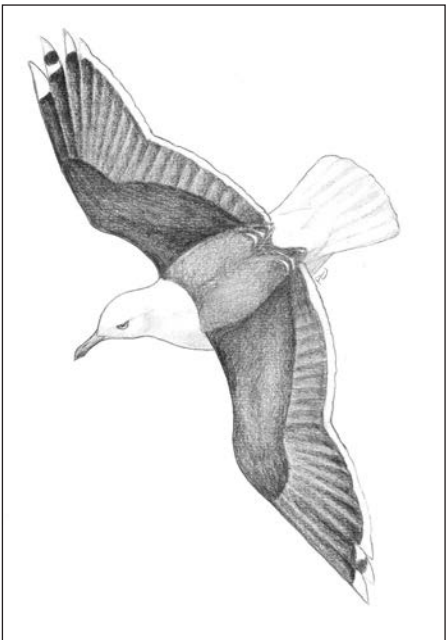
have out. They are entertaining to watch. When I walk near one of the feeders, I often hear the hummingbird wing beats before I see it. Two of my daughters have hummingbird feeders. When I visit them, I enjoy watching the hummingbirds that come to their feeders.

Catbirds

My son-in-law Bryan showed me a nest in his yard where catbirds have a nest. When I watched their daughter, Cora, I heard a catbird making its "meow" sound. The catbirds also enjoy strawberries from their small patch of berries. They know when they ripen and grab them before Bryan, Lynn and Cora can.

I have nesting catbirds in my yard. I don't know where the nest is, but it probably is either in the forsythia bushes or the multi-flora roses. I put out a handful of mealworms every morning on my tray feeder and the catbirds wait for me. They often come from the area of the forsythia bushes.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling 413-

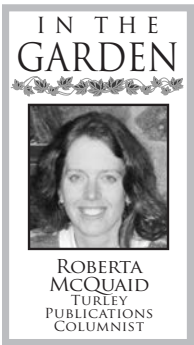


Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this great black-backed gull.

967-3505 or emailing either mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

Summer gardening questions answered

A gardener from Brimfield wrote in to ask whether or not she should be pruning the suckers off of her tomato plants. "With all the rain we are getting the plants are huge. They are ready to climb out of their cages! Is it worth my time and energy to clip off the side shoots that are forming where the leaves meet the main stem?"



Sure, start by examining each stem. Usually, at the base of the plant, there will be some new growth. There will be tight clusters of leaves that if given the chance will grow into a new, bushy plant. Simply pinch off the leggy part down to this point. Do a few stems this week and a few next, that way the plant won't look like a bad haircut waiting to grow out. Follow the pinch-

ing with a dose of liquid feed and you are well on your way to a great looking hanging basket once more. That is, if you keep up with deadheading. Petunias need their spent flowers removed, stem and all, every couple of days. Some folks just pull off the flowers but leave the base attached; that won't stop the plant from making seeds and by making seeds it will think its job of flowering is done and the cycle of life is complete. So, best to deadhead often and fool the plant into flowering for the entire summer.

Once, as a novice gardener, I was tempted into trying a variety of petunia that was labeled "self-deadheading." Sure, the flowers fell off and the plant looked clean, but the seed pods remained. My mentor laughed as I went deep inside my petunia plants with scissors trying to remove the seed pods! Lesson learned.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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schools. We already have many vacant buildings in our city and do not need any more. We are renovating Lyman Terrace rather than tearing it down. We need to re-look at renovations of our schools and improved use of underutilized schools such as Dean.

The current proposal before us represents an ideal situation if we had the

money set aside or a plan to fund the projects. Having neither of these and a shrinking tax base due to increasing number of non-taxable entities buying properties in our city and only \$500,000 in growth projected next year for our city, this is the wrong time and too expensive for all of our taxpayers. When you don't have money for the ideal plan, you have to step back and create a realistic plan.

- Linda Vacon
City Councilor, Ward 5

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more fireworks on the lake that night and evidently the town fireworks were far enough away that he did not hear them.

I wish everyone a wonderful Fourth of July. For anyone that has a dog, I hope it sleeps through the fireworks unlike Casey, the dog that hated fireworks and the dog of my daughters' youth.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stores
- 6. Worthless entertainment
- 9. Where scientists work
- 13. Pretty flower
- 14. A way to act
- 15. Double-reed instrument
- 16. Type of acid
- 17. Famed astronomer
- 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
- 19. Profited from
- 21. Secret clique
- 22. Infections
- 23. Crony
- 24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
- 25. Suitable
- 28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 31. Basketball move
- 33. Polished
- 36. There's a north and a south
- 38. Egg of a louse

- 39. Once-ubiquitous department store
- 41. Portray precisely
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Period between eclipses
- 46. Indicates near
- 48. Investment account
- 49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
- 51. Beak
- 52. Void of skill
- 54. Walked back and forth
- 56. A display of passion
- 60. Geological times
- 61. Type of restaurant
- 62. Spacious
- 63. Edible seaweed
- 64. Utah city
- 65. Tropical tree
- 66. Nervous tissue compound
- 67. Body part
- 68. Muscles and tendons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw out wool
- 2. Give someone a job
- 3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
- 4. Footsteps
- 5. The Palmetto State
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Diverse Israeli city
- 8. It's mightier than the sword
- 9. Confines
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Idaho's highest peak
- 12. Prevents from seeing
- 14. Determine time
- 17. Father children
- 20. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Dog genus
- 23. Peter's last name
- 25. Request
- 26. Walk heavily
- 27. Allowances
- 29. English football squad

- 30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
- 32. South Pacific island region
- 34. Unaccounted for
- 35. Small taste of whiskey
- 37. Ventilated
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. One of means
- 43. Fencing swords
- 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 49. Turn upside down
- 50. S. African semi desert
- 52. Dutch names of Ypres
- 53. Instruct
- 55. Oily freshwater fish
- 56. Italian river
- 57. Sneaker giant
- 58. The men who man a ship
- 59. Some need glasses
- 61. Body part
- 65. Indicates position

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STCC students land internships at MIT Lincoln Laboratory

SPRINGFIELD – Two Springfield Technical Community College students this summer are working as interns at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, a U.S. Department of Defense research and development center in Lexington.

MIT Lincoln Laboratory selected Douglas Bednarczyk of West Springfield and Shane Richardson of Hebron, Connecticut students from the Optics and Photonics Technology program at STCC. They will intern at the Lexington facility through August.

Richardson earned his associate degree from STCC in May, but will return this fall to take additional classes. Bednarczyk finished his first year in the two-year Optics and Photonics Technology program and hopes to earn his associate degree in spring 2020.

Students in the Optics and Photonics Technology program learn about the practical applications of light, optics and electronics. High-tech applications include lasers, fiber optics, holography, laser materials processing, optical systems and much more.

Nicholas Massa, department chair

for Optics and Photonics Technology, helped Richardson and Bednarczyk land the internships. They are not Massa's first students to get hired as interns at the prestigious laboratory. A former student, Gerald Gagnon, served as an intern in the summer of 2018 and ended up getting hired full time. He was chosen as a Lockheed Martin Future Leader in Photonics. Between January and May 2019, Gagnon contributed to the creation of a lab manual for a hands-on integrated photonics boot camp to be offered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology from Jan. 13 to Jan. 17.

"Students in the Optics and Photonics Technology program at STCC train on state-of-the-art equipment used in many commercial laboratories," Massa said. "There aren't any other associate-degree programs like ours in the region. That's why companies approach us. They discover our students know how to use the laser equipment and know the theory. They're ready to go to work."

Massa said there are not enough trained candidates to meet the demand for jobs in the optics and photonics

industry.

"I get calls every day from companies asking about candidates for internships and full-time positions. Nearly all of my students who graduate from the program get hired and they often get multiple job offers," he said. "STCC also is one of the most affordable pathways to a career and we are a point of entry for many first-time college students who come from low-income families. We provide one of the best values in higher education. After you get a degree in Optics and Photonics Technology, you can land a job that pays between \$40,000 and \$60,000 a year to start, and you go up from there."

Massa recommended both Bednarczyk and Richardson for the MIT Lincoln Laboratory internship, noting they are serious and hard-working students.

The internship was created through a collaboration between MIT Lincoln Laboratory, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and AIM Photonics (American Institute for Manufacturing

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STCC student Douglas Bednarczyk stands in the Optics and Photonics Technology lab at STCC.



Shane Richardson works on his class project at STCC.



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Knights return to summer soccer

HOLYOKE – On Tuesday night, the Holyoke High School girls summer soccer team re-emerged onto the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League scene. The Knights did not have a boys or girls soccer entrant last summer. Both are back this season as the two teams seek to get ready for the fall season. The girls faced Ludlow Ideal C on Tuesday evening at Donahue School in Holyoke. Their schedule continued this week at Granby before they enjoy the Fourth of July week off.

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Goalie Taryn Ryan gets ready to make a long kick.



Right, Nisha Tabin starts a dribble up the field for the Knights. Below, Victoria Lempke chases after a loose ball.



Morgan Sheehan takes a free kick.



Moria Reardon tries to create separation with a Ludlow defender.



Bankers looking to win seventh straight title

League president passes away

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – Unfortunately, rain came down too much on Tuesday to get the Tri-County DiFranco Realty-PeoplesBank game in on Tuesday, but the Bankers will be back in action later this week as they look to repeat as league champions for the regular season and playoffs again.

The Bankers don't have a fully new look, but there are two names they are not seeing anymore.

Ryan Franczek, the long-time shortstop of the team, and Fred Perry, their coach for the past few years, have departed.

But taking Perry's place is the very capable baseball mind of Joe Ferry, who has been the starting left fielder for the team for several years. The Palmer native is also one of the fastest players in the league and has become a player-manager for the Bankers this season.

"Fred handed the team down to me," he said. "I'm still playing, yes. No young kid has showed up yet to take my spot."

The Bankers have evolved at times over the past few years, while still sporting many of the same veterans.

Joe Popielarczyk remains a part of the pitching rotation. He has been one of their aces for several years. Danny Gaines, Andy Gaines, Matt Kirk also have returned. Recent additions to the staff in the past

couple of years have included Hunter Salem, D.J. Lavalley, Jake Graveline, Garrett Baker, and Zach Handzel.

Ferry also said the team has brought Tom Weldon aboard. Weldon is a Division 3 college pitcher at Elms.

With the departure of Franczek, the Bankers have welcomed a local player to their home field at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. Recent Holyoke graduate Tyshaun Diaz is manning shortstop now and has been a huge addition, Ferry said.

The lineup still includes Rey Rivera, Pete Hogan, Sam Allen, Dave Clark, Tom Bouvier, Ted Lerud, and Ferry. Last year, Ludlow's Alex Lafayette joined the team and

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Blue Sox suffer pair of losses

HOLYOKE – The Upper Valley Nighthawks defeated Valley Tuesday night 7-1, extending the Blue Sox losing streak to three. While starting pitcher Trey Shaffer had a solid first few innings, a two-run single in the third by Anthony Quirion began a stretch of seven unanswered that the Blue Sox were unable to compete with.

Upper Valley starting pitcher William Carnley continued his impressive start to the season, throwing nine strikeouts in 4.1 innings pitched while letting up just one earned run. On the other side of the ball, seven Nighthawks recorded a hit, while six of them batted in a run in an insurmountable team effort.

Bullpen pitcher Lucas

Sweany was a bright spot for the Blue Sox on a disappointing evening, throwing two innings of relief and giving up no earned runs. Riley Sorenson, who replaced Shaffer in the fifth, let up two earned runs in 0.1 innings.

Shortstop Isaac Alexander added two hits to the Blue Sox cause, and designated hitter Dakota Mulcay drove in Valley's only score on a second-inning double. Outside of that, that Blue Sox offense failed to match the Nighthawks' third and seventh-inning scoring outbursts.

Valley, who came into this weekend at 7-2 and were prying for North Adams's top spot in the Northern

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Pioneers remained undefeated in United Soccer League

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

NORTH ADAMS—A wild affair is probably the best way to describe the second meeting of the regular season between the Western Mass. Pioneers and Black Rock FC.

The Pioneers remained the only unbeaten team in the USL-2 Northeast Division by posting a 2-0 victory over Black Rock FC before a small crowd at Ron Shewcraft Field located on the MCLA campus in North Adams, last Wednesday night.

“It was a wild game tonight, but we’re very happy to come away with the victory,” said Western Mass. midfielder Adrian Romero, who scored his first goal of the season late in the first half. “This is my first year playing for the Pioneers and I really didn’t know what to expect. I’m hoping that we can keep winning and finish the regular season in first place.”

The Pioneers, who also posted a 2-0 shutout over Black Rock FC at historic Lusitano Stadium on June 5, had a 7-0-2 overall record following last Wednesday road match. Black Rock FC (5-4) was sitting in third place.

“Both teams are battling for the top spot in the standings,” said Pioneers midfielder Federico Ucar. “It was a hard-fought battle and it’s a very good win for us.”

The contest almost turned into a wrestling match and there was a shouting match between the two coaching staffs during the second half.

Referee Anthony Pedolzky also handed out four red cards during the second half.

“It’s a big win, but we did lose a lot of players tonight,” said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We had a cou-

ple of injuries and a couple of players got red cards, which I’m not very happy about.”

The Pioneer players, who received straight red cards for coming onto the field during the second half altercation, were Maxi Viera and James Slayton, the back-up goalkeeper. Black Rock’s Ifunanyachi Achara, who started the incident by making a hard tackle that injured Romero, was also given a straight red.

Pioneers forward Guzman Diaz also received a straight red following a hard tackle in the 85’.

The three Pioneers players also sat out last Saturday’s home match versus the Boston Bolts.

Mauricio “Toto” Coimbra, Alexandre Frank, and Romero were forced to leave last Wednesday’s game with injuries.

Pioneers goalkeeper Blake Mullen only had to make a couple of saves in posting his seventh shutout of the season.

“It was a very rough game, but we still managed to come away with the result that we wanted,” Mullen said. “Both teams really wanted to win tonight’s game. It’s a very important win for us.”

A little more than ten minutes into the opening half, Mullen made an outstanding save with his left leg keeping the match scoreless.

A couple of minutes later, the first scuffle of the evening took place between the two teams.

The Pioneers had several scoring opportunities before Romero finally broke the ice with five minutes remaining in the opening half by scoring an unassisted goal.

“Their goalkeeper tried to clear the ball away, but I was able to control it with my chest,” Romero said. “It felt very good when I saw the ball go into

the net. I also scored a goal earlier in the season, but it was disallowed by the referee. I’m very happy to score my first goal in tonight’s game.”

The Pioneers would take a 2-0 advantage 15 minutes into the second half.

The scoring play began with Viera sending a crossing pass to Sebastian Rosano, who fired a shot into the net past Black Rock goalie Jamie Fite.

A couple of minutes later, Jeremy Fricker entered the game for Viera, who’s the Pioneers captain.

Shortly after that, Achara slid hard into Romero and the players from both teams got into a pushing match in front of the Pioneers bench.

Both teams finished the contest with only ten men on the field.

The Pioneers took over sole possession of first place in the USL-2 Northeast Division standings with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bolts at historic Lusitano Stadium, last Saturday night.

The home team took a 1-0 lead in the 28th on a goal by Yanis Boucette, which was assisted by Alex Frank.

The Bolts tied the score four minutes later.

The Pioneers would retake the lead in the 69th when Ciro Damine converted a penalty kick. It was Damine’s team-leading seventh goal of the season.

The Western Mass. squad is scheduled to host the Westchester Flames on Wednesday and the Seacoast United Phantoms on Saturday night. Their final regular season home match is against Manhattan SC on July 6. The Pioneers will be making a trip to the Big Apple to close out the regular season against Manhattan on July 13.

The Pioneers, who are looking to clinch a playoff berth for the first time since 2016, do control their own destiny.



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Yanis Boucette scored the first goal in the Pioneers home victory against the Boston Bolts.

Annual Paul Hamel Golf Tournament slated for Aug. 17

LUDLOW – The annual Paul G. Hamel Golf Tournament will be held this summer on Aug. 17 at East Mountain Country Club in Westfield. The shotgun start will begin at 8 a.m. rain or shine. Included in the \$100 fee to play are use of a cart, a coffee and doughnut breakfast, a buffet lunch, and gift bags for participants.

Tickets will be sold for closest to the pin, closest to the line, and mulligans. Many terrific gift baskets will be raffled off as well, and a sports memorabilia table will be available with

items to purchase.

The proceeds from this tournament benefit scientific research into glioblastoma, a fatal brain condition which sadly took the life of the tournament’s namesake, and also to help defray expenses at the Union Church of Christ in Ludlow.

To register to play in this event or to sponsor a hole, please contact Pam Rose at phrpsr@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to attend only the buffet luncheon may purchase tickets for \$25 each.

Valley Blue Sox offer baseball clinics this summer

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Blue Sox announced recently the team will hold two sessions of youth baseball clinics during the upcoming summer.

Blue Sox coaches and players will provide hitting, pitching, and fielding instruction to participants ages 6-13 from 9 a.m. – noon daily. The registration fee for each four-day session is \$100.

All children participating in the clinics will receive a pair of free tickets to Blue Sox Clinic Night on Saturday, July 20, where they will have the opportunity to take the field with the Valley Blue Sox during pre-game ceremonies.



Session 1 will be held from July 8-11, at a location to be determined. Registration information will be disclosed at a later date.

Session 2 will be held from July 15-18 at Burnham Field in the Spec Pond Recreation Area (2540 Boston Post Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095). Registration will open on April 9 at www.wilbrahamrec.com.

Participating children should bring their glove, a water bottle, and bat and helmet (if able). Ideal attire includes a cap, baseball pants, and cleats or athletic sneakers.

Questions about this year’s clinics can be directed to the Valley Blue Sox by e-mail at info@valleybluesox.com.

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is back this season. Kyle Platner, of South Hadley, also joined the team and provided some pop in an already potent lineup.

Peoples is currently 4-2 to start the year with only rival St. Joe’s ahead at 6-2 so far this season.

They were scheduled to face Longmeadow at Mackenzie Wednesday. Coming up, they have a big matchup with Wilbraham Funeral Home, also at

home on Friday, June 28.

Teddy Bear Pools will travel down to Holyoke on Monday, July 1.

PeoplesBank has won six playoff championships in a row

McGuirk passes

On Tuesday, the Tri-County Baseball League announced the passing of its president, Kevin McGuirk. He passed away on Sunday, June 23. He worked for 25 years helping run the league. Teams playing this week observed moments of silence prior to their games in his memory.

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Division, now sit at 7-5.

The Keene Swamp Bats defeated the Blue Sox on Sunday, 8-6. Despite a solid showing from Valley’s bats throughout the evening, Keene’s five-run fifth inning created just enough momentum to take down the Blue Sox for their second loss in a row.

Keene bullpen pitcher Marc Davis got the save in this one, throwing two scoreless innings and fanning four Blue Sox batters. On the other side of the ball, four Swamp Bats finished with two hits, including David Bedgood, Randall Bednar, Thomas Joseph, and Andrew MacNeil.

Blue Sox starter Joe Pepe let up no hits through his first four innings

of work, but had four walks, as well. After allowing two hits in the top of the fifth, he was pulled for reliever Maddex Richardson, who let up three runs and recorded one out. Richardson was replaced by Tommy Costello, who had another two runs scored off of him.

Despite taking the loss, the Blue Sox earned the highlight of the night with a three-run shot from third baseman Cody Littlejohn. The home run was the first of the season at Mackenzie Stadium for a Valley hitter and the first for Littlejohn overall.

Also hitting well for the Blue Sox were left fielder Carter Williams and first baseman Richard Constantine. Williams finished with two runs and two hits on the night, while Constantine reached base in all five of his at-bats with three hits and two walks.

How to contact the Sports Editor

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Syracuse buckles down to earn tie with Mutiny

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOLVAY, N.Y. — Following a 5-0 home victory over the Syracuse DA on June 15, New England Mutiny owner Joe Ferrara Jr. said that the rematch at Syracuse would probably be a lot more difficult for his squad and it certainly was.

The Mutiny, who held a 1-0 halftime lead, gave up a goal 10 minutes into the second half and were forced to settle for a 1-1 draw at Al Merola Field, which is located on the Solvay High School campus, last Saturday night.

“A one-goal lead against this team wasn’t enough tonight,” said Mutiny General Manager/assistant coach Jill Serafino. “They slowed the play down strictly to conserve their energy, so they could get a boost forward. It’s a very frustrating result because we have a very tough schedule coming up.”

Serafino coached the Mutiny because head coach Jeb Booth was unable to make the four hour trip to Syracuse for personal reasons.

All of the Mutiny players were a little bit frustrated following the road

match, which was played on a beautiful early summer evening in upstate New York.

“It wasn’t a loss, but it definitely feels like one,” said defender Meghan Cunningham, who’s the Mutiny longest tenured player. “I was away from this team for a couple of years and it feels great to be back again.”

The Mutiny (5-0-2), who needs at least one more win in order to qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 2015, will enter the final three matches of the regular season tied for first place with the Connecticut Fusion. The top four teams in the East Conference qualify for the playoffs.

“We’re hoping to host a playoff game this year,” Serafino said. “We’ll need to finish in the top two spots in order to do that.”

The Mutiny will be hosting the Lancaster Inferno (5-1-0) in the final regular season match at historic Lusitano Stadium on Friday night.

Cunningham played for the Inferno last year, which lost to the Houston Aces 1-0 in extra time in the UWS National Championship Game, which was held in Grandville, Michigan. Cunningham was

selected to the All-Championship team.

“I’m really looking forward to Friday’s home match against Lancaster and I want to beat them,” said Cunningham, who first joined the Mutiny ten years ago. “I moved back to the Boston area this year and Joe invited me to play for the Mutiny again. We’re having an outstanding season so far and it’s a great organization. Joe has done a ton for this team over the years and it’s something that people want to be a part of.”

The Mutiny can’t afford to make very many mistakes if they want to come out on top against the Inferno.

“It’s going to be one of our toughest matches of the season,” Serafino said. “Hopefully, we can be fueled by our fans at Lusitano Stadium. It’s always a great atmosphere whenever we play there.”

The Mutiny will be making another visit to upstate New York on Sunday afternoon when they face the Rochester Lady Lancers. They’ll also be making a trip to Pennsylvania to face Lancaster on July 6 in the regular season finale.

Both Syracuse and the Mutiny had several very good scoring chances during the first twenty minutes of the match.

The Mutiny struck first in the 27’ when Kate Howarth lofted a shot into the left corner past Syracuse goalkeeper Mackenzie Hanna for her team-leading 11th goal of the season. It was assisted by Zoe Steck, who also leads the team with four assists.

The score was still 1-0 at halftime, but the Mutiny could’ve easily scored two or three more goals during the first 45 minutes of the match. They also out-shot Syracuse 6-1.

A couple of minutes into the second half, a wide open shot by Roma McLaughlin was saved by Hanna.

Syracuse managed to tie the score at 1-1 in the 56’ when Taylor Bennett fired a low shot into left corner past Mutiny goalie Kelsey Kohler.

The Mutiny had posted a shutout in the previous three matches.

With about 10 minutes remaining in the match, a shot by Howarth deflected off a Syracuse player in the box.

Syracuse also had a chance to take the lead in the final minute of the match, but the score remained tied.

The Mutiny players will be looking to get back into the win column in front of their home fans on Friday night.

Agawam’s Cormier wins mini-stock race

Winchester, NH – Thunderstorms and hail teased the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire early in the day Saturday. The residual electricity rippled through the competition that night at Monadnock Speedway.

If the electricity was static, it affected the Sportsman Modified division the most. Their 50-lap feature was slowed by eight cautions. Alyssa Rivera of Claremont, NH, took the field to the green and ran her best start of the year leading the first fourteen laps in spite of having to survive six of the eight restarts.

Mini Stock rookie Kevin Cormier of Agawam, MA, showed why his previous experience racing Go-Karts was important preparation for full-sized racers, as he rolled into victory lane for his second consecutive win. Cormier held off a strong challenge from Agawam’s Tim Wenzel.

Sportsman Modified Results: Todd Patnode, Keith Carzello,

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Registration still open for over-30 Murphy League

HOLYOKE – Registrations for the John Murphy youth baseball leagues with games in Holyoke are still being accepted. The league has three divisions. The younger division for players born between Sept 1, 2007 and Jan 1, 2010; the middle division for players born between Sept 1, 2005 and Sept 1, 2007, and the older division for players born between Sept 1, 2001 and Sept 1, 2005.

Games take place at Springdale Park on Main Street in Holyoke, with the exception of two older division games which will take place at Mackenzie Stadium.

The registration fee for Holyoke residents is \$30 and for non-residents is \$45. To register, please contact former Holyoke Community College coach Terry Murphy at tmurphy1h-

cc@comcast.net.

The first practice for the younger division is Monday, June 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The 12-13 division has a first practice on Wednesday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The high school division has its first practice on Friday, June 28 also from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Games start July 1 and run through Aug. 9.

Again this year, the league would like to thank our sponsors. The 9-11 division is sponsored by Holyoke Gas & Electric Phillies and the Murphy Baseball Pirates. The 12-13 division is sponsored by the Mountain View Landscape A’s and the Murphy Baseball Giants. The high school division is sponsored by the Marcotte Ford Dodgers and the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Nationals.

SUMMER SOCCER RETURNS



Lauren Wresien tries to dodge a Ludlow midfielder.

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FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts is working with the Trinity Episcopal Church's Jubilee Cupboard to help individuals and families stretch their budget and buy healthy food by applying for SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps. A SNAP Outreach Coordinator from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts will be providing assistance to anyone that would like to apply for SNAP benefits on the first Thursday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Jubilee Food Cupboard, located at 20 Park Street in Ware, MA next to the Trinity Episcopal Church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: RSVP of the Pioneer Valley has requests from nonprofit organizations in Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden Counties for volunteer assistance. Adults 55 and older who want to share skills and experience in their spare time can contact RSVP for a great volunteer position, some travel and insurance benefits, and personal matching. Contact Patricia Sicard at psicard@hcg-ma.org or 413-387-4558 extension 1.

THE ATRIUM AT CARDINAL DRIVE'S MONTHLY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: The new year brings a new time and new location for The Atrium at Cardinal Drive's monthly caregiver support group. The Atrium at Cardinal Drive has been facilitating a monthly caregiver support group through The Alzheimer's Association for several years at their assisted living community, but in 2019 The Atrium has partnered with the Agawam Senior Center to facilitate the monthly support group at their center. The caregiver support group is held the first Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, located at 954 Main St. in Agawam. The public is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to The Atrium at Cardinal Drive at 413-821-9911 if you are interested in attending.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

"The Breast Archives": Gateway City Arts, located at 92 Race St. in Holyoke, will present a screening of "The Breast Archives," a film by Easthampton documentary filmmaker Meagan Murphy, on June 28 from 7-9 p.m., with a panel discussion afterward. The screening is open to the public. Admission is \$10.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

JAZZ CONCERT: The Holyoke Public Library, located at 250 Chestnut St. in Holyoke, has announced there will be a Jazz Concert with jazz guitarist and composer Abe Ovadia on Saturday, June 29 at 2 p.m. For more information or to register for this program, call the library at 413-420-8101.

LIFE AROUND THE LAKE: The Mt. Tom State Park program "Life Around the Lake" will be held on Saturday, June 29 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mammals that live in and around the lake is the focus for this week's topic. Our furry friends are roaming all around this good size body of water. Find out what they need to do to survive and thrive in this watery habitat. Meet at Bray Lake.

HIKE THE BEAU BRIDGE TRAIL: There will be a hike along the Beau Bridge Trail on June 29 beginning at 1 p.m. this two- to three-hour hike travels on the Beau Bridge Trail right next to a bubbling brook. Along the way many natural wonders are there to be discussed about and explored. Bring water and bug spray. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

CALENDAR POLICY

Our calendar section is intended to only promote free events or those directly benefiting a non-profit organization. Events charging the public do not qualify. Listings should only include time, date, location, brief activity explanation and contact information. Submit entries at least one week in advance of the event. The deadline to submit calendar items is Wednesday at noon. Email entries to thesun@turley.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS: The Mt. Tom State Park program Birding for Beginners will be held on Sunday, June 30 beginning at 10:30 a.m. This one-hour program is meant to help beginners learn the basics of birding. The use of bird guides, lists and binoculars are used to learn about these feathered creatures. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

PATRIOTIC CHALK DRAWING: Patriotic Chalk Drawing will be held at Mt. Tom State Park on June 30 beginning at 1 p.m. July 4 is only a few days away and this is your chance to express your patriotism with artwork. Sidewalk chalk will be provided for anyone who would like to draw their favorite patriotic symbol on our designated spot. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

MONDAY, JULY 1

NATURE STORY TIME: Nature Story Time will be held at Mt. Tom State Park at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 1. This one-hour program provides the opportunity for children and adults to hear some of their favorite nature stories read out loud. Also bring one of your favorite books and hear that story read to all. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

ADVANCED HIKE FOR SENIORS: There will be an advanced hike for Seniors on July 1 beginning at 1 p.m. Seniors and others who want more of a challenging hike can join in on this one-two hour hike up one of the more strenuous trails. The hike on these trails is at a slower pace to accommodate this age bracket. Bring water. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

SENIOR HIKE: There will be a Senior Hike on July 2 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Seniors can join in on this easy paced one hour hike. The terrain is mostly easy and the nature talk quite abundant. Bring water and bug spray. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

EXPLORERS CLUB: Explorers Club will meet on July 2 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Tom State Park. This weekly one- to two-hour program lets children ages 10-14 learn map reading skills, trail markings and proper hiking techniques as we travel on all the trails here at Mt. Tom. Plus of course nature is observed closely. Bring water and bug spray. This program starts at the Stone House Visitor Center.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

'LIFE AROUND THE LAKE': Snakes are the focus for "Life Around the Lake" on Saturday, July 6 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The many snakes that live in and near the lake have many adaptations to survive this watery habitat. Their survival are discussed in this 60-minute program. Meet at Bray Lake.

HIKE AROUND BRAY LAKE: The Hike around Bray Lake will take place on July 6 at 1 p.m. This hike travels around Bray Lake on the outer loop. The terrain is mostly easy with a few moderately strenuous spots. Discussions center around the lake and its inhabitants. Meet at Stonehouse Visitor Center. Bring water and bug spray.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

RA RA RIOT AT GCA: On Sunday, July 7 Ra Ra Riot comes to Gateway City Arts, located at 92 Race St. in Holyoke. Fire Letters will open up the night. This show is presented by DSP Shows. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. The show starts at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m.

'BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS': Birding for Beginners at Mt. Tom State Reservation will be held on Sunday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. This one-hour program is meant to help beginners learn the basics of birding. The use of bird guides, lists and binoculars are used to learn about these feathered creatures.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FAMILY PROGRAM:

The title for the July 7 Sunday Afternoon Family Program at Mt. Tom State Reservation will be "Animal Homes." Everything needs a home of some kind even animals in the wild. This program explores where each animal chooses their favorite spot for a safe and comfy abode. The program begins at 1 p.m.

A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE TOUR: On Sunday, July 7 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Wistariahurst will host "A Servant's Perspective Tour: Chauffeur Charlie Linderme," a guided tour of Wistariahurst Museum. On this specialty tour, hear from one of them as a Wistariahurst docent offers a guided tour in character as chauffeur Charles Linderme. Listen as Charlie recalls his time attending to the woman he affectionately called "the Chief," Katharine Kilborne, Wistariahurst's last Skinner resident. Learn about the behind-the-scenes workings of the Skinner Estate. Advance ticket purchase is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased online at www.Wistariahurst.org. Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for students, seniors, and Wistariahurst Museum members.

MONDAY, JULY 8

SUMMER LEARNING AND EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMMING: Holyoke Public Schools has announced their free, high-quality summer learning opportunities for HPS students who will be entering grades 1 through 9 in Fall 2019. The programs run from July 8 through Aug. 9 with a focus on academics, arts and enrichment as well as field trips and fun Friday activities. Visit the summer learning webpage for program information and to apply at <https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/summerlearning/>.

JUNIOR RANGERS: Children ages 5 and 6 are welcome to participate in the four-week Junior Rangers program to become a certified Junior Ranger. Through exploration, crafts and games, participants can receive an official Junior Ranger patch and certificate. Each child must attend three out of four classes to qualify for this status. The July 8 program will begin at 10:30 a.m.

ADVANCED HIKE FOR SENIORS: There will be an advanced hike for seniors on July 8 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Tom State Reservation. Seniors and others who want more of a challenging hike can join in on this one-two hour hike up one of the more strenuous trails. The hike on these trails is at a slower pace to accommodate this age bracket. Bring water.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

SENIOR HIKE: There will be a senior hike at Mt. Tom State Reservation on Tuesday, July 9 at 10:30 a.m. Seniors can join in on this easy paced one hour hike. The terrain is mostly easy and the nature talk quite abundant. Bring water and bug spray.

EXPLORERS CLUB: The explorers Club will meet on July 9 at 2 p.m. This weekly 1-2 hour program lets children ages 10-14 learn map reading skills, trail markings and proper hiking techniques as we travel on all the trails at Mt. Tom, and nature is observed closely. Bring water and bug spray.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Holyoke K of C will host a blood drive on Tuesday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Banquet Room, 250 Westfield Rd., Holyoke. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HolyokeKofC to schedule an appointment.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

MT. TOM B-17 MEMORIAL SERVICE: The 73rd anniversary memorial service of the Mount Tom B-17 "Flying Fortress" crash in Holyoke will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 20. The Mt. Tom B-17 Memorial is located on the southeast side of Mt. Tom 300 feet below the summit. Shuttle up the access road will be provided beginning at 8 a.m. To attend the 10 a.m. ceremony, please arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. For more information, go to www.mttommemorial.org.

STUDENTS, from page 8

Integrated Photonics), a Manufacturing USA institute established to promote the manufacturing of photonic integrated circuits in the United States for academic, commercial and government applications.

A key component of AIM Photonics is AIM Academy, which is dedicated to educating and training scientists, engineers and technicians who will constitute the workforce needed for the photonic integrated circuit manufacturing ecosystem.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is supporting several Manufacturing USA institutes, including AIM Photonics, through the \$100 million Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative (M2I2) adminis-

tered by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

Before he started the internship in May, Bednarczyk, 19, said he was excited about the opportunity. “Thrilled and nervous,” he said. “I’m definitely not from the city, but I can’t wait for the experience.”

Bednarczyk is a third-generation STCC student. His grandfather studied electrical engineering technology. His father graduated from a biomedical technology program.

Bednarczyk looked into the Optics and Photonics Technology after reading an article about STCC’s program. “I enjoy the program. It’s really engaging and hands-on. I’m not the type of kid that was meant to sit behind a computer all day. To use the laser etching and marking systems we have, I think that’s a blast.”

Richardson, 32, the other student who is interning at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, came to the Optics and Photonics Technology program with bachelor’s degree in theater from a university in California.

“I always had a predisposition for science,” Richardson said. “My dad’s an optical scientist and he mentioned some schools with a program ... I checked out the program here and fell in love with it. I liked the idea that I could go to school for two years, start working in the field and then continue on with my education.”

While studying at STCC, Richardson had the opportunity to study with a mentor, Eric Lim, who holds a doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University.

“As a hiring manager, I’ve been impressed with the quality of students who came out of this program,” said

Lim, who worked at a laser technology company. “It was exciting to find a student who was hands-on and interested in laser physics, something I had trained for in my graduate days. So I was very happy to mentor Shane.”

For his class project at STCC, Richardson experimented with converting invisible infrared light into visible green light.

“In order to change light to interact with anything, we have to change the wavelength, and that is what this whole experiment was about,”he said.

“I didn’t realize how much I was going to enjoy the program or how beneficial it was going to be,” Richardson said. “It was a nice fit. I like the people here and I like the atmosphere. Not many people know about Optics and Photonics Technology. It’s like a little hidden gem inside of STCC.”

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD19P1257EA
Estate of:
Hazel V. Bresnahan
Also Known As:
Hazel Ormsby Bresnahan,
Hazel O. Bresnahan
Date of Death:
July 28, 2017
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Robert R. Blakeslee of Springfield, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert R. Blakeslee of Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the admin-

istration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 6/28/2019

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The City of Holyoke

reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. 6/28/19

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD19P1242EA
Raymond W Barron
Date of Death: 05/16/2019
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Rebecca A Rolon** of Suffield CT requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Rebecca A Rolon** of Suffield CT be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To

do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/16/2019.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNIFORM PROBATE CODE
(MUPC)**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2019

Suzanne T. Seguin

Register of Probate 6/28/2019

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No. HD19P1210EA
In the matter of:
Hillard J. Moreyn
Date of Death: May 1, 2019
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
413-748-7758**

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by Ann Doyle Deely of Lee, Massachusetts, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Ann Doyle Deely of Lee, Massachusetts, be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney

must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/11/2019.**

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: June 13, 2019

Suzanne T. Seguin,
Register of Probate

Michael J. Considine, Esq.
49 Main Street, P.O. Box 378
Lee, MA 01238
6/28/2019

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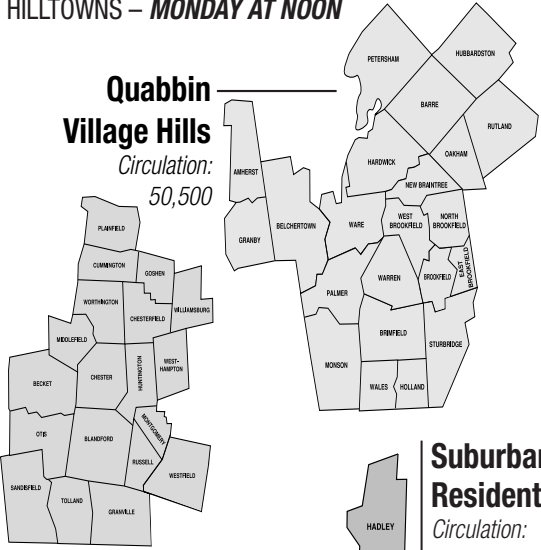
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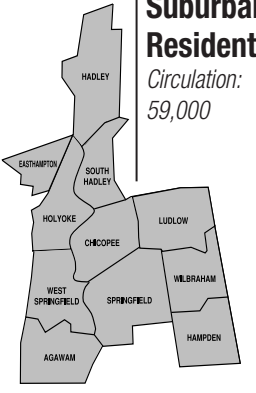
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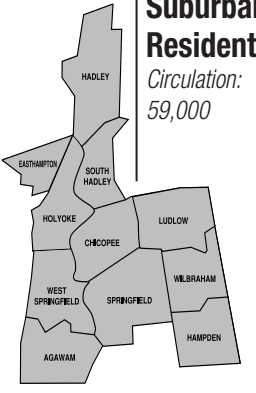
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College for Kids at STCC offers fun, educational experiences

SPRINGFIELD – The College for Kids at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) is a summer program that exposes participants between 11 and 17 to learning opportunities available in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Some of the available programs focus on arts and sports.

The “Summer of STEM” will give young people the chance to learn about architecture, lasers, fidget spinners and more.

The College for Kids at STCC programs on tap through August are as follows: Rock-It Science from July 22 to July 26 for ages 11 through 14: Have fun doing innovative, hands-on science. Activities include using a giant catapult to predict and project objects’ path through the air, designing and building rockets, seeing and hearing “sound waves” while playing musical instruments, building and racing solar cars, and observing rainbows in the sky to explore the nature of light. Activities are coordinated with the Springfield Science Museum. Cost is \$279.

Forensics from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through 14: Forensic science is the study of crime scenes and criminal identities. This course will provide students with hands-on experience in forensic science and investigative skills. Cost is \$279.

The Play’s The Thing from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through 14: A week of theater immersion that includes theater games, improvisation, and an adap-



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Mya Zheleznyakov, of Longmeadow, left, and Jania Pagan, of Springfield, participate in an experiment during a College for Kids biotechnology workshop on June 25 at STCC.

tive short play performed at the end of the week for family and friends. This week of theater builds social skills, confidence, and self-esteem. Cost is \$279.

Basketball from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through 14. Cost is \$169.

Keyboarding from July 29 to Aug. 2 for ages 11 through 14: Build necessary keyboarding skills through the use of interactive games and a keyboarding

software program. The lessons are fun and help to build a strong typing foundation. Cost is \$199.

For more information and to sign up online, people may visit stcc.edu/explore/summer-programs. For questions, people may contact Lidya Rivera-Early, director of Community Engagement, at (413) 755-4787 or email lmearly@stcc.edu.

NAMI of Western Mass. announces program

AGAWAM – The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Western Massachusetts will offer its Family to Family Education program for the fall season, beginning Thursdays, Sept. 6 from 6- 8:30 p.m. in Greenfield.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session educational program for family, partners, friends and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression and other mental health conditions. Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by NAMI trained teachers that are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Pre-registration is required. For additional information and printable flyers, people may visit namiwm.org/events.

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