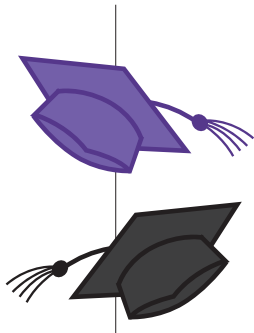


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## Congratulations Class of 2023



Holyoke High School graduates throw their caps in the air. Valedictorian Willie Lopez Morales gives his speech on what a hero is to him. Photos by Quinn Suomala



The class of 2023 toss their caps in the air as their graduation comes to a close. Valedictorian Ruth Ortiz Torres gives her speech to her fellow graduates. Photos by Quinn Suomala

### 'Strong' Class of 2023 graduates Holyoke High

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke High School, North Campus, celebrated the class of 2023's graduation on Sunday, June 4.

This class graduated strong. Of the 228 graduates, 45 graduated with high honors, 31 with honors and 50 graduated as part of the early college program (where they have earned anywhere between 3 and 18 college credits). Additionally, five graduated with the

Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy, which recognizes functional and academic proficiency in English and another world language.

All of these accomplishments are due to the perseverance of the students, as acknowledged by the speakers at their graduation ceremony.

"What you all have accomplished really embodies perseverance," Superintendent Anthony Soto said. "You

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### Dean Tech graduates ready for bright future

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Dean Technical High School's class of 2023 celebrated their graduation proudly on Thursday, June 1. This class of 84 students ended their high school careers with 20 graduating with honors and another nine with high honors. This class had something to be proud of.

Class President Daisha Ramos Ortiz expressed her gratitude for the accep-

tance and care the staff at Dean had given her.

"I was welcomed with open arms, they treated me like a family and I was already accepted before I even entered these doors," she said.

After expressing her gratitude for the Dean staff, Valedictorian Ruth Ortiz-Torres also thanked her fellow graduates for all the work they had put forward to get them to this momentous day.

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## Holyoke Community College celebrates commencement

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College President Christina Royal offered her congratulations as well as some advice to the Class of 2023 Saturday as she presided over her final HCC Commencement before her planned retirement next month.

"Every Commencement is special because it is the realization of intentions you set forth when you first became an HCC student," she said during the June 3 event at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

For some, earning a college degree was a two-year dream; for others, she said, a two-decade dream.

"Don't stop dreaming big for your life," she said. "As we celebrate you today, you get to finally put a gold star or checkmark next to your dream of becoming a college graduate. This is huge."

HCC conferred associate degrees and certificates upon 686 graduates from 72 different Massachusetts cities and towns, states as far away as Florida and Texas, and countries including Uganda, Colombia, India, and China. Their average age is 28, with the oldest being 69.

"Diversity is our strength as an insti-

tuition," Royal said. "And your uniqueness is your strength as an HCC graduate. I encourage you to embrace your unique gifts and leverage them to help you accomplish your goals in life."

Biology professor Joseph Bruseo of Palmer, recipient of the 2023 Elaine Marieb Chair for Teaching Excellence Award, led the procession of graduates into the MassMutual Center arena and

gave the faculty address. He talked about the importance of life-long learning and how the acquisition of knowledge is the first step on the path to wisdom.

"Your educational experience is based on the accumulation of facts or other important information," he said. "This is the initial step in the transition from knowledge to wisdom. Wisdom comes from the application of those facts, being able to assess what is true or right, and to apply the knowledge you have gained. As our knowledge base expands, our wisdom grows."

Henry Zucco '23, an environmental science major from Holyoke, delivered the student address to his classmates, acknowledging how the community of his peers and HCC faculty and staff helped him overcome self-doubt.

"For each of you here graduating and attending today, you are all part of the process of building a better future for yourselves, for your families, your communities, and the world," said Zucco, who will continue his education at Bowdoin College. "You all are the hope



Eileen Gates (Veterinary and Animal Science) celebrates her graduation from HCC June 3.

Submitted photo

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# Sasenaraine named CEO of Lifepoint

HOLYOKE – Baystate Health and Lifepoint Behavioral Health, a business unit of Lifepoint Health, announced in a press release that Roy Sasenaraine has been named chief executive officer for the new joint venture behavioral health hospital currently under construction in Holyoke.



Roy Sasenaraine

The 150-bed hospital, to be called Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital, is slated to open to patients in August of this year.

“I am delighted to welcome Roy to the Lifepoint Behavioral Health team and know he will be the right leader for our new hospital in Holyoke,” said Russ Bailey, president of Lifepoint Behavioral Health. “With more than 20 years of experience in operations and financial management, and, in particular, hands-on experience guiding operations in behavioral health settings, Roy has evidenced a commitment to leading sustainable operations and delivering high-quality care to patients in a variety of emergent, acute and out-patient settings. I am confident Roy is the right person to lead Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital into its first chapter here in the Holyoke community.”

Most recently, Sasenaraine served as vice president of operations for the central region of Spire Orthopedic Partners, where he led new construction, patient access initiatives, and acquisition and integration work for Spire’s nine locations within central

Connecticut.

Prior to his role at Spire, Sasenaraine served as vice president of operations for Hartford Healthcare System’s East Region behavioral health network. In this role, he oversaw 18 locations, including six school-based programs, two emergency departments, one inpatient psychiatric hospital, eight ambulatory locations and one inpatient juvenile program.

His leadership led to the implementation of a new care model for adolescent, pediatric and adult patients in inpatient care along with the implementation of a new electronic medical record across all sites of care.

“Roy’s breadth of operational experience and his deep understanding of the behavioral health setting make him the right leader for this new, state-of-the-art facility that we are excited to open in the coming months,” said Andrew Arntstein, M.D., chief physician executive and chief academic officer of Baystate Health, president of Baystate Medical Practices, and regional executive dean of UMass Chan – Baystate. “We look forward to serving patients when Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital opens and know Roy’s leadership will be instrumental as we expand our behavioral health offerings, bring on new tools and resources for our patients and implement new quality of care models. We are excited to welcome Roy and his family to the Holyoke community and we look forward to serving patients

at Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital later this summer.”

Sasenaraine earned a bachelor’s degree in healthcare administration and a master’s degree in business administration, with a focus in healthcare administration, from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut. He is a member of the board of directors for Health Assistance Intervention Education Network and previously served on boards for Advance Behavioral Health and Blue Ocean Healthcare, LLC.

“I am honored to join Lifepoint Behavioral Health and support the team at Baystate Health as we expand critically needed inpatient behavioral healthcare services to the community,” said Sasenaraine. “I am eager to get to work and I know that we have an exciting road ahead of us. I look forward to serving patients in Western Massachusetts with safe, high-quality behavioral healthcare services at Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital.”

Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital will feature 120 semi-private rooms and 30 private rooms for patients. The addition of this new facility will increase patient access in the community to Baystate Health’s specialty inpatient behavioral healthcare for adults, including geriatric patients, as well as adolescents and children, by more than 50%.

Lifepoint Behavioral Health and Baystate Health broke ground on the new facility in March 2022 and anticipate opening the facility to patients in August 2023.

# National Blank Book retrospect to be held next week

HOLYOKE – The program “Every Book Guaranteed Perfect: The National Blank Book Company in Retrospect” will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 5 p.m. in the Holyoke Public Library Community Room.

The National Blank Book Company at Appleton & Water Streets (and later in Chicopee) was a Holyoke fixture for nearly a century and a half, producing internationally-distributed products from workforce ledgers, to diaries, to custom binders. It ingrained itself in local labor culture in the process. As one former employee explained, “If you talked to a Holyoker and they didn’t know someone who worked there or hadn’t worked there themselves, you knew they were new in town.”

Every Book Guaranteed Perfect : The National Blank Book Company in Retrospect is the culmination of a months-long archival project undertaken by the History Room’s Archival Fellow Joe Maspo, M.A. The event will begin with an overview of the newly-expanded National Blank Book Collection and the interviews Joe conducted for the project. The highlight will be a panel discussion with former employees about life with the company. Free and open to the public.

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# Registration open for HCC summer youth programs

HOLYOKE – Registration is now open for Holyoke Community College’s 2023 Summer Youth Programs.

Starting July 10 and running through Aug. 25, HCC will offer 17, week-long summer programs in person at HCC – and many more online – for youth aged 8 to 17 interested in everything from baking, cooking, wilderness survival, and computers, to YouTube, soccer, baseball, and basketball.

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

HCC’s 2023 on-campus summer youth programs run Monday through Friday for one week, some for a full day, 9 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m., and others for a half day, either 9 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 4 p.m.

This summer marks the post-pandemic return of HCC’s Summer Youth sports programs in soccer, baseball, and basketball, as well as the popular wilderness survival course.

“We are excited to be able to offer a more diverse and robust collection of youth programming this summer and look forward to continuing to grow our course catalog in years to come,” said Arvard Lingham, coordinator of Non-Credit Programming and Kittredge

Center Operations.

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

### July 10-14:

**Bake With Me (Ages 11-14).** Students will learn the art of creating tasty baked goods, pastries, and confections, from traditional bread baking to beautiful showpieces, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$399)

**Cooking with Chef Dino (Ages 9-12).** Students will build knowledge, skills and confidence as they have fun learning to prepare dishes from around the globe, classic cooking techniques, kitchen etiquette, service and proper table manners, as well as safety and nutrition, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$399)

**Into the Wild! Wilderness Survival (Ages 8-11).** Explore fields, forests, and wildlife habitats while learning basic survival skills. Learn what to pack and how to track, read a compass, build shelter, fire, and much more. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$289)

### July 17-21:

**Youth Baseball Clinic (Ages 8-17).** This fun-filled, challenging program that emphasizes fundamental skills and baseball knowledge while building self-confidence and developing every player’s ability to play more competitively. Instructor: Ryan Magni, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$179)

**July 24-28:**

**Youth Basketball Clinic (Ages 8-17).** This fun-filled, challenging program emphasizes fundamental skills and basketball knowledge while building self-confidence and developing every player’s ability to be more competitive. Clinic director: Chris Montemayor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$179)

### July 31-Aug. 4:

**Code Breakers, In Person (Ages 11-14).** Learn the basics of coding languages like HTML, JavaScript, and CSS through a series of web projects and design challenges each day and be on your way to becoming the next tech star, 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. (\$179)

**Youth Soccer Clinic (Ages 6-16).** A comprehensive soccer clinic for young athletes taught by Rob Galazka, head coach of the HCC women’s soccer team with assistance from top college soccer players, stressing basic and advanced skills with plenty of one-on-one instruction, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$179)

### Aug. 7-11:

**Bake With Me (Ages 11-14),** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$399)

**Cooking with Chef Dino (advanced) (Ages 10-14).** Learn what it’s like to work in a busy, restaurant kitchen

in a safe and successful fashion. Select recipes, plan menus and gain experience working every kitchen station: sauté, grill, fry, baking and more, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$399)

**Minecraft Redstone Engineers, In Person (Ages 8-10).** Take the next step beyond simply “playing” Minecraft and become a true Redstone engineer, 9 a.m. to 12 or 1 to 4 p.m. (\$179)

**Youth Robotic STEM Week (Ages 12-16).** A fun, educational way to learn about robotics and coding, designed for students of any skill level, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (\$289)

### Aug. 14-18:

**YouTube Content Creators, In Person (Ages 11-14).** Explore the variety of content and personalities that exist on YouTube and how to find your own niche, 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. (\$179)

### Aug. 21-25:

**ROBLOX Makers, In Person (Ages 8-10).** Learn how to build 3D models and create an adventure in your ROBLOX world. Bring characters to life with unique animations you design, 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. (\$179)

HCC also offers more than a dozen online, computer-oriented summer programs through Black Rocket.

To register, please go to: [hcc.edu/summer-youth](http://hcc.edu/summer-youth).

# Application being accepted for cannabis grant funding

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke is accepting applications from qualified service providers for Substance Abuse prevention Funding up to \$25,000. Funds may be used to assist existing programs doing work related to substance abuse prevention.

The City of Holyokes Cannabis Citizens Review Commission and the Holyoke City Council approved the

use of \$100,000 of cannabis impact fee funds. Though the legal cannabis industry has not created the current substance abuse crisis we have in the community, there is a need to address the new access and public acceptance of cannabis.

The community of Holyoke, like many other communities, face unmet challenges of homelessness, mental health issues and substance abuse issues.

This funding will help support the work of community agencies engaged in supporting and helping individuals facing these crises. It was determined that the most efficient use of funds would be to fund existing programs rather than creating a new program. This fund will prioritize requests that will have the most immediate positive impact on the issues at hand.

Applications will be open beginning June 7. All applications must be received by June 20. Awards will be announced June 28.

Applicants may apply using the google form: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqLmnpjp4O2O-dc-1MuqIGHNgXNGXvC7koMkOQY2CIM6sLitw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqLmnpjp4O2O-dc-1MuqIGHNgXNGXvC7koMkOQY2CIM6sLitw/viewform?usp=sf_link).

## Enrollment open for Extended School Year program for eligible students

HOLYOKE – Eligible students with IEPs in grades preK-12+ can now register for the 2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program, which provides a range of special education learning opportunities.

If you are unsure if your child qualifies for ESY programming, you can check your child’s current IEP or ask your child’s special education teacher or building team leader. You may send an email to Enrollment for assistance with online registration. You may send an Email to Jill Hughes for more information about extended year services.

ESY programs will begin on July 10 and will end on August 3, 2023. All programs are scheduled to take place

in-person. HPS will follow all state and local guidelines for social distancing and/or other precautions that may be required over the summer.

Based on their IEPs, students may qualify for one of these programs:

- Early Childhood Integrated Program (Donahue): Ages 3-5
- ABA Program (Donahue): PK-12
- RISE/SHINE Program (Donahue): Rising K-12
- Excelsior Program at Jericho: Rising 1-12
- Therapeutic Intervention Program Lawrence: Rising K-8
- Transitions Academy: Ages 18-22

More information is available on the HPS website.

## Dress for Success holding tag sale

HOLYOKE – Dress for Success Western Massachusetts is inviting the public to shop for high quality, gently used women’s clothing; casual and professional clothing, shoes, purses, scarves, belts, jewelry, and more. Stuff your selections to the brim for the incredible price of \$25 for a small bag and \$45 for a large bag.

The organization is moving out of the Eastfield Mall so everything must go. Join us Friday, June 16 to Thursday, June 22, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day (except for Sunday, which will be open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

The liquidation sale will take place inside the Eastfield Mall and volunteers will replenish the stock of items regularly throughout each day. Selections will be ever changing and always amazing – shop early, shop often.

Liquidation sale items are available in all sizes, are carefully inspected, hung or neatly folded, and sorted by size and style.

All proceeds of this liquidation sale go directly toward supporting our programs and services, including work-readiness education, interview training, mentoring, and digital literacy coaching. All these programs are offered at no cost to women and non-binary people who are seeking meaningful employment.

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By Thomas J. Kennedy

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Hope much of pain - Can't really explain!*

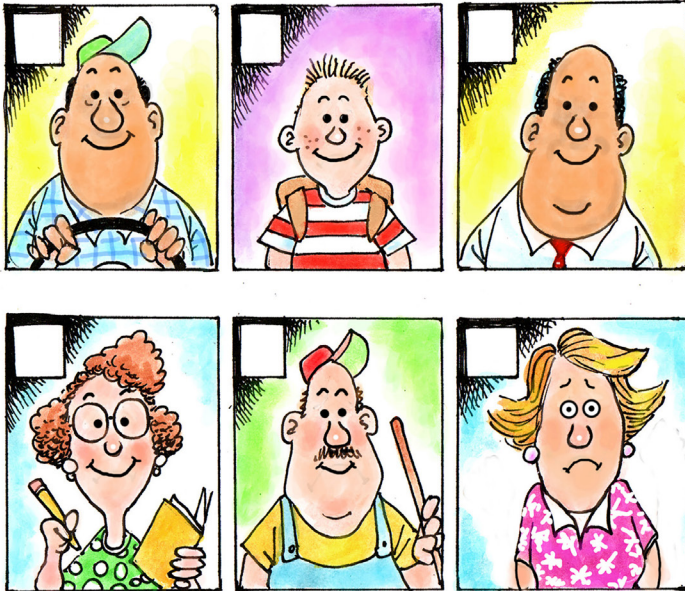
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- b. Principal
- c. Janitor
- d. Student
- e. Mom
- f. Bus driver



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Guest Column

## Do we really need to go through this?



### Comments on CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

There was finally some movement in Washington on raising the debt ceiling and a bill was passed by both chambers of Congress just days from a U.S. default – it would have been the first in the country's history.

If you're like me, you can't help but view this brinkmanship – with U.S. financial credibility and the economy on the line – with a mix of impatience and resignation.

Why impatience? Because its members seemed happy to waste valuable time they could be devoting to more productive work. In essence, this is a political game that's become a gridlock-inducing diversion.

And resignation? Because in the heated partisan atmosphere that's permeated Washington for the last few decades, a fight over raising the debt ceiling seems to have become part and parcel of the Congressional calendar. Waste of time that it is, you can pretty much set your clock by it.

And while the bill that cleared Congress last week means the debt ceiling won't be an issue again until early 2025, this drama could resume and an unprecedented default

is still possible that year.

Let's take a step back for a moment and consider what's at stake if the U.S. has no choice but to start defaulting on some of its bills. It might, for instance, keep paying interest on debts, keeping the markets calmer, if not exactly tranquil. But that would probably mean not paying federal workers and contractors, Social Security recipients or veterans' health care benefits, which would be politically wrenching.

On the other hand, if the government misses even a single debt payment, it would ruin global confidence in U.S. debt, with consequences for our economy that would last for years.

You might ask how any of this could even be possible. There's a lot of misperception about why the debt needs to keep being raised, but it's pretty simple: Most years, we spend more than we take in. This has been a truly bipartisan endeavor. Of the presidencies over the last five decades, the debt grew most in percentage terms under Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama – though in dollar terms, it grew almost as much during Donald Trump's single term as it did during Obama's two terms.

There's no question that some of those increases came because of spending – most recently on the pandemic and keeping the economy afloat because of it. But it's worth noting that the primary reason Reagan, Bush and Trump figure as major debt contributors is because they pushed through huge tax cuts during their time in office.

Though the Reagan cuts were partially reversed under Bill Clinton, producing actual budget surpluses, the Bush and Trump cuts have made it virtually impossible for revenues to keep up with spending.

So in upcoming weeks, as Republicans and Democrats in Congress, along with the Biden White House, issue talking points aimed at making the other side look bad, remember that taking steps to avoid building up the U.S. debt requires looking at the full picture: tax and fiscal policy as well as spending. And as the rhetoric grows more heated, remember this, too: This doesn't have to happen.

Congress could just decide to get rid of a ceiling on the debt and choose instead to spend its time addressing the actual challenges the country faces, including budget deficits, rather than engaging in debt theater. There are too many players who relish wielding the debt-ceiling cudgel for such a move to be likely.

But it would be good for the country if it happened.

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## A Quote

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Fred DeVito

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Dear Rusty:

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Signed: Uncertain About My Future

Dear Uncertain:

You are correct that if you pass away

before collecting your earned Social Security benefits you won't personally get anything. Social Security has, since inception, been a "pay as you go" program where those currently working and contributing to Social Security pay benefits for those currently receiving Social Security. That means that if you die before collecting, the monies you contributed will have already been used to pay other recipients, but the contributions you made may still entitle your dependents to benefits on your record. For those who are in their early 60s, average longevity is mid-80s, meaning your spouse would likely collect benefits on your record for more than two decades, any minor children could collect until they are adults and any permanently disabled child you may have would get benefits from your record for the rest of their life as well.

The Social Security payroll taxes you contributed were not put into a private account in your name. And, on average, it is to the beneficiary's advantage the program doesn't work that way because that personal account would be depleted fairly quickly after you claim rather than getting benefits for the rest of your life, you'd only get bene-

fits plus interest from your personal account, which would run dry pretty fast. For Your Information, we have researched this very carefully and found that, on average, all payroll taxes contributed to Social Security by an individual will be recovered within about five years of starting benefits. The actual length of time to recoup one's contributions varies somewhat depending on lifetime earnings and contributions made, but lower earning beneficiaries will recover everything contributed through payroll taxes within about three years, while it could take as much as five years for higher earners to get back everything they've paid into the program. And for clarity, since self-employed individuals pay both the employee and employer portion of the payroll tax, it does take longer for those, who own their own business to recoup what they've contributed. Nevertheless, on average, most who claim benefits will get considerably more from the program than they paid in Social Security payroll taxes.

As to your specific question, if you die before collecting, the contributions you made weren't deposited in a personal account for

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## A dogwood worthy of admiration



The Chinese dogwood in my backyard is in bloom and boy, is it pretty! Although the holly is trying to take over height-wise, the dogwood is holding its own and beckoning for all to admire. Creamy white bracts (mistakenly called flowers) seem to hover over its glossy green leaves in a way few other trees are capable.

It is as if the branches unfold before you, saying “here, look at me!”

Unlike other favorites in the landscape, the Chinese dogwood doesn't fade into the background once it has finished flowering; this plant has something to offer in every season.

Cornus kousa blooms just about a month later than our native flowering dogwood, *Cornus florida*. Unlike *C. florida*, Chinese dogwood sets its bracts after it has fully leafed out, and at a time when

there is a bit of a lull in the flowering tree and shrub department.

Bracts can vary in size from one to three inches long depending on cultivar, and can be narrow or quite broad. Some can be more of a pure white than a creamy white- these can tend to turn pink with age.

The plants true flowers are barely noticeable, only about a half-inch wide, set in the center of the four bracts. Flowers last for several weeks, much longer than those of the flowering dogwood.

As the flowers fade into the background, the fruit set provides another season of interest. It is faceted, much like a raspberry, and can be red, orange-red or even pink toned.

About an inch in diameter and hanging from two-inch stems, it is quite showy in its own right when plentiful. Fruit can last up to two months.

Foliage, as mentioned, is glossy green during the growing season. Some pink-bracted cultivars have red veins or petioles, adding to the overall interest of the plant.

Fall foliage color is sketchy, sometimes it can be radiant, offering up shades of red, orange and purple; other times it is dull. Brilliancy or blahness all depend on the cultivar chosen and the

weather.

Inquire at purchase about the particular attributes of the cultivar you've lugged to the check-out: Is it known for its fall color, long bloom-time, vase-shape, etc.? Or better yet, do a quick search on your phone before the work out, just to be sure you get what will do your landscape the most justice!

Once leaves have fallen, the bark of the Chinese dogwood becomes quite interesting when viewed close-up, especially on older trees. Where the bark has begun to exfoliate, gray, copper and sometimes olive tones appear on the trunk and older branches.

I must pay closer attention to this during the off season.

Plant *Cornus kousa* in moist, acidic, well-drained soil with lots of organic matter. With that said, the plant can adapt to most soils providing they are not overly waterlogged or droughty.

Plants grown in full sun usually flower the heaviest, but part shade, like the conditions in my yard, puts on fine growth as well.

If the Chinese dogwood appeals to you and you'd also like to learn more about other members of the genus *Cornus*, consult “Dogwoods” by Paul Cappiello and Don Shadow (Timber

Press \$39.95). This book is a great reference, especially informative regarding the numerous cultivars in the nursery trade today.

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you and won't be paid out in a lump sum. Rather, the payroll taxes you paid while working were used to pay benefits to beneficiaries receiving at the time and those working and contributing after you

die will fund the benefits paid to your spouse or disabled adult child until they die or to your minor children until they are adults. The Social Security benefits you earned aren't just for you your eligible dependents will also benefit from your record.

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HCC, Class of 2023 nursing students, graduated May 25.

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## HCC celebrates nursing graduates

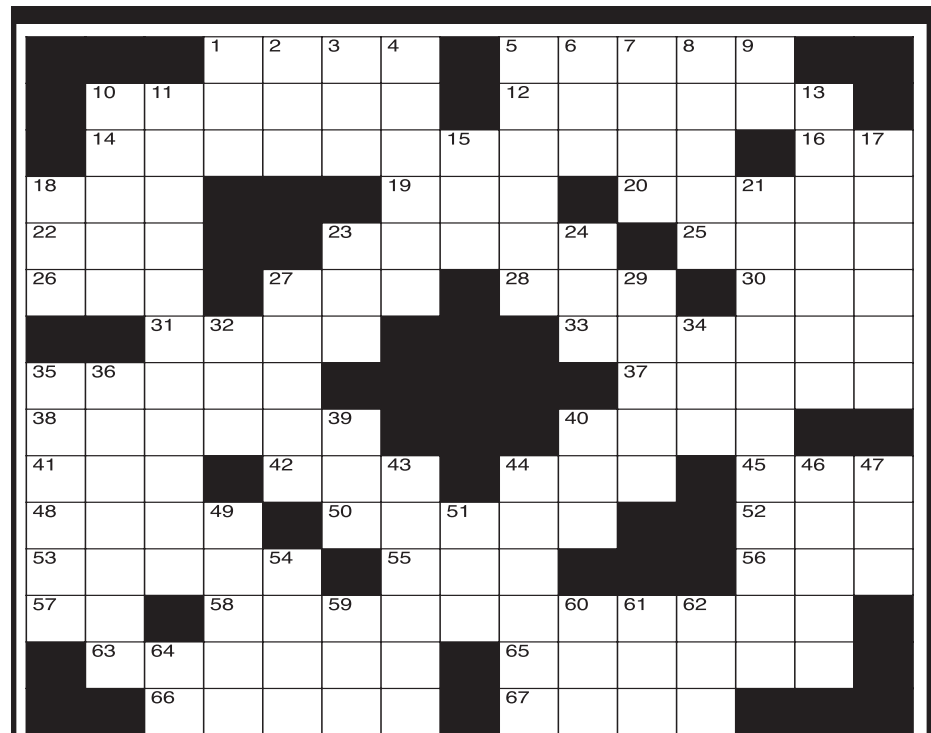
HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated the graduation of 52 students from its Associate in Science in Nursing degree program on Thursday, May 25.

Local Holyoke Community College, Associate of Science in Nursing program graduates for 2023 are:

Ash Berman of Easthampton, Noelle Fournier of Easthampton, Vadym Malenkyy of Easthampton, Enette Claxton-Toliver of Florence, Kerry Jo Nagel of Florence, Tanner Johnson of Northampton, Jennifer Lagoy of Russell, Shelley Mather of Southamton, Jacquelyn Crosler of Southwick and Rosemary Dennis of Southwick,

Madeline Fenderson of Westfield, Lindsay Hawley of Westfield, Valeriy Kuznetsov of Westfield, Courtney Munns of Westfield and Jocelyn Soto of Westfield.

The graduates, many of whom are already working, will sit for their exams before becoming licensed as registered nurses. The students were recognized during a pinning ceremony at HCC's Campus Center, during which they were formally inducted into the healthcare field as soon-to-be registered nursing professionals. During a traditional pinning ceremony, new nursing graduates light candles, receive their nursing pin from a registered nurse and recite the Nightingale Pledge.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Where there's \_\_, there's fire
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black
- 2. " \_\_ and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. \_\_ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an anti-septic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river

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The class of 2023 enters the ceremony through a tunnel of Holyoke High School staff and some friends and family.



Graduates display their artistic creativity on their caps.



The Class of 2023 arrives to their seats at Mackenzie baseball field for their graduation ceremony.



The Holyoke High choir cheers on graduates.



Holyoke High School's class of 2023.



Holyoke High choir performs "You Raise Me Up" by Secret Garden.



The senior chorus enjoys its final performance.



Superintendent Anthony Soto gives his advice to the class of 2023.



Principal Lori McKenna delivers her congratulatory speech.



Salutarian Owen Pecia speaks on his class's success.



Jennifer Ramos Murillo shares her story of perseverance.



Mayor Joshua Garcia greets the class of 2023.



The graduates are cheered on by family and HHS staff as they enter the ceremony.



Khalil Williams receives his diploma.



Holyoke High graduates celebrate their graduation.



Classmates embrace following the ceremony.

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went through non-traditional freshman and sophomore years and growing up in Holyoke, as the mayor will share later, you guys got more than just an education here, you got a lot of learned lessons in life. You learned how to persevere and that's what you embody and I'm so proud of you."

Vice chair of the Holyoke School Committee, Mildred Lefebvre, echoed this sentiment and encouraged graduates to bring this persistence and determina-

tion into their next steps in life.

"You each have a destiny, don't give up on it for anything or anyone," she said.

One student in particular, first generation graduate Jennifer Ramos Murillo, was highlighted for her story of perseverance.

"At first, I was embarrassed to come into a new school with only forty credits and having to stay after school every day to get back on track," Ramos Murillo said. "Some of you may think it is because I didn't like school or didn't do my work, but the reality of it all, I gave

up on myself and my hopes when I left all my friends and my school behind. I had to start all over again and meet new people."

Despite her hard start, Ramos Murillo pushed through and found a place in Holyoke High School.

"I'm so happy that I came to Holyoke High School because this is where I met the teachers who became mentors to me, I met friends who became family, and, most of all, the person who helped me get through it all, my counselor Laura Vazquez," she said.

Valedictorian Willie Lopez Morales was especially proud of his fellow graduates for all the work they put in to make it to graduation day.

"Overall, we, the class of 2023, are heroes," Lopez Morales said. "We have made changes within our own school and our community. We have entered a few battles, including a pandemic, and emerged victorious. We have fought to be a positive light in the lives of our family and our friends. I can proudly say that the class of 2023 is making the world a better place every day."





Class of 2023 graduates celebrate their turning of the tassel.

Photos by Quinn Suomala



Dean Technical High School Principal Alan Gates welcomes the class of 2023 to their graduation.



Dean Tech staff member, Larendalys Wilson, performs the Puerto Rican National Anthem.



Superintendent Anthony Soto congratulates graduates.



Mayor Joshua Garcia expresses his pride in the class of 2023.



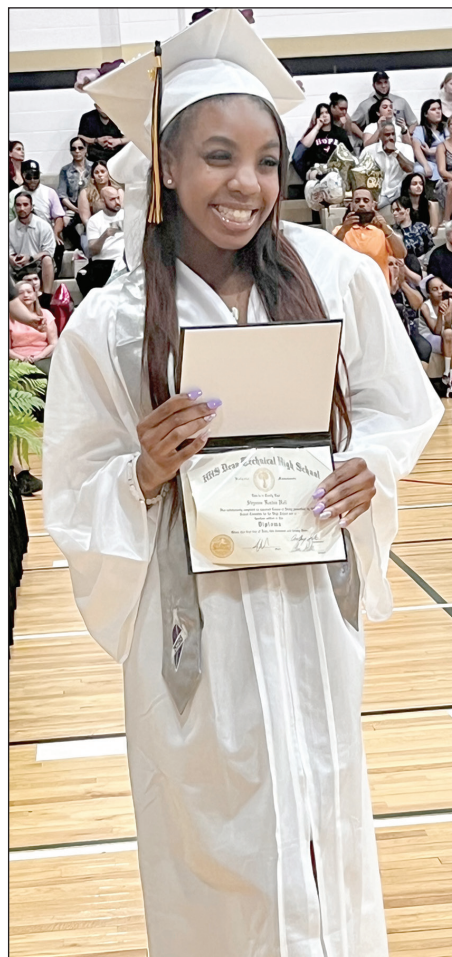
Salutatorian Mirna Guzman sings the National Anthem.



Valedictorian Ruth Ortiz Torres receives her diploma.



Class President Daisha Ramos Ortiz receives her diploma.



Shyanne Karina Hall receives her diploma.



Justus Wolf-Walston receives his diploma.

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"I want to thank you all for your persistence that got you here today," Ortiz-Torres said. "I want to thank you for waking up every morning, for fighting with your individual demons who maybe no one knew about, to attend, whether you got here late, whether you missed a few days. You put the work in. You put in your time, your dedication, and although the winds were strong, you did not fall."

Superintendent Anthony Soto encouraged students to keep this persistence and perseverance as they move

forward in life.

"Life is hard and if you think it's going to get easier, it's not," Soto said. "It never gets easier. What happens is, you learn how to handle hard better. You become someone that handles hard things better. So, don't wait around for things to get easy, it's hard. Make yourself a person that learns how to deal with hard, better."

Principal Alan Gates echoed this sentiment in his closing remarks to the class.

"You may end up here, you may change your mind, it doesn't matter, whatever you do, do it well, and once you

commit, finish. Once you commit, finish," Gates said. "You start at a four year school, you end at a four year school. Doesn't need to be the same, but make sure you end at a four year school. You start a course, finish the course. Whatever it is that you start, finish."

He also reminded the students that the city would always be with them as they moved forward into the next stages of their lives.

"Wherever you go, you will bring Holyoke with you," Gates said.

Holyoke will always be a part of those that have resided within it. As stated by Mayor Joshua Garcia, Holyoke res-

idents take lessons from the city that they may not have gotten elsewhere.

"You've had an education of compassion, which makes you much more prepared than any of your peers in other communities around the city of Holyoke. It makes you prepared on how to navigate the challenges when they appear and also appropriately respond to issues when they happen so that you can achieve the outcome that you desire," Garcia said.

It was with this advice in mind, that the class threw their caps in the air and celebrated all they've accomplished and all they have to look forward to as they take their next steps.



# SPORTS

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## Unified Track competes

CHICOPEE – Two weeks ago, the Holyoke Unified Track Team was one of several in the region which traveled to Chicopee Comprehensive High School to take part in this year's regional meet. Unified track has become a popular sport at multiple schools in the region and was well-represented once again this season.



The Holyoke Unified Track team enters the stadium.

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Ari Birks throws the shot put.



Armando Zambrana Droz takes his chance on the shot put throw.



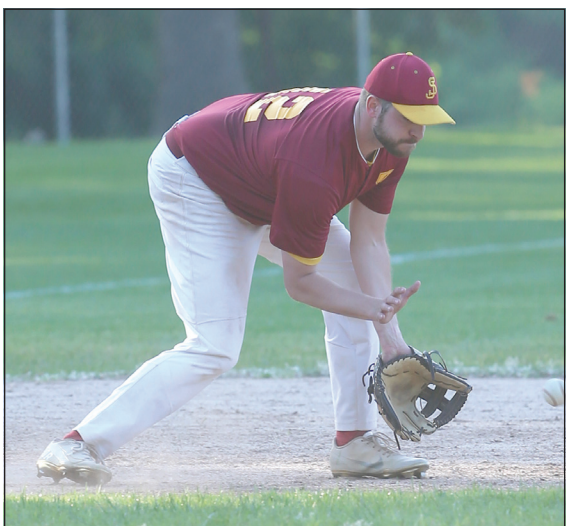
Brandon Clark makes the out at first.  
Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

## Tri-County Baseball back in action

CHICOPEE – Last week, Tri-County Baseball was back in action with a number of games on the slate, though only four actually played due to rainouts. The Tri-County has gone through some turnover and some teams not making their way back to the league in recent years. This year, there are only six teams in the league, with Easthampton Savings Bank, a prominent member of the league for many years, not on the schedule this year. Regulars featuring players from all over the region including PeoplesBank, the Chicopee Falls Tigers, St. Joseph's, and DiFranco Realty are back this year. The Tri-County League, which features adult baseball, runs through the end of July.



Ciel Velasquez takes a turn throwing the javelin.



St. Joe's Brandon Magni fields a grounder.



Jason Byers pitches for the Tigers.



Luis DeJesus slings a throw to first.



Shane Denault makes a long throw.



## Opening weekend for Blue Sox

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox return to MacKenzie Stadium next week, with their first home game on Thursday, June 8 at 6:35 p.m. The team will then have three more home games June 9, 10, and 11. There will be a special promotion for all fans who attend all 4 home games this coming weekend.

The team announced that any fans who attend all four games June 8-11 will receive their choice of either four flex tickets to any of the remaining home games this season, or early access to a new Blue Sox T-shirt before they go on sale. Fans will receive a punch card on Opening Night that will be filled in with different colored stickers at each game until all four are collected after the weekend.

On Opening Night the team will be facing the Bristol Blues and giving away magnet schedules. The following night, Friday June 9 at 6:35 p.m. vs. the Ocean State Wolves, the team will be hosting Isenberg Night, and giving away T-shirts sponsored by Isenberg School of Management. The first 100 UMass students to show their UCard upon entry will receive a voucher for one free meal and drink. Saturday June 10 at 6:35 p.m. vs. the North Shore Navigators, Boston Beer Co. will be sponsoring a Dogfish Tasting night, and fans will be able to enter a Red Sox/Sam Adams bench raffle. Finally on Sunday June 11 at 3 p.m. vs. the Martha's Vineyard Sharks, the City of Holyoke will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with the team.

Fans are encouraged to come show their support for the start of the new season, and the Blue Sox look forward to seeing fans back at MacKenzie Stadium next Thursday.

## Western Mass. battles to draw

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Joao Bernardo has been the public address announcer at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow for many years.

While Bernardo announced his normal messages to the crowd during last Saturday night's USL League Two match-up between the Black Rock FC and the Western Mass. Pioneers, he didn't make his famous goal call. The contest, which was played on a fall like evening, ended in a scoreless draw.

"We had 22 shots on goal in tonight's match, but we couldn't put any of them into the net," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We always want to win every game that we play, especially at home."

It has been more than seven years since the Pioneers (3-0-2) played a 0-0 match at Lusitano Stadium. They have played three scoreless road draws since 2018. The last one was two years ago against Black Rock FC, who currently play their home matches at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire.

During the past several years, Black Rock has played home matches at MCLA in North Adams and at Applejack Stadium in Manchester Center, Vermont.

The Pioneers outscored their first four opponents, 17-2. They scored ten of those goals in a 10-1 road victory against Boston City FC on May 30.

"We weren't really tested in our last game," said Pioneers starting defender Conor Hicks, who's from Monson. "We hit the post or crossbar at least four or five times in tonight's game. The ball just didn't bounce our way and it's a very tough result. We still haven't lost a match yet so far this season."

Hicks, who's one of the Pioneers veteran players, missed the season opening road match against the Boston Bolts, which was a 3-0 win, with an injury. He played the final 45 minutes in the home opener versus Pathfinder FC, which was also a 3-0 victory, before starting the past three matches.

Western Mass. first-year goalie Gianluca Cersosimo only had to make two saves against Black Rock to record his third shutout of the season.

The last time that Black Rock (1-1-2) celebrated a victory at Lusitano Stadium was during the 2018 regular season.

"We just wanted to contain their high power offense in tonight's match," said Black Rock head coach Jon Moodey. "They have the top goal scorer in the league, and we were looking to keep the game close. We did have a couple of scoring chances late in the second half. We do have a lot of respect for them."

Alec Hughes, who's a member of the UMass men's soccer team, leads the Pioneers with seven goals.

Hughes had four shots on goal during the first 45 minutes against Black Rock.

During the 24th minute, Hughes, who's a first year Western Mass. player, blasted a shot that was saved by Black Rock goalie Pablo Costa (22 saves), who's from Brazil.

"Their goalie played fantastic," Molinari said. "He kept his team in the game."

About five minutes later, Pioneers captain Nicholas Oberrauch, who celebrated his 24th birthday on Monday, fired a laser shot, which Costa deflected over the endline resulting in a corner kick.

With a little more than ten minutes remaining in the opening half, Black Rock's Jaland Laramond had a wide open shot attempt, but the ball was cleared away by Connor Bagdon before crossing the line.

The trio of Khalid Rose, Laurie Goddard, and Augustine Boadi had shots on goals for the Pioneers in the first half.

During a ceremony held at halftime, the Lusitano Alumni and Fans (LAF) committee presented scholarships to Cassie Pendleton, who graduated from Ware High School, and Kyle Girouard, who graduated from Chicopee Comp.

The Pioneers had several more scoring opportunities during the second half, but they couldn't put the ball into the net past Costa.



Rodrigo Saraiva de Castro socks the ball away. Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com



Lawrence Goddard sends a corner kick away.

There was seven minutes of stoppage time, but the contest was still scoreless when referee Fabio Cardoso blew his whistle for the final time.

## Matthew Kimball wins inaugural Winchester Open 100

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Saturday night's inaugural Winchester Open 100 might have been a new experience for fans and racers alike, but it ended with a familiar face in victory lane.

Monadnock Speedway graduate Matthew Kimball put his home-track expertise to work, besting a 24-car field to win the first-ever JDV Open Modified feature at the Winchester, N.H. bullring.

Kimball held off Carl Medeiros Jr. and Ryan Doucette to score one of the biggest wins of his Modified career thus far.

Inclement weather delayed the start of Saturday's main event, but did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of Kimball, who raced Mini Stocks at "Mad Dog" before making a career shift to Tour-type Modifieds. The Bennington, N.H. racer started from the pole, yielding to Monadnock veteran Todd Patnode on lap eight of the 100-circuit feature. Chris Pasteryak settled into third with Kirk Alexander fourth when a turn-three spin brought out the night's first caution.

Patnode immediately ducked down pit road, handing the lead back to Kimball. Alexander and Sam Rameau charged into third on the restart, while Pasteryak's hopes for a solid finish turned bleak when contact left the Connecticut racer sideways in turn two with 60 laps to go.

Rameau, who started 22nd, pounced on Kimball two restarts later to take the lead. Rameau set a fast pace, but Kimball



Matthew Kimball took the win last Saturday at Monadnock Speedway. Submitted photo

was able to keep up, turning up the heat as slower traffic came into play. Early contender Alexander went for a backstretch spin with 17 laps left, though, eliminating the lapped-traffic wildcard and pitting Rameau against Kimball for the restart.

On the green flag, Rameau cleared Kimball for the lead, but Kimball loomed large in his mirror, tracing the curbs and keeping Rameau from building an advantage. With 11 laps left, Kimball dove inside on the backstretch, getting alongside Rameau in the turns and taking the lead back. Ryan Doucette threw his

car to Rameau's inside to steal second, upsetting Rameau and letting Kimball escape. Another bobble from Rameau slowed the field, with Medeiros charging from the high line to take second as the top five shuffled.

Kimball was hardly home free, as another spin with six laps left forced a late-race restart. But the youngster got the jump on Medeiros coming to the green, and as Doucette made a bid for second, Kimball was able to get away once again, coasting home to one of his biggest Modified wins yet and pocketing \$5,000 for the evening.

Medeiros held on for a strong second-place finish, with Doucette third at the line. Richard Savary drove back from a late pit stop to finish fourth, while Pasteryak salvaged a fifth-place finish.

Leading into the Winchester Open 100, Tom Harwood won his second straight New England Dwarf Car Series feature only a week after capturing the checkers at Lee USA Speedway. Adrian Smith won the Young Guns feature, while Robert Hagar topped the NHSTRA Late Models feature and Chris Davis came away with a win in the Pure Stocks main event.

JDV Productions' next scheduled event is the second annual Clash at Claremont on Saturday, July 29, featuring the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour in their fourth-ever appearance at Claremont Motorsports Park in New Hampshire's Upper Valley. Further

information on this special event will be released in the coming weeks.

For more information on JDV Productions, visit JDVProductions.com and follow on social media for the latest updates throughout the season, including updates from the track on race day with feature winner posts.

### Results: Winchester Open Modified 100; Monadnock Speedway; June 3

- (43) Matthew Kimball
- (50) Carl Medeiros, Jr.
- (55) Ryan Doucette
- (99) Richard Savary
- (5CT) Chris Pasteryak
- (02) Geoff Rollins
- (1) Nathan Wenzel
- (76) Kirk Alexander
- (11X) Tyler Leary
- (24) Todd Patnode
- (04) Joey Jarvis
- (17) Donnie Lashua
- (95) Cory Plummer
- (23) Bradley Zahensky
- (13) Cameron Sontag
- (06) Sam Rameau
- (27) Derek Robbie
- (02MA) Paul LaPlante
- (99X) Kimberly Rivet
- (7) Kurt Vigeant
- (47) Jacob Perry
- (51) Adam LaPoint
- (24X) Cornelius Flynn
- (30CT) Gary Byington



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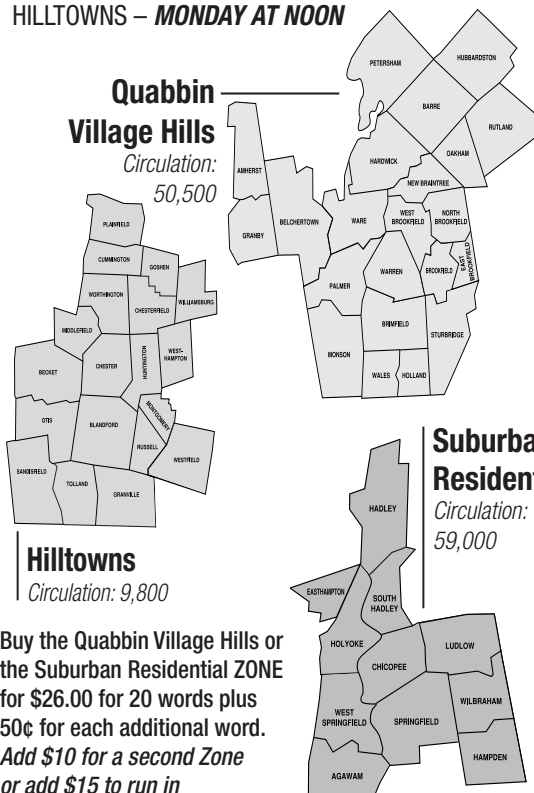
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# Public Notices

## City of Holyoke Office of Planning & Economic Development License Board

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 12, 2023, at 5:15 pm.** You can join via Zoom.com; ID: **88512685693**; CALL IN: **\*67 646 558 8656** or in person at **City Hall 536 Dwight St. 2nd floor Old Tax Collector Office**, regarding the application for a Transfer of an All Annual All Alcohol Liquor License (On-Premises) from Corich Corp DBA Mels Restaurant, at 490 Pleasant St. to JOLC, LLC DBA Mitchell's Public House, at 490 Pleasant St., pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.  
Applicant: JOLC, LLC  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano, Chairman  
06/02, 06/09/2023

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com ID: 836 3939 8493; CALL IN \*67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance an Increase in Sign Size for Western Mass Appliances, at 2291 Northampton Street Unit 1 (Parcel 116-00-011), submitted by Chuck's Signs Co.

The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke Planning Dept M-F, 9-4 p.m.

Applicant: Jason Braze  
Planning Board:  
Mimi Panitch  
06/02, 06/09/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23D0219DR Juliana C Arauz vs. Hector L Garcia DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:  
**Juliana C Arauz**  
**Restricted Information**

your answer, if any, on or before **08/11/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M. Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 17, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/09/2023

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1132EA Estate of: Philip T. Chamberlain Date of Death: 06/02/2013 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

All interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Dorothy J. Pulowski of East Springfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Dorothy J. Pulowski of East Springfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety on the bond in 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 06/28/2023.** 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.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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: May 31, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
06/09/2023

## City of Holyoke, MA RFQ 2023-44PED Consulting Services to provide a Comprehensive Plan for the Office of Planning and Development Sealed Proposals due by 06/27/2023 at 1:00 PM, EST Email submissions will not be accepted

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional consulting services for the creation of a new updated Comprehensive Plan for the City of Holyoke.

Involvement with any City of Holyoke Procurement shall be in accordance with M.G.L. 30B, c. 149, 30& 39 M. 30, c. 30B & 5, c. 7C & 44-57. It shall be the responsibility of each supplier to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, CORI, DEP, and/or FEDERAL, STATE of MASSACHUSETTS rules, and regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

Sealed qualifications for this project shall be received by the City of Holyoke from qualified bidders submitted on forms furnished by the City and clearly identified on the outside of the bid with the name and address of the bidder, and the name and Bid Number of the project, and submitted to:

City of Holyoke, Purchasing  
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Please provide 1 original and 1 copy of your submittal.  
Documents can be requested in person at the Purchasing Office or via email from [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org)  
The city reserves the right to reject any and all submissions based on the best interest of the city.  
06/09/2023

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm** to hear a special permit application of Red Barn Growers LLC to operate a Marijuana Manufacturing Establishment at 1 Cabot Street Units 5 and 6 (048-

01-010). Hearing will take place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID 831 7743 6694 Meeting Passcode 289877 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. Written public comment can be submitted to [publiccomment@holyoke.org](mailto:publiccomment@holyoke.org). For more information on this hearing or for an electronic copy of the application please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at [Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org](mailto:Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org) or by phone 413-322-5525.

Ordinance Chair  
Linda Vacon  
06/09, 06/16/2023

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court HAMPDEN, Division Docket No. HD23P1080PM

To all persons interested in the estate of ANNIRENE YANNI otherwise ANNIERENE O. YANNI, of Wallingford, in the State of Connecticut.  
A petition has been presented to said Court by Celeste Yanni, Conservator of said Respondent, appointed by the State of Connecticut in the Wallingford Probate Court, New Haven County, for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said Respondent situated in Holyoke, MA.

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

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said court, this twenty-fourth day of May 2023.

**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register  
06/02, 06/09, 06/16/2023

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# Vendors wanted for fireworks celebration at HCC

HOLYOKE – Holyoke’s July 4th Fireworks Celebration will take place on Friday, June 30 with the rain date of Friday, July 7 on the beautiful grounds of Holyoke Community College, located on Homestead Avenue.

“First, I’d like to thank Holyoke Gas & Electric, Holyoke Community College, and the city’s departments for continuing this tradition,” Garcia said. “Not only do we have the fireworks in honor of our nation’s history, but it also allows us to come together as a commu-

nity and celebrate. As Mayor, it fills me with deep pride to see so many families and friends come out and enjoy a nice summer evening in Holyoke. We want this city to be welcoming and vibrant and the fireworks contribute to this.

“This is my second year attending the Holyoke Fireworks as Mayor, and my excitement only grows as I spend time engaging with the community and seeing the joy the fireworks bring to our residents and their families. I’d like to thank Holyoke Gas & Electric,

Holyoke Community College, and our city departments for making sure that every year the families in Holyoke have a chance to spend a fun-filled evening with their loved ones and celebrate Independence Day.”

The City of Holyoke Fireworks are sponsored each year by Holyoke Gas & Electric and the event is hosted by Holyoke Community College. Mayor Garcia encourages everyone to come early to enjoy the music and food. There will also be many activities for

children. The event begins at 6 p.m., with the fireworks display scheduled to start at dusk.

Vendors interested in taking part in the event should contact the Parks & Recreation Department to obtain a permit application at (413) 322-5620. No alcoholic beverages or bottles are allowed on the premises. Only vendors permitted in advance will be allowed on site.

For additional information contact the Mayor’s office at (413) 322-5510.

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that we so desperately need.”

“Holyoke Community College has become more than just a college to me,” he added. “It has become like a home to me, and the community has become my family. I will feel the impact that HCC has made on me for the rest of my life.”

Other Commencement highlights included the recitation of an original poem by Latinx Studies major and student-poet Mishie Serrano of Westfield titled “Lessons from Redirections,” about growing up in a Spanish-speaking household and going to college during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On behalf of the college, Royal handed out Distinguished Service Awards to two area professionals for their dedication to and support of the college and community: Mariah Levine of South Hadley, director of Preschool at the Holyoke YMCA; and Jason Pacheco of Ludlow, manager of Workforce Planning and Compensation for Baystate Health.

In her own remarks, President Royal talked about the challenges she faced growing up as a queer, bi-racial women

and shared her experiences of self-realization.

“Be authentically you,” said Royal,



Members of the HCC Class of 2023 celebrate as they enter the MassMutual Center for Commencement. Submitted photo

who was not only the first woman to serve as president of HCC but also the first gay and person of color to be president of the college. “We spend so much time in life trying to please others. I’m encouraging each of you to be proud of who you are. The messages about what I couldn’t be or do – when I was younger – were louder than the ones telling me that anything is possible.”

She wanted to play baseball, she said, but was encouraged to play softball; wanted to wear pants, but was asked to wear dresses; was encouraged to omit she is half-Black because she could pass for white; was told to not to “be so assertive” as it wasn’t becoming of a woman; was told not to display a picture of her girlfriend on her desk at work if she wanted to get promoted.

“Somewhere along the way, I started listening more to my inner voice rather than these outside voices, and I realized that I had to become an example of the authenticity I wanted to see in others,” she said. “All you can be is you, and as long as you are authentically you, it is enough. You are enough.”

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