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Mayor distributes ARPA funds

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Mayor Joshua Garcia announced the distribution of the second half of the American Rescue Plan Act funds awarded to the city on Friday, June 16.

“There’s \$19 million to be allocated and \$63 million of need,” said City Council President Todd McGee. “That’s huge. So, the city has a lot of needs but through the leadership of the mayor, the team that he has behind him, the city council, everyone working together, we allocated out which is best and fair for this round to then bring the city to the next step.”

The city staff did not come to a decision lightly as to who to allocate these funds to, as Alicia Zoeller, the community development director, explained.

“We had four public meetings to review the 2023 ARPA proposals, [Office of Community Development] staff has made its recommendations

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City holds Pride Fest event

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke residents gathered excitedly at the War Memorial Building on June 17 to celebrate Pride at Holyoke Pride Fest. Although the event had to be moved inside due to the weather, it did not put a damper on the festivities.

Ward 6 City Councilor and Legislative Aide to State Representative Patricia Duffy, D-5th Hampden County and Councilor Jose Maldonado Velez opened the ceremony to welcome all who came to attend.

“We’re here, we’re happy, we love you,” Anderson-Burgos said.

Also present at the event were State Representative Patricia Duffy and State Sen. John Velis. Velis was happy to announce that MA yet again passed a budget policy helping veterans who were discharged from the military due to the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy. This policy caused veterans to be kicked out of the military and therefore lose their military benefits, all just for expressing who they love, Velis said.

“If you’re a Massachusetts

resident and you got kicked out of the military because of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ we are going to give you your veterans benefits back that you earned because of your service,” Velis said.

At the event there were a variety of performers, including Jessica Wild, contestant on RuPaul’s Drag Race seasons two and eight, and Mary Lambert, grammy nominated and MTV VMA award-winning singer.

Both performers, as well as the many others, were honored to be performing at Holyoke Pride Fest.

“This is great. This is so fun and it’s so good to see you all. Happy Pride,” Lambert said.

There were also many different vendors at the event, all of whom were excited to be there in order to celebrate Pride and get a chance to share their work.

“We love being at Pride,” Dan Lionheart, co-owner of

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Alondra Ayala helps welcome attendees to Pride Fest last Saturday.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

Wistariahurst museum celebrates Juneteenth

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst museum was alive Monday, June 19 with people gathering to celebrate and learn about Juneteenth.

This event was organized by Erica Slocumb, a local researcher and artist, and the Wistariahurst museum.

“It means a lot to me as I think about my work and my research, studying the lives of black folks in Holyoke, and for me to be able to also sell my art in this space is really profound,” Slocumb said. “I have the opportunity to not only have organized such an event but also to sell things that are cultural and important.”

Juneteenth is the holiday commemorating the day the news of emancipation finally reached Texas, more than two years after President Lincoln had signed the emancipation proclamation. It was officially made a federal holiday in 2021 by President Joe Biden.

Holyoke residents were excited to finally be celebrating

this holiday.

“Juneteenth is complicated because I am a southerner who has been transplanted to New England, but Juneteenth is a reminder of the power of my people,” Kerrita K. Mayfield, a Holyoke resident, said.

“My dad was born on the plantation that his grandfather was a slave on and he ended

up coming to Holyoke, marrying my mother, and living in Holyoke,” Trudy Monson, a vendor at the event, said. “So, Juneteenth is a really special holiday. It is something that we weren’t celebrating that I think we should, so, I figured that this is a good opportunity [...] I think it’s great that we’re finally celebrating Juneteenth, that it’s stuff far too many people don’t know about.”

Megan Seiler, the director at Wistariahurst museum, was glad that they were able to hold this event.

“We thought it was important to invite and include everyone’s history here and this is a really great way for us to bring the community together to celebrate a really important piece of America’s history, but also to celebrate the black lives here in Holyoke at the same time,” Seiler said. “So, we just thought it would be a really wonderful way to celebrate.”

At the celebration there was a black small business and artist vendor fair, music, yard games, an art project and opportunities



Marjorie Pagan, Alicia Thomas and Janiah Williams represent Pa'Lante.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala



Residents enjoy art projects at a Juneteenth event on Monday at Wistariahurst Museum.

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In The News

Kiwanis Club reforms in Holyoke

HOLYOKE – There is a new formation of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke, according to Candace Daigneault, assistant manager of the TD Bank branch in Holyoke and president of the new club. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke will meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St. Meetings are open to the public, and those interested are encouraged to attend.

The club is a member of Kiwanis International, a global volunteer organization

which concentrates its activities largely on issues relating to children and youth. Kiwanis International has clubs in more than 80 countries on every continent except Antarctica, and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The club is part of the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis, which encompasses all six New England states and the British Overseas territory of Bermuda.

Kiwanis had been a presence in Holyoke since the original Holyoke

Kiwanis Club was formed in 1918. The club celebrated its centennial in 2018 but closed its doors in late 2022 after the COVID pandemic restricted club activities and recruiting.

The new Kiwanis Club was organized on May 25 with 16 members. Additional charter members are being recruited. The club's service area encompasses Holyoke and South Hadley. The club is planning to introduce itself to the community with an initial service project. More information is available at the club's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/HolyokeKiwanis100>.



Massachusetts immigrant entrepreneurs sought for honors

MALDEN – The Immigrant Learning Center seeks outstanding immigrant entrepreneurs to be honored at its 2023 Barry M. Portnoy Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards.

Nominations are being accepted now through Sept. 18, for outstanding immigrant business founders in four categories: business growth, neighborhood business, technology business and life science business. Self-nominations are encouraged.

The Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Royal Sonesta Boston in Cambridge.

The only one of its kind in New England, these awards are a special opportunity for Massachusetts to showcase the entrepreneurial talent of immigrants who are drawn here.

Winners will be chosen by a selection committee that reviews the nominations and selects one winner. Nomination forms as well as sponsorship and ticket information can be found on The Immigrant Learning Center's website at <http://www.ilctr.org>.



The Immigrant Learning Center

Ukelele lessons offered at library Friday

HOLYOKE – Friday, June 23, Julie Stepanek will be at the Holyoke Public Library, 250 Chestnut St., to give ukelele lessons.

10:30 a.m. is the session for children and 11:30 a.m. is the session for adults.

Ukeleles will be provided or participants are encouraged to bring their own as there is a limited number of ukeleles available. Participants must register to reserve a ukelele.

The event is free. For more information or to register call 413-420-8101.



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HCC community mourns former president Bartley

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College community is mourning the passing of its second president, David M. Bartley, a proud alum and fierce advocate for community college education and especially for HCC.

Bartley, 88, a lifelong resident of Holyoke and a former Massachusetts Speaker of the House, died Tuesday, June 13, after several weeks of hospice care. He served as president of the college from July 1975 to January 2004, a time of extraordinary growth and expansion, succeeding George Frost, the founding president of HCC.

During a 2021 interview, Bartley for instilling in him a love of learning and a desire to pursue greater goals. “He was my mentor, my friend, and the greatest guy I ever met in terms of education,” Bartley said.

“I’m gonna miss him. I’m really going to miss him,” said Tom Stewart, HCC director of Athletics, Activities, and Clubs, who worked with Bartley for eight years before the latter retired and maintained a close relationship with him thereafter. “He was really good for this place. He loved the school. He wanted kids to succeed.”

At HCC, Bartley studied liberal arts and developed some of the political skills that would serve him well later as a state legislator and Speaker of the House. He was elected president of his freshman class and vice president of his sophomore class. He was a member of the yearbook staff, co-director of the annual variety show, and parliamentarian of the Student Council. He also played baseball and captained the HCC men’s basketball team.

At graduation, the faculty selected Bartley as the student who most contributed to Holyoke Junior College.

As Speaker of the House, Bartley’s influence was critical in securing the state funds required to construct a new campus on Homestead Avenue after a 1968 fire destroyed the main campus building on Sergeant Street. To get it done, he worked together with another Holyoke native, Maurice Donahue, then president of the Massachusetts Senate.

“Without him being in the House and Maurice Donahue being in the Senate, we’re not sitting here right now,” said Stewart. “This place is still a farm. It’s not Holyoke Community College.”

His legislative highlights included the Bartley-Fox Act, which imposed a one-year prison sentence for illegal gun possession, and Chapter 766 legislation that supported mainstreaming special needs students in public schools.

In 1975, a year after the opening of the new campus, Bartley left the Legislature to succeed George Frost as president of HCC.

“He had done all of the hard work; all I had to do was administer,” Bartley said. Like Frost, Bartley said, “I wanted to ensure that everyone had an opportunity for an education in Western Massachusetts.”

Nevertheless, Bartley did a lot of hard work himself over the course of his 28 years as HCC president and left an indelible legacy.

One of his first initiatives as president was to start an Alumni Association, and the person he tapped to run it was none other than his mentor and predecessor, George Frost. In the 1980s, at Bartley’s behest, HCC created the first philanthropic commu-



David M. Bartley

nity college foundation in Massachusetts, the nonprofit HCC Foundation, which was launched with \$200 left over from a fundraising organization created after the 1968 fire called the Friends of Holyoke Community College.

The Foundation awarded its first student scholarship in 1987. By the time Bartley retired in 2004, the

Foundation endowment had reached \$3 million. Today, the Foundation manages assets of more than \$20 million and over the years has awarded more than \$10 million in student scholarships while also helping the college build key academic facilities, including the Kittredge Center for Business and Workforce Development, the Center for Health Education and Simulation, and the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

He was never shy about using his political influence to benefit the college.

“I have wonderful memories of him,” said Idelia Smith, assistant vice president of Academic Affairs and a 41-year employee of HCC. “He was great fun to be with, and he drove far too fast. He loved the big Buicks.”

Bartley, so family oriented in his personal life, brought that sensibility to his work at HCC, supporting faculty and staff through personal difficulties and making exceptions to rules and regulations to help them.

“He was good to us and to me, specifically,” said Smith. “He was very fatherly. It was wonderful having someone like that at the helm.”

While Bartley was president, enrollment at the college grew from about 2,000 to more than 6,500. He

remains the only community college graduate in Massachusetts history to serve their alma mater as president.

“I have been at this college nearly 30 years,” Bartley said in 2003. “Each year has been exciting and rewarding. I have watched dramatic changes occur at this institution over the past three decades. There are challenges ahead, but the college is well positioned to continue its role as one of the leading community colleges in the state.”

In retirement, he remained closely connected to the college, playing in the HCC Foundation’s annual fundraising golf tournament that he co-founded as president, serving for many years on the HCC Foundation’s board of directors, and creating the Dr. David M. ‘54 and Bette Bartley Scholarship.

In her first days as HCC’s fourth president, Christina Royal received a letter from Bartley welcoming her to the community, a gesture she greatly appreciated. A friendship grew out of their conversations over the years about the college, the city, and the region.

“He was present at my inauguration in the fall of 2017, and I distinctly remember looking his way during a moment of applause. He seemed so very proud of this college,” said Royal, who will retire in July and be succeeded by George Timmons, who will become HCC’s fifth president. “HCC would not be the gem it is today without former President Bartley. How fortunate we are to have been beneficiaries of his leadership and generosity.”

Bartley leaves his wife of nearly 60 years, Bette Bartley, sons Myles Bartley, a New York lawyer, and David K. Bartley, a lawyer and Holyoke City Councilor, and daughter Susan Bartley, who works at MassMutual Center. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Education

Springfield Technical Community College announces Spring 2023 dean’s list

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College celebrates the accomplishment of the 764 students who were named to the spring 2023 dean’s list.

These students are from the Holyoke area: Abigail Almeyda, Adrianna Bonnett, Tan Bui, Edgardo

Camacho, Yelitza Colon, Leah Daisy, Marco Diaz Moore, Drew Duquette, Melissa Escobar, Jason Ferreira, Julie Guarente, Jared Kane, Jameson Kebba, Jamie Labay, Mary Leblanc, Adaliz Morales, Ezra Prior, Jinelly Rivas, Amarielis Rivera, Linny Son, Marangely Torres and Kim Tran.

AIC awards degrees to local students

SPRINGFIELD – American International College in Springfield, has awarded degrees to 364 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students in 2023.

The following local students have been awarded degrees from AIC.

Monica Ruiz-Sanchez, Doctor of Education in Mental Health Counseling.

Michael Cruz, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Shannon Dion, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Alicia Gonzalez, Bachelor of Science in Occupational Science.

Naisha Ortiz, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Anelys Perez Rivera, Bachelor of Science.

Nathan Rivas, Bachelor of Science.

Muniz named to URI Dean’s List

HOLYOKE – The University of Rhode Island announced that Jazmine Muniz of has been named to the Spring dean’s list.

Quinones earns Degree from University of Maryland Global Campus

HOLYOKE – Edelgrabi Quinones from University of Maryland Global Campus in spring 2023.

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Ryan earns Dean’s List Honors at RWU

HOLYOKE – Lauren Ryan has been named to the Spring dean’s list at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I.

In the June 9, 2023 issue of The Holyoke Sun the wrong price was printed for the Family Special in the Holyoke Pizza ad. The correct price for the special is \$39.50.

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By Thomas J. Kennedy

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 QUEEN, Bishop Sheen,
 And all GOoD Angels, Men, Women
 Especially Innocent children . . .
 Peace, Love and JOY . . .



Letters to the Editor

It's all about the pie



In our family we get the privilege of requesting a special dessert to celebrate birthdays or other special occasions.

My husband asked for a strawberry pie for Father's Day. My oldest daughter made the crust while my youngest and I picked the strawberries.

After making a sauce with half the berries we mixed it with the other half of chopped fruit and poured it into the crust. Now to wait two hours while it chills.

We'll whip up some cream and, voila! The taste of summer in my opinion!

I love having a small patch of strawberries in my garden. I think I am in year four or five with this particular planting.

I've thinned and replanted but I am starting to worry that having them in close to the same spot for this length of time has lured a strawberry-specific bug to the garden. Let's learn about this bug and maybe figure out a game plan as to how to combat it.

Many of my riper strawberries have damage consisting of circular holes, some of which go deep into the fruit. Occasionally there will be a beetle inside the strawberry, caught in the act.

Upon closer examination, I've determined them to be the strawberry sap beetle.

It's tiny, measuring less than one eighth of an inch long, brown, and oval shaped. They are drawn to ripe fruit and because of this, we can come up with creative ways as to how to catch them.

Pesticides are shown not to work - nor would we want to use them on fruit we are ready to eat!

Folks have had good luck with traps of stale beer, vinegar, fermenting juice, or a mixture of water, molasses and yeast.

Add a few inches of the liquid of your choice into a bucket or other deep container placed outside, but near the strawberry patch. Typically the insect will get lured in and drown.

This type of trap, albeit shallower, will also catch slugs.

Slug holes on strawberries are irregularly shaped, not circular, and most often they extend into the fruit as if the critter is eating its way through it.

A basin or saucer, even a pie plate buried to soil surface level will catch slugs when they come out of hiding to feed. Empty these types of traps every few days, replacing the liquid.

I'm a bit nostalgic today. Thinking of my own dad, of course!

If he were still alive his pie of choice would have been apple, not a la mode, but topped with a piece of cheese!

One thing I am experi-

encing in my mini orchard right now is "June drop." While my apple orchard is still too young to bear many apples, there are tiny apples at the base of my best bearing tree.

Some say that June drop is due to pollination problems; others surmise that it is caused by a competition for carbohydrates. Roots and shoots are competing with the newly formed apples and sometimes there isn't enough to go around.

I had always thought that insects were to blame. Regardless, June drop isn't necessarily a bad thing.

We are taught to thin clusters of fruit so that individual fruits get to a respectable size. This is Mother Nature taking care of that for us.

Therefore, if you do plan on thinning, it is best to wait and see what happens between now and the first week of July before you thin down to one or two fruits per cluster.

Well, the strawberry pie was a big hit. I'm already thinking about the leftovers for tomorrow's dessert and what pie I'll have for my next big day.

Blueberry, anyone?

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Will work earnings affect my Social Security at age 80?



Dear Rusty:

I am 80 years old, and I receive monthly Social Security benefits, but I'm thinking about returning to work. At this age, am I limited in how much income I generate without affecting my benefit? If so, how much can I earn without affecting it?

Signed: Spry Octogenarian

Dear Spry Octogenarian:

Since you have already reached your Full Retirement Age for Social Security's purposes, you can earn as much income from working as you like without your monthly Social Security payment being affected. Social Security's earnings test applies only to those who collect benefits before reaching their full retirement age, which is somewhere between age 66 and 67, depending on year of birth.

However, although the earnings test will

not apply to you, it's important to know that Social Security benefits are subject to income tax if the annual combined income from all sources, also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" exceeds certain thresholds. The income tax filing status is an influencing factor - if filing as a single and the MAGI is more than \$25,000 or filing as "married/jointly" and the MAGI is more than \$32,000, then 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of the overall taxable income. And if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 or, as a married filer more than \$44,000, then up to 85% of the SS benefits you receive during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your standard IRS income tax rate. Thus, returning to work may result in Social Security benefits unexpectedly becoming taxable income.

For complete clarity, the "MAGI" is regular Adjusted Gross Income on income tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits a person received during the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income (except Roth IRA withdrawals) they may have had.

So, while earnings from working at age

80 and beyond will not affect the monthly Social Security benefit payment, you may - depending on the total income or "MAGI" - find that your Social Security benefits will become taxable if the combined income from all sources exceeds the above thresholds. And if your benefits will become taxable, you may wish to consider having income taxes withheld from your monthly Social Security payments, which you can do by submitting IRS form W-4V to your local Social Security field office.

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Van Morrison

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in my
BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer

I received a note from a Williamsburg resident along with a newspaper clipping about a green-tailed towhee spotted in Newport, Rhode Island at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge.

She said they are native to the Southwestern United States and “having gotten so far, they might be here any day now.” The green-tailed towhee is the smallest towhee. They are small, but chunky songbirds with a big head, stocky body and a medium to long tail. Their bill is thick.

They are fairly common in the western mountains and spend most of their time in dense, low thickets where they forages on the ground. It has a gray body, fairly greenish wings and tail with a rufous crown and white throat. These towhees do sometimes wander east.

The female lays three to four white eggs with heavy dots of brown or gray, often concentrated at the larger end of the egg. They build their nests on the ground or in low shrubs. It is a large, deep cup loosely made of twigs, grass, weeds, strips of bark and lined with finer grasses, rootlets and animal hair.

They eat mainly seeds and insects, but they will sometimes feed on berries or small fruits. They make a cat like meowing sound.



Green-tailed towhee

Best cities for birdwatching

New York, New York recently was ranked the number one city for birdwatching; I assume because of Central Park and the sea coast. Other cities on the list from two to ten were: San Diego, California; Houston, Texas; Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, California; San Francisco, California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Austin, Texas and Chicago, Illinois.

On the worst cities for birdwatching list Kansas City, Kansas came in at number one. Other cities were Montgomery, Alabama; Olathe, Kansas; Overland Park, Kansas and Mobile, Alabama (tied for fourth place); Des Moines, Iowa; Huntsville, Alabama; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Henderson, Nevada.



Wild turkey



Young Canada goslings

Wild turkeys

I recently saw a hen turkey with her poults on the edge of the road. The hen was standing on the edge of the road and her young were in the tall grass so I was unable to accurately count how many she had.

Geese and goslings

Last week, I saw two pairs of adult Canada geese with some young goslings in my hayfield. I spotted the adults heads in the tall grass and stopped to watch. I



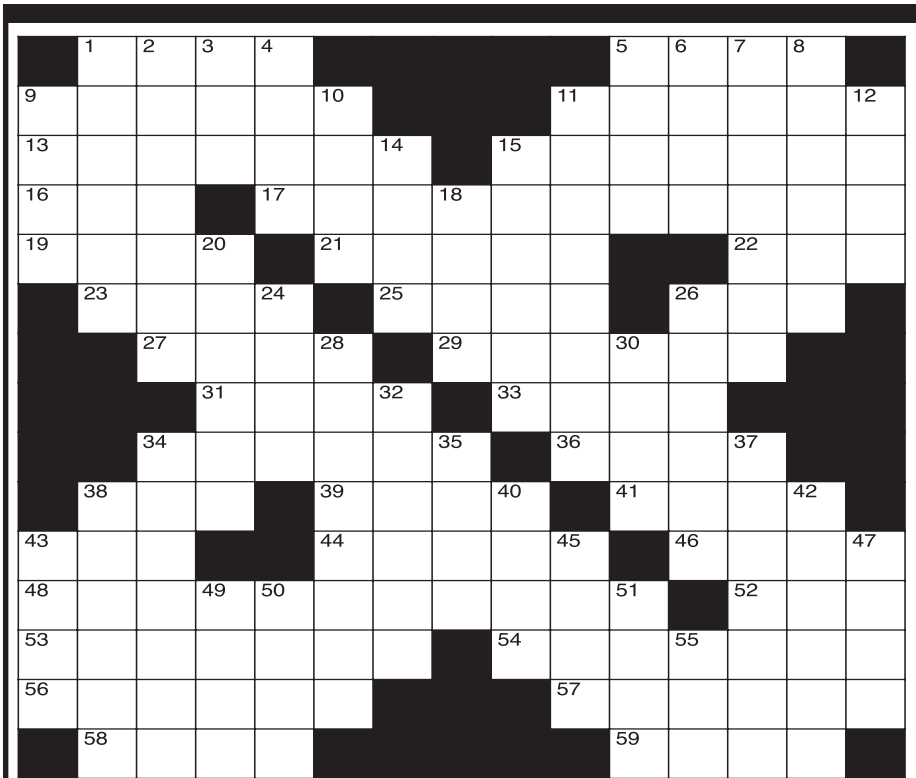
Cardinal

could see the goslings when they jumped up or stretched their necks to eat grass.

Nesting cardinal

One of my daughters had a cardinal nesting in her rhododendron bush. They could be observed from a window in the living room and not be disturbed. The nest is now empty and I hope they fledged and did not meet up with a predator.

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Ward 6 Councilor Juan Anderson-Burgos enjoys the Pride Fest event.



Crowds gather for the beginning of the Pride Fest.

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Stormheart Studios, said. "We're really excited to be here and to be around people who are LGBTQIA+."

Bringing together LGBTQIA+ people, and others in the Holyoke community was the goal of this Pride Fest.

"Every single part of this Pride Fest was very thoughtfully examined, what is this going to look like, and I really wanted to base it around community and

education," Anderson-Burgos said.

This Pride Fest was especially important due to the recent rise in anti-LGBTQIA+ laws across the country, as explained by volunteer Alondra Ayala.

"One of the big reasons I volunteer here is because of the anti-LGBTQIA+ laws that are being passed, mostly targeting transgender people and drag queens," she said. "So it is important to show up to such an event, it's my way of supporting that community."



Participants from dance the day away at last Saturday's Pride Fest.



Tito Midnight and several drag queens open Pride Fest with an Encanto Group number.

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Nick Callano delivers a pitch.



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Matthew Bergevin gets the high throw.



Matthew Garcia hops over the runner as he makes a relay to first.

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Blue Sox out to 6-3 start

HOLYOKE – The wins keep coming for the Valley Blue Sox in the early goings. The team defeated the Danbury Westerners last Saturday by a score of 8-6 to increase their lead in the West Division to two games. The Blue Sox now sit at 6-3 on the season.

Thomas Ballard started for the Blue Sox today, and pitched four innings with four strikeouts allowing three runs.

Greg Jeffries and James Vaughn both made their team debuts. Jeffries earned the win after he pitched a clean fifth inning with one strikeout. Vaughn pitched two innings and struck out three batters.

The bottom of the lineup was the story of the game for the Blue Sox. The seven, eight, and nine hitters combined for four RBIs in the ballgame.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman went 2 for 3 with an RBI single. The Pennsylvania native boosted his average to .208 on the season.

Second Baseman Jeff Pierantoni went 2 for 2 with two singles and two RBIs. He was also hit by a pitch twice in this game, getting on base in each of his four plate appearances.

Catcher Efrain Correa Jr. went 1 for 2 with an RBI and a walk.

Danbury had a chance to come back in this game in the seventh and eighth innings, but hit into two double plays to minimize the damage. The defense was on full display tonight as AJ Guerrero made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch on the run to end the game in the top of the ninth inning.



Dave Clark makes a catch in right.



Cam McDonald makes a quick throw for an out.



Pitcher Danny Gaines starts for PeoplesBank.



James Flahive pitches in relief.



Ryan Franczek makes a throw to first. Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

Bankers roll into first place

HOLYOKE – After a slow start, the reigning, defending playoff champion PeoplesBank are now in first place thanks to wins over the Chicopee Falls Tigers, DiFranco Realty, and St. Joe's

during the past week. PeoplesBank is now 6-1 this season, with 12 points to lead all teams. The Bankers season continues on Friday night against DiFranco Realty at 7 p.m. at Mackenzie Stadium.



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New England Mutiny soccer 'rush' past Albany

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The June 11 United Women's Soccer match between the Albany Rush and the New England Mutiny featured several outstanding soccer players from Western Massachusetts.

There was also a talented soccer player from Eastern Massachusetts, who put on the home jersey for the final time during the regular season.

Before heading back to the University of South Carolina to prepare for the upcoming fall soccer season, Catherine Berry scored a second half goal leading the Mutiny to a 2-0 shutout victory over the Rush before a large crowd at historic Lusitano Stadium.

"It's a bittersweet night for me," said Berry, who's from Hingham. "I do have a commitment at my school, and I'm required to be there next week. I'm very grateful for every game that I do get to play for the Mutiny. I have two more years of eligibility remaining at South Carolina and I'm hoping to play for the Mutiny again next summer."

Joe Ferrara, who's the Mutiny's owner/general manager, is hoping Berry

will be returning to Lusitano Stadium in the middle of July if the Mutiny qualify for the U.W.S. playoffs.

Berry, who's entering her senior season, has scored 24 goals and has 14 assists for a total of 62 points in her first three years playing college soccer.

Berry scored four goals in the Mutiny season and home opener against the Worcester Fuel, which was a 7-1 victory.

The Mutiny (2-0-1), who also played a 1-1 tie at the Maine Footy on May 21, had a couple of weeks off before hosting the Rush (2-1-1).

"The support that we receive from our fans at this stadium is something that's very special. I wouldn't trade being a part of this for the world," Berry said. "Joe Ferrara is also an awesome person. He has become a close friend to my family during the past few years. The players on this team are also very special."

Berry is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauren, who played soccer at Middlebury College. Her father, Chris, played college basketball at Middlebury. Her parents attended last Saturday's home match.

The local players that played in last Saturday's home match for the Mutiny

are Alexis Legowski (South Hadley), Hope Santaniello (Agawam), Ela Kopec (Ludlow), Laura Gouvin (Monson), Avery Klingensmith (Belchertown), Chandler Pedolzsky (Westfield), Emma Pedolzsky (Westfield), and Catherine Bean (Westfield).

Klingensmith, who started in five games as a freshman on the American University women's soccer team last fall, has enjoyed being teammates with Berry.

"Cat is a great soccer player," said Klingensmith, who's a midfielder. "We can always count on her to score goals for us. Playing for this soccer team is very similar to my college team."

Kopec, who was Mutiny starting goalie against Albany, didn't have to make any saves in recording her first shutout of the season.

The Mutiny defense, which was led by Laci Lewis, Meghan Cunningham, Rachel Marchini, Sofia Weber, Anna Carson, and Bean shutdown Albany forward Katelyn Krohn. She had scored a team leading seven goals in her team's first three regular season matches.

"We do have a very strong defensive unit this year," said Mutiny first-year head coach Maurico "Toto" Coimbra said.

"Their chemistry has been getting better and better in every match. It's always nice to post a shutout."

Berry had several shots on goal during the first 45 minutes of the contest, but Albany goalie Emma Anderson (10 saves) was able to make the saves on them.

The contest was still scoreless at half-time.

Following a breakaway shot attempt by Santaniello that deflected off the right post, Berry gave her team a 1-0 lead in the 56th minute. She fired a line-drive shot from the top of the box into the left corner of the net.

"We did put a lot of pressure on them in the first half," Berry said. "I had a scoring opportunity early in the second half and I didn't want to miss it. It's always special whenever you score a goal, especially in this stadium."

With less than five minutes remaining in regulation, Chandler Pedolzsky knocked home a rebound shot giving the home team a 2-0 advantage.

Berry was scheduled to play in her final regular season match for the Mutiny against the Scorpions SC on Monday night in a make-up game at Medway High School.



Rachel Marchini settles the ball.



Goalie Ela Kopec makes a save.



Laura Gouvin makes a pass.



Alexis Legowski dribbles past midfield.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1261EA Estate of: John P Boulais Date of Death: 06/25/2022 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **John P Boulais, II of Holyoke 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: **John P Boulais, II of Holyoke MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
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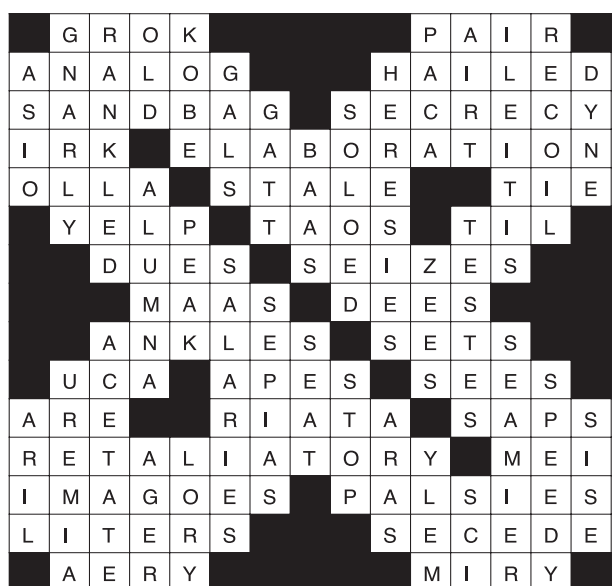
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P1264EA Estate of: Natividad Santos Santiago Also known as: Natividad Santiago Date of Death: 03/31/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
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 The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.** com; ID: 83639398493; CALL IN 1 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance, a Site Plan Review petition (Sec 10); and Special Permits for a **Parking Reduction** (Sec 6.1.7) and **Fence Height** (Sec 4.6), submitted by Way Finders, Inc. for the Library Commons II (LCII) Project, to be located at:
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 APPLICANT: Way Finders, Inc.
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Star-Spangled Springfield sparks set to fly June 14

SPRINGFIELD-Springfield will celebrate Independence Day in its traditional style which includes patriotism and pyrotechnics to make for a Star-Spangled Springfield.

"Independence Day unites Americans in celebration of and thanks for the freedoms we all hold dear," said Dennis Duquette, head of community responsibility at MassMutual. "MassMutual is happy to support the Spirit of Springfield again this year and help bring a truly great July 4 celebration to Springfield and the region."

Star Spangled Springfield will be held in Riverfront Park from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tues., July 4. From 6 to 8 p.m., there will be face painters and balloon artists.

At 7 p.m., there will be welcoming remarks with the National Anthem performed by Vanessa Ford. Union Jack, a 60's music British tribute band sponsored by Key Bank, will take to the stage at 7:15 p.m.

At 9:30 p.m., all eyes will be on the skies as fireworks by Grucci brings their pyrotechnic wizardry to Springfield. The fireworks will dance to music broadcast on

Mix 93.1FM and in Riverfront Park.

Food and beverages will be available in the park from 6 to 9:30 p.m. They include Batch Ice Cream, Elegant Affairs with hamburgers, hot dogs, rice with pork and beans, sausage and pepper grinders, water, soda, beer, wine, and more.

"Star Spangled Springfield festivities will be focused in Riverfront Park, but so many more will enjoy the fireworks as they are launched high in the sky from the Memorial Bridge," said Spirit of Springfield President Judy Matt. "We are

grateful for generous support we receive so we can carry on the Independence Day tradition and celebrate our country's freedoms."

For the public's safety, officials will be enforcing no alcohol, no smoking, no pets, no bicycles, no skateboards, no roller blades, no drones, no sparklers, and no fireworks in and around Riverfront Park.

For more information about Star Spangled Springfield, visit spiritofspringfield.org or contact the Spirit of Springfield at 413-733-3800.

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and so today I'm pleased to say that 27 proposals have been selected for funding," she said. "Some of those are continuing projects that were funded in the first round and some of them will be new."

The proposals accepted include the Community Education Project, the Valley Opportunity Council's Nueva Esperanza project, friends of the Holyoke merry-go-round, Holyoke Fire Department for protective equipment and MIFA Victory Theater.

The city received the ARPA funds from the federal government, due to the plan put in place to try to help the economy recover from COVID.

"The coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery fund were authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, and tribal governments across the country to support the response to and recovery from COVID-19," Zoeller said. "The city received a total of \$37,686,567[...]The idea of it was to turn the tide on the pandemic, address economic fallout and provide a basis for a strong and equitable recovery."

Once they received the money, the city also had strict instructions for who could qualify to get a portion of the funding.

"Funds can only be used in five areas," Zoeller said. "That's supporting public health recovery, addressing the

negative economic impacts, replacing lost public sector revenue, providing premium pay to essential workers and making key investments in water and sewer. Funds must be used to address those negative economic impacts and primarily for housing folks who the U.S treasury has designated as disproportionately impacted. In the city of Holyoke, that's about 68% of our residents and for those located in Qualified Census Tracts, again most of Holyoke at this point."

From there, Zoeller worked to decide who could receive funds based on these requirements. The first round of ARPA funding in 2021 had funded 38 agencies with 47 activities.

"Some of those projects have already been done, money spent, project closed," Zoeller said. "Those include turnout gear for the Holyoke Fire Department, the city clerk digitization of records project. We have a couple of new homes that have been built for first-time home buyers by Habitat for Humanity and we have a new water line at Hampden and Dwight Street thanks to the Holyoke Water Works. Some projects remain underway. Those include the improvements to municipal buildings[...]as well as some really great improvements down at the Jones Ferry River Access Center. Some projects are winding down. Originally \$800,000 was allocated to small businesses. I'm proud to say that to date we've supported 47 small businesses here in the city of Holyoke."

Blue Sox holding promo games

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox revealed their home promotions for the rest of June. The team is offering different promotions each night in cooperation with sponsoring companies.

Sunday, June 25, vs. the Danbury Westerners is Military Appreciation Night. The Blue Sox will celebrate the courage and sacrifice of the United States Military by giving away military towels. The night will be sponsored by the Veterans Affairs of Central Western Massachusetts as well as UMassFive



College Federal Credit Union. Finally on Friday, June 30, vs. the Bristol Blues, the official bus drivers of the Blue Sox, Michael's Bus Lines, will sponsor a giveaway of seat cushions for the first 150 fans to enter the ballpark. Additionally, Michael's Bus Lines will raffle off a free 25-person ride to a destination of the winner's choosing.

The Blue Sox are looking forward to ending the month of June right, and encourage fans to come out to MacKenzie Stadium to join their celebrations and promotions.

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to learn more about the history of black residents in Holyoke.

“Ultimately we wanted this to be a space where the community could get together, enjoy each other’s company, relish in the food, the healthy fruits and vegetables from the mobile market,” Slocumb said. “There is going to be an art project on the far end of the garden where people can work on a tapestry, of sorts.”

This art project was put together by Tyrone Bowie Jr.

“We’re having people create

expressive artwork of how they feel about Holyoke,” Bowie said. “It doesn’t have to be any imagery, it can just be colors. Then we’re going to be taking images of the black community of Holyoke and placing them on the canvases and posting them around the fence of the property so people can see the artwork they created and the images of the community that we are representing.”

This day was a great opportunity to celebrate and appreciate all the black residents in Holyoke, and residents look forward to celebrating this holiday for years to come.



The crowd gathers to participate in an art project led by Tyrone Bowie Jr.



Danielle Winters shows off her artwork.

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