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Wistariahurst celebrates Juneteenth holiday

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst welcomed the community to a Juneteenth celebration held last Wednesday afternoon.

“It’s just one of those things where we open it up free to the public and do our best to celebrate and highlight on our grounds, which haven’t always been super open or welcoming to BiPOC people,” Executive Director of Wistariahurst Megan Seiler said.

At this celebration there was a variety of vendors, some music, performers and activities for families to participate in.

“Music is always important to the culture and upliftment of the people, so music is definitely an aspect of today,” Damany Gordon from Genuine Culture LLC said.

There were also two food trucks at the event: Frituras Latinas and Souper Sweet Wheels.

“In honor of Juneteenth these are all black-owned organizations,” Gordon said.

The performers and other special guests for the day included the Ujima Singers, Trudy Monson, Dj Pzo Pete and Arlia Barnes.

Krystal Barlife from Saged Soul was also present with holistic body products, and Reverend Bernard Smith from



Krystal Bariffe and Ruthy Rivera from Saged Soul were two of the vendors at the Juneteenth celebration.
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Bethlehem Baptist Church gave a speech about Watch Night and how it is related to Juneteenth for all present.

In one section of the Wistariahurst gardens, people could come and create a painting that would hang up around the fences of Wistariahurst.

“One of my favorite things that is going on today is we have a painting project,” Seiler said. “What we’ll later do is put images of people from black Holyoke archive and black people in history and those will be installed on our fence lines.”

Seiler emphasized the importance of celebrating this holiday.

“You can’t celebrate freedom without celebrating Juneteenth,” Seiler said. “Everyone wants to celebrate the fourth of July but you’ve got to start with Juneteenth.”

Seiler, Gordon and Theresa Cooper-Gordon (who is also from Genuine Culture LLC) all enjoyed the event and seeing the community come together to celebrate the day.

“How can you not feel the joy?” Seiler said. “That’s what

we’re always looking for, bringing the history, bringing the joy and making it available.”

“A highlight for me today is to see a continuation of Juneteenth happening in Holyoke,” Cooper-Gordon said. “It says a lot about the growth of this community and the collective work that we have put in together.”

This was Wistariahurst’s second time celebrating Juneteenth. They held a similar celebration last year, which was quite a success.

“I thought it was great

last year,” Seiler said. “It’s grown this year, because people already know about it, we stayed consistent with having it on June 19 and we keep welcoming more people.”

Seiler was happy to be hosting the event at Wistariahurst once more, in order to ensure that this important holiday was acknowledged and celebrated in Holyoke.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday set aside to celebrate the official emancipation of all enslaved people in the United States.

On June 19, 1865 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people were freed.

This came two years after the official Emancipation Proclamation and was when all enslaved peoples were finally freed.

Juneteenth honors this moment and is considered the longest African-American holiday in the United States.

This holiday officially became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, so that the whole country could recognize this important holiday.

“This is American history and it needs to be taught,” Cooper-Gordon said. “You realize how much of the history you

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Bike Rodeo provides safety, fun

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Bike and Pedestrian Committee partnered with Safe Routes to School to throw a Bike Rodeo

for the community.

At this rodeo people were able to learn more about bike safety, get their bikes tuned up, get their helmets fitted and participate in a bicycle obstacle course.

There was also an opportunity for attendees to win a bike.

Kids were also invited to participate in a slow race, where they tried to be the slowest to cross the finish line while still remaining upright on their bikes.

“It’s really about promoting or sparking bike joy,” Chair of the BikePed Committee Kristen Sykes said. “We know that people use bikes for lots of different reasons...and so this is to get people comfortable on their bikes and having fun while they’re doing it.”

Sykes and the others in charge of this hoped that the event would inspire more people to get out and bike, and that it would also allow kids a fun way to learn more about bike safety.

“This is an opportunity to teach kids skills when they are on the road,” Sykes said. “We’re going to teach them how to signal if they’re turning left or right...it’s important to know the rules and how you can be as safe as possible while riding your bike.”



Kids were taught the proper hand motions to signal if they are turning or stopping on their bikes.
Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

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Voices needed to help rename Peck School

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The Joint Committee of the City Council and the School Committee went over the process for how they would potentially rename William R. Peck Middle School.

As Peck Middle School is being rebuilt, the community has to go through the process of selecting a new name for the building.

While the name can remain Peck, the committee wants to ensure that the public has a say in the potential renaming of the school.

Therefore, the diversity, equity and inclusion committee came together and, with the help of Superintendent Anthony Soto and Chief of Strategy and Turnaround Erin Linville put together a process for involving the community in selecting a name for the building.

“We need to hear more voices and I think that having a school renaming plan that

allows for people’s voices to be a part of the process helps,” School Committee Member Yadilette Rivera-Colon said.

The school committee will send out a feedback form to the community in order to collect naming recommendations.

From there, the school committee will review the forms and put together the top suggestions for names. They will then send their recommendation for the name to the city council for approval.

Many in the committee are opposed to the idea of renaming Peck, as they feel that Dr. William Peck deserves to be remembered.

According to City Councilor Kevin Jourdain, Peck was superintendent of Holyoke Public Schools from 1920-1963 and he was a World War One veteran.

On top of this, Peck was also known for his work in supporting female teachers and

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In The News



Community members came out to enjoy the Bike Rodeo.

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Kids and adults got a chance to try out the obstacle course.



Children were able to get their bikes tuned up at the Bike Rodeo.



There was an obstacle course set up for children and adults to ride through on their bikes.



Mass in Motion Coordinator Stephanie Colón volunteered her time at the Bike Rodeo.

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One of the key parts of this event was the bike tune ups, which were put on by Vice Chair of the BikePed Committee Eduardo Baez.

Baez did an ABC: air, brakes and chain check for anyone at the event who brought their bike to him.

Baez emphasized the importance of doing tune ups, or at least having a bike looked over frequently.

If a person rides their bike daily, Baez recommended that they should have their bike checked over once a month and that they should have a full tune up every three to six months.

He also mentioned that if they bought their bike from a department store they should do a tune up before they ride.

These tune ups can be lifesaving. If there is anything wrong with a bike's chain, brakes or tires it can cause a person to lose control of their bike.

"These tune ups are a lifesaver," Baez said. "Something as simple as a loose screw can cost somebody's life or put them in the emergency room."

Above anything Baez and others want bikers to ensure they wear a helmet when they are riding.

It is against the law for anyone 16 and under to ride a bike without a helmet, and it is still highly dangerous for adults to ride without a helmet.

Baez also recommends wearing gloves for biking and, if you fall, to try to tuck and roll rather than catch yourself with your hands, as that can result in breaking your wrist or cutting your hands.

"ER doctors recommend that when you fall off a bike at a high speed you don't put your hands out first as that can

result in a lot of stitches, broken wrists or broken fingers," Baez said.

Everyone at the event had a lovely time and it was a great opportunity to learn more about bike safety.

Sykes hoped that the event inspired people to try to bike more in Holyoke.

"Holyoke is a great place to get out and walk and bike in and it's just going to get better," Sykes said. "The streets are wide, there is not a lot of traffic, there are lots of fun things to see while you're out...and there's lots of great restaurants downtown."

Sykes also encourages people to join the BikePed committee or participate in their events, either by attending one of their monthly meetings or by contacting the committee.



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Safe Routes to School had a table at the Bike Rodeo where they provided people with bike safety information and gave out bike lights for riders to use at night.



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Sheehan selected as new at-large school committee member

By Quinn Suomala
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HOLYOKE – The joint committee of the city council and the school committee selected former vice chair Devin Sheehan as the new at-large school committee member.

Sheehan was selected almost unanimously in the first round of ballot votes.

Former Vice Chair of the School Committee Erin Brunelle resigned a few weeks ago, leaving a vacancy on the school committee.

While School Committee Member Mildred Lefebvre became the pro-tem vice chair, there was still the vacant at-large seat that they needed to fill.

The joint committee received six applicants for the vacant position. All were qualified and eager to assist Holyoke Public Schools.

Sheehan was selected for his qualifications and his ideas to help improve the Holyoke Public Schools system.

Sheehan has previous experience on the school committee, and he was a member of the committee when the dual language program and the full day pre-school began in Holyoke.

He also worked in Springfield Public Schools for 11 years.

Sheehan stepped away from the school committee to run for mayor two years ago. He was unsuccessful in the primary.

“I had responsibilities focusing on finance, procurement and I helped coordinator educator professional development and licensure for the 25,000-student school district,” Sheehan said.

Sheehan has also previously served as the president of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Now he works as the Chief of Staff for State Sen. Jacob Oliveira.

On the school committee Sheehan hopes to focus on improving the teacher retention in Holyoke as well as the workforce.

“We also need to talk about our workforce and our school committee can be a driving force in developing our workforce,” Sheehan said. “We have a treasure that is Dean Technical High School...we’re seeing students graduate with their vocational certificates so they can go and start working.”

Sheehan hopes to be able to improve teacher retention to strengthen the district by improving internal hiring.

“We have people that are entering the workforce in our schools as paraprofessionals, as educators with bachelor’s degrees, that are looking for the next step,” Sheehan said. “We should be bridging and helping our paraprofessionals to become teachers if they choose to...we should be encouraging our educators to become administrators in our buildings because that way we



Devin Sheehan

can retain our talent.”

Sheehan was asked about his opinions on the MCAS during his interview, he stated that he felt MCAS is beneficial as a measurement tool, but it should not be used as a graduation requirement in the schools.

“The MCAS as an assessment that can benchmark and see where students are and how educators can meet their needs, I think is appropriate,” Sheehan said. “The fact that we are penalizing students to not graduate because they don’t pass one test?... That’s wrong, we only create inequities.”

Sheehan feels that the MCAS prevents the professional teachers and staff in the school buildings from assessing whether a student is ready for graduation, and he believes that should change.

Rosie Caracciolo honored with Heroine Award

HOLYOKE – Sen. John C. Velis visited the William J. Dean Technical High School in Holyoke to honor Principal Roseanne Caracciolo of Agawam with an official Senate citation to celebrate her Commonwealth Heroine award.

The Commonwealth Heroine award is awarded to dedicated community partners that are doing remarkable work to protect vulnerable populations, who despite their critical work, often go unnoticed. Velis was proud to nominate Caracciolo for the 2024 Commonwealth Heroine award in recognition of her years of work, both in her professional and personal capacity, supporting youth across the Pioneer Valley.

“Rosie Caracciolo truly makes our commonwealth a better place. From being a foster parent to her many years in the Holyoke Public Schools, Rosiem has impacted the lives of so many children in our region,” said Velis. “I was proud to have nominated, Rosie for all her incredible work to create environments where young people can flourish and develop. I am grateful that the Massachusetts Commission on Women selected her for the Commonwealth Heroine award.”

Caracciolo was raised in Holyoke and attended the Holyoke Public



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Schools. This past school year she was appointed principal of Dean Technical High School after serving in various roles with Holyoke Public Schools for many years and educating countless students. Caracciolo has specifically focused on boosting student morale and

bringing back many of the annual traditions of the high school that were lost during the pandemic. In her personal capacity, Caracciolo has welcomed foster care children into her home and is an active member of the Agawam and Holyoke communities.

COLLEGE NOTES

UH congratulates the Class of 2024

WEST HARTFORD, CT – The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that 964 students received graduate and undergraduate degrees as part of the class of 2024. The following students are from Holyoke.

Among the members of the graduating class are:

- Devin Beauregard, Barney School of Business, Bachelor of Science
- Amaraya Deza, University Studies - Bachelor of Arts

The University is proud to congratulate all the members of the graduating class and to wish them the best of luck.

Emmanuel College 2024 Dean’s List

BOSTON – Emmanuel College in Boston has named Julian Parent of Holyoke to the dean’s list for the Spring 2024 Semester. To earn a spot on the dean’s list, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

UCCH welcomes summer minister

HOLYOKE – Summer is here, and with the change in season a new face has come to the United Congregational Church of Holyoke. UCCH welcomes Rev. Nathan Gonzalez, who will lead Worship Services through the beginning of September.

Gonzalez originates from Bayamon, Puerto Rico, an industrial city where his father was a pastor. While in Bayamon, Gonzalez developed a deep sense of community service which he looks forward to bringing to Holyoke. His background is well-rounded; he received the call to the ministry after initially pursuing industrial chemistry, receiving degrees from Princeton and Yale along the way. After leaving the ministry temporarily to become a schoolteacher, he was drawn back earlier this year when

he was asked to lead a few of the UCCH worship services.

UCCH invites the congregation and public to Sunday worship to meet and listen to Gonzalez through the beginning of September. The congregation gathers Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. to share music ahead of Worship Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

The United Congregational Church of Holyoke is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. UCCH welcome all individuals, regardless of where they are on their journey. If individuals like to learn more about UCCH, please visit the website at www.uccholyoke.org, find UCCH on Facebook or Instagram, or call our office at 413-532-1483 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HCC art gallery displays exhibit, seeking artists’ submissions

HOLYOKE – The Taber Art Gallery at Holyoke Community College, in partnership with the college’s Thrive Student Resource Center, is seeking submissions from area artists for an exhibit titled “THRIVE: Beyond Surviving.” The exhibit will run Oct. 31 to Dec. 20.

Artists are encouraged to enter work that considers the systemic, communal, and/or individual obstacles and barriers to survival, what surviving means, how we as humans can continue to dream, push, and hope for more than the minimum, and the struggle of exhaustion versus the ability to rest.

Submissions are due by Aug. 31.

Gallery director Rachel Rushing said the theme of the exhibit stems from conversation she’s had with Ben Ostiguy, special programs director for the HCC Thrive Center, which operates the college’s food pantry and provides other support services.

“Thrive supports HCC students struggling to meet basic needs by focusing primarily on three areas: housing, hunger, and healthcare,” said Rushing. “One of the Taber gallery’s values is collaboration, and working with Thrive is a great way to amplify their program while featuring work from artists who have concerns in these same areas.”



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Guest Column



Why is there a Social Security Earnings Limit?

Dear Rusty:

I try to read your article in the Carmichael Times each week and appreciate the information you provide. I am 62 and considering my retirement options and when I should do that to get the most benefit. I understand my full retirement age is 67, but what I don't understand and I hope you can answer, is why there is such a thing as the Social Security earnings limit? I know that if I was to retire before 67, my benefits would be reduced. But since I have been paying into SS for 45+ years and that money is technically money I have earned, why does SS care if I make more than the earnings limit? It doesn't affect them or my benefits. Can you tell me about the reasoning behind the earnings limit? I will, for many years after "retiring," continue working in my field.

Signed: Working American

Dear Working American:

This is a great question and, as a point of interest, our parent company, the Association of Mature American Citizens, advocates doing away with Social Security's earnings test which affects those collecting benefits before reaching their SS Full Retirement Age. In AMAC's view, it discourages people from working and, thus, paying Social Security taxes on their earnings. It is, after all, SS taxes from the earnings of working Americans, which largely pays for the benefits provided to Social Security beneficiaries. Eliminating the restriction would tend to improve Social Security revenue and help ease Social Security's current financial stress.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

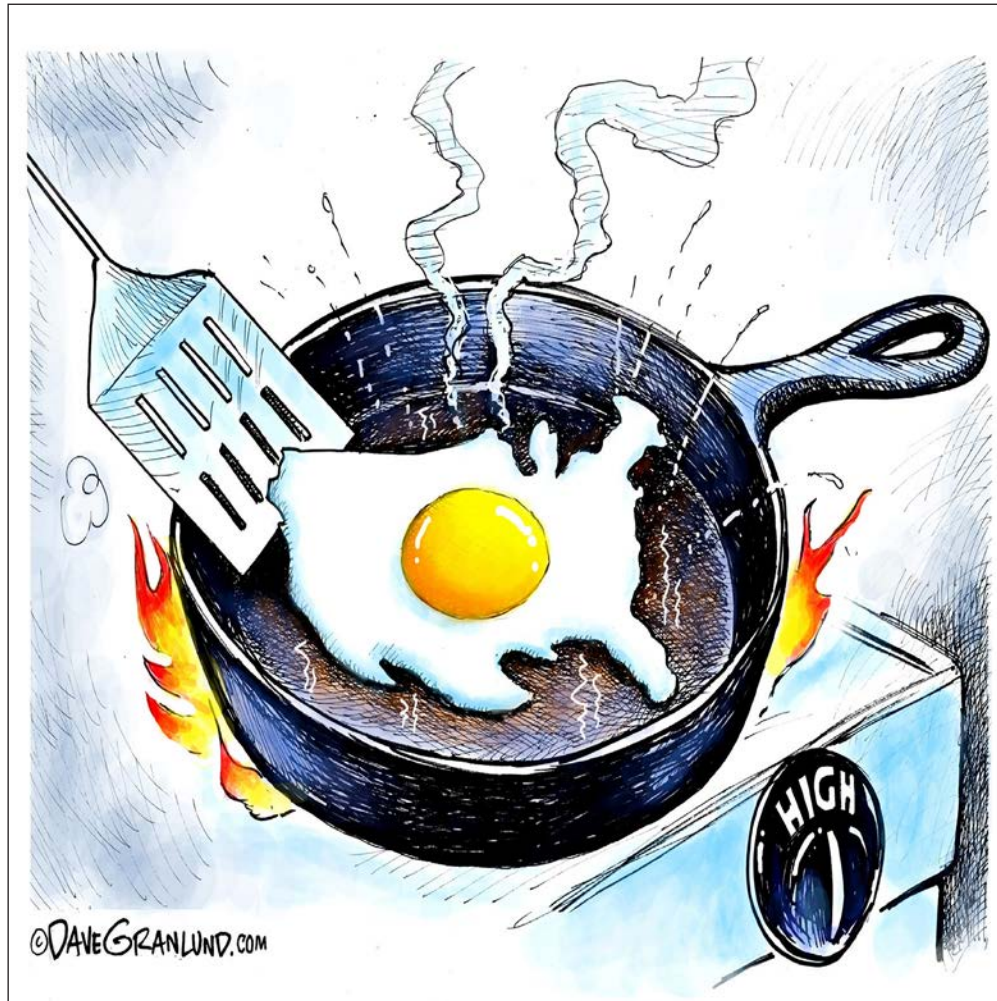
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For more information, call 413-283-8393.

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Guest Column

A rabbit rendition



Yesterday I walked up to one particular garden at Old Sturbridge Village and stood in amazement.

There was something off with the bed of red dahlia plants, orange cannas and a mixed color lot of rudbeckia that I had planted less than a month ago. What kind of animal would eat the rough, somewhat hairy leaves of the rudbeckia, better known as "brown-eyed Susan" almost all the way down to the ground?

The culprits ran or should I say "hopped" in front of me, just as I approached the bed. Peter and Petra Rabbit in plain sight.

If you too are plagued with rabbits, read on for a few tips straight from the archives on how to dissuade them from eating your precious plants.

I never had a problem with rabbits in my home garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking of his territory" had something to do with keeping the bunnies at bay.

Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by.

One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden.

Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may, or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves – maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. These

would need to be reapplied periodically, especially after it rains.

A less attractive but better option to control rabbits would be to install a wire fence. It should be at least three feet tall and dug into the ground four inches or more.

Be sure that the fence is fine enough so that the rabbit's head won't fit through the holes – the unfortunate rabbit that is able to fit his head may think that the rest of his body will follow suit. When it doesn't, panic ensues, and the result is not something I would want anyone to find in his or her garden a day later.

Rabbits will eat almost anything except for prickly plants or strong smelling/tasting plants. For prickly plants think Globe Thistle (*Echinops Ritro*); blue globes bloom in early July. Sea Holly (*Eryngium maritimum*) is another similar plant.

Strong smelling/tasting plants include Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*), Catmint (*Nepeta racemosa*), Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Mints (*Mentha* spp.) Garlic and Onions among others. In fact, I read of one gardener having great success keeping rabbits away from her flowering plants by planting a living fence of garlic in between them.

This summer, when it came time to clip the scapes off of my garlic plants, I collected the stems and dispersed them in and amongst the broccoli. It worked for a time being, probably as long as the scapes held their stink.

Along the same lines are all natural pellets that are soaked mainly in garlic essential oil. These should be hung or planed about three feet apart to make a stinky barrier that the rabbit won't cross to get to your plants.

I will certainly have to employ some of these tactics after I replant that garden.

You would think that the rabbits would have been happy enough with the clover in the lawn. I guess they are more "hoppy" with a varied diet.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 32 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.



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Guest Column



Eastern towhee

A Brimfield resident reported his wife saw an Eastern towhee in their driveway.

It has been some time since I saw a towhee. I saw it hopping to get seeds on the ground under my feeder.

The towhee is eight inches long with a long tail. The male has a dark hood, beak and back with reddish brown flanks and white belly. The female is brown on top with the reddish flanks and white belly.

They hop backward, raking up leaf litter in search of insects and seeds. They eat insects, spiders, lizards, snakes and weed and grass seeds. They come to feeders for seeds on the ground.

The female lays two to six cream with brown spotted eggs in a nest of leaves, strips of bark and grasses lined with finer grasses. The female places the

nest on the ground in a scratched depression under brush.

Towhees inhabit edges or open woods with shrub cover. Often towhees are heard rather than seen. The distinctive “chevink” or “chweee” call note of both sexes is a good clue to their presence. The noise from their “raking” of leaf litter is another clue they are nearby.

In the spring, the male sings and counter sings with neighboring males. He courts the female with song and by displaying with wings and tail spread. Their song is two whistles followed by a high trill like “drink your tee.”

During egg laying and incubation, the male rarely comes near the nest and

the female is secretive. Both parents feed the young.

Bobolinks

An Oakham resident sent an email, he said “In 1982, after graduating with my M.S. degree from Cornell, I worked as a field assistant on a bobolink study. We assembled staging in the fields to construct elevated observation platforms. Then we needed to capture and mark all the individuals. Several mist nets were set up.”

He said, “When a bird landed near one of the nets we would rush to it and try to scare the bird into a net, quite effective. With ‘bird-in-hand’ we needed to mark it to allow us to recognize it. So we painted the tails with different combinations of colors. Capturing the very last bird took a lot of time and effort.” He also said, “When females returned repeatedly to a particular spot, we searched there for the nests, which was very difficult, as the nests were well hidden. We could then monitor nest success.”

Bluebirds

I received an email from a woman, who also sent photos of fledgling bluebirds, in her yard. She said, “At the end

of winter the mated pair shooed off their offspring and got down to nesting. We now have four fledglings visiting our mealworm feeder. They are too funny to watch, so hungry and they keep their parents very busy.” The bluebirds laid eggs for second time.

More Brimfield birds

The Brimfield resident, who sent the email about the towhee also said, “The other day I spent a couple of hours at the pond in South Street where the osprey nest is located. In addition to the osprey nest there are four great blue heron nests with at least eight chick, I can’t see the fourth nest very well but an adult is standing on the nest so I assume there are young chick there also. Young herons can’t stand for awhile so they probably wouldn’t be visible yet.”

He said he saw common grackles, chickadees and tree swallows at the pond as well phoebes, Eastern kingbirds and belted kingfishers.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

Life Together

Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn
Minister, Therapist, Consultant

“Nobody’s perfect!” “She is a perfectionist.” We stress ourselves out by judging ourselves and realize we are not and cannot be perfect.

In fact, as Leonard Cohen wrote, “the cracks are where the light gets.” To be vulnerable is to experience the possibility of change, for relief from stress, for a sense of order and hope.

There is a great book entitled, “The Spirituality of Imperfection”, by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham. It describes the process for discovery of

recovery from and affirming such spirituality.

The Japanese have a process for repair of broken pottery called, Kintsugi, the art of putting broken pottery pieces together again with gold. To see the beautiful lines of gold indicating the broken and now restored is beautiful.

In Native tradition, the weaver will include a flaw in the pattern to remind the person we are not and cannot be perfect.

As a therapist, it was not unusual for a former patient to grow, repair, and do the work to become a very good therapist. Henri Nouwen called it, “the wounded healer”.

When we are judging ourselves for our lack of perfection, or even doing a good job, we need to remind ourselves of the lines in the Japanese pottery, the light getting in through the cracks, and that we can help others with their vulnerability because we have been there. We are wounded healers.

Life Together is written by Rev. Dr. Randall K. Wilburn. With over 54 years as a parish minister, Wilburn is also an experienced marriage and family counselor. Life Together will deal with topics such as stress, grief, anxiety, healing and hope.

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The reasoning behind the earnings test? Well, when Social Security was first enacted in the 1930s, the intent was that Social Security was for retired workers, meant to keep them from poverty in old age. The logic back then was that if a person worked they didn’t need Social Security to sustain them, so those who worked could not collect Social Security at all. The current rule, after many adjustments over the years, says that annual earnings for those who collect early SS benefits are limited. If each year’s earnings limit (\$22,320 for 2024) is exceeded, Social Security will take away \$1 in benefits for every \$2 over the limit (FYI, the penalty is less severe in the year FRA is attained).

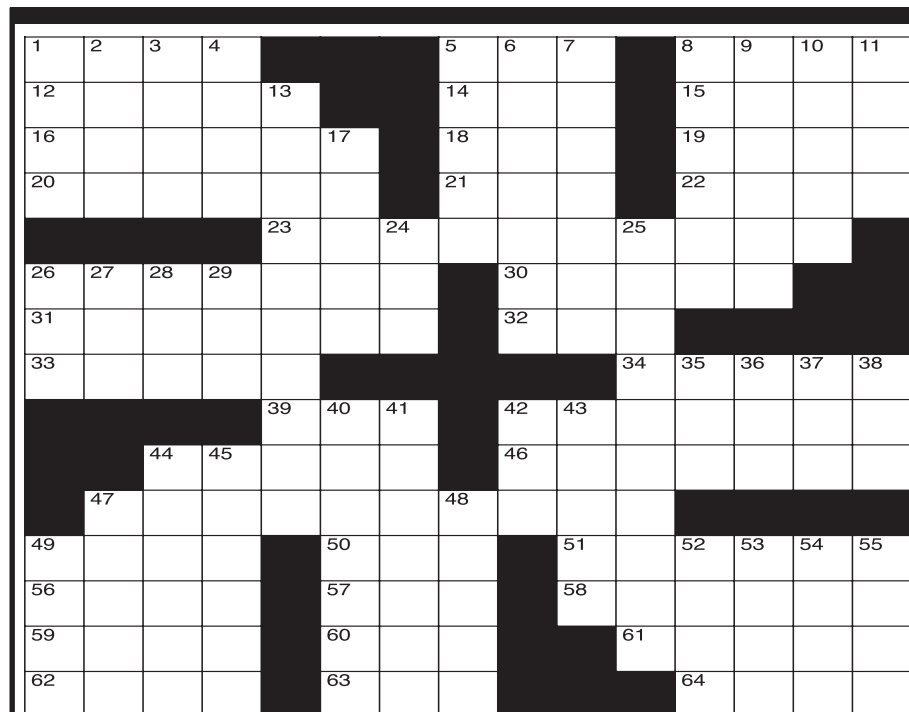
Historical accounts suggest that the reasoning behind the wording in the original Social Security Act - that “No person shall receive such old-age annuity unless he is not employed by another in a gainful occupation” - was quite controversial, except for the fundamental thought that if someone worked they didn’t need Social Security. Over the ensuing decades the rule has been softened to provide that only those who collect benefits before their Full Retirement Age would have a portion of their SS benefits offset by their work earnings. In any case, the earnings test, in its mitigated form, still persists today. FYI, H.R. 5193 - The Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act was recently introduced

in Congress proposing to repeal the SS earnings test, but has not advanced in the legislative process since introduced in August 2023.

In any case, under current rules, if you continue working after your FRA, the earnings test will not apply to you. And, if you lose any benefits before your FRA due to the earnings test, when you reach your FRA you’ll get time credit for any months that benefits were withheld, resulting in a somewhat higher monthly payment after your full retirement age.

One final point: if you continue to work after starting your Social Security benefits and your recent earnings are higher than any of those in the inflation-adjusted 35 years used to originally calculate your benefit, your entitlement will be recalculated to give you credit for those higher recent earnings.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Volunteer school groups
- 5. Cash machine
- 8. Title of various Muslim rulers
- 12. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 14. Scarf
- 15. Easily manageable
- 16. Cry
- 18. Financial term
- 19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- 20. Clean out a riverbed
- 21. Seaport (abbr.)
- 22. English seascape painter
- 23. Bring back again
- 26. Subtracted from
- 30. Related on the mother’s side
- 31. Mooches
- 32. Commotion
- 33. Boer War general
- 34. Silklike nylon fabric
- 39. CNN’s founder
- 42. Sarcastic in a bitter way
- 44. Minute reproductive unit
- 46. Nourishment
- 47. Large predatory tropical fish
- 49. Small, rich sponge cake
- 50. Drink a small amount
- 51. Golfer Rodriguez
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Large flightless bird
- 58. Capsized
- 59. Convicted American spy
- 60. Music genre
- 61. Makes tractors
- 62. Undergo cell disintegration
- 63. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Post-traumatic stress disorder
- 2. Goat-like mammal
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Slithered
- 5. Humiliate
- 6. Tumbled
- 7. Popular alcoholic drink
- 8. Small round hole in a leather cloth
- 9. Fertilizer
- 10. State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
- 11. Count on
- 13. One who discriminates against
- 17. New Hampshire city
- 24. One who cares for teeth
- 25. Sent off
- 26. Mutual savings bank
- 27. Initial public offering
- 28. Denial
- 29. Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- 35. A doctrine
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Trent Reznor’s band
- 38. Perform in a movie
- 40. Schoolhouse implements
- 41. Mathematical term
- 42. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 43. Expression of regret
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Pleasantly warm
- 48. The Eurasian hoopoe
- 49. NBAer Bradley
- 52. Engineering organization
- 53. Horsefly
- 54. Type of sandwich
- 55. A day in the middle of the month

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Major milestone in construction of new middle school

HOLYOKE – The City of Holyoke this week marked the next milestone in its plans to build a new two-story, 107,475-square-foot middle school for 550 students that will meet the needs of a modern education.

On Monday, June 24, Mayor Joshua Garcia and Superintendent Anthony Soto-along with members of the Holyoke City Council, School Committee, and School Building Authority Executive Director Mary Pichetti, Sen. John Velis and Rep. Patricia Duffy, and students, families, and staff who will be assigned to the new middle school when construction is completed.

“We come together this afternoon as a community of shared values,” said Garcia. “The state-of-the-art school

building being erected here is the result of years of cooperation and negotiation. This ambitious project would not have been possible without the outstanding support of the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the Holyoke City Council, the Holyoke School Committee, our state legislative delegation, our professional consultants, our students and families, and the entire Holyoke community. It is truly a team effort where egos and agendas were set aside in the best interests of our children.”

The new middle school is an important component of Holyoke’s efforts to strengthen learning opportunities and reimagine the middle school experience. The new building will replace the poorly designed, energy-inefficient Peck Middle School that no longer met the needs of a modern education.

“I am thrilled to see the tremendous progress towards building a new middle school for our Holyoke students and community,” said Soto. “With the beams in place, we can now clearly see the size and scale of this building. This is the

structure for what will become a best-in-class learning environment for our students, where they can discover their passions in art, music, science, literature, and more.”

The \$85.5-million project was officially approved in June 2023 by the City of Holyoke and the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Of the total \$85.5 million costs for demolishing Peck and building a new middle school, the City of Holyoke is responsible for paying approximately \$27.1 million and the MSBA will reimburse approximately \$58.4 million. Currently, the estimated project costs are under-budget.

Fontaine Bros. is the general contractor for the new middle school building. Fontaine Bros. was the lowest qualified bidder out of seven companies that were pre-qualified to submit bids. Since their founding in 1933, they have built numerous schools in the Pioneer Valley, including schools in Holyoke, Chicopee, Granby, and Springfield. Mount Vernon Group Architects is the design firm for the project, while Anser Advisory is

serving as the Owner’s Project Manager. American Environmental completed the demolition and site preparation.

The project timeline includes the following key steps:

November 2024: Select a name for new school building, with the process to be led by a subcommittee of the School Committee and final approval by the City Council.

Spring 2025: Identify staff to be assigned to the new school; plan for successful opening of the new building.

Spring 2025: Communicate with students and their families who will attend the new school.

March 2025: Building enclosed.

Early June 2025: Building systems (e.g. mechanical, electrical, plumbing) complete.

Late June 2025: Interior finishes completed.

July 2025: Site work completed.

Fall 2025: New school opens.
More information is available on the district website: www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/page/new-middle-school.

MA Senate acts boost recycling and composting

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Senate passed legislation that builds on the state’s climate and environmental leadership by banning single-use plastic bags, making straws and plasticware available by request only, and making it easier to recycle. The legislation passed by a vote of 38-2.

“In Massachusetts, we take pride in being a leader when it comes to protecting our environment and people’s health, and this bill continues that leadership” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Limiting our plastics use means less trash in our water ways and on our streets, and giving our kids the green, clean planet they deserve to inherit. This is a crucial part of achieving the Commonwealth’s climate goals, and I want to thank Senator Rausch for her leadership, Chair Rodrigues, our members, and every advocate who has spoken up on this issue, for their hard work.”

“We’re seeing more and more the impact that plastics have on our lives and world, our health and future generations,” commented Senator Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). “Passing this bill is a step in the right direction towards transitioning these items out of our society, making them still available for those in need while encouraging the use of items that are reusable, safe and sustainable.”

OS.2830, An Act to reduce plastic would drastically reduce plastic waste that is too often found in streets and waterways-and too often fills landfills and disposal sites-ultimately harming the environment in Massachusetts communities and contributing to global climate change. Plastics are also made using fossil fuels.

The legislation will prohibit carry-out plastic bags at retail stores statewide and require stores to charge 10

cents for recycled paper bags, five cents of which will be allocated to environmental protection measures. The bill provides a limited exemption from the requirement to collect 10 cents for small local retailers. As of May 2023, 162 Massachusetts cities and towns, making up nearly 70 per cent of the state’s population, already regulated single-use plastic bags.

The bill will also prevent plastic utensils and straws from automatically being given to consumers, prohibit single-use plastic bottle purchases by state agencies, and create a statewide program for recycling large plastic objects such as car seats.

Further, it increases statewide bulk plastic recycling by creating a statewide program for the recycling of large plastic objects, such as car seats.

In an effort to reduce the \$10 million annually in avoidable costs directly caused by the flushing of non-flushable wipes, the bill will require non-flushable wipes to be clearly labeled with “Do Not Flush” warnings to prevent disruptions to the commonwealth’s sewer system.

The bill would boost composting, the natural recycling of organic food scraps and materials, by directing the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report on the commonwealth’s progress toward expanding access to composting. It also establishes a new commission to make recommendations on ways in which the state can encourage or require businesses to support recycling of efforts for the products that they produce.

It is the second time the Massachusetts Senate has taken action to prohibit single-use plastic bags in the commonwealth.

Having passed the Senate, the legislation now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Firewall issue named cause of statewide 911 service disruption

MILFORD – On June 18, 2024, at approximately 1:15 pm, the Massachusetts State 911 Department became aware of a statewide interruption to the 911 system. The disruption lasted approximately two hours until operation was fully restored at 3:15 pm.

Although some calls may not have gone through, the system allows dispatch centers to identify the phone number of callers and return those calls. The Department has not received any reports of emergencies impacted during the interruption.

The State 911 Department moved immediately to address the disruption, addressing the technical issue with its 911 vendor Comtech while alerting local law enforcement through a statewide broadcast network and connecting with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to issue a statewide emergency alert.

A preliminary investigation conducted by the State 911 Department and Comtech determined that the outage was the result of a firewall, a safety feature that provides protection against cyberattacks and hacking. The firewall prevented calls from getting to the 911 dispatch centers also known as Public Safety

Answer Points (PSAPs). Comtech’s initial review of the incident has confirmed that the interruption was not the result of a cyberattack or hack; However, the exact reason the firewall stopped calls from reaching dispatch centers remains under review.

As the full review of the cause continues, Comtech has advised State 911 that they have applied a technical solution to ensure that this does not happen again.

“The Massachusetts State 911 Department is deeply committed to providing reliable, state-of-the-art 911 services to all Massachusetts residents and visitors in an emergency. The Department will take all necessary steps to prevent a future occurrence,” said Executive Director of the State 911 Department Frank Pozniak. “We are grateful to everyone for their patience and cooperation during the outage.”

The State 911 Department wishes to thank state and local emergency response agencies for their swift response to this matter and for working closely with their PSAP to ensure public safety.

In 2023, Massachusetts’ 204 Public Safety Answering Points received a total average of 8,800calls a day.

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workers in schools and providing an education for disabled children.

“He was also an advocate to pay women teachers more than what they were earning,” City Councilor Patti Divine said.

“He would send teachers to homes of disabled people so that they could also be learning at home,” School Committee Member Rosalee Tensley-Williams said. “I was impressed with him when I checked out what he did, so I am all for keeping the name.”

School Committee Member William Collamore shared his own experience of interacting with Peck. Collamore had always found Peck to be fair and to be someone who took good care of HPS.

“He spent the money wisely and kept our schools in excellent condition,” Collamore said.

The school was named for him in 1973, after Peck passed away in 1970.

Jourdain and other members of the joint committee hope that Peck’s dedication to the city continues to be honored with Peck school keeping its name.

“I would certainly love to see the new building maintain his name and go forward as the William R. Peck Middle School,” City Councilor Howard Greaney said.

Jourdain recommended that if anyone wants someone to have the honor of having a building or area in Holyoke named after them, that they research into some of the unnamed areas of Holyoke.

“There are plenty of different opportunities to involve decisions around other really meaningful people and significant contributions or contributors to the community,” Jourdain said. “We have certain parks and different things that are not named, like Community Field.”

Tykes Tuesday is back at the mall

HOLYOKE – Tykes Tuesday is back for its fourth year of summertime fun at Holyoke Mall Tuesday mornings from July 9 through Aug. 20.

Tykes Tuesday, sponsored by WWLP, 94.7 WMAS and Valley Opportunity Council, features seven weeks of free family activities and exclusive discounts on Tuesdays starting at 11 a.m. on the lower level in

Macy’s Court.

The summer series includes STEM activities, Ed Popielarczyk’s Magic Show, Meet & Greet with the Holyoke Fire Department, and more. The kids’ program is free, open to the public, and is best suited for children ages 12 and under.

Families are encouraged to pre-register on Holyokemall.com.



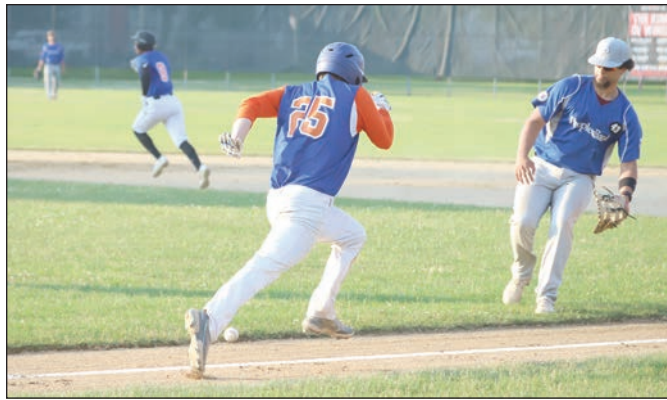
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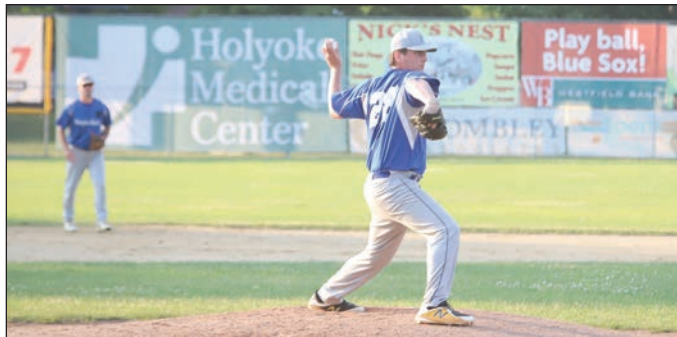
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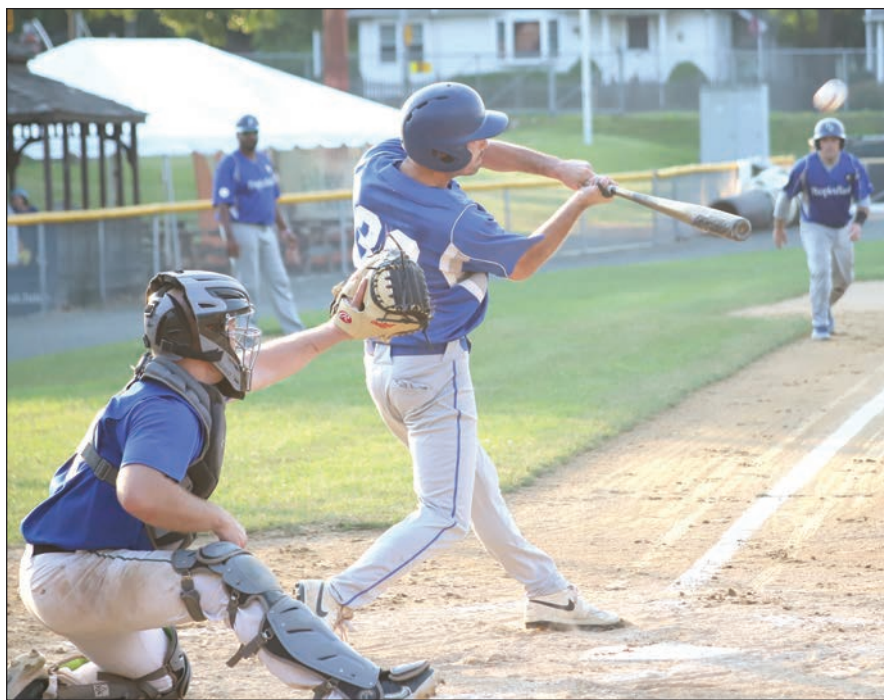
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First baseman Carlos Pena attempts to field a slow roller.



Pitcher Jimmy Flahive makes a throw to first.



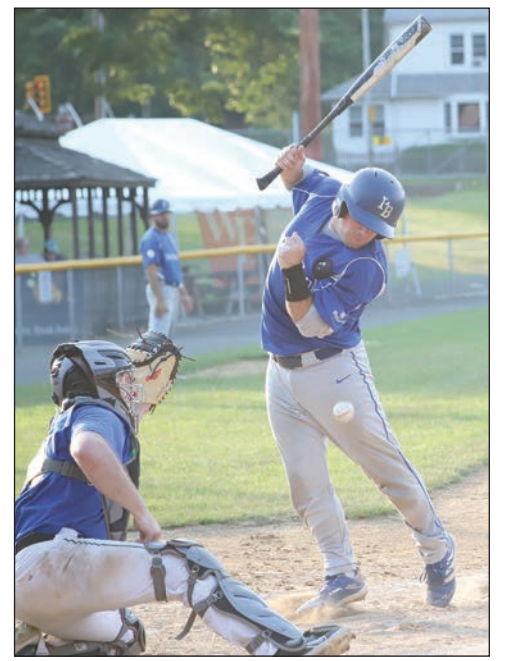
Sam Allen connects to drive in a run.



Cam Rivest leads off first.

Bankers out to 3-2 start

HOLYOKE – Last week, PeoplesBank was in action in the Tri-County Baseball League. The Bankers faced Chicopee and BankESB during the week. The Bankers narrowly defeated ESB to improved to 3-2 on the young season. The Bankers are in the middle of the pack currently with Hilltown Tents holding an 5-2 record for first place. Chicopee and Teddy Bear Pools have second place with four wins each.



Pete Hogan tries to gets drilled by a pitch.

Pioneers keep playoff hunt alive with win

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – Just like every other player listed on the Western Mass. Pioneers roster, Alec Hughes would like to play for a professional soccer team in the future.

Led by Hughes, who recorded a hat-trick in the first half, the Pioneers remained in the playoff hunt by defeating Boston City FC, 6-1, at

Lusitano Stadium last Friday night.

“It’s always nice to get off to a fast start in every game,” said Hughes, who only played the first 45 minutes of last Friday’s home match. “The turf field was a little bit slick which helped us move the ball a little faster. It was very similar to playing on grass.”

While it rained prior to the start of last Friday’s match, the rain stopped sooner than it was

expected to and it was a pleasant evening weatherwise.

The Pioneers had a 7-1-1 overall record and they moved into second place behind first place Seacoast in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

Since losing to the Seacoast United Phantom, 3-2, at home on June 7, the Pioneers have gone 3-0-1 in their next

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Abdel Talabi sends a pass up the field.



Oscar Sears changes the direction of play.

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Blue Sox get big win over North Adams

HOLYOKE – Sunday was a statement game for the Valley Blue Sox against the North Adams Steeplecats.

Scoring in the first inning off a double hit by Chris Jans, the Blue Sox never trailed in this game.

However, the Steeplecats did not give up whatsoever.

With the Blue Sox holding onto that 1-0

lead, both teams were in a stalemate going into the fifth inning.

Pitcher Jax Traegar took early care of the Steeplecat offense in the

top of the inning, to give the bats back to the Blue Sox. It was just the momentum needed to deliver a shot to blow the game wide open.

The Blue Sox did just that, starting with Jonathon Hogart’s RBI single bringing Chris Jans home and Michael O’Conor following it up with a highlight, two run home run. When it was all said and done, the Blue Sox scored five total runs to extend their

lead to 6-0.

The Steeplecats scored two runs over the last three innings, but the deficit was simply too large to overcome. The most intriguing aspect of this game was that both teams had eight total hits, yet the Blue Sox took advantage of far more to win the game.

In a game where early on it was clear hitting and scoring was going to be a deciding factor for the

victory, the Blue Sox came together as a team to

deliver just that. Throughout this season, it has been discussed that hitting was a “work in progress” for the Blue Sox, and that they leaned on their pitching for many of their wins. However, tonight they proved that when needed their hitting was also reliable. It’s a major stepping stone for the Blue Sox offense, and it helps them advance to a 2-0 season record over the Steeplecats and 8-5 overall.



Bonsignore takes the win in Mohegan Sun 100

LOUDON, N.H. – Justin Bonsignore had a busy Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway - one that ended with his 42nd career NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour victory - and a strong performance in his NASCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing.

Bonsignore started the day early - as the Whelen Modified Tour hit the track for the Mohegan Sun 100 at 10 a.m. Bonsignore ran inside the top-three for the duration of the race after rolling off on the front row for the 100-lap event. In the final laps, he battled with his cousin, Kyle Bonsignore, for the win. Justin kept control of the race for the final restart, then drove away from Kyle on the backstretch

and back to the start-finish line to rocket to Victory Lane.

The Whelen Modified Tour win was Justin's second of the season through seven events, and tied Ted Christopher for third all-time on the series wins list. Bonsignore now sits behind Reggie Ruggiero (44) and Mike Stefanik (74) on the wins list.

"We have 16 awesome races in a year, but this is our Daytona 500," Justin said. "Everyone wants to win this race. There's so much that goes into putting yourself in position and having a good car. It's mentally tough to control and understand what you need to do in these late restarts."

Bonsignore pulled within two points of leader Ron Silk in the championship standings as the series heads for the halfway point of the season in the next race, set for July 20 at Monadnock Speedway.

After the Whelen Modified Tour win, Bonsignore moved to his NASCAR Xfinity Series debut with Joe Gibbs Racing, competing in the SciAps 200. Driving the M3 Technology, USNE No. 19 Toyota GR Supra, Bonsignore started 25th in the field after qualifying was canceled on Friday due to rain. In the early part of the race, Bonsignore pitted and stayed out at the end of the first stage, taking the lead of the race. From there, he ran in the top-five for a large portion of

the day.

After a late caution, contact in turn one sent Bonsignore spinning, pushing him to a finish of 23rd in his debut. However, the result didn't show the day the New York native had on NASCAR's National Series stage.

"You really couldn't have asked for a better day with Joe Gibbs Racing," Bonsignore said. "Our crew chief played some great strategy to get us up there. I was still learning even right to the end of the race. I was getting better and better all day long and we had a really good car. I can't thank M3 Technology, USNE and everyone else who made this possible enough for the opportunity."

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four matches.

"It was another very good performance, especially since it was at home," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Everyone is playing very well."

Hughes entered last Friday's contest tied for the most goals in the USL-2 with eight. He finished the match with a total of 11 goals.

Hughes scored a team-leading 15 goals for the UMass men's soccer team last season.

He also attended the MLS combine in Arizona, but he wasn't selected in the MLS draft last December.

Hughes will be wearing the Minutemen uniform again this fall.

"I wasn't drafted last year, but I was planning on going back to school," Hughes said. "I'm hoping to play for a professional soccer team in the future. It would be a great honor."

Molinari, who has watched several of his players turn pro during the past 15 years, is hoping Hughes is drafted.

"It's Alec's dream to play professional soccer and I really hope he makes

it," Molinari said. "He's our leading goal scorer this year. I'm very happy for him."

Boston City (1-5-2) had a golden opportunity to take a 1-0 lead during the ninth minute of the opening half, but Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (2 saves) made a diving save.

Two minutes later, Laurie Goddard sent a crossing pass into the box from the right side and Hughes headed it into the right corner past Boston City goalie Sebastian Montoulieu.

"I always try to find a gap between the defenders," Hughes said. "It was a perfect pass from Laurie and all I needed to do was head the ball into the net."

The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead twenty minutes later.

This time, Aidan Kelly sent a long pass to Hughes, who controlled the ball with his chest before tapping it across the line.

Hughes capped off his hat-trick by firing a shot into the left corner of the net during the 34th minute.

With about five remaining in the opening half, it looked like Oscar Sears had scored his first goal in a Pioneers uniform, but it was disallowed by referee Jonathan Luk because a Pioneers player

was offsides.

Sears, who has been on the Pioneers roster all season long, played in his first game at Pathfinder FC, which was a 2-0 win, last Tuesday night.

Sears was a member of the men's soccer team at Wake Forest. He'll be playing soccer at Bryant University this fall.

Holding a 3-0 halftime advantage, Hughes was replaced by Scott Testori at the start of the second half.

Testori, who's a member of the UConn men's soccer team, added his name to the score sheet with an unassisted goal during the 55th minute.

Goddard scored the Pioneers fifth goal two minutes later, which was assisted by Camilo Comi.

Josh Tubbs, who made his first appearance of the season for the Pioneers, replaced Cersosimo in goal during the 68th minute.

Boston City got on the scoreboard with a goal by Thiago Goes with 20 minutes remaining in regulation.

Ali Taleb capped off the scoring for the Pioneers with a breakaway goal in the 88th minute. Testori was credited with the assist.

The Pioneers are scheduled to host the Albany Rush at 7pm on Friday night. They'll then play three road games before returning to Lusitano Stadium to face the Vermont Green on July 13 in the regular season finale.



Leonel Vergara meets up with the ball. Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

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The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate.

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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 07/11/2024...

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD24P1346EA Estate of: Janice C. McHugh Date of Death: May 07, 2024 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Edward McHugh of Holyoke, MA Petitioner Michael McHugh of Littleton, MA...

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court...

City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.com ID: 836 3939 8493...

A complete copy of the application and site plan may be viewed in the Holyoke Planning Dept, 20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Rm 406, M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

APPLICANT: Womeldorf & Associates, LLC PLANNING BOARD: Mimi Panitch

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UTILITY LINE MATERIAL - LINE RECLOSERS, SECTIONALIZERS, AND CONTROLS REBID

Sealed bids for furnishing the above material will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until 2:00 p.m. July 9, 2024, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040...

Additional information may be obtained from: Chi Wong Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. 99 Suffolk St. Holyoke, MA 01040 (413) 536-9308 cwong@hged.com

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be in the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes "Bid for Utility Line Material - Line Reclosers, Sectionalizers, and Controls Rebid" and address them to: James M. Lavelle, Manager Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. 99 Suffolk St. Holyoke, MA 01040 06/28/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24P1352EA Estate of: Mildred Wheatley Date of Death: 10/19/2023 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lynn A Wheatley-Beaupre of West Wareham, 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: Lynn A Wheatley-

Beaupre of West Wareham, 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 07/19/2024...

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: June 21, 2024 Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate 06/28/2024

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Crossword puzzle grid with letters in some cells.

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SANTANIELLO SALVATORE
Parcel: 0029-4-000015

LAND located at 28 CABOT ST in HOLYOKE, LAND containing .088 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0029-4000015, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23543-553. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$648.09.

SCHMIDT DANIELLE
REARDON-SCHMIDT BRANDON
Parcel: 000069-000007

LAND & BUILDING located at 1 PARK SLOPE in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .188 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000069000007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24274-4. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$4,243.43.

SCHOEFFEL KERRY ANNE
Parcel: 000121-000017

LAND & BUILDING located at 38 WOODLAND ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .272 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000121000017, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 30015. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$739.42.

SERVERS,LLC PAPER CITY
Subsequent Owner: MIRZA1530, LLC
Parcel: 0010-1-000023

LAND & BUILDING located at 530 HIGH ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .039 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0010-1000023, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24363-409. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,071.29.

SHABUNIN VLADIMIR
Subsequent Owner: FITZGERALD, KEZIA C., FITZGERALD MICHAEL J.
Parcel: 000110-000002.

LAND & BUILDING located at 1846 NORTHAMPTON ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .172 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000110000002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23809-1. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$240.61.

SHUAI SURONG,
Parcel: 0001-1-00649B,
BUILDING located at 49 B ST KOLBE DR in HOLYOKE, BUILDING shown on Assessor's Map 0001-100649B, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 23342-244. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$2,904.80.

SLOCOMB RUSSELL E
SLOCOMB SHERIE
Parcel: 000113-000130
LAND & BUILDING located at 2104 2106 NORTHAMPTON ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .290 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000113000130, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5114-/227. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$3,826.23.

SLOWIK MARTHA A
SLOWIK THEODORE A.
Parcel: 000181-000034
LAND & BUILDING located at 31 CORONET RD in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .467 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000181000034, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18810-264. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,144.77.

SMITH KEVIN
Parcel: 000092-000057
LAND & BUILDING located at 66 68 ALLYN ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .097 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000092000057, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22329-51. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,241.63.

SOLURGE REALTY HOLYOKE, LLC
Parcel: 000055-000001,
LAND & BUILDING located at 650 BEAULIEU ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing 1.330 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000055000001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22158-525. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$16,313.17.

STASINOS STUART
STASINOS KAREN H
Parcel: 000069-000005
LAND & BUILDING located at 3 CLEVELAND ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .183 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000069000005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 17041-145. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$549.06.

SUNFLOWER HOLDINGS LLC
Parcel: 000154-000066
LAND located at HURON AV in HOLYOKE, LAND containing .085 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000154000066, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24878-240. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$93.66.

SUNFLOWER HOLDINGS LLC
Parcel: 000154-000067
LAND & BUILDING located at 154 HURON AV in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .166 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000154000067, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24878-240. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,261.18.

SUNFLOWER HOLDINGS LLC
Parcel: 000154-000067A
LAND located at HURON AV in HOLYOKE, LAND containing .053 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 00015400067A, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 24878-240. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$29.47.

SZOSTKIEWICZ VERN M
Parcel: 000122-000082
LAND & BUILDING located at 148 WESTFIELD RD in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .500 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000122000082, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15767-319. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$878.29.

TELAHC PROPERTIES L P
Subsequent Owner: 0 ANNIVERSARY ROAD LLC
Parcel: 000129-000002
LAND & BUILDING located at ANNIVERSARY RD in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing 1.180 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000129000002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 8767-/417. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,866.76.

THE HIGH END MANAGEMENT COMPAN
Parcel: 0031-1-000004
LAND & BUILDING located at WINTER ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .230 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0031-1000004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22429-574. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,219.88.

THE HIGH END MANAGEMENT COMPAN
Parcel: 0032-1-000009
LAND & BUILDING located at 110 116 WINTER ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .364 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0032-1000009, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22429-574. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$9,019.57.

VEGA OTILIO
Parcel: 000081-000062
LAND & BUILDING located at 104 CHAPIN ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .157 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000081000062, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18947-223. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$793.19.

VERVILLE JAMES
VERVILLE KATHRYN G
Parcel: 000100-000018
LAND & BUILDING located at 60 HAMPTON KNOLLS RD in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .351 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000100000018, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22661-177. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,700.24.

VISCONE ANTHONY
310 WALNUT STREET REALTY TRUST
Parcel: 0004-4-000008
LAND & BUILDING located at 308 310 WALNUT ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .360 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0004-4000008, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19217-97. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$9,718.87.

VISCONE ANTHONY
310 WALNUT STREET REALTY TRUST
Parcel: 0005-8-000001
LAND & BUILDING located at 384 388 APPLETON ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .164 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0005-8000001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19217-99. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$14,693.47.

WHITING MARION
C/O MORGAN WHITING
Parcel: 000170-000031
LAND located at HOMESTEAD AV in HOLYOKE, LAND containing 8.830 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000170000031. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$6,463.14.

WILLETT-JEFFRIES JULIA
JOHNSTON IAN
Parcel: 000073-000028
LAND & BUILDING located at 58 TAYLOR ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .085 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 000073000028, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 22663-146. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$2,096.87.

WILLIAM B WHITING COAL CO
Parcel: 0006-5-000001
LAND & BUILDING located at 87 ELM ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .253 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0006-5000001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 652-5/89. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,770.75.

WILLIAMS VICTORIA
Parcel: 0028-6-000013
LAND & BUILDING located at 389 391 MAIN ST in HOLYOKE, LAND & BUILDING containing .034 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map 0028-6000013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19773-399. For FY-2024 Tax Due \$1,773.76.
06/28/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT HAMPDEN, SS.

CASE NO. 2479CV00062
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-2 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2 (Plaintiff)

VS.
Catrina Durise Moye, Malcolm Willis and All Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Willie Willis (Defendants)

Liberty Park Condominium Trust, Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Department of Revenue and United States of America acting through its Department of the Treasury (IRS Division) (Defendants/Parties-In-Interest)

TO: All Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Willie Willis

This cause came on to be considered on the Plaintiff's Motion For Alternative Service on Defendant, "All Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Willie Willis" via publication.

It is ORDERED, and Adjudged that an order of notice issue to said defendant by publishing an attested copy of this notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in The Republican and The Sun, newspapers of general circulation in Hampden County and in the Town of Holyoke with the first publication in each newspaper to be on or before June 14, 2024.

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed by the above-named Plaintiff with the Hampden County Superior Court (the "Court") in which you are named as a Defendant. The address of the Court is Hall of Justice, 50 State Street, P.O. Box 559, Springfield, MA 01102-0559. This complaint concerns a certain parcel of land in Holyoke, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known as and numbered 344 Maple Street a/k/a 336-344 Maple Street, Unit No. 344 of the Library Park Condominium. In the complaint, Plaintiff prays for a judgment declaring that (a) Plaintiff is a party entitled to enforce the terms of a certain Loan Modification Agreement dated July 19, 2019 (the "Modification") between Willie Willis and the Plaintiff through Plaintiff's loan servicer, PHH Mortgage Corporation; (b) Plaintiff is the owner and/or party otherwise entitled to enforce the terms and conditions of

the Modification; and (c) Plaintiff, as the owner and/or party otherwise entitled to enforce the terms of the Modification, is also the holder of the Mortgage dated June 7, 2006 given by Willie Willis to Saxon Mortgage, Inc. DBA Saxon Home Mortgage recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15962, Page 453 and entitled to exercise the default remedies provided for therein, including exercise of the statutory power of sale.

This complaint is available for viewing and/or downloading from the Massachusetts' Judiciary's Electronic Filing System or you may obtain a copy by submitting a written request to Plaintiff's attorney, whose address appears below. You may also make your request to Plaintiff's counsel by email at jmcnicholas@kordeassociates.com.

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to file your answer or other responsive pleading with the Court AND to serve a copy of your answer or other responsive pleading upon the Plaintiff's attorney, John S. McNicholas, Esq., Korde & Associates, P.C. whose address is 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 on or before (insert date) July 18, 2024 which date is no less than twenty (20) days after the last publication of this notice.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against Plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of Plaintiff's claim, or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

Unless otherwise provided by Mass. Rule of Civil Procedure 13(a) your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you have against the Plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2006-2, Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2, which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiff's claim or you will be forever barred from making such claim in any other action.

By the Court
Entered: June 7, 2024
/s/
Edward J. McDonough,
Jr., J.

06/14, 06/21, 06/28/2024

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Damany Gordon and Theresa Cooper-Gordon from Genuine Culture LLC and Executive Director of Wistariahurst Megan Seiler all helped to plan the Wistariahurst Juneteenth celebration.



Trudy Monson sold some of her jewelry at the Juneteenth celebration.



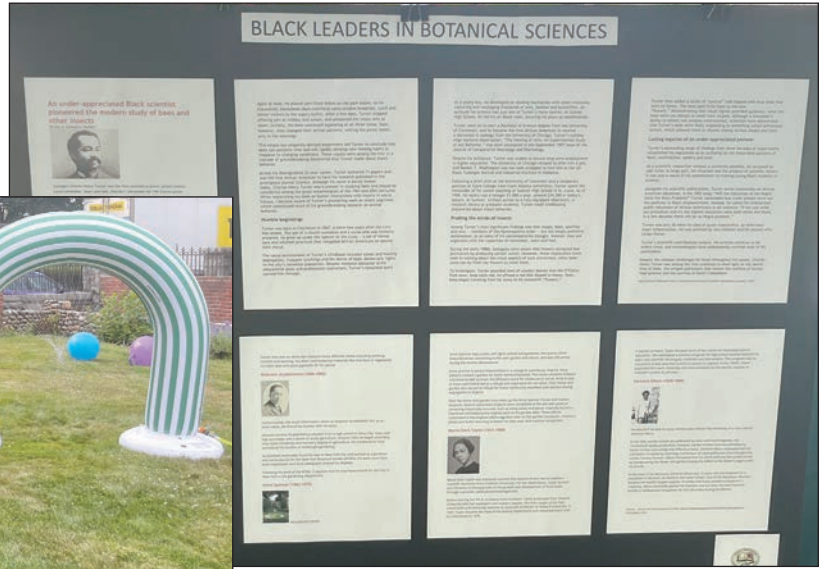
Souper Sweet and Fritura Latina were available at the Wistariahurst Juneteenth celebration for people to enjoy a variety of foods. *Turley photos by Quinn Suomala*



Rachel Powell offered everyone face painting at the Wistariahurst Juneteenth celebration.



Amaya Hussey-Scott and Caleb Smith had fun at the splash gardens.



There was an information table to discuss black leaders in botanical science at the Wistariahurst Juneteenth celebration.

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don't know and when you try to figure out why we're in the state that we're in, it is because of the lack of knowledge, because we don't know the history."

The hope is that events like this will help to bring awareness to the history of

minorities in the United States that so often goes unnoticed or forgotten.

People who want to learn more about black lives in Holyoke are welcomed to call the museum and make an appointment to dig into some of their archives and learn more about these important histories.

Erika Slocumb helped to dig up

much of the past history of black people in Holyoke during her work last year with Wistariahurst. People are welcome to come in and see the cumulation of her work.

"That's part of why we have the archives is it's living information and we're always growing, adding and contributing to it," Seiler said.

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