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Council approves special permit

By Quinn Suomala Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The City Council voted 10-2 to approve Blue Fox Brands, Inc. for a special permit for a Marijuana Manufacturing Establishment at 1 Cabot St.

This permit came with 9 stipulations, including: that the business pay commercial property tax rate, it retains a minimum of 30% Holyoke residents for non-security jobs, that the hiring preference be given to security personnel that are retired Holyoke police or are retired member of another police department that now lives in Holyoke.

It also added that there be no marijuana consumption allowed on site, that the hours of operation be 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, the applicant must abide by state general

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Cub Scouts celebrate

By Quinn Suomala Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Cub Scout Pack 235 had their first Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony on Saturday, June 29 at the Mount Tom Lodge.

All of the cubs were welcomed to the ceremony and watched the Friend of Scouting Presentation. Following this they were awarded with their badges as they moved up to their next rank.

This ceremony was to celebrate the accomplishments of different scouts over these past several months. Thanks to their hard work they were able to crossover into the next rank in the Scouts.

Four scouts were given the honor of moving up a rank.

"They are crossing over from all of the hard work they've done," Cubmaster Heather MacInnes said.

John Farrell was a Lion and he moved up to the Tiger rank. Janayah Torres was a Tiger who moved up to the Wolf rank. Serenity Correa was a Bear who moved up to the Webelos rank. Gabrian Mercedes was a Webelos and he moved up to Arrow of Light

Arrow of Light is the highest rank for a Cub Scout.



All four worked hard starting in November when the Cubs started in order to earn the different achievements they needed to move up a rank.

"It's an amazing journey for these kids," MacInnes said. "I love seeing these kids work hard, seeing them succeed and the smile it brings to their faces...seeing them smile when they accomplish something, that's the biggest joy."

The kids have learned

a variety of skills already in their time in the Cub Scouts. They have learned fire safety, disability awareness, team building, outdoor skills, how to protect themselves and about the work of first responders.

Both the police and the fire departments visited the scouts. The police taught them about law enforcement and safety and the fire department taught them firsthand about

rules for fire safety and about what it is like to be a firefighter.

The kids will also have the opportunity to participate in community service throughout their time as Cub Scouts.

Over the time of the kids joining the Cub Scouts, MacInnes has enjoyed seeing them grow, not only in the skills they know but also in

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Photographer Pierce creates tour of City Hall



Architectural Photographer Stephanie Pierce was proud to display her work in photographing City Hall.

Turley photo by Quinn Suomala

By Quinn Suomala Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Architectural Photographer Stephanie Pierce has completed a photographic tour of City Hall that is on display at the Holyoke Heritage Park Visitor's Center through July 28.

The center is open daily from noon to 4 p.m. with free admission.

The goal of this photographic tour was to highlight the beauty within City Hall, specifically the aspects that often go unnoticed or unseen.

"So far we've been getting really good responses to the show and I'm so excited to show people that Holyoke City Hall is the most beautiful City Hall in the area," Pierce said. "I hope that people can take pride in their city and that they can take pride in their City Hall."

Pierce photographed different rooms in the building and focused in on some smaller details, such as doorknobs

"I like being able to show

buildings like that and the old mechanics and the details in city hall are just gorgeous," Pierce said.

All of the photos are taken without specialized lighting and Pierce has not altered any of the colors or details of the photos. Each aspect of City Hall was photographed exactly as it is.

She is excited to be doing this show as a way to show the hall to the community.

"It's kind of a way of letting the community own part of City Hall," she said.

All profits from the show, with the exception of money taken out for the prints, will go toward restoring City Hall.

The Friends of Holyoke City Hall plan to use the money to fix the windows, bell and clock tower in the building.

"I really wanted to give the Friends of Holyoke City Hall a vehicle to self-fund instead of applying for grants all the time or going to the CPA," Pierce said.

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Holyoke Preservation Trust hosting art contest

By Quinn Suomala Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Preservation Trust has announced an art contest open to all ages.

This contest invited people to enter with artwork centered around the theme of "Celebrating Holyoke's Achievements and Inventions."

The hope is that this theme will allow people to highlight all of the accomplishments, art and inventions that have come out of Holyoke.

"Holyoke has a long history of achievements in academics, in military, artists, writers, musicians, on stage and on screen, inventors, scientists, engineers, business industry, government and sports," HPT Treasurer Olivia Mausel said.

The age groups for the

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City of Holyoke updates master plan from 1999

HOLYOKE – As Holyoke celebrates its 150th birthday, it is charting the city's future by updating its 1999 Master plan. There is no community in Massachusetts quite like Holyoke. This "Gateway City" is home to approximately 40,000 individuals, welcoming generation after generation of new Holyokers from around the world. It is home to the Volleyball Hall of Fame and recognized nationally for cultural events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Fiestas Patronales. Its collection of historic mills set upon a canal network and the presence of the Mount Tom State Reservation within its city limits are treasures. Holyoke possesses many irreplaceable and unique attributes that merit sustaining and reinvigorating.

The commonwealth of Massachusetts, under MGL Ch 41 Sec.

81D, requires cities and towns to maintain a Comprehensive Plan for their long-term physical development. Through comprehensive plans, cities and towns envision aspirational futures for themselves and identify implementation pathways for achieving them. These plans span all aspects of physical development — from the types of housing available, to how people get around, to the community's resilience to climate change, and more.

Much has changed since the last plan in 1999, and fresh ideas are needed. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update will refresh Holyoke's vision for its future. Holyoke's Office of Planning and Economic Development is leading the project in collaboration with the Holyoke Planning Board. To support them, a

team of consultant urban planners has been retained, led by Cambridge-based Agency Landscape + Planning with support from Northampton-based Cambridge Econometrics, Boston-based Nitsch engineering, and Queens-based Hive Public Space. Several of the consulting planners are native Spanish speakers and several live in the Pioneer Valley.

The key outcomes of the project will be a citywide, long-range plan that articulates a vision and goals for the continuing development of the City, establishes a framework for ongoing and more detailed planning efforts, and prioritizes and coordinates city actions over the short-, midand long-term. The plan will include a comprehensive assessment of Holyoke today, an in-depth analysis of current zoning, and strategies for topics like indus-

trial development, the housing crisis, and environmental sustainability.

Holyoke is committed to shaping the new comprehensive plan through inclusive and meaningful engagement of residents. A bilingual engagement team from Hive Public Space will meet community members where they already gather — at events like Noche de San Juan, Fiestas Patronales, and the Great Brick Race — and through various methods for participants of all ages and abilities geared toward reaching underrepresented voices in all of the city's wards. All engagement activities can be conducted bilingually in Spanish and English.

The City aims to complete the project in Summer 2025. For more information and updates: https://www.holyoke.org/comprehensive-plan-update/.

Habitat for Humanity hosts all-ages read-a-thon in Hampden County

By Nathan Shlosser and Dakota Wirf Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity interns

reater Springfield Habitat for Humanity (GSHFH) is hosting a read-a-thon called "One for the Books" taking place from June 1 to July 31. The event is for anyone, but is targeted to those in Hampden County. The read-a-thon invites participants to explore books, open their imagination, and raise money for Habitat.

"The money goes to our overall operation so it can help with new construction, repairs, and also helps us put on more fun programs for the commu-



Turiey prioto by Dakota Wiri

nity," said Olga Callirgos, Homeowner Programs coordinator. Greater Springfield Habitat is a county-wide organization that raises money to build home and repair homes for the limited-income population.

The idea for the read-a-thon came up when Olga asked herself, "How do I combine the two things I love the most: reading and my job?" Olga said she went to Brandy O'Brien, Marketing and Communications manager, with the idea. They talked about it and its logistics. Shortly after, they brought the idea to Aimee Giroux, executive director. She approved it and they began planning the event.

Finding someone to sponsor a participant can be challenging or easy. Having a conversation with someone is one way. Another, is crowd funding,

which is a way to raise money for an individual or organization by submitting donations through a website. Friends, family, strangers, acquaintances, businesses, and others can contribute. By using social media, in addition to word of mouth, crowd funding can reach more potential donors than traditional forms of fundraising. GSHFH is utilizing GiveLively.org to collect online donations for the read-a-thon. To view current read-a-thon pledge pages, visit https://bit.ly/3U1ZOm7

Audrianna Giroux-Withers signed up for the read-a-thon because her kids love reading fiction comics and she love romances and thrillers. She said it's because she loves the suspense and not knowing what's going to happen next.

Trina Winans is a local teacher who is participating in the read-a-thon because she wanted to support the non-profit.

"I really believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity," she said. "I wanted to support it, so I felt the best way that I could do that is by taking part in the read-a-thon."

To learn more about the read-a-thon, visit habitatspringfield.org/one-for-the-books.

Accommodations for service or assistance animals are the law!



Although landlords can have a "no pets" policy, fair housing laws require landlords to make reasonable accommodations to allow disabled tenants to have service animals or assistance animals (also called emotional support animals) when needed because of a disability. Has a landlord refused to allow, or charged additional fees because of, your needed assistance animal?

Contact the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center today!





Horace Smith Fund awards \$279,000 to area students

HOLYOKE - On Thursday, June 20, The Horace Smith Fund held its 125th Annual Corporators' Meeting and scholarship awards ceremony at the Carriage House at Storrowton Tavern for recipients, their parents, school counselors, and Corporators. This event was funded, in part, by a Community Care grant from PeoplesBank.

Wayne Webster, Chair of the Board of Trustees, announced that this year there were 20 Walter S. Barr Scholarships awards, with 15 going to graduating high school seniors and five to students already attending college. The William R. Rooney Award was granted to one high school candidate who has received special education services. Additionally, three Walter S. Barr Fellowships were given to students pursuing graduate education.

The Keynote Speaker, Alina Antropova, was a 2020 graduate of Southwick Regional School and Walter S. Barr Scholarship recipient and a 2024 graduate of UMass Amherst and Walter S. Barr Fellowship recipient.

Entertainment was provided by Mark Gionfriddo, Director of Jazz Ensembles at Mt. Holyoke College.

The 2024 scholarship recipients in attendance from Holyoke and who graduated from Holyoke High School and Lighthouse Holyoke, respectively, were:

Brenna N. Phillips and Montasir

Providing that students maintain at least a B average in college, each scholarship provides a total of \$12,000 over four years and each fellowship provides \$15,000 over two years. Therefore, The Horace Smith Fund is happy to be able to grant a total award of \$297,000 to area students this year.

The Horace Smith Fund was established in 1899 by the successful and generous philanthropist named Horace Smith. He and Daniel Wesson were the founders of Smith & Wesson, located in Springfield. Mr. Smith's will provided that the residual of his estate, after several bequests to relatives and institutions, was to be used for public purposes at the discretion of his executors. They decided that it should be used to help deserving students finance their education.

The Walter S. Barr Scholarships and Fellowships are named for a West Springfield businessman, whose widow left the bulk of the family estate to The Horace Smith Fund in 1950. The William R. Rooney Award is named for a past Executive Director with a desire to assist special needs students. All recipients must be residents of Hampden County.

Students were selected on a variety of criteria, including their test scores, class rank, extra-curricular activities, and a personal written account of why the student feels deserving of financial assistance. Applications for next year's awards will be available September 15th on-line at www.HoraceSmithFund.org or by calling (413) 739-4222.

HCC announces online bookstore

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College has selected eCampus.com as its official online bookstore.

Based in Lexington, Kentucky, eCampus.com began providing online bookstore services to HCC students in

Through this partnership, eCampus. com provides HCC with a customized online storefront that enables students to sign in with their credentials and have immediate access to their course-required materials. With offerings such as new, used, digital, and rental, and multiple flexible shipping options, students can select course materials according to their unique budgets and needs. eCampus.com also offers students the option to purchase materials through an online marketplace, where third-party sellers sell course materials at a discounted price.

HCC will still maintain a physical store (on the second floor of the HCC Campus Center), where students can pick up their online-ordered books for free and also buy HCC-branded merchandise, electronics, and other supplies.

"Students, and members of the faculty and staff who were involved in choosing a new bookstore vendor prioritized affordability and convenience," said Narayan Sampath, HCC vice president of Administration and Finance. "With their online platform and proprietary marketplace, eCampus.com provides exactly that for us.'

Sampath said the benefits of the partnership extend to the ease for professors to research and select their required course materials each semester. Through eCampus.com's advanced research tools, professors can view course materials based on availability and real-time pricing and are also able to view student purchasing habits. With this technology available, professors can make informed decisions regarding required course materials that take into consideration student affordability and accessibility.

'eCampus.com is honored to be selected as the Holyoke Community College official online bookstore," said Matt Montgomery, eCampus.com president and CEO. "We are dedicated to using our online bookstore expertise to provide students with the best online shopping experience, one that sets students up for the best chance at success in the classroom."

Michael J. Dias Foundation receives \$10,000 grant

SPRINGFIELD – The Michael J. Dias Foundation is pleased to announce receiving a generous \$10,000 grant from the MGM Resorts Foundation. This significant contribution underscores MGM Resorts' commitment to supporting community initiatives and enhancing the lives of individuals in recovery.

Since its inception in 2012, the Michael J. Dias Foundation has been dedicated to providing safe, structured, and supportive sober living environments for individuals overcoming substance use disorders. This grant from the MGM Resorts Foundation will be instrumental in furthering our mission, particularly as we expand our services and open a new home dedicated to women in recovery.

"We are profoundly grateful for support from the MGM Foundation," said Karen M. Blanchard, executive director of the Michael J. Dias Foundation. "This funding will allow us to continue to provide high-quality care and support to those in need, fostering an environment where individuals can rebuild their lives free from the grips of addiction. This generous grant is not just an investment in our organization but in the broader community as we work together to combat the challenges of substance use disorders."

MGM has a long-standing tradition of contributing to community-based organizations that promote health, wellness, and social equity. This grant to MJD aligns with MGM Resorts' commitment to corporate social responsibility and its dedication to creating positive impacts in the communities it serves.

The Michael J. Dias Foundation continues to play a crucial role in addressing the opioid crisis and supporting individuals and families affected by addiction. With this new funding, the Foundation is poised to extend its reach and impact even further, providing much-needed resources and support to those on the path to recovery.

For more information about the Michael J. Dias Foundation and its programs, please visit www.mdiasfoundation.org or call Executive Director Blanchard at 413-304-0715.

MiraVista announces expansion, new inpatient treatment beds

HOLYOKE - MiraVista, a leading provider of mental health and addiction treatment services, is pleased to announce the expansion of its facilities with the opening of brand-new adult inpatient treatment beds. These adult beds are in addition to the 16-bed adolescent unit which was recently renovated and now reopened.

The addition of these specialized beds reflects MiraVista's ongoing commitment to meeting the growing demand for high-quality mental health care services. With mental health challenges on the rise globally, MiraVista recognizes the importance of providing comprehensive and compassionate care to individuals with mental illness.

"Our decision to expand our inpatient treatment capacity underscores our dedication to serving our community and the Commonwealth, and addressing the increasing need for mental health services," said Shelley Zimmerman, Hospital Administrator at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center. "We believe that everyone deserves access to effective treatment in a supportive environment, and these new beds will enable us to provide specialized care to more individuals in need."

The new adult inpatient beds will offer a range of therapeutic interventions tailored to meet the unique needs of each patient. MiraVista's multidisciplinary team of experts, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and nurses, will work collaboratively to develop personalized treatment plans focused on promoting healing and

In addition to individualized therapy sessions, patients will have access to group therapy, medication management, recreational activities, educational workshops, and peer support, all designed to foster personal growth and empowerment. MiraVista's holistic approach to treatment emphasizes wellness and resilience, empowering patients to achieve lasting positive change in

The expansion at MiraVista represents a significant milestone in the organization's ongoing efforts to enhance mental health care accessibility. By providing a supportive and nurturing environment, MiraVista aims to inspire hope and healing in individuals diagnosed with a mental illness, helping them to reclaim their lives and thrive.

For more information about MiraVista and its comprehensive range of mental health and addiction treatment services, please visit www. miravistabhc.care.

State sales tax holiday approved

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Legislature approved Aug. 10 and Aug. 11 as a sales tax holiday weekend for Massachusetts. On those days, the Massachusetts sales tax of 6.25% will be suspended for most items that retail for less than \$2,500.

The holiday welcomes Massachusetts residents to visit retailers and small businesses around the state. A spike in consumer activity routinely boosts indirect tax revenues. According to the Department of Revenue, during the 2023 sales tax holiday, indirect tax revenues due to increased economic activity were approximately \$3.54 million.

"I am glad to see the sales tax holiday be approved in the legislature today, giving our residents a great chance to get outside and embrace their local businesses and community at a little bit of a discount," said Sen. Adam Gomez (D-Springfield). "This annual holiday gives a boost to our small business owners and consumers, and I am proud to support this measure annually."

Tykes Tuesday at the mall is back

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.

Tykes Tuesday Schedule:

July 9: Wildlife on Wheels with Forest Park Zoo

July 16: Story Time with the Holyoke Public Library

July 23: The Teppanyaki Experience at Sumo Japanese Steakhouse

July 30: Collage and The Art of Eric Carle

August 6: Discover the Beauty of Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory

August 13: Meet & Greet with Holyoke Fire Department

August 20: Magical Moments with Ed Popielarczyk

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

Correction:

In last week's Holyoke Sun, the paper published that Howard Greaney voted in favor of the city budget. He, in fact, voted against the budget. We regret the error.

Hydrangeas in full color and full swing



week-long visit to Cape Cod yielded more than fun on the beach and an appetite finally quenched of its seafood craving.

It was a gardener's dream to walk through town and take in all of the glorious container plantings and window boxes. Side streets yielded a peek at some incredible home landscapes complete with gorgeous big leaf hydrangeas (Hydrangea macrophylla), nearly everywhere you look.

They were just starting to come into their own when we arrived, but by week's end, they were in full, magnificent glory.

I read somewhere that the rainy summer last year followed by a mild winter has predisposed the plants to be overloaded with blooms here and now, and that they were. Some in shades of blue, others sported pink or purple tones and still some with flowers of each shade on one bush.

We've all heard about adjusting the pH will alter the color of the sepals, the showy modified leaf bracts. Acidifying the soil with aluminum sulfate turns the flowers blue, while making the soil more alkaline with lime will yield flowers in pink tones instead, all because aluminum ions are either more available or less available respectively.

That is the short of it!

I came home from this trip encouraged to try taking cuttings of my hydrangea bush.

A hedge of them up by the road would sure be pretty.

The experts imply that the process of duplicating your plants is an easy one and now is the perfect time to do it. Taking softwood cuttings of hydrangeas is similar to taking cuttings of geraniums, rosemary or other plants.

It's best to find a stem that is not is flower. Start at the tip and count down at least four pairs of leaves, then make your cut with a clean pair of clippers or sharp scissors after that last set of leaves.

Carefully cut off the two bot-

tom most sets of leaves,

close to the stem. Dip the stem into rooting hormone. If you are using a powder form, tap the stem on the container to dislodge any excess. The cutting can then be put in a fourinch pot filled with moistened potting soil. It's best if vou make

a hole for the

stem with a "dib-

ble," pencil, or small

dowel, rather than pushing the stem into the media so that all of the hormone is rubbed off.

Once the stem is inserted into the premade hole, firm around it and mist with a

with a tented plastic bag so that the cutting will not dry out and place it in the shade, outside is fine as long as you won't forget about it.

I like to keep them inside in indirect light. Check often, misting if wilted looking and watering if the soil is dry to the touch.

After about 4-6 weeks, check the cutting to see if it has rooted. It's best not to tug, but to invert the pot and remove the soil to see what you have for roots.

Sometimes you can "just tell" that the plant has rooted by its appearance. Maybe it is sporting new growth.

and grown on for awhile, it's time
to transplant them into bigger
pots. I'm not saying we
jump to a gallon size
pot but maybe
go up to a six
or eight-inch pot
and then go bigger the next time
until the specimen is large enough
to earn a coveted spot in

Once your cuttings have rooted

your yard.

I can't wait to try this!

Maybe you will too, and we can compare notes!

I can see the lovely hedge up near the road in my mind's eye already!

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Grieving husband asks about his survivor benefits

spray bottle. Now, cover the pot and cutting



Dear Rusty:

My wife died May 4, 2024. I notified Social Security, and they have removed the direct deposit made to my joint checking account on May 8, 2024. What are my options now for obtaining any benefits from my wife's Social Security account?

Signed: Grieving Husband

Dear Grieving Husband:

Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your wife. Rest assured that we're here to assist with any Social Security questions you may have at this difficult time. FYI, a person must live the entire month to be eligible for SS benefits for that month. Social Security benefits aren't paid for the month a person dies. For this reason and as a matter of standard protocol, Social Security instructed the bank to return any payments received for your wife after her death. This is often referred to as the "claw back" rule.

In some circumstances, however, Social Security "claws back" money, which rightfully belongs to the deceased, as they did in this case. Your wife's Social Security payment received on May 8 was her payment for the month of April, and she was fully entitled to that payment because she lived for the entire month of April. I suggest that you download, fill out, and submit Form SSA-1724 to your local Social Security office to recover that May 8 payment, which rightfully belongs to your wife's estate. Note that the bank will automatically return any future SS payments received for your wife.

As your wife's surviving spouse, you are also entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255, which you can request by calling your local SS field office (get the number at www.ssa.gov/locator), or by calling 1.800.772.1213. During that call you can also explore whether you are entitled to any additional SS benefit as a surviving spouse.

If your wife's monthly SS retirement benefit was more than your current monthly SS benefit, you will be entitled to receive her higher monthly amount instead of your own smaller amount (FYI, if you haven't yet reached your own full retirement age your survivor benefit will be reduced). And if you are not yet collecting your own SS benefit, you have the option to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first while allowing your personal SS retirement benefit to continue to grow, up to maximum at age 70 if you

Just be aware that if you haven't yet reached your Full Retirement Age and you are still working, any SS benefit you take before your FRA will be subject to Social Security's "earnings test," which limits how much can be earned before they take away some of your SS benefits. The 2024 annual earnings limit is \$22,320 (changes annually) for those who claim prior to the year they attain full retirement age, and SS will take away \$1 of benefits for every \$2 over the annual limit. The "earnings test" no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

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laws and guidelines from the cannabis control commission and conform with city and state health laws, rules and regulations.

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The council had discussed adding a tenth stipulation to request that the business come up with a plan for traffic mitigation as there had been several concerns raised around traffic in the area.

Councilor David Bartley had proposed this condition in response to the traffic concerns.

"I'll suggest right now that the applicant have a special permit so long as they come back with a traffic mitigation study," he said.

Councilor Carmen Ocasio had spoken out on her concerns about the traffic on Cabot Street.

"The place is very congested and my concern is somebody getting hurt there or another accident occurring there," she said. "My concern is that

not only do people drive through there but there are people walking with bags and stuff as they go back and forth into Chicopee and Holyoke constantly and there is no proof that that area is going to be safe.'

However, there were several councilors against adding this stipulation as they did not feel it would be fair to the busi-

"There are other cannabis companies in that

building and they're not going to have this stipulation on their special permits, so I feel like that is already an issue," Councilor Kocayne Givner said.

With this in mind the council decided against adding this condition. However, they hope to put in an ordinance in the future to request the company do something to limit traffic on Cabot street.

"We could put in an order after that where we could make them have traffic come out and come down Race Street,"

"I'll suggest right now that the

applicant have a special permit

so long as they come back with

a traffic mitigation study,"

- Councilor David Bartley

Councilor Jenny Rivera said.

Rivera hopes that she and Ocasio will be able to work together in order to come up with this ordinance in order to try to make this area safer for traffic and pedestrians.

The Committee on Ordinance had recommended to the full council the approval of this special permit 5-0.

With both the Ordinance Committee's positive recommendation and the plan for future traffic mitigation in mind, the council voted to approve the special permit.

HCC art gallery seeking 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.

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contest are kindergarten to fifth grade, sixth to twelfth grade and adult. Anyone is welcome to enter.

The categories for the contest are: best photograph, best painting, best mixed media and best 3D art.

All art will be displayed at the visitors center in Holyoke Heritage State Park at the end of the contest.

There will also be cash prizes for the top winners of each age group and category. Submissions have to be entered by Sept. 26.

Mausel mentioned a few inspiring figures in Holyoke history that people could potentially draw from for their art work.

"People forget that a lot of the inventions and things we use every day had to be created by somebody or improved by somebody and a lot of those improvements and creative abilities came from people here in Holyoke," Mausel said.

There is American Hydraulic engineer Clemens Herschel, who is best known for inventing the Venturi meter, which helps to measure water flow.

Hal Blaine is also a proud Holyoker. He was a drummer and a session musician who claims over 35,000 sessions and 6,000 singles.

Eva Tanguay was a huge star on early silent movies and the early screen and she had come from Holyoke.

Mausel also mentioned James Emerson, who established the Holyoke Testing Flume on the Canal System, which helped to test and improve the turbines

All of these people not to mention the famous sports stars that have come from Holyoke.

"This is an effort to bring some of the people back up to the front and appreciate some of the things that were done back in the day," Mausel said.

Therefore, with this rich history in mind, Mausel encourages people to dig into some research and learn more about the famous people who have come out of Holyoke and made an impact on society.

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"It's a project that needs some

research," Mausel said. "Probably the more research that goes into it, the better the project will be."

Mausel encourages people to go to the history room at the library, the archives at Wistariahurst or the Volleyball hall of fame in Holyoke in order to do some research on Holyoke's history.

People are also welcome to highlight their own family histories and accom-

Mausel looks forward to seeing all the submissions and getting to learn more about the people of Holyoke, both past and present.

To learn more about the contest or to submit art to it, go to the HPT website at www.HolyokePreservationTrust.org.

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In The News



Cubmaster Heather MacInnes opened the Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony.



Cubmaster Heather MacInnes presented the Grand Masters with the Charter Presentation for the Scouts.



Cubmaster Heather MacInnes and Scout George Borden led the crowd in the Scout Pledge.



Scouts John Farrel, George Borden and Theodore Borden enjoyed the Cub Scout Crossover



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their confidence.

"I have some that were very shy, that were not outgoing and from November to now they have blossomed," MacInnes said. "They're enthusiastic, they can't wait to get the next rank or the next advancement and to see what the next activity will be."

MacInnes hopes to see the kids continue forward with this enthusiasm for the Scouts and to continue to rise in the ranks, eventually reaching the top rank of Eagle Scout.

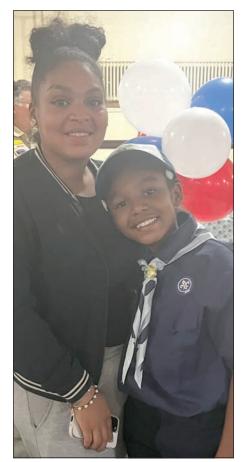
MacInnes also encourages more people from the community to reach out and to get involved in the Scouts.

The skills kids and adults can learn through the program can be life changing and can help the kids to do well no matter what they wind up doing with

The Cubs meet the first and third Thursday of every month, and the Troop meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month.

In order to learn more about the Scouts, go to the Facebook page at Scouting in Holyoke or to the website at https://beascout.scouting.org/.

If you have questions about the Scouts, reach out to MacInnes at her email Heather.MacInnes@scouting.org.



Aisha Correa celebrated at Scout Serenity Correa's Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony.



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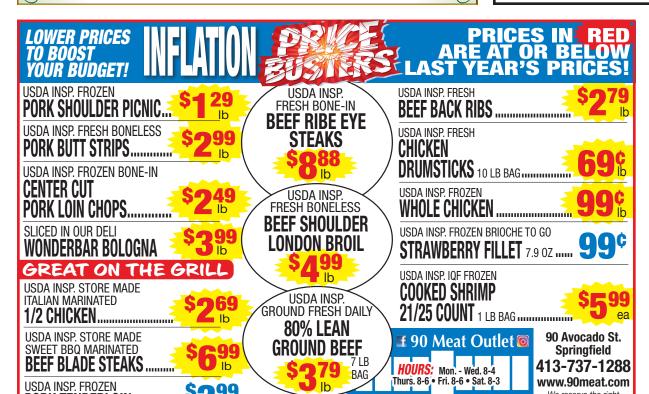
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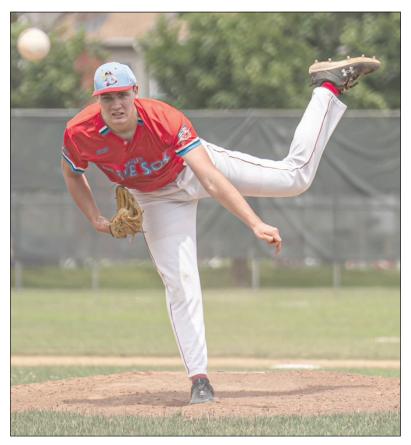
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Blue Sox continue season into July

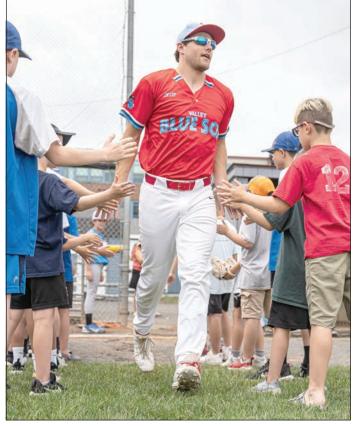
HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the local attraction for college baseball. The Blue Sox have played about half its schedule and continue their 42-game slate into July. Home games are played at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke.

There are numerous promotions and fun deals for individuals and families.

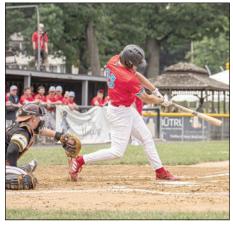
The Blue Sox have several home games throughout July and hopefully beyond with the New England Collegiate Baseball League playoffs.



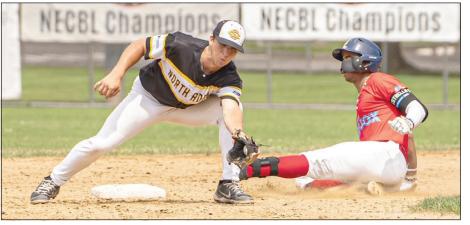
John Kwaitkowski delivers a pitch for the Blue Sox.



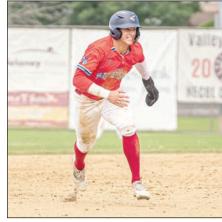
Michael O'Connor enters the field.



Jonathan Hogart swings and connects.



Andrew Estrella slides safely into second.



Logan Hugo leads off second base.

Mutiny racks up another home win

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – A parade, a block party, and fireworks were held June 16 as part of Ludlow's yearlong 250th anniversary celebration.

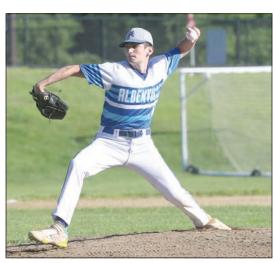
The New England Mutiny joined in the fun by celebrating a 4-0 shutout victory in their first ever meeting against the Hudson Valley Crusaders before a large gathering at Lusitano Stadium.

"This is a very good win for the ladies," said Mutiny assistant coach Ciro Viviane. "I thought we played very well in tonight's match, especially during the second half."

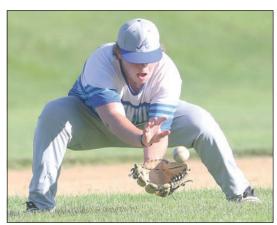
Viviane and Joe Ferrara, who's the Mutiny's Owner and General Manager, shared the coaching duties during last Saturday's home match.

Federico Molinari, who's

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Brady Burnett, of Chicopee, sends a pitch home.



Spencer LaBonte, of Granby, sizes up a grounder to



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Nate Carillon, of South Hadley, fires a throw to first.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.co.

Aldenville suffers loss to Monson

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Because of a couple of post-ponements, the Monson Post 241 Legion baseball team had only played three games during the first 18 days of the regular season.

Monson evened its overall record to 2-2 following a 6-1 win against Aldenville Post 337, at Thomas B. Landers Baseball Diamond in South Hadley, last Friday night.

"This was only our fourth game since the Legion season began on June 10. We're still trying to figure things out," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "We did play very well defensively, and we also had a couple of timely base hits. I'm very happy with the way that we

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Avery Klingensmith follows through on a pass.



the Mutiny's first-year head coach, is also the longtime head coach of the Western Mass. Pioneers. He coached the Pioneers match at Vermont Green, which ended in a scoreless draw, last Saturday night.

The Mutiny remained in first place in the United Women Soccer East conference standings with a perfect 5-0-0 overall record.

"It feels really good to be 5-0," said Mutiny defender Rachel Marchini, who scored her first goal wearing a Mutiny uniform. "We're just looking forward to continuing playing well in each game."

Because only the top four teams in the East Conference standings will qualify for the league playoffs, the Mutiny can't afford a loss in their final three regular season matches.

They're scheduled to play a road match against the Connecticut Rush on Saturday night.

The same two teams will face each other again seven days later at Lusitano Stadium, which will be the Mutiny final regular season home match.

The Mutiny will then close out the regular season with a road clash against the Worcester Fuel on June 30.

"We're looking forward to finishing the regular season on a positive note," said Viviane, who's also the Pioneers goalie's coach. "I think our next two matches against the Connecticut Rush will be hard fought battles. Worcester might be struggling, but you can't overlook any team in this league."

The Mutiny won't have the services



Hope Santaniello gets past an opponent.

Turley photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com

of forward Cat Berry, who's one of the team's leading scorers, during the final three regular season matches. She went back to the University of South Carolina last weekend to take summer classes and prepare for her final collegiate season as a member of the Gamecocks women's soccer team.

Berry has been a member of the Mutiny for the past three seasons and is a fan favorite. She'll most likely be drafted by a National Women's Soccer League (N.W.S.L.) team next year.

"Cat will definitely be drafted by a N.W.S.L. team next year," Ferrara said. "It was awesome having her play for our soccer team during the past couple of years. Not only is she a very talented soccer player, but she's also a great kid."

The Mutiny, who outscored their first five opponents of this season, 19-3, have compiled a an 18-5-2 overall record since the start of the 2022 regular season.

The Crusaders (3-1-1), who joined the U.W.S. this season, entered last Saturday's contest with a 3-0-1 mark. They had only given up two goals in the first four matches. The Mutiny doubled that total in a span of 90 minutes.

The home side took a 1-0 lead during the 11th minute of the opening half following a corner kick goal.

Mutiny midfielder Abbey Jones, who's a member of the UConn women's soccer team, booted the ball into the box from the left corner. Marchini, who also played soccer at UConn a couple of years ago, sent a volley shot into the back of the net past Hudson Valley goalie Natalie Kelchner.

"I've been playing for the Mutiny

for two years now and I scored my first goal in tonight's game," said Marchini, who also scored only one goal during her collegiate career. "I was just in the right spot at the right time. My goal gave us a lot more confidence because they were also an unbeaten team."

Marchini was also a member of the Connecticut Fusion before joining the Mutiny.

"I used to play for the Fusion, but when they folded, I decided to come play here," Marchini said. "It has been a lot of fun playing soccer at this stadium during the past couple of years."

Marchini anchors the Mutiny defensive unit along with Logan Jacobs, Laci Lewis, and Sam Breton.

Goalkeeper Natalie Mutschler only had to make a couple of saves in recording her second consecutive shutout.

The Mutiny second goal was scored by forward Chioma Okafor during the 29th minute. Forward Maddy Theriault, who graduated from Palmer High School a couple of years ago, was credited with the assist.

Another local player listed on the Mutiny roster is Hope Santaniello, who was an All-American soccer player at Agawam High School.

Santaniello, who'll be a member of the UMass-Lowell women's soccer team in the fall, scored her team's second corner kick goal, which was assisted by Okafor, during the 71st minute.

She also converted a penalty kick during the final minute of regulation, which kept the Mutiny undefeated heading into the home stretch of the regular season.



Maddy Theriault advances up the field.



Jess Mazo sends a quick pass away.



Chioma Okafor settles the ball.

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played in tonight's game."

The winning pitcher was righthander Brayden Mega, who was a junior on the Pathfinder Tech varsity baseball team this past spring. He allowed one run on three hits with four walks and four strikeouts in 51/3 innings. Righty James Delaney, who graduated from Belchertown High School in 2023, only allowed one hit over the final 1 2/3 innings.

"Mega pitched an outstanding game," Tripp said. "He kept the Aldenville batters at bay. He threw around 80 pitches and just kept throwing strikes."

Aldenville, who normally plays their home games at Szot Park in Chicopee, had a 3-3 record following the loss to Monson.

"We were missing five starters tonight and we found enough players together to play the game. We didn't want to forfeit tonight's game," said Aldenville assistant coach Steve Burnett. "I think they only scored one earned run against us. We just made a couple of costly mistakes."

Aldenville manager Mason Scott also didn't attend last Friday's game against Monson because he was on vacation

Aldenville did take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning.

With one-out in the frame, shortstop Nathan Carillon, who graduated from South Hadley High School a year ago, hit a chopper off the pitcher's glove for an infield hit. He advanced to second base on a wild pitch before Brady Burnett, who was Aldenville's starting pitcher, drew a walk. Then another infield hit by second baseman Zach Oldenburg loaded the bases. Left fielder Ryan Netkovick, who was a sophomore on this year's South Hadley varsity baseball team, drove home the game's first run with a groundball out to third.

Aldenville managed to hold onto the one run lead until the third inning.

That's when Monson took advantage of a couple of errors to take a 3-1 lead against lefty Brady Burnett.

Monson shortstop John Mumper was safe at first base following a fielding error by the third baseman leading off the inning. His younger brother, Jason, who started in center field, followed with an infield hit. John Mumper scored the tying run on the play following a throwing error.

After a line-drive single to left field by first baseman Dylan Sutkaitis, designated hitter Dom Allen blasted a double to deep left field scoring two more runs.

Monson also had scoring chances in their next two at-bats. They left a runner at third base in the fourth and the bases loaded in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Mega retired ten batters in a row before walking both first baseman Justin Moskal and right fielder Noah Carillon with one-out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Mega was able to retire the next two batters rather easily ending

Aldenville's threat.

After walking Netkovick with oneout in the sixth, Delaney replaced Mega on the mound.

The Monson relief pitcher did receive some help from his defense when left fielder Austin Meachum made an outstanding diving catch.

"Austin is the starting shortstop for the Monson varsity baseball team and he's a star in the making," Tripp said. "His outstanding diving catch helped up get out of that inning."

The next batter grounded out which ended the threat.

Monson scored three more runs in the top of the seventh inning. The biggest hit of that inning was an RBI single by right fielder Shane Szado, who also plays baseball at Monson High School.

Monson made a couple of errors in the bottom of the seventh, but Delaney got out of the jam without giving up any

It was the only meeting of the regular season between the two squads.

New matchup announced for Basketball Hall of Fame showcase

SPRINGFIELD - The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame announced the updated lineup for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase. The event will now take place on Dec. 14 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Revised Hall of Fame Showcase matchups:

> Saturday, Dec. 14 Providence vs. St. Bonaventure Bryant vs. Fordham

Tickets for the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase will go on sale Friday, September 6, via Ticketmaster and on sale at the Mohegan Sun Arena Box Office starting Saturday, September 7.

Details surrounding the game time, broadcast information, and credentials will be provided at a later date. For

more information, please visit hoophall.com.

Coaches participating in the event commented.

"We are always looking for unique situations in scheduling where we can put our program on a big stage. We are very thankful for the Basketball Hall of Fame continuing to allow us these opportunities." said Phil Martelli Jr., Bryant.

"We are excited to be invited to play in the Basketball Hall of Fame Men's Showcase. The Basketball Hall of Fame does a fantastic job at hosting these events and Mohegan Sun is a great venue for

> basketball. It will be a tremendous experience and test for our program as we compete against some strong early season competition. I'm sure that Fordham fans are just as excited and will come out to support their Rams." said Keith Urgo, Fordham.

"We are looking forward to the oppor-

tunity to participate in the 2024 Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase at Mohegan Sun. Providence College has a proud tradition of participating in past Hall of Fame events at Mohegan Sun. This is a great event for our team and our fans in a first-class facility. It also will be a good chance for our team to compete against one of the top programs in the Atlantic 10." said Kim English,

"We are excited to participate in this season's Basketball Hall of Fame Showcase at Mohegan Sun. These are exactly the types of games we strive to play every year. Providence is a storied program with good players who are very well-coached. This will be a great challenge, but one we are looking forward to. I anticipate a large contingent of Bona Nation in the building that day. Thanks to the BHOF for another great opportunity." said Mark Schmidt, St. Bonaventure.

Thunderbirds announce coaches and promotions for upcoming season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced the promotion of James Woodward and Katherine Ferri to Account Executives, as well as the hiring of Joe Manning as an Inside Sales Representative.

Originally from Hartford, Conn., Woodward joined the Thunderbirds as a Game Operations and Merchandise intern before joining the sales depart-

ment as an Inside Sales Representative for the 2023-24 season. He graduated with a degree in Sport Management from Western New England University.

A Springfield native, Ferri is a graduate of Westfield State University, where she competed on the swimming and diving team while completing her degree in communication with a concentration in Media Arts and Analysis.

She joined the Thunderbirds during the 2022-23 season as an intern in the ticket sales department before serving as an Inside Sales Representative during the 2023-24 season.

A recent graduate of Springfield College, Manning joins the Thunderbirds as an Inside Sales Representative after interning in the ticket sales and media relations departments during the 2023-24 season. The native of Wilbraham, Mass.,

was also a member of Springfield College's club ice hockey team during his time in school.

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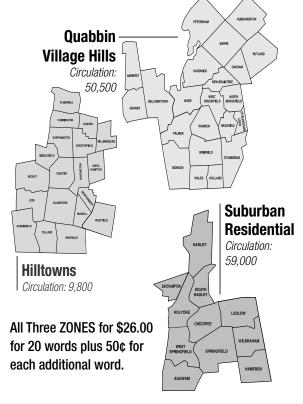
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In The News

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Pierce is grateful for all of the support she has received throughout the process of this project. The Holyoke Preservation Trust, the Friends of Holyoke City Hall, the Mayor's Office and Holyoke Heritage State Park Visitor's Center have all helped her throughout this project.

"I really appreciate them working with us so I had the ability to do this because without their cooperation, this would not have happened," Pierce said. "The people are really the highlight of everything."

She hopes that the community will come out and support this project. People can come out to see the photos at the visitor's center and they can go online to purchase prints of the photos.

People can get their photos printed or matted when they purchase the items. They will be printing and matting to order, so there may be a delay between when a person purchases a photo and when it arrives at their home.

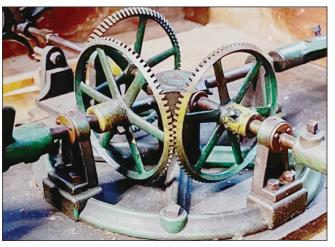
This show has been in the making for several years now. Treasurer of Holyoke Preservation Trust Olivia Mausel had reached out to Pierce to ask her about photographing parts of City Hall.

From there the project continued to grow until it became the full show it is today.

"I realized that there were almost no photos of the interior of City Hall and that turned into wanting to get a full historical documentation of the hall," Pierce said.

Pierce hopes that people enjoy this documentation of the hall and that they support the continued efforts to restore the building to its former glory.

In order to purchase the photographs, go to https://www.holyokepreservationtrust.org/.





Architectural Photographer Stephanie Pierce took photos of a variety of areas within City Hall including the clocktower in order to capture the beauty of its interior.



People milled around Heritage State Park Visitor's Center in order to see Architectural Photographer Stephanie Pierce's photos of City Hall.

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