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## Kickoff event held for summer reading

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The summer reading program at Holyoke public library has officially begun, and it started out strong with a kickoff party outside the library on Friday, June 30.

At the party there were balloon animals, free ice cream and fun games for attendees to play. The goal of the party was to get kids more involved in the summer reading program.

“We’re going to have ice cream, yard games, balloons and just a whole fun time out front in the library,” Rene Pellisser, the children’s librarian, said.

Throughout the summer there will be something new for Holyoke residents to do almost everyday at the library, as confirmed by teen librarian Robin Siniho. This includes podcasting with Holyoke Media, poetry and art gatherings, and even ukulele lessons.

Also present at the event were representatives from Holyoke Public Schools. They were there to help provide information to families about the rezoning process of the schools.

“This year we’re really focusing on the restructuring, as the schools are restructuring and moving away from the K-8 model next year,” Stefany Garcia, family and communi-



Myriam Rodriguez, Rey Figueroa and Stefany Garcia represent Holyoke Public Schools at the kickoff event.

ty engagement team member at Donahue school, said. “So, we have profiles of the schools so each family knows their principal, their FACE member, their ETL person.”

The team was available to help families learn where they would be going to school next year. They plan to continue to be available for anyone who

seeks more information on the rezoning, as well as for families interested in signing up for the summer program.

“It’s really just to make sure that families have information and are aware of what they’re going on,” Garcia said.

There was also the new food truck from the school system, there to give out food as part of the free lunch program.

“We’re kicking off summer lunch, all the children of Holyoke get free meals, and also promoting our new food truck,” David Mensher said.

This food truck will be

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Dozens of residents gather at the Summer Reading kickoff party held last Friday.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

## Kiwanis Club makes its return to city

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Kiwanis is making a return to Holyoke. Now named the Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke, this organization is happy to be making its return to the city.

“This new club will pick up where the old one left off, but with much younger members and a lot more diversi-

ty,” George Delisle, secretary of the Northampton club and member of the district membership committee said. “I think the new club is a lot more reflective of the modern Holyoke community than the old one was. We’ll take up the task of doing programs, raising funds and looking for ways to make life better for the children in our community.”

The Kiwanis chapter

in Holyoke had to close its doors last fall. At that point in time, it had been in existence for more than 100 years. The club had to close down due to lack of membership interest at the time. Now, work has been done in order to bring interest back to the club.

“We secured a grant from Kiwanis international...plus

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A recent Kiwanis event saw new bicycle helmets for area children. Holyoke’s Kiwanis Club has been revived.

Submitted photo

## More murals: Beyond Walls returns to create more art

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – Beyond Walls, the nonprofit that put together the murals decorating the streets of Holyoke, has returned to the city.

“Beyond Walls is a mural program that does a lot more than what you see on the surface, which are the murals,” Ruben Ubiera, an artist from Beyond Walls, said. “We go beyond the walls and really reach out into the community and try to find out what the necessities are, and what the community is asking for. We try to find spaces that are canvases and are inspiring and where there is already history and character.”

Beyond Walls was scheduled to put up 12 new murals in Holyoke, all which were scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Poor weather recently may have pushed back the completion, however.

The city was thrilled to be bringing Beyond Walls back.

“We brought them back this year because we want to help revitalize the city through art,” Stephanie Colón, the Mass-In-Motion coordinator for Holyoke, said.

“Art has lots of healing properties and amazing things that it can bring to the community. People having autonomy over where they live, feeling the beauty and character.”

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# Massachusetts State Police to host Community Day July 12

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**NEW BRAINTREE** – The Massachusetts State Police Academy is offering people the unique opportunity to visit the campus and meet with Troopers, specialty units, as well as members of the 88th Recruit Training Troop.

On Wednesday, July 12 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Community Day will be held at the State Police Academy located at 340 West Brookfield Road. The free event will be held rain or shine.

“We look forward to seeing everybody...anyone interested can come,” Captain Jon Provost, Commandant of the State Police Academy said. “Hopefully we’ll make it a regular event.”

The public is invited to meet Troopers assigned to a variety of roles within the department and get a close-up look at special equipment.

Specialty units such as the K-9 Section, Mounted Unit, Drone Unit, Air Wing, Marine Unit, Bomb Squad, Special Tactical Operations Team, Recruitment and Diversity Unit are expected to be in attendance.

“People like to see our specialty units,” Provost said.

Complimentary light refreshments will be provided by the State Police Academy’s third-party catering service, Eures. The catering service provides all meals to recruits in the training program.

“They’re ready to feed an army three times a day,” Provost.

Farmer Matt will also be there serving up some of his signature dishes at no cost. Farmer Matt is located just down the road from the State Police Academy, at 860 West Brookfield Road.

Located on the grounds of the former

Pioneer Valley Academy, the State Police Academy covers just under 780 acres in the rural town.

Pioneer Valley Academy was a co-ed boarding school operated by the Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists that provided high school education to hundreds of students from 1965-1983.

After the school closed and was unused for a number of years, construction began in the late 1980s to turn it into a state prison. Facing fierce opposition from residents and people from surrounding towns, the plan was eventually abandoned.

The State Police relocated their training academy to the site, and in 1992 graduated their first class of recruits, the 70th RTT.

Provost was a member of the second class to graduate from the New Braintree campus, the 71st RTT, and stepped into his role as Commandant last year.

Since he arrived in New Braintree, he has talked with Deputy Division Commander of Training Major Steven McCarthy about hosting a Community Day to engage the public.

Not much has changed since it’s days as a school, with the buildings repurposed to suit the State Police’s training needs.

The B building of the former school is now the main building of the State Police Academy, and A and C, the former men’s and women’s dormitories, still serve the same purpose.

Both A and C had chapels when it was a school, and they have since been converted into large classrooms capable of seating 100 recruits.



The State Police Academy campus is also home to the State Police Regional Dispatch center, which provides services to close to a dozen towns, including New Braintree, Hardwick, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, North Brookfield, West Brookfield, Holland, Petersham and Wales.

The cafeteria is still that, but now has a wall lined with navy blue hats, or covers.

“It’s our version of ‘ringing the bell,’” Provost said, referring to when candidates “volunteer out” of Navy SEAL training.

Each hat represents a recruit that has left the State Police Academy before finishing training. The 88th RTT started with 249 recruits and there are now 167 remaining.

Only about one out of every three recruits make it to the end and graduates.

Training at the State Police Academy is intense, with 16-hour days Monday through Friday for about 23 weeks.

As a paramilitary organization, training at the State Police Academy is both physically and mentally demanding, and broken into three phases. It ranges from classroom training to hands-on, giving recruits confidence in the field.

The first phase demonstrates and teaches the necessary skills and techniques needed by recruits, and in the final phase, the recruits are trained to be autonomous.

“They are working to be independent,” McCarthy said.

The grounds of the State Police Academy are also home to a firearms range, a ropes confidence course, a gym and more. The State Police Academy works with municipal police departments

from across the state, offering the use of its state-of-the-art training facility.

The State Police Academy’s wells also provide water to the town’s grade school and Town Hall.

Local farmers lease the fields for haying, and hunters utilize the grounds during hunting seasons, Provost said. The gym is also open for public use, available around training schedules.

Sunsets and sunrises up on the hill are the most breathtaking he’s ever seen, Provost said.

The Community Day event is really just that; a celebration of the community and its role in supporting the State Police Academy.

“We appreciate New Braintree very much,” Provost said.

People are also encouraged to join in the ongoing food drive at the State Police Academy during Community Day, to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank.

Requested donations include non-perishable gluten-free food, spices and condiments, healthy snacks (such as nuts, granola bars, canned and dried fruits), cereals, rice, pasta, canned pasta sauce, dry beans (all varieties), low-sodium broths/soups/stews/chili and 100% fruit and vegetable juices.

All items must have a clear expiration date and ingredient list. Try to avoid sugar-sweetened beverages such as soda and non-fruit juice, candy products and energy drinks. Menstrual care products and hygiene items are also needed.

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**HOLYOKE** – Holyoke Senior Center, 291 Pine Street, has ongoing weekly activities.

Classes with an asterisk (\*) next to them are also available on Zoom. For more information, and to make reservations or appointments, call 413-322-5625.

**MONDAY:** Healthy Joints\*; 10 a.m., Healthy Joints\*; 11:15 a.m.: Senior Strength\*; 12:30 p.m.: Senior Band Rehearsal; 1 p.m.: Chair Volleyball, Watercolor Painting; 5 p.m.: Yoga en Español, Zoom only.

**TUESDAY:** 8:15 a.m.: Balance & Agility; 9 a.m.: Osteo Exercise\*; 9:30 a.m.: Painting (reg. Req.); 10 a.m.: Course in Miracles, Therapy Dog Riley; 10:15 a.m.: Balance & Agility\*; 11 a.m.: Shake Your Soul\*; 12:30 p.m.: Writing Your Life Story, Mah Jongg; 1 p.m.: Zumba; 2

p.m.: Chair Yoga\*; 3 p.m.: Mat Yoga\*.

**WEDNESDAY:** 8:30 a.m.: Healthy Joints Exercise\*; 9 a.m. Beg. Line Dancing; 9:30 a.m.: BP Clinic; 10 a.m.: Int. Line Dancing, Healthy Joints\*; 11:15 a.m.: Senior Strength\*; 12:30 p.m.: Senior Sing, Pitch; 1 p.m.: Golden Senior Club.

**THURSDAY:** 8:15 a.m.: Balance & Agility\*; 8:30 a.m.: Garden Club; 9 a.m.: Osteo Exercise\*; 9:30 a.m.: Painting (reg. Req.); 10 a.m.: Stroke & Aphasia Support Group; 10:15 a.m.: Fun & Fit\*; 11:15 a.m.: Meditation in Motion; 12 p.m.: Model Train Club; 12:30 p.m.: Pitch; 1 p.m.: Reunión Social.

**FRIDAY:** 9 a.m.: Ceramics; 10 a.m.: Therapy Dog Milo, Chair Yoga\*; 12:30 p.m.: Mah Jongg; 1 p.m.: Bingo.

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# Staying safe and emotionally healthy during summer vacation

HOLYOKE – Dr. Negar Beheshti, a board-certified adult, child and adolescent psychiatrist and Chief Medical Officer for Holyoke-based MiraVista Behavioral Health Center and sister hospital, TaraVista Behavioral Health Center in Devens, recommends a balance of structured fun and learning during school vacation. Beheshti recommends as well that primary care givers do their due diligence to keep everyone engaged in safe behavior that supports mental health.

Conversations around behavior and activities, she adds, should be age appropriate.

“For example, children in elementary school may be doing a lot of summer

camp activities and this is an opportunity to talk to them about appropriate behavior with other peers at the camp,” Beheshti said. “When you get to the tweens, they may not want the regular, structured routine of summer camp. However, it is still good to do some type of structured program as it gives middle-schoolers the opportunity to continue social development and promotes new learning opportunities. Some school districts offer enriched learning programming at least part of the day that holds the potential to explore something new in a fun way.”

Other tips and recommendations for a safe and enjoyable summer break for young people from Dr. Beheshti,

including what routines should be maintained, how to approach a difficult topic, including a change in normal behavior, and support available to a child questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity, can be found at <https://www.miravistabhc.care/staying-emotionally-healthy-during-school-break/>.

The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services recently created new resource hubs for LGBTQ+ individuals including at <https://www.mass.gov/lgbtq-youth-mental-health-resources>, as well as a web resource page on summer programs for youth that are a mix of the academic and the recreational at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/summer-learning>.



## American Legion seeks donations for sprinkler system

HOLYOKE – In need of a need of a new sprinkler system, American Legion Post 351 is holding a benefit fundraiser on Saturday, July 22 beginning at 1 p.m.

The event requires a \$25 donation and there will be food, music, and raffles throughout the afternoon.

For more information, go to [gofundme.com/f/tgrtje-veterans-need-your-help](https://gofundme.com/f/tgrtje-veterans-need-your-help).

## Orthopedic surgeon joins Holyoke Medical Center

HOLYOKE – Daryle Ruark, MD, a board certified surgeon, has joined Holyoke Medical Center. Specializing in orthopedic surgery, Ruark is the newest physician at the HMC Orthopedic Center.

“I am excited to join the team at Holyoke Medical Center. The mission and culture of the organization to improve the health of all people in our community with honesty, respect, dignity, and compassion aligns with my own philosophy of care in treating all patients the way I would want my own family to be treated,” said Ruark.



Dr. Daryle Ruark

Ruark received a Bachelors of Arts degree from Harvard University and his medical degree from Albany Medical College. He completed a general surgery internship and orthopedic surgery residency at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Ruark then completed a fellowship in shoulder surgery at Baylor Medical College in Dallas.

He has been practicing since 2003 in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Ruark is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

“We are proud to welcome Dr. Ruark to the growing team here at Holyoke Medical Center. With over 20 years of experience in the field of orthopedic surgery, he brings with him a level of professional knowledge accompanied by a compassionate manner that our patients can trust,” said Spiros Hatiras, Holyoke Medical Center’s president and chief executive officer.

A native of Longmeadow, Rourke lives there now with his wife and three young children.

Ruark is accepting new patients at the HMC Orthopedic Center, located at 10 Hospital Drive, Suite 203, in Holyoke. For more information, please call 413.536.5814.

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Guest Column

## Massachusetts, it's time for a new state symbol

The state seal and flag of Massachusetts need to be changed. Our state flag and seal, the symbol we hold up to the world and to our own residents, depicts a white hand holding a Colonial broadsword over the head of an Indigenous person, with a Latin motto beneath that translates: "She seeks a quiet peace under the sword, but peace with liberty."

This symbol has been the subject of protest by our Indigenous brothers and sisters in Massachusetts for more than 50 years. It is a symbol of violence and, as Brian Weeden, the chairperson of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has succinctly stated, it is a reminder of "the oppression of Native people."

The state flag and seal of Massachusetts has been changed many times in the past, the last time 140 years ago.

In June, the town meeting voters of Brookfield and West Brookfield voted to join 75 other towns and cities in Massachusetts, from the Berkshires to the Cape Cod, in support of changing this shameful symbol, and more towns, such as Southbridge, are considering adding their voices soon to the push for a much needed change.

For one thing, the current image is not historically accurate, as it was modeled after a native person from Montana rather than Massachusetts.

The broadsword on our state seal is modeled after one used by Miles Standish to behead Native people. Not a great image for our young children to study in school.

Today, for the first time in 140 years, Massachusetts is undertaking a thorough review of our state symbol, and the structures are finally in place to make this update happen.

There is bipartisan support on a recently appointed bipartisan special commission, with indigenous representation, appointed by the former Republican Governor, Charles Baker, to make final recommendations for the design of a new state flag, seal and motto that may better reflect harmony among all the people who now call the Commonwealth their home.

Soon, the special commission will be conducting a statewide poll that will enable all of us to give input over the coming months on elements for a new design. The cost of change will be minimal, as stationery and flags and signs need to be gradually replaced anyway due to wear and tear.

Although 77 towns in Massachusetts - over 20% - have supported this positive change so far, some of them unanimously, we need to put some pressure behind these votes in order for this 40-years-in-the-making change to finally occur!

Massachusetts is the last state in the union to fly a flag with symbols of violence against one race of people. This needs to change as soon as possible.

As members of the commission themselves state, they want to find "symbols and terms that might replace harm with inspiration" and that "reflect Massachusetts' commitment to 'peace, justice, liberty and equality and to spreading the opportunities and advantages of education.'"

We urge all citizens to make your voices heard, both to your state senator and representative, asking them to push for the recommendations of this commission to be heard and enacted, and to join in the upcoming statewide polling to gather input for a new flag design we can all believe in. This is a truly historic process in which we can all participate.

As this process unfolds, we can take a great deal of pride in the willingness of the town meeting voters of Brookfield and West Brookfield to step forward and register their support for a new flag and seal for Massachusetts!

Sherry Zitter, LICSW lives in Brookfield and spearheaded the town warrant article that recently passed 2:1 to change our state seal and flag. She loves gardening, walking her dog, playing guitar and making the world a fairer place for all.

David Detmold is coordinator of the statewide campaign [Changethemassflag.com](http://Changethemassflag.com) and lives in Montague.

## Clues that your local beach may have problems...



Guest Column

## Should I have taxes withheld from Social Security if working part time?



Dear Rusty:

*I just started receiving my Social Security in February of 2023. I am also working part time at a company 24 hours a week. My question is... I feel like I missed something when I signed up for Social Security because they are not taking any taxes out.*

*What did I miss? How do I go about fixing it so I don't get hit at the end of the year? They are taking taxes out of my paycheck now, do they still take it out of my Social Security because I am working? Please help if I am not doing something right.*

Signed: Conscientious Senior

Dear Conscientious:

Unfortunately, when the Social Security Administration processes your application for benefits, they don't usually inform you that your Social Security benefits may become part of your taxable income. I expect that's because your benefits only "may" become taxable - they do not definitely become taxable, because Social Security benefits are taxed only if you exceed a certain income threshold.

The thresholds at which Social Security benefits become part of your taxable income

are different depending on your income tax filing status - those who file as an individual have a different threshold from those who file as "married - filing jointly." And to further complicate matters there is more than one threshold for both individuals and joint filers. Here's how it works:

If you file your income tax as an individual and your "combined income" from all sources is more than \$25,000, then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at your particular IRS tax rate. But if your combined income as an individual tax filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of the SS benefits you received during the tax becomes part of your overall taxable income.

If your income tax filing status is "married - filing jointly" the thresholds are higher - if your combined income from all sources as a married couple exceeds \$32,000 then 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But if your combined income as a married couple exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits received during the tax year are taxable.

"Combined income" is also known as your "Modified Adjusted Gross Income" or "MAGI." Your MAGI is your Adjusted Gross Income on your tax return, plus 50% of the Social Security benefits you received during

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## Tips for successful summer pruning



I thought it would be fun to follow up my spring pruning column with one geared towards shrubs that are best tackled during the summer months.

Enjoy this read, straight out of the archives!

After the recent (and glorious) rain we've been receiving, my shrubs have had a major growth spurt! Now is a great time to tackle much needed vegetation control.

Here are instructions for pruning five of our most favorite shrubs.

Yews (*Taxus* species) may not rank as top pick, but many homeowners have inherited a yew or two flanking the foundation of their home. For this pruning job you will need a pair of hand clippers, not hedge trimmers.

The new growth is obvious: it is very

flexible, lighter in color and extends several inches from the shrub's silhouette.

With clippers in hand, grab a branch, and instead of removing just the new growth, make a cut well within the body of the shrub. This process is called "making windows."

The windows allow light to penetrate the plant's interior causing regeneration to occur. Repeat in various spots on each shrub for a balanced appearance.

Any straggly growth that remains can be nipped back. By pruning in this manner each year, healthy, new growth is encouraged, yet height and width control is maintained.

Too labor intensive for you? Alright, use the hedge trimmers first, then make a few windows, for nearly the same effect.

Azaleas, rhododendrons (*Rhododendron* sp.) and mountain laurels (*Kalmia latifolia*) set their flower buds the summer before bloom. Prune these bushes immediately after they flower next spring; it is just about too late to do much more now.

One task that can be accomplished immediately is deadheading. Inspect the shrubs and gently break off seed pods that

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Oscar Wilde

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have formed from this year's blooms. Simply hold on to the center of the spent flower cluster and bend it forward. This will send more energy back to the plant and encourage healthy bud formation.

Dense plantings or tall lanky specimens can be rejuvenated next year by cutting "windows" into the bush like I describe above to encourage interior sprouting. Once enough stems have sprouted, taller branches can be cut back to a lower juncture.

The immensely popular pinkish flowered Spirea x bumalda "Anthony Waterer" has the ability to grow 3-4-foot tall and 5-6-foot wide when mature. Unfortunately, most folks buy it in a gallon pot and site it for that size, often planting it in front of the shrub border or in and amongst perennials.

In a year or two, when the plant has crowded out its neighbors, they are sorry for the misjudgment.

Alas, there is hope. The following pruning technique works for all members of the genus- most are hardy growers.



Spirea

Once the Spirea is done blooming, look into the center of the plant and find the largest branches. Cut those down to ground level.

Stand back and look at what is left. Prune remaining branches back to a point of new growth, really reigning in the girth.

Plan to rejuvenate the plant over a three year time frame by taking one third of the bush each year.

Butterfly Bush (Buddleia davidii) is usually growing by leaps and bounds this



Euonymus fortunei

time of year and is preparing to burst into bloom soon.

How do you keep it covered in flowers? By lots of deadheading.

Removing spent blossoms will encourage new shoot growth and more flowers. If you have a Butterfly Bush that has gotten way out of hand, consider cutting it back in late winter or early spring- to about a foot in height- then fertilize it.

Expect a much more compact version come summertime.

Euonymus fortunei is sold as a popular groundcover that can grow quite tall if left to its own devices. Most often seen in the landscape are the variegated species.

"Emerald Gaiety" has silver edged leaves where "Emerald and Gold" has dark green foliage with yellow margins. This time of year, a haircut is needed.

Prune away gangly stems back to the base. Also, be on the lookout for solid color stems on these variegated plants. Cut any that you find away completely, otherwise they may take the lead, leaving you with not exactly what you had planted.

It may seem like you live in a jungle...but an afternoon's worth of work will definitely reign in the vegetation. Enjoy your time with the clippers!

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

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the tax year, plus any non-taxable interest or untaxed foreign income you had (note that withdrawals from a Roth IRA are not included). If your "MAGI" exceeds the above thresholds, some of your Social Security benefits are taxable; if you are under the first threshold for your IRS filing status they are not.

Social Security doesn't automatically withhold taxes from your monthly benefit, and the FICA tax being withheld from your earnings are not used for that purpose. Everyone who works and earns

must pay SS tax on their earnings, which are mandatory contributions supporting the federal Social Security program. But that FICA payroll tax has nothing to do with income tax on your Social Security benefits. If you are working 24 hours per week and also collecting Social Security benefits, you will likely exceed the threshold for your tax filing status, which means that at least some of your 2023 benefits will become taxable. That could, as you suspect, result in a surprise "hit" when you file next year's income tax return. Nevertheless, fixing this is quite easy:

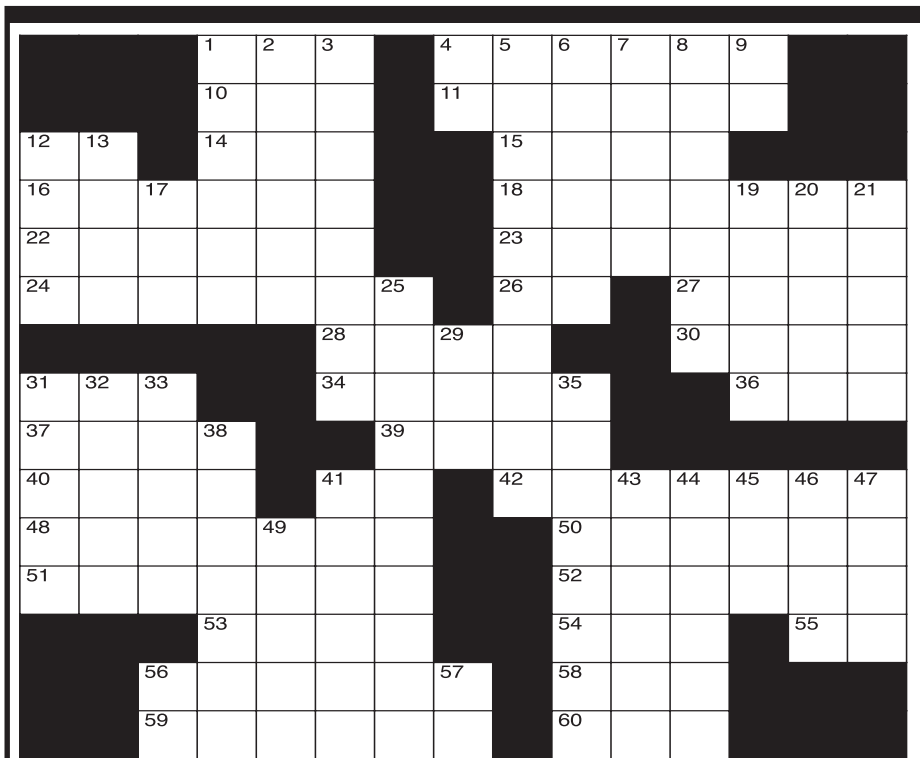
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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.



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- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith

- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

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- 1. Make up for
- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
- 56. Type of computer
- 57. U.S. State (abbr.)

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## In The News

# Remembrance of Servicemen lost in 1946 B-17 Crash

HOLYOKE – The annual remembrance of the June 9, 1946, B-17 crash which took the lives of twenty-five young men returning from World War II will be held Saturday July 8, at the Memorial site on Mt. Tom. The memorial committee and a few family members of those who died will be in attendance.

On July 9, 1946, twenty-five young men from the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Army Air Corps, U.S. Public Health Service and American Red Cross died, as they were returning from World War II when their B-17 crashed into the side of Mt Tom in a heavy rainstorm. No one survived.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, a

remembrance will take place, as it has for the last twenty-seven years since the erection of a monument. The event will serve as a remembrance of the sacrifice of those who died there.

Free transportation will be provided, along with seating, shade, water, and personal facilities. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony. Organizers ask that attendees arrive at 8:30 a.m. to allow time to shuttle to the site for the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Parking at the base of the mountain can be accessed by Mt. Park Rd followed by a right turn to Mt. Tom Ski Rd. For more information visit the Mt. Tom B-17 Memorial website at: <https://www.mttommemorial.org>.

# Foundation awards Girl Scouts of Central and Western Mass

REGION – Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts recently announces it has received a three-year, \$165,000 grant from the Women's Foundation of Boston.

According to a press release, the grant will fund the expansion of the "It's a Girls World" community based program that encompasses STEM, Financial Literacy, Healthy Living and Mental Health Wellness programs.

GSCWM is one of 10 nonprofits that exclusively serves women and girls awarded in WFBoston's 2023 grant cycle and one of three grantees who serve women and/or girls in Massachusetts "Gateway Cities," the release states.

"Historically as a society, we have not done enough to build women and girls' confidence in their academic, athletic, leadership, and financial abilities, all of which are priorities for the organizations we support and help scale," said Christina Gordon, co-founder and CEO of the Women's Foundation of Boston.

"It is crucial that we continue to invest in nonprofits, especially those operating in our Gateway Cities, giving them the ability to serve thousands of women and girls in need of our support."

According to GSCWM Fund Development and Marketing Manager Jamie Mahon, "this generous grant enables us to expand what we've been doing in Worcester County and allows us to serve more girls, meeting them where they are, in communities that may experience gaps in access to resources and

programming."

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts plans to bring It's a Girls World to Chicopee, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield and Westfield.

To inquire about It's a Girls World, or to join, volunteer, donate or reconnect, contact GSCWM at [info@gscwm.org](mailto:info@gscwm.org) or visit [gscwm.org](http://gscwm.org).

### About GSCWM

Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts serves nearly 5,000 girls in kindergarten through grade 12 with the support of over 3,000 adult volunteers in 186 towns and cities in the region. The Girl Scout program allows girls to discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together while building their personal leadership qualities. GSCWM supports girls by giving them extraordinary opportunities to explore, experience, and learn about their world and helps girls recognize that they are vital members of their communities.

### About the Women's Foundation

The Women's Foundation of Boston, Inc. is a nonprofit public charity that creates, funds and accelerates high-impact economic and leadership programs that equip Greater Boston women and girls to be financially independent and successful leaders. WFBoston is becoming the primary vehicle for investing in women and girls in Greater Boston and is building a fast-growing network of female nonprofit and business leaders.



## COLORFUL CELEBRATION



The city celebrated Independence Day with fireworks at Holyoke Community College held last Friday.

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## Blue Sox falls to Danbury

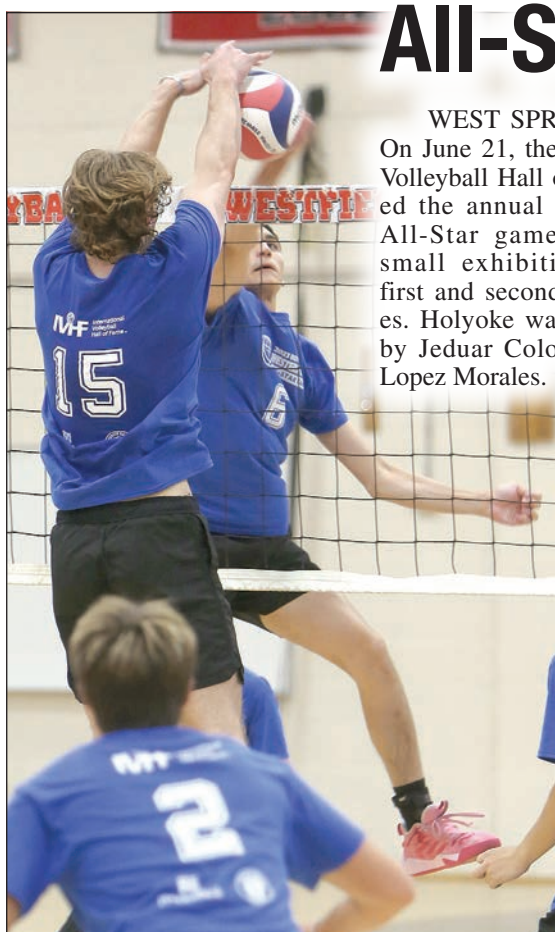
HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were defeated by the Danbury Westerners last Thursday night 8-4. Valley's record now sits at 9-10.

Danbury got out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth inning, following a two-run homer from Luke Boynton. The Westerners added three more runs in the bottom of the fifth after an RBI double and error from Blue Sox starter Jonathan Bautista.

Bautista made his team debut for Valley, and pitched five innings allowing five runs, and striking out seven batters.

Valley answered back in the top of the sixth inning.

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Willie Lopez Morales goes for a spike during the game.

## All-Stars

WEST SPRINGFIELD – On June 21, the International Volleyball Hall of Fame hosted the annual High School All-Star games, featuring small exhibitions for the first and second team choices. Holyoke was represented by Jeduar Colon and Willie Lopez Morales.

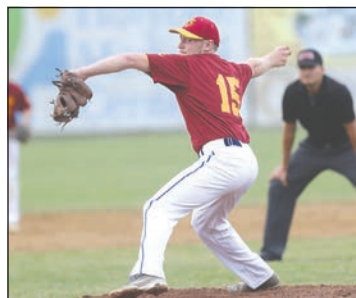


Jeduar Colon and Willie Lopez Morales pose prior to the all-star game.

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## PeoplesBank blows out St. Joe's

HOLYOKE – Last Tuesday night, PeoplesBank kept their momentum with a 14-0 mercy-rule shortened win over the St. Joe's Saints. Both teams, which feature players from all over the region, will be back in action following the Fourth of July holiday. PeoplesBank holds down first place with 18 points.



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.



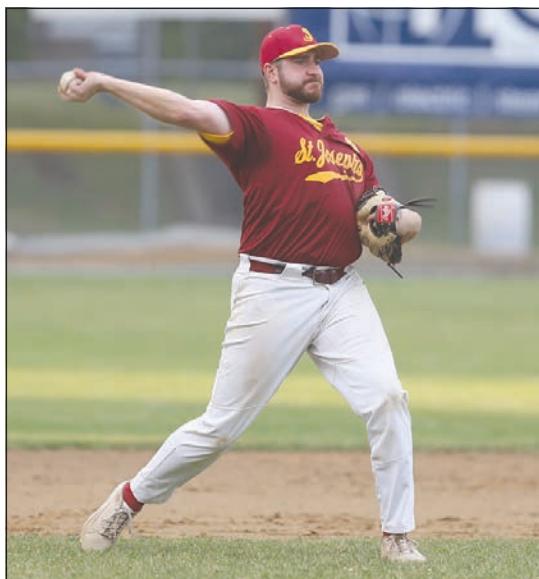
James Flahive delivers a pitcher for the Bankers.



Cam MacDonald fires across the diamond.



Dave Clark makes a throw to first.  
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Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's.

## New England Mutiny shut out at home

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The forecast called for thunderstorms, but the New England Mutiny lucked out with a beautiful night to play their third home match of the regular season. The weather turned out to be the only bright spot for the Mutiny.

Sporting CT, a first-year member of United Women's Soccer, made the trip north to Ludlow from Middletown, Connecticut and posted a 4-0 shutout before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium on Saturday, June 24.

"We faced a very tough opponent tonight. They played a 3-5-2, which is more of an attacking formation, against us," said Mutiny assistant coach Jill Kochanek. "We did have a couple of scoring opportunities. If we could've capitalized on them, it probably would've been a different result."

Kochanek took over the head coaching duties from first-year Mutiny head coach Mauricio "Toto" Coimbra for one night. Coimbra missed the home match because he was in Virginia coaching his club team at the Regionals.

The Mutiny (3-2-1), who lost 3-2 to the Albany Rush on the road on June 16, suffered their first regular sea-

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Agawam's Hope Santaniello looks to take a shot.

Turley photos by David Henry



Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, eyes an open teammate.

# Doug Coby finishes fifth at Seekonk Speedway

SEEKONK – Doug Coby rebounded after being collected in a mid-race wreck to finish fifth during Open Wheel last Wednesday at Seekonk Speedway. Coby won his qualifying heat race to start off the night in the Mayhew Tools No. 10 and rolled off ninth for the 100-lap, \$10,000 to win race.

Coby ran around the bottom of the

top-five for much of the first half of the race until the wreck off turn two on lap 49 left him nowhere to go. During the caution period, the team worked to repair the car and Coby returned to the track, restarting from 19th. He was able to pass 14 cars up into fifth before the finish.

“It was a way different race com-

pared to the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race here a few weeks ago,” Coby said. “I thought it was a really competitive race. We raced hard out there, risking using up your stuff for track position, but you had to do it. To come back from a wreck and grab a top-five, we’re happy. The Mayhew Tools team worked hard.”

Doug Coby will return to the track

driving for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Mayhew Tools No. 7NY during the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Wall Stadium Speedway on Saturday, July 8. For more information on Doug Coby, visit [DougCobyRacing.com](http://DougCobyRacing.com) and follow his page on Facebook for the latest news and updates, including from the track on both race days.

## Thunderbirds set several milestones during previous season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds were recognized for hitting milestone thresholds across a variety of business categories during the American Hockey League’s Team Business Meetings this week in Tucson, Ariz. The annual event features representatives from all 32 member clubs for sessions discussing best practices and innovative ideas across multiple departments.

On the heels of another record-setting year for the Thunderbirds business that saw new regular season records in attendance per game (6,162), sellout games (15, including every Saturday from Dec. 30 onward), season ticket members, and

group sales revenue, the team’s ticket sales department achieved a number of milestones for a second straight season. Among them were 600 new Full Season Equivalents (FSEs), a metric that tracks full-season and partial-season ticket sales. The department also saw a greater than 85 percent renewal rate among its full-season ticket members.

Individual game ticket sales also provided the Thunderbirds with two more threshold recognitions, as the business saw a greater than 15 percent increase in both FSE revenue per game and group ticket revenue per game.

In what was also a record-setting year

for the club’s corporate sales department, that area of the business was recognized for also seeing a greater than 85 percent renewal rate in corporate cash accounts en route to a single-season record in corporate revenue.

“Our entire staff has worked diligently to have an impact that is tangible in the arena, and these honors speak to that hard work coming to fruition,” said Thunderbirds President Nathan Costa. “On each of our big promotional nights, we are engaging fans of all ages and creating lifelong memories, which will always remain a top priority. The growth in ticket sales is a testament to our incredible fan

support, which proves we can be a force in our league, even as a smaller market. In turn, those bodies in the arena provide so much value for our corporate partnerships, and their support and involvement have allowed that department to reach new heights as well.”

The Thunderbirds also had a prolific season in the Springfield community, with more than 250 appearances by mascot Boomer and team players combined, ranging from youth hockey practice sessions to charitable affairs like the Rays of Hope Walk, annual Teddy Bear Toss deliveries, and corporate partnership events.

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The offense hit back-to-back home runs to lead off the inning, with solo shots coming off of the bats of AJ Guerrero and EJ Kreutzmann. Both outfielders went 3-for-5 on the night with an RBI apiece.

Michael Zarrillo would add another solo home run in the inning, cutting the Danbury lead to 5-3.

Leo Harris relieved Bautista in the bottom of the sixth inning, and allowed two runs in two innings of work out of the bullpen.

The Blue Sox scored one run in the top of the eighth inning off of a sacrifice fly from Sean Scanlon.

Jason Arrigo took over for Harris in

the bottom of the eighth, allowing one run and striking out two batters in his one inning of work.

Last Tuesday evening, the Valley Blue Sox are back in the win column following a 5-4 victory over the Bristol Blues in 10 innings. The Blue Sox’ record stands at 9-9, and they hold a 1.5 game lead in the West Division

Valley scored five runs off of nine hits in this game. The bats were rolling early after Matt Bergevin hit an RBI single to put the Blue Sox in the lead 1-0 in the top of the first inning. Bergevin went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a walk on the night.

The pitching staff was on point tonight for the Blue Sox. Graham Jeffries started the game for Valley, and pitched four innings allowing two runs and strik-

ing out one batter. Bristol took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning following an RBI triple and a sacrifice fly.

Manager Pedro Santiago turned the ball over to Dillon Ryan in the bottom of the fifth, who pitched a scoreless inning with one strikeout.

Thomas Ballard was the next man out of the bullpen for Valley. The right-hander pitched one inning allowing one run along with one strikeout.

The Blues would add one more run in the bottom of the sixth off of an RBI double to make it a 3-1 game.

Michael Weidinger struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh, his one inning of work in this game.

Valley would fight back to tie the ballgame in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs off of an RBI fielder’s choice

from Matt Bergevin and an RBI single from CJ Willis.

Zach Cameron took over for Weidinger in the bottom of the eighth inning, keeping the game tied in his first two innings of work to force extra innings.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the top of the tenth after an RBI double from CJ Willis scored Michael Zarrillo from second. Cian Sahler would pinch run for Willis and score on a wild pitch, making it a 5-3 game heading into the bottom of the tenth.

Cameron closed the door in his third inning of work, working a double play after a leadoff RBI single. The right-hander struck Bristol’s Dixon Black to end the game, and snap a five game losing streak for the Blue Sox.

### MUTINY, from page 7

son home loss during the past two years. They did lose to FC Buffalo, 2-1, at home in the Eastern Conference semifinals, last July.

“We’ve had a couple of setbacks, but that doesn’t define you as a team,” said forward Hope Santaniello, who’s one of the Mutiny veteran players. “Our main goal now is to win our final two regular season matches.”

If the Mutiny can post victories at the Worcester Fuel on Saturday night and at home against the CT Rush in the regular season finale on July 8, they should be able to clinch a berth in the U.W.S. playoffs for the second consecutive year. The top eight teams in the East Division will automatically qualify for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

“We’re still vying for a playoff spot,” Kochanek said. “If we do want to make a long run in the playoffs, we’ll need to capitalize on our scoring chances. This game was a good learning experience for us.”

Santaniello, who’s from Agawam, has been a member of the University of Rhode Island women’s team during the past couple of years. She recently entered the NCAA transfer portal and is in the process of searching for a new school to play soccer at in the fall.

In last Saturday’s match, Santaniello had a couple scoring chances in the first five minutes of the contest. Santaniello’s first shot attempt sailed wide, and her second shot on goal was saved by Sporting CT goalie Abby

McCarthy.

Midfielder Lily Fabian, who graduated from Monson High School in 2018, played in her first match of the season for the Mutiny.

“Lily has been one of our leaders during the past couple of years,” Kochanek said. “We’re grateful to have her back for today’s match.”

Sporting CT (6-0-0) took a 1-0 lead during the 21st minute when forward Aubrey Kupla fired a shot into the upper right corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Naya Lipkens. Tiffany Weimer, who’s the Sporting CT player/head coach, was credited with the assist.

Kupla finished her first ever soccer match at Lusitano Stadium with a hat-trick.

“The atmosphere at this stadium is electric,” Kupla said. “It was a lot of fun playing in front of a large crowd. Getting the win is the most important thing to me. Scoring the three goals was just the icing on the cake.”

Weimer, who’s also an assistant women’s soccer coach at Yale University, was a member of the Penn State women’s soccer team from 2002-2005. She holds the school record with 91 career goals.

Kupla, who’ll be a senior at Cromwell High School in the fall, will be following in Weimer’s footsteps. She has verbally committed to playing college soccer at Penn State.

“Tiffany holds the record for goals at Penn State,” Kupla said. “I’m really hoping to score 92 goals during my collegiate career, so I can break her school record.”

Early in the second half, Mutiny forward Chandler Pedolczyk stole the ball away from Abby McCarthy, who was the Sporting CT starting goalie, but her shot attempt sailed wide. She also had a header, but it was saved by McCarthy.

The score remained 1-0 until Sporting CT scored three goals in a span of seven minutes late in the second half.

The duo of Kupla and Weimer combined for the second and third goals.

Weimer finished the match with three assists. She netted the final goal of the match in the 77th minute.



Ela Kopec gets set to punt the ball away.



Jenna Kalwa tries to maneuver through the opposing defense.



Laci Lewis sprints up the field. Turley photos by David Henry [www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)



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

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.** You can join via Zoom.com; ID: 85787398285; CALL IN: \*67 646 558 8656 or in person at City Hall Annex 20 Korean Veterans Plaza Room 403, regarding the application for a Transfer of an All Annual All Alcohol Liquor License (On- Premises) from Slainte Inc. DBA Slainte, at 80 Jarvis Ave. to Pirate Queen, Inc at 80 Jarvis Ave., pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant: Pirate Queen Inc.

License Board:  
Anthony Luciano, Chairman  
06/30, 07/07/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1258PM In the matter of: David Bryan Provencal, II Of: Holyoke, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE**

**ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Amelia M Jayne of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **David Bryan Provencal, II** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Amelia M. Jayne** of Holyoke, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

**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 a.m. on the return date of **07/20/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affi-

dativ stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**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. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.**

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

Date: June 22, 2023  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1259PM In the matter of: Maxwell Logan Jayne Provencal Of: Holyoke, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT**

**OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Amelia M Jayne of Holyoke, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Maxwell Logan Jayne Provencal** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Amelia M Jayne** of Holyoke, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled,

that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

**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 a.m. on the return date of **07/20/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written

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

Date: June 22, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING**

Upper Echelon Cultivator LLC and Red Barn Growers LLC, two proposed marijuana microbusinesses, are giving notice of a Community Outreach Meeting on **July 25, 2023 at 5:15 pm** at the proposed location: **1 Cabot St. Holyoke, MA 01040**. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions or, email [ezra@blueskiescan.com](mailto:ezra@blueskiescan.com).  
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In The News

**KIWANIS, from page 1**

some funds from the New England and Bermuda district of Kiwanis," Delisle said. "We arranged for Kiwanis international to send a team of professionals into the community that was supplemented by volunteers from all the Kiwanis clubs in the surrounding area."

From there, they did a "membership blitz", which was a three-day gathering where they compiled a list of prospective members and asked community members to agree to become a part of the new club. Once they hit 15 members, they were ready to charter a new club.

"We are a legal Kiwanis club as of right now and they're ready to start doing service," Delisle said.

Now the club is ready to begin planning programs to help around the community.

"We're ready to start our service with some children's safety kits and we're getting our charter event ready, which will hopefully take place in September," Candace Daigneault, assistant manager of the TDBank branch in Holyoke and president of the new club, said.

The children's safety kit is a pack of items geared to help prevent injury in



Thanks to a grant, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke has begun activity again. Submitted photo

young children. They hope to give these out to families in the city of Holyoke. The goal is to adopt a park, through the parks and rec department, for a cleanup project. Then, they would clean up the park so children can enjoy it in the summer and have it as a space to give out these safety kits.

"The primary mission is the prevention and treatment of pediatric trauma," Delisle said. "That is injuries to children that occur as a result of accidents.

So these child safety kits that we've developed over the course of the last 50 years include educational items as well as items that help a new parent or young parent to protect the safety of their infant and young children."

This group also hopes to do work with teaching children about bicycle safety in the future.

Both Delisle and Daigneault are delighted to be part of the work bringing this club back into Holyoke.

"It's great to be able to have the Kiwanis presence back in the city, because they were so well known prior to them disbanding, and I think having the group of people that we have on board, it's such a diverse group and it's ready to go, and I think it's going to give back to Holyoke," Daigneault said.

This club is still open to new members and they would love to see new faces join this group.

"It's really important to stress that the recruiting continues," Delisle said. "The more members the club has, the more folks from the Holyoke community who chose to become members and get involved, that means more diversity, that means more people to do service, it means that the club will be able to take on bigger and more important projects. The door is open and we are very anxious to welcome folks who might be interested in becoming a part of this effort."

Meetings for the club are every Thursday morning at 9 at the Holyoke Public Library. Members are also welcome to join on zoom. The meetings are open to the public so anyone interested is welcome to attend.

For more information, go to the club's facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyokeKiwanis100>.

*The Holyoke Sun*  
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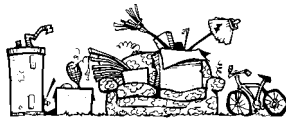
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**MURALS**, from page 1

ty of walking out into their community and seeing an amazing mural is really life changing for people. Looking at art, experiencing it, and that's what Beyond Walls does, they're really an experience for the city of Holyoke."

Holyoke has greatly appreciated the work last year's artists did around the city.

"It brings unity and hope," Maribel Ortiz, a Holyoke resident who helped to coordinate with Beyond Walls, said. "The group is incredible; it puts Holyoke on the map."

"They do work like no other. They bring world-renowned artists, they involve the community as much as they can, they're really a pleasure to work with in the process," Colón said.

Beyond Walls was brought back to Holyoke this year with the help of Nueva Esperanza, the Corazon project (the project that is turning main street into the Puerto Rican cultural district) and the office of Planning and Economic Development.

"We partnered with Nueva Esperanza, Kayla Rodriguez, she's amazing," Colón said. "Charlotte from Beyond Walls, she's been absolutely incredible and with them the process, it's a lot obviously, they're planning this 14-day artist creation, but they've made it so easy for us to just also experience it



One of last year's murals located at 44 Clemente St. is part of a Big Trash Animal Series called "Father and Baby Moose" by Artur Bordalo known as Bordalo II. The large scale mural recycles pieces of garbage in the mural as representation of what would endanger animals.

with the residents."

They also worked to ensure that local artists would be included in this round of the project.

"There are local artists that are being involved in this round," Kayla

Rodriguez, the executive director of Nueva Esperanza, said. "So, that was a conversation with Beyond Walls, that this round our agreement was that they had to include local artists. Even if it wasn't giving them a wall, to at least let them

work with their artists to learn their style, what they do, and any questions they have so they can gain some knowledge from professional artists."

The artists from Beyond Walls are highly talented and come from around the world. All of them are excited to be bringing their work to Holyoke.

"The community wanted me back, for me that was super motivating," returning artist Don Rimx said. "I've been doing work with communities a lot and when you see a community response to what you've been doing, for me it's a plus."



"Chromoji" is a mural painted by Bikismo last year created as a fictional emoji to bring positivity while reflecting scenery from the Caribbean located at 387 Main St.

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**READING**, from page 1

traveling to different parks and locations throughout Holyoke all summer on a set schedule. The locations include Community Field, Carlos Vega Park, Heritage Park, Holyoke Hills, Springdale Park and the library.

"We just started using it this past week and we're going to be traveling throughout the parks over the summer," Mensher said.

In order to check the schedule or the menu, go to <https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us>.

Mark Robinson, a member of the

Kiwanis Club of Greater Holyoke, was also present at the party. Robinson was happy to be representing Kiwanis and helping out at this party.

"I'm here to do whatever I can to help and to show that community that we are back," he said.

The Kiwanis club has recently

reopened in Holyoke with the goal of helping in the community. They will be hosting a variety of events throughout the summer, including park cleanups and a "Child Safety Day."

Overall, this celebration was a great success that brought together many different members of the community.

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