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Rosa named new executive director

HOLYOKE — OneHolyoke Community Development Corporation (OneHolyoke CDC) recently hosted its second annual “Building & Sustaining Livable Communities” event that featured a keynote address by Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. The organization used the occasion of the event to announce that Nayroby Rosa, Chief Operating Officer for OneHolyoke CDC, has been elevated to the position of Executive Director.

The announcement of Rosa becoming Executive Director of OneHolyoke was made by outgoing Executive Director Michael Moriarty, who has been at the helm of the organization since 2013. Moriarty, who is a lawyer, will continue to serve OneHolyoke as legal counsel going forward.

Rosa, who has been at OneHolyoke since 2018, previously served as Director of Community Engagement and Resident Services, and most recently as Chief Operating Officer for the organization. A longtime communi-

ty leader and advocate, Rosa brings more than 15 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, community engagement, and organizational development. Her promotion reflects OneHolyoke CDC’s commitment to developing strong internal leadership and investing in leaders who are deeply rooted in the community.

The symposium, held on June 29 at Wyckoff Country Club, centered around Innovations in Public Safety and convened community leaders, public safety officials and community members to explore collaborative approaches to safer, stronger neighborhoods. Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia welcomed attendees and State Senator John Velis was also present, along with Holyoke City Council members.

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Nayroby Rosa speaks after being introduced as the new executive director of OneHolyoke.

Cooling centers available during heavy heat

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE — Last week, the city, and the region, experienced some of the most devastating heat of the year.

Temperatures reached more than 100 degrees as of last Thursday and Friday, and the heat index was as high as 111 degrees. Heat indexes were even above 100 degrees during the evening hours.

The heat finally broke last Sunday, with rain coming through Monday and Tuesday and more normal heat following that.

During the major heat wave, the City of Holyoke opened up cooling centers for those looking to escape the heat. The city issued the following information on its website about the cooling centers:

“The City of Holyoke is encouraging residents to take precautions and use available cooling options. When heat index values are forecast to exceed 100 degrees, creating increased risk for heat-related illness, especially for older adults, young children, people with medical conditions, outdoor workers, and those without access to air conditioning.

Residents are encouraged to stay cool by visiting public splash pads, pools, and air-conditioned public buildings, including the Holyoke Senior Center and the Holyoke Public Library. The Holyoke Mall is also a good option for residents seeking an air-conditioned location to escape the heat.

The city’s splash pads are up and running at Springdale Park, Pulaski Park, Community Field, Pina Park, Carlos Vega Park, and Heritage State Park. The splash pad at Pouliot pool also is open though the swimming pool is not. The pool will open within the next two weeks but not in

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City to host representatives from Puerto Rican community

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HOLYOKE — Last week, the city announced representatives from Puerto Rico would be coming to Holyoke to take part in this year’s Fiestas Patronales celebration. The goal is for the communities to strengthen their ties to one another.

According to a press release from the city, this year’s Fiestas Patronales is dedicated to the Town of Naranjito, Puerto Rico, and Holyoke is honored to welcome the Mayor of Naranjito Orlando Ortiz Chavres, members of his family, and municipal officials as special guests during the festivities. The President of the Naranjito City Council, the town’s Police Commissioner, the town’s Tourism Director, the Naranjito Parks and

Recreation Director, and the town’s State Representative Axel ‘Chino’ Roque Gracia will join the delegation.

Known across Puerto Rico as the “Cuna del Voleibol” —the Cradle of Volleyball — Naranjito has a rich and celebrated volleyball tradition that has helped shape generations of athletes and cemented the sport as part of the town’s identity. That connection makes this year’s visit especially meaningful in Holyoke, the Birthplace of Volleyball.

The festivities will get under way at the end of the month.

As part of the celebration, the International Volleyball Hall of Fame and community partners will host a special Puerto Rico Volleyball Exhibit grand opening on Thursday, July 30 to include remarks by Mayor Garcia and notable

guests. Doors will open at 11 a.m., with the formal program beginning at 12 noon. The exhibit will showcase the deep history, achievements, and cultural significance of volleyball throughout Puerto Rico and highlight the contributions of Puerto Ricans to the global sport.

Another big highlight is that Holyoke will also welcome dignitaries from Salinas, Puerto Rico — Holyoke’s sister city. The Mayor of Salinas and a delegation of community members will travel to Holyoke and bring a volleyball team ready to compete in the Second Annual Sister City Volleyball Game. The game is a big deal after the tradition was started last year.

Last year, Holyoke claimed the inaugural vic-

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Garden tour set for this Saturday

HOLYOKE — The Holyoke Historical Society invites the public to celebrate the city’s vibrant green spaces at the 2026 Holyoke Garden Tour, a self-guided journey through some of Holyoke’s most unique and inspiring gardens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year’s tour includes more than half a dozen home gardens along with several notable community sites:

Laurel Park: Members of the Historical Society have been hard at work planting a new garden bed featuring dozens of pollinator plants in the triangular park between Laurel and Willow Streets. The historic park features a stone fountain that’s more than 100 years old.

La Finca: Operated by Nuestras Raíces, this 30-acre urban farm hosts over a dozen small farming businesses serving the Holyoke community. La Finca is a hub for urban agriculture, education, and economic development that is a vital resource in our local food security.

The Cubit Garden and Armour Yard: Tour the garden on the site of the Cubit, a historic wire manufacturing facility that’s now home to residential lofts and co-working space. Next door, visit Beyond Armour Yard, Holyoke’s newest community space developed in partnership with Beyond Walls, the team behind some of the city’s vibrant mural art.



A garden tour is available for residents this Saturday. It is a self-guided tour.

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Submitted photo

Stephanie Joyce will serve as the 2027 St. Patrick’s Parade President.

Joyce named next parade president

By Brendan Rooney
Correspondent

HOLYOKE — Last week, it was revealed that Holyoke Resident and Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee member and former Rohan Award Winner Stephanie Joyce has been selected as the 2027 Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade President. The reveal came via social media on Wednesday, July 1.

Local officials who voiced their support were Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, who shared a statement on social media that read, “Congratulations, Stephanie Joyce! Thank you for stepping up and carrying the torch forward. I look forward to celebrating with you and the entire committee!” Garcia said.

In addition, Joyce penned her first official statement as President, outlining the vision she has for the upcoming green season.

“Céad Míle Fáilte!

(A hundred thousand welcomes.) It is an honor to serve as the President of the St. Patrick’s Committee of Holyoke for the 74th Parade and the 50th Road Race! I am looking forward to a year full of fun events leading up to the best homecoming weekend on March 20 and 21, 2027,” Joyce said. “The 200+ volunteer members of our committee, along with members of 8 Regional Committees, work tirelessly throughout the year to make sure the weekend runs seamlessly for everyone’s enjoyment.

Joyce’s statement also touched upon the importance of and support that the city and the countless sponsors continue to provide in ensuring that the Parade continues to run and operate smoothly.

“None of the magic of Parade Weekend could happen without the support from the City of Holyoke,

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Holyoke Elks launch community fundraising initiative

HOLYOKE – Elks Lodge member Sal Canata issued the following press release/statement regarding the initiative to raise money for the Elks Lodge:

If you’ve lived in the Greater Holyoke area for any length of time, chances are the Holyoke Elks Lodge has been part of your life.

Perhaps you attended a wedding, celebrated a retirement, enjoyed a birthday party, gathered with family following a funeral, attended a Jack and Jill, or participated in one of the many charitable fundraisers hosted at the Lodge. Maybe you’ve enjoyed live music, played BINGO, tested your knowledge at trivia night, joined us for Burger Night, used the golf simulators, or attended one of the many community events held throughout the year.

If you’re a soccer parent, your child may have played on the Elks soccer field, which the Lodge has proudly made available to local soccer clubs for years. Community organizations such as the Holyoke St.

Patrick’s Parade Committee and Alcoholics Anonymous have used the Lodge as a meeting and event space. Organizations including Magic For Maddie have also used our facility as a gathering place before sponsoring road races, charity walks, and fundraising events at the Ashley Reservoir.

And if you’ve ever enjoyed a walk around the Ashley Reservoir, there is a good chance you’ve parked in the Holyoke Elks parking lot.

For generations, the Holyoke Elks Lodge has quietly served the Greater Holyoke community in ways that extend far beyond our membership. Today, we are asking the community to help us continue that tradition.

Several years ago, the City of Holyoke closed the former public access point to the Ashley Reservoir, directing visitors to the Holyoke Elks parking lot. Since then, our lot has become the primary parking area for thousands of walkers, runners, cyclists, families, and outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy

one of Holyoke’s most treasured recreational destinations.

What many people may not realize is that this parking lot is privately owned and maintained by the Holyoke Elks Lodge — not the City of Holyoke.

The Lodge is responsible for all costs associated with this property, including paving, repairs, lighting, landscaping, snow removal, insurance, utilities, taxes, and ongoing maintenance. As usage has increased, so have challenges including vandalism, property damage, vagrancy concerns, and significant amounts of trash left behind.

Several years ago, we created a voluntary parking donation program with a QR code and donation information near the entrance to the

back lot. Visitors are encouraged to make a suggested \$3 donation to help offset these ongoing expenses. Today, we are renewing and expanding that effort.

This initiative is not about charging for parking. It is about preserving a community resource.

We are sincerely grateful for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that allowed us to complete much-needed paving of our back parking lot. Those funds helped address an important one-time capital improvement, but maintaining a busy community facility requires continued investment.

Our lodge building, grounds, and front parking lot are now more than 50 years old. Like any facility that welcomes thousands of guests each year, they require regular maintenance,

repairs, and improvements to remain safe, welcoming, and available to the public.

Every dollar contributed through this parking lot fundraising initiative stays right here at the Holyoke Elks Lodge. These donations help maintain the parking area, preserve our facility, improve our grounds, and ensure that we can continue opening our doors to the community.

The Holyoke Elks is much more than a building. It is a place where families celebrate life’s milestones, where friends gather, where local musicians perform, where organizations meet, and where neighbors come together throughout the year.

It is also a place that gives back.

Through scholarships, charitable donations, veterans’ programs, youth activities, community partnerships, and the use of our facilities and grounds for public benefit, the Holyoke Elks has remained committed to serving the Greater Holyoke community for well over a century.

In many ways, the

Lodge belongs to the community it serves.

That is why we are asking for your help.

The next time you park in our lot to enjoy the Ashley Reservoir, please consider making a suggested \$3 parking donation by scanning the QR code on one of our signs or using the donation box.

Three dollars may seem small, but when thousands of visitors contribute a few dollars, together we can preserve a place that has been serving Holyoke for generations.

You’ve celebrated with us. You’ve gathered with us. You’ve parked with us.

Now, help us preserve the Holyoke Elks for the next generation.

Suggested Parking Donation: \$3

“The Holyoke Elks Lodge has never been just a building. It is a place where our community comes together—to celebrate, to support one another, and to create lasting memories. We are simply asking those who benefit from this special place to help us preserve it for future generations.”



Morgan joins Mass Humanities as new Director of Development

HOLYOKE – Mass Humanities is thrilled to welcome Jillian Morgan to its staff as the humanities council’s new Director of Development. An expert in cultivating philanthropy in the nonprofit space, Morgan will lead fundraising and donor relations for the organization. Her hire comes at a pivotal time, with the National Endowment for the Humanities facing continued pressure from the federal government.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Jillian to our team,” said Brian Boyles, executive director of Mass Humanities. “Her unique expertise and her long commitment to the Valley will be invaluable as we deepen our partnerships in the region and continue to steward our resources to impact

the entire commonwealth.”

Morgan previously served as the Director of Development at the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts from 2022-2026, where she brought in \$7M in annual donations. She also supported a \$30 million capital campaign for FBWM, as well as oversaw the annual March for the Food Bank with Monte Belmonte, which raised over \$900k this year.

“I’m truly grateful for this opportunity to be part of Mass Humanities’ mission,” said Morgan. “The humanities have the power to connect us, challenge us, and move us toward a more equitable future. It doesn’t just enrich our own lives; it lays the groundwork for lasting civic engagement and social

change. I’m ready to get to work.”

Morgan holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communication from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an MBA in Entrepreneurial Thinking and Innovative Practices from Bay Path University.

Her interest in the humanities stems from her experience on stage as a child, where she was inspired by the power of performance to tell stories and foster a sense of belonging. That passion for storytelling continues today, she said, in the form of improv classes.

For further information, contact Wes DeShano, communications manager, at wdeschano@masshumanities.org.

Second Chance offering vaccine clinic July 17

HOLYOKE – Second Chance Animal Services is returning to Holyoke with a second low-cost Community Vaccine Clinic for cats and dogs on Friday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veteran’s Park, 216-228 Maple Street. The clinic will offer free distemper/parvo vaccines, \$10 rabies vaccines, \$19 Leptospirosis vaccines, and microchips for just \$5, making it easy and affordable for pet owners to protect their pets.

Many families face barriers to accessing veterinary care, leaving pets vulnerable to diseases that can be prevented with routine vaccinations. By bringing these services directly into the community, Second Chance helps more pets receive the care they need to stay healthy.

Distemper and parvovirus are highly contagious diseases that can be deadly, particularly for puppies, kittens, and unvaccinated pets. Vaccinating pets not only protects them from serious

illness but also helps reduce the spread of disease throughout the community.

Microchipping is another simple step that can make a lasting difference. A permanent form of identification, a microchip greatly increases the chances that a lost pet will be reunited with the family waiting for them at home.

“Second Chance operates four veterinary hospitals that provide affordable care, including subsidized pricing for those who qualify, but we know many pet owners still face barriers to getting that care,” said Lindsay Doray of Second Chance Animal Services. “Our community vaccine clinics bring life-saving vaccines directly into local neighborhoods to protect pets from diseases like parvo and distemper, along with low-cost microchips that help lost pets find their way back home.”

The clinic is open to all pet owners, regardless



of where they live. Advance registration is encouraged, as space is limited. Walk-ins will be permitted as time allows. Pet owners can register online at www.secondchanceanimals.org/scasconnect-springfield/.

Second Chance gratefully acknowledges the support of Petco Love alongside the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) in conjunction with the Holyoke Board of Health for helping to make this clinic possible. For more information, visit www.secondchanceanimals.org.

NHS to help host blood drive on July 13

SOUTH HADLEY – South Hadley High School’s National Honor Society is partnering with Baystate

Health to host a Community Blood Drive at the South Hadley Public Library on Monday, July 13, from 9:30

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Eligible donors, age 17 and up, are invited to donate blood.

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The DPW, The Holyoke Fire Department & The Holyoke Police Department. In addition to that, our numerous sponsors are the reason we are able to put on a world-class Road Race and Parade, their continued support is essential to our success,” said Joyce.

She then added a notice to all who wish to stay up to date on all things the parade citing, “Please make sure to

check our website, Facebook & Instagram for award announcements & upcoming events,” she said. “We look forward to the upcoming release of our Economic Impact Study which will be shared on our website, and will show what an integral role we play in the economy for the Pioneer Valley.”

Joyce then concluded her announcement with a simple and heartfelt,

“I look forward to a wonderful “Green Season” in Holyoke!” she penned.

As of this moment, the 50th Holyoke St. Patrick’s Road Race is set to kick off on Saturday, March 20, 2027, and closing out the holiday weekend will be the 74th Holyoke St. Patrick’s Parade on Sunday, March 21, 2027, that is set to step off at 11:10 a.m. from the K-Mart Plaza in the Paper City.

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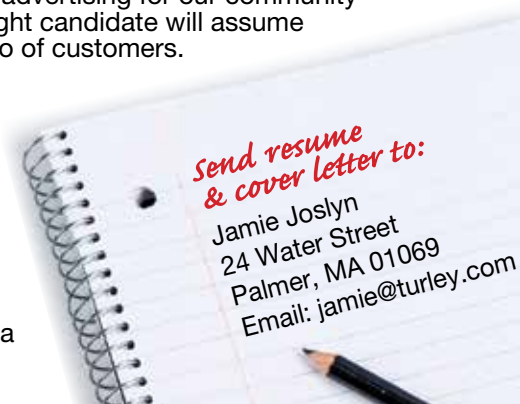
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Bank opens new branch in Holyoke

Shadia Coley to serve as branch manager

HOLYOKE — Florence Bank opened its fourth Hampden County branch at 1490 Northampton Street in Holyoke on July 6.

The new 2,500-square-foot branch, designed by HIAI Architecture in Northampton, has a spacious lobby, traditional teller stations, five offices, a drive-up teller window and a drive-up ATM.

“The Holyoke branch is an exciting new chapter in our 153-year history, and we look forward to supporting the people, families, organizations, and business-



es of the Paper City,” said President and CEO Matt Garrity. “We couldn’t be more thrilled to be opening our doors to Holyoke and to meeting new friends and neighbors in the coming weeks and months.”

Shadia Coley will serve as branch manager for the new location. Coley has over 10 years of banking experience and holds a bachelor’s degree in business admin-

istration and a master’s in business administration with a concentration in finance, both from Southern New Hampshire University. In addition to managing Florence Bank’s newest branch, she will oversee business development, community outreach and engagement, and customer service.

Coley is excited for the new branch to be open. “Serving Holyoke is more than banking; it is investing in the people and dreams that make the community thrive. My goal is to empower, engage, and educate Holyoke,” she said.

In addition to Coley, five team members will staff

the branch, where customers can be assisted by tellers, meet with a customer service representative or apply for a mortgage. Katherine Ravenelle will be the Assistant Branch Manager, and Paola Sherman, the bank’s Spanish-speaking mortgage originator, will also be based in the new branch.

Florence Bank has nearly 6,700 customers living in Hampden County, including 1,100 business customers; over 1,200 of those customers in Holyoke. Garrity said the bank looks forward to deepening its impact in the region.

Modern Holyoke photograph display comes to Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE — Photographer Charles Abel is bringing an exhibit to Wistariahurst Museum’s Gallery that shows visitors a view of Holyoke they’ve never seen before. Pictorially Speaking features cameras from Wistariahurst’s archive alongside photos Abel has taken of Holyoke. Abel captures views of modern-day Holyoke from a historical perspective- literally.

About his process, Abel says, “I saw the 5x7 field camera, and I knew that was the one. After cleaning the camera and testing it for light-leaks, I made a few sample images to get a feel for the camera...In the end,

this series of photographs is a combination of modern documentary images taken in the Pictorialist style with a 100-year-old camera and 125-year-old lens.”

Museum Director Megan Seiler looks forward to this exhibit, saying, “We get to look at the present through the past’s lens.”

Wistariahurst welcomes visitors to the opening reception of Pictorially Speaking on Aug. 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on view through Sept. 8, during open gallery hours, Mondays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesdays, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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Honey Bee Presentations: Learn about honey bees, view an observational hive, and taste local honey with Dr. Kim Skyrn, Chief Apiary Inspector at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

“Every garden on this tour reflects the passion of someone who has invested their time, creativity, and care into making Holyoke more beautiful,” said Joseph Charles, president of the

Holyoke Historical Society. “We hope visitors leave inspired—not just by the gardens, but by the people that made them possible.”

Tickets are \$20 per person, and children under 10 are admitted free. Purchase advanced tickets at holyokeygardentour.org, or you can purchase tickets the morning of the tour at the event check-in, located at Paper City Fabrics (330 High St.).The tour is held rain or shine. Organizers recommend attendees bring sunscreen and bug spray.

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tory and established what quickly became a new and exciting tradition celebrating friendship, culture, and healthy competition between our communities. This year, Salinas is coming determined to take home the title.

The Sister City Volleyball Game will take place on Thursday, July 30, at Holyoke High School. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the first serve is scheduled

for 3:30 p.m.

Following the events, both visiting delegations will join residents and visitors at Holyoke’s annual Fiestas Patronales, one of the city’s signature cultural celebrations that brings together music, food, family activities, arts, community organizations, and Puerto Rican traditions. The festival continues to serve as an opportunity to celebrate heritage while welcoming thousands of residents and visitors to downtown Holyoke. The four-day festival takes

place between July 30 and Aug. 2 and is located at Heritage State Park on Dwight Street.

“Holyoke has the most Puerto Ricans living in it per capita outside of the island itself and has always been strongly connected to Puerto Rico through family, culture, and community,” Garcia said in the press release. “To welcome leaders from Naranjito and our sister city of Salinas during Fiestas Patronales is a reminder that these relationships are living and grow-

ing. This year’s celebration reflects not only our shared Puerto Rican heritage, but also our shared love for volleyball, community pride, and bringing people together. We invite everyone—whether you’re a volleyball enthusiast or want to enjoy international music and food during the festival—we look forward to welcoming you to Holyoke!”

Additional details regarding festival programming, schedules, and activities will be announced in the coming weeks.

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time for this week’s heatwave. In addition, the Holyoke War Memorial Auditorium will be open during peak heat hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for residents looking for

a place to cool down.

The City reminds residents to:

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- Avoid direct sun exposure whenever possible.
- Limit strenuous outdoor

activity, especially during the hottest part of the day.

- Check on older neighbors, family members, and others who may be vulnerable.
- Never leave children, pets, or vulnerable individuals inside parked vehicles.

Residents experiencing symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke, including dizziness, confusion, nausea, rapid heartbeat, headache, or fainting, should seek medical attention immediately. In an emergency, call 911.”

The cooling centers are

not in use right now, but could and will be brought back if and when another heatwave hits between now and the fall. Residents should pay attention to the city’s website to find out when the cooling centers shown above will be re-opened.

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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY
Matters
By Russell Gloor



Why doesn't my Social Security record show all my military earnings?

Dear Rusty:
When I look at my earnings on my Social Security account, I see that in 1955 and 1956 have no earnings. I was in the U.S. Navy as a first officer and have my DD-214 paperwork, which shows my military service from Oct. 1954-Oct. 1958.
My Social Security earnings record shows that I had earnings in 1954, 1957 and 1958 but doesn't show that I was paid in 1955 or 1956. Shouldn't I have received Social Security credit for all my service years?
Signed: An Older Veteran

Dear Older Veteran:
First, I want to thank you for your military service.
Whether your earnings while in the military would provide you with any additional Social Security benefit depends on your career earnings after leaving military service. Here's why:
Your monthly Social Security benefit is based upon the highest earning 35 years over your lifetime with earlier years adjusted for inflation.
From those highest earning 35 years, SS develops your Average Indexed Monthly Earnings, your lifetime "AIME," which is the basis of the SS benefit you get if you claim for benefits to start at your Full Retirement Age So, if - after you completed your military service - you had at least 35 years of other employment where you earned more money than you did while serving, then your military pay won't affect your Social Security benefit.
FYI, Social Security payroll tax has been withheld from military pay since 1957, which is why your SS earnings record shows your military pay only for 1957 and 1958. Your SS record wouldn't show military pay prior to 1957 because you didn't contribute to SS from your military pay during those years.
The earnings you see in your SS earnings record for 1954 are likely from non-military employment prior to starting active duty in October 1954.
SS does provide older

veterans with "special extra credits for military service," but those credits are only a supplemental earnings amount added to your military pay record during the years you served.
It is not a bonus amount added to your monthly Social Security payment; rather it is only an amount added to your military pay record used when calculating your Social Security benefit. For those who served prior to 1957, Social Security would have no record of your military earnings during those early service years.
But when you claimed Social Security later in life, they would have asked if you served in the military and given you "special extra credit" in the form of presumed earnings for your service years. They likely asked for a copy of your DD-214 and would have added \$160 to your military earnings record for each active-duty month from October 1954 through December 1956 and additional earnings credits for 1957 and 1958.
But that doesn't mean you get a special Social Security bonus for your military service. If you have at least 35 years of civilian employment after serving in the Navy, your service years would only affect your SS benefit if those military service years were among the highest paying 35 years over your entire lifetime. And, again, please accept our appreciation for your service to our country.
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Guest Column

Bad news, good news in this week's garden

My annual flower gardens were just starting to come into their own when I noticed some damage on the leaves.
They looked chomped on from the outer edge going in. Some leaves also had a watery brown residue on them.
Going by date, I knew the culprit already, even before digging around the base of the plant. The Asiatic Garden beetle is hard at work wrecking my plants.
Read on to learn more about this pest.

I've also got some good news. Blueberries and peas are ready for harvest. Yippee!
The Asiatic Garden beetle is a bit smaller than the Japanese beetle and is chestnut brown in color. It feeds during the night, so look for chewed foliage in gardens or planter boxes under lamp posts, street lights or other outside lights.
Cultivate directly underneath the affected plant during the day and you will likely see the culprits scurry back into the soil. Usually they snuggle up very close to the stems an inch or so below the soil surface.
Sometimes watering at the base of the plant will bring them to the top of the soil where they can be easily collected or squished. This is one pest you don't want to have around - send them swimming in a soapy bath or you may not have any plants left!
In my experience, two plants they particularly love are coleus and calibrachoa. This year they are decimating my blue salvia.
It's pretty amazing that I've found dozens a day in an 18-inch planter. If digging

around in the soil isn't your style, go out near dusk with a headlamp or flashlight and pick them right off the plant.



Hand picking can significantly cut down on the damage.
One note of good news is that my blueberries are bearing great this year, really it's the first year that I've had a significant harvest since the bushes were given to me over a decade ago. I am pretty certain I owe it all to Organic Grower Supply through Fedco Seeds, (fedcoseeds.com), where I purchased "Blueberry Booster."
I ordered the fertilizer last year and applied 3 pounds per bush in the springtime. Lo and behold it worked.
I have enough to do it again this fall since I missed the opportunity this past spring. A blend of Granite Meal, sulfur, Tennessee brown rock phosphate, compost, and Azomite, the mix reduces the soil pH and provides the nutrients necessary for healthy blueberry plants and good fruit.
Fourth of July weekends over the last several years have been spent picking, shucking and freezing peas, and this year is no exception. It's technically a tradition

around my house.
Now you may be thinking that I really know how to have fun, but to me, this is what summer is made of! I plant my peas the end of April, so typically they ripen almost on cue each year!
I plant three seeds deep a couple of inches apart up against the interior of my garden fence where they naturally climb up with their tendrils attaching to one another and the fence. I loosen up the soil prior to planting, but I never add any fertilizer - maybe just a sprinkling of compost if I am feeling generous.
Since peas are legumes, they "fix" their own nitrogen from the air.
I do soak the seeds in an inoculant prior to planting them, however, to make the fixation happen easily and to reportedly increase yield.
If you are going to try your hand at freezing your "shell" peas, as opposed to sugar snap or snow peas, be sure to pick, shuck and freeze in the same sitting, since peas begin to lose their sweetness within hours of being off the plant.
Like anything else, we take the good with the bad. As long as there is enough good, we won't throw in the trowel just yet.

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in my BACKYARD
By Ellenor Downer

My daughter, Paula, saw a black and white warbler and as the name implies it has black and white feathers.
The black and white warbler is easy to spot and easy to recognize. Its former name was the black and white creeper. Like the white-breasted and red-breasted nuthatches and the brown creeper, it climbs about on the trunks and

major limbs of trees seeking insects in the bark crevices. It often feeds low, and nests even lower, usually on the ground.
This warbler inhabits forests, woodlands, shrubs, Savannas, and thickets from Alaska and the north, California, eastern Canada, Florida, Great Lakes, mid Atlantic, New England, northwest, Plains, Rocky Mountains, southeast, south-



Black and white warbler

west, Texas and Western Canada.
Spring migration begins rather early and takes place mainly at night. Migration is spread over a lengthy period in both spring and fall.
The sexes are similar and are about 4.3 to 5.1 inches long. The black and white

warbler feather pattern is stripes, white central crown stripe and black streaks on back and sides.
The adult male has black throat and cheeks and the female and young paler or whitish there.
Their song is a thin, high-pitched, monotonous "weesy-weesy-weesy-weesy" like a squeaky wheelbarrow. The call is a chirp or chip.
The black and white warbler breeds in mature or second-growth forests, deciduous and mixed. Males arrive on breeding grounds in late April, before the females.
During courtship, a male chases female, with much singing and fluttering. The female lays five creamy white eggs flecked with brown in a cup shaped nest on the ground or less than two feet above under dead leaves or limbs or against a shrub or tree. They

are commonly parasitized by cowbirds.
Both parents feed the young and the young leave the nest in eight to 12 days after hatching. The young are able to fly well.
Adapted to creeping along limbs and on tree trunks to feed, they forage on dormant insects from tree trunks and branches in early spring. They switch body from side to side at each hop while foraging. Sometimes, they fly out after insects in the air.
They eats primarily insects. It feeds on a wide variety of caterpillars including those of spongy moth, beetles including bark beetles, click beetles, and wood borers, ants, flies, bugs, leafhoppers, aphids and other insects, spiders and daddy longlegs.

See BIRDS, page 5

HCS Head Start launches Tomorrow’s Teachers Program

SPRINGFIELD – Holyoke, Chicopee, Springfield Head Start (HCS Head Start) is investing in the future of early childhood education through Tomorrow’s Teachers, a paid internship program designed to introduce individuals to careers in early childhood education while helping address the growing need for qualified educators across the region.

Managed by HCS Head Start’s Sara Korte-Popp, Tomorrow’s Teachers provides participants with hands-on experience in early childhood classrooms while offering mentorship, professional guidance, and an opportunity to explore a rewarding career working with young children. The program serves as an entry point into the profession, creating a pathway for individuals interested in making a lasting impact on the lives of children and families.

As communities across Massachusetts continue to experience a shortage of early childhood educators, HCS Head Start is taking a proactive approach by creating opportunities that inspire and prepare the next generation of teachers. Tomorrow’s Teachers complements the organization’s broader workforce development efforts by introducing participants to the field through meaningful, paid learning experiences.

“Quality early childhood education begins with passionate, dedicated educators,” said Nicole Blais, CEO of HCS Head Start. “Tomorrow’s Teachers allows individuals to discover the incredible impact they can have on children’s lives while gaining valuable experience in the classroom. By investing in future educators today, we are strengthening our programs

and helping build a more sustainable early childhood workforce for tomorrow.”

Participants in Tomorrow’s Teachers work alongside experienced educators, gaining practical knowledge of child development, classroom management, and developmentally appropriate teaching practices. Through daily interaction with children and supportive coaching from HCS Head Start staff, interns gain a realistic understanding of the profession while building the skills and confidence needed to pursue future opportunities in early childhood education.

The program reflects HCS Head Start’s long-standing commitment to serving both children and the broader community. By creating accessible pathways into the profession, the organization is helping expand the pipeline of qualified educators while providing meaningful employment opportunities for individuals interested in making a difference.

“Early childhood education is one of the most important professions in our communities,” said Blais. “Every child deserves caring, skilled educators who help them learn, grow, and thrive. Programs like Tomorrow’s Teachers allow us to introduce more people to this meaningful career while helping meet an important workforce need.”

HCS Head Start continues to explore innovative ways to recruit, develop, and retain talented educators who reflect the diverse communities they serve. Through initiatives like Tomorrow’s Teachers, the organization is investing not only in its own future workforce but in the future success of children throughout Western Massachusetts.

To learn more about HCS Head Start, Tomorrow’s Teachers, or career opportunities, visit www.hcshead-start.org or follow them on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn.

Exhibit on display through July 23

HOLYOKE – Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality, is now available for view at the Holyoke Public Library through Thursday, July 23.

This 6-panel exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute explores Douglass’s epic life from 1818 to 1895, examining his escape from slavery, his work as an abolitionist, and his relentless fight for equality for all individuals during the Jim Crow era.

Groups and individuals welcome to view during all Library hours

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Grave restoration work to continue

HOLYOKE - The Veterans Services will host a graves restoration event on Saturday, July 18, at the Calvary Cemetery, 2140 Northampton Street. The event will begin at 10 am.

Rain Date will be July 25. This event is to restore and preserve veterans markers so that they are kept in a presentable form for posterity. Tools and supplies will be provided. There are no hazardous chemicals (to humans, animals or environment) used in the process of restoration. Information: Wayne Klinge at klingew@holyoke.org or 413-322-5630. All are welcome.

Tykes Tuesday returns to mall

HOLYOKE – Summer is just around the corner and that means Tykes Tuesday is back for free family fun at Holyoke Mall Tuesday mornings from through Aug. 18.

Tykes Tuesday 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 kids’ program is free, open to the public, and is best suited for children ages 12 and under.

Tykes Tuesday Schedule:

- **July 14:** Piti Theatre’s Story Wizards (3pm-4pm)
- **July 21:** Celebrate Christmas in July with Mrs. Claus, Face Painting and
- **July 27:** Sing and Learn with Something Royal Party Co. & Pickleball 101 Class for Kids 7+ (at Pickleball Kingdom)
- **Aug. 4:** Wildlife on Wheels with Forest Park Zoo
- **Aug. 11:** Kimberly’s Pocket Circus
- **Aug. 18:** Nature Time with Mass Audubon and Face Painting with Clowntique

Please note the time change for the event on July 14. Families are encouraged to pre-register at <https://www.holyokemall.com/tykes-tuesday-2026/>. Registration is required for the Pickleball 101 class and is for children 7 and older. The event that week will be held inside and in the common area outside of Pickleball Kingdom, on the lower level, near JCPenney.

More information about Holyoke Mall stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues, can be found at Holyokemall.com. Follow and share your stories at the center on Facebook and Instagram.

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Massachusetts Audubon sightings

Unusual bird sightings reported in late June to the Massachusetts Audubon Society included swallow-tailed kites in Mashpee, a Mississippi kite in Harwich and a Franklin’s gull and two royal terns in Provincetown.

Central Massachusetts sightings in the Ware River watershed included: a great blue heron, belted kingfisher, yellow-bellied sapsucker, two northern flickers, two eastern wood pewees, two alder flycatchers, three least flycatchers, three eastern Phoebes, four great crested flycatchers and two eastern kingbirds, a yellow-throated vireo, a blue-headed vireo, six warbling vireos, 110 red-eyed vireos, a common raven, two red-breasted nuthatches, two house wrens an eastern bluebird, 43 veery, a hermit thrush, a wood thrush, 34 gray catbirds and four cedar waxwings.

Also reported were a blue-winged warbler, four yellow warblers, seven chestnut sided warblers., three black-throated warblers, three green warblers, a Blackburnian warbler, seven pine warbles, on prairie warbler, three black and white warblers; two redstarts, 56 ovenbirds, 28 yellow-throated warblers, a Canada warbler, nine scarlet tanagers, six eastern towhees, a field sparrow, three swamp sparrow, a rose-breasted grosbeak, four indigo buntings, two bobolinks and three red crossbills..

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Greater Holyoke Chamber invites businesses to 58th Annual Chamber Cup

HOLYOKE — The Greater Holyoke Chamber is inviting businesses, professionals, local leaders, and community partners from across Western Massachusetts to participate in the 58th Annual Chamber Cup on Friday, Sept. 25, at Westover Golf Course. Registration is now open for the annual event, which brings together the regional business community for a day of golf, networking, visibility, and relationship-building.

The Chamber Cup offers companies and organizations a valuable way to connect outside the traditional meeting setting. Participants can build business relationships, strengthen team connections, and engage with professionals from across the region in a relaxed and welcoming environment. The event is open to Chamber members and non-members alike, making it a regional opportunity for businesses looking to expand their reach and community presence.

Businesses can participate in several ways, including registering a foursome, becoming an event sponsor, sponsoring

a hole or meal, donating raffle prizes, or volunteering during the event. Each option offers a different path to visibility and engagement, whether a company wants to host clients, recognize employees, promote its brand, or support a signature community event.

The day will include golf at Westover Golf Course, breakfast, lunch, raffles, and opportunities to connect with business owners, executives, public officials, nonprofit leaders, and professionals from throughout Western Massachusetts. For sponsors and raffle donors, the event provides added exposure before and during the tournament, helping businesses stay visible among a broad and engaged audience.

The Greater Holyoke Chamber encourages businesses to register early, secure sponsorship opportunities, and plan now for participation in the 2026 Chamber Cup. Companies interested in playing, sponsoring, donating raffle prizes, or volunteering can visit holyokeychamber.com or contact the Chamber for more information.

Heritage in Bloom annual fundraiser tickets available

WESTFIELD – Stanley Park invites the community to join us for Heritage in Bloom: Stanley Park’s Annual Fundraiser, taking place on Saturday, Sept 12 at 5 p.m. in the scenic Beveridge Pavilion.

This signature evening celebrates the history, natural beauty, and enduring legacy of Stanley Park while supporting the ongoing care and preservation of one of the region’s most treasured public spaces.

Guests will enjoy a memorable evening surrounded by the park’s gardens, beginning with light hors d’oeuvres during cocktail hour and a guided garden tour highlighting the beauty, history, and stewardship of the landscape. The evening continues with dinner stations and dessert catered by The Bubble Mug at the Pottery Cellar, along with a cash bar available throughout the event.

Festivities will also include expanded online and in-person raffles, a dynamic online auction,

and the interactive Stanley Park Heritage Challenge, a team-based competition celebrating the park’s history, landmarks, wildlife, and memorable moments from more than 75 years of community impact.

Stanley Park is also honored to welcome Ward Caswell, great-grandson of founder Frank Stanley Beveridge, as guest speaker. He will share reflections on the park’s founding vision and the shared responsibility of preserving this special community resource for future generations.

“Heritage in Bloom” celebrates the generations of donors, volunteers, staff, and visitors who have helped Stanley Park flourish. The event underscores a simple message: heritage is what we inherit, and legacy is what we leave behind.

Tickets are now available for purchase online at: <https://spwi.betterworld.org/events/annual-fundraiser-heritage-bloom>



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James Frank with LISC; First Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fitzgerald; OneHolyoke CDC Executive Director Michael Moriarty; incoming OneHolyoke Executive Director Nayroby Rosa; Ed Caisse with the Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative; and Matt Perkins with LISC.

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OneHolyoke CDC kicked off the event with a video that shared the organization’s vision for a safer and revitalized Churchill neighborhood in Holyoke. In addition to Lt. Governor Driscoll giving the keynote address, she also recognized Moriarty for his years of service to OneHolyoke and as a leader in early literacy advocacy with a citation from Governor Maura Healey.



Moriarty, Caisse, Lt. Governor Driscoll and Nayroby Rosa.



Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll and Michael Moriarty.

The event also featured a presentation by First Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Fitzgerald on the

Hampden County District Attorney’s Emerging Adult Court of Hope (EACH) Program, a specialized, collaborative program launched in partnership with Roca, Inc. and designed



Lt. Governor Driscoll speaks at the event.

to give young adults ages 18-24 facing serious criminal charges a second chance through intensive support and judicial oversight.

Prior to serving as Executive Director of OneHolyoke CDC, Moriarty attended law school and taught in Holyoke for five years, teaching Latin, English, and social studies. As an attorney, he has also taught at Middlesex and Holyoke Community Colleges. A lifelong resident of Holyoke, Moriarty also served for 13 years on the school committee and was instrumental in the formation of the Holyoke Early Literacy Initiative (HELI). He has also been a vocal advocate for arts education.

Moriarty also served on the Massachusetts State Board of Education for 10 years, during which he chaired the state’s Early Literacy Subcommittee, and was a member of the budget subcommittee and commissioner evaluation committee. Moriarty was also an active member of NASBE’s Early Literacy Working Group.



Attendees at the Building and Sustaining Livable Communities event, listening to First Assistant D.A. Fitzgerald.

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Post 241 walks off against Aldenville

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE — Had Monson Post 241 short-stop Matt Santos come up with the game-winning hit against Aldenville (Chicopee) Post 337 at historic Legion Field, it prob-

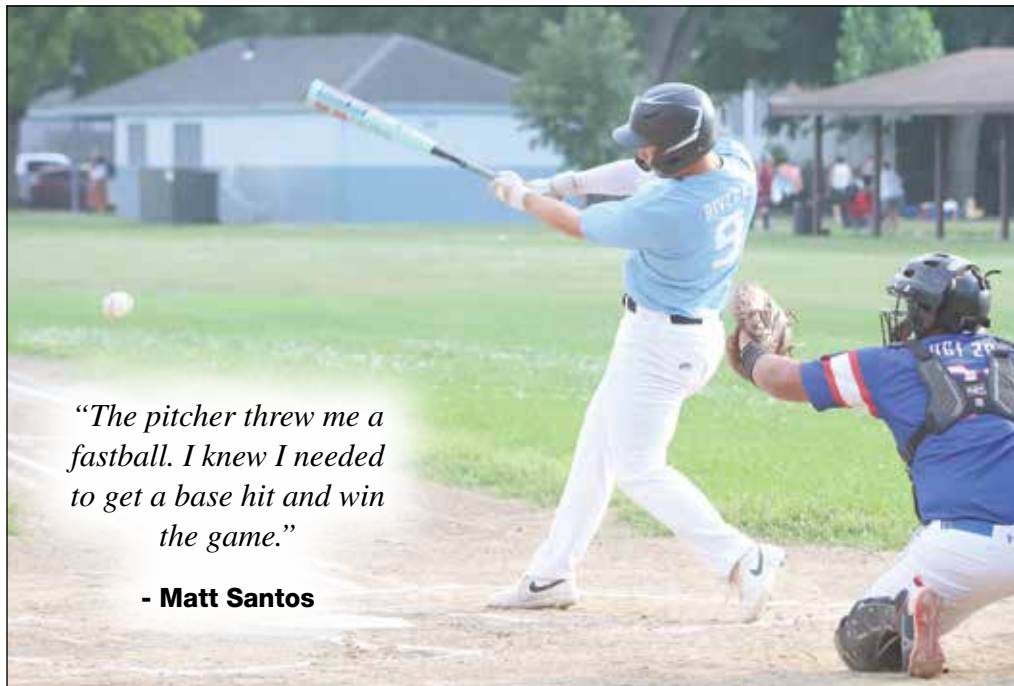
ably wouldn't have meant as much to him as doing it a couple miles away at St. Joe's Ballpark in Thorndike.

The second meeting of the regular season between the two Senior Legion teams was still scoreless, entering the bottom of the seventh. With two outs and the bases loaded, Santos turned on a fastball and ripped it past the third baseman into left field, giving Monson a thrilling 1-0 walk-off victory last Wednesday night.

"The pitcher threw me a fastball. I knew I needed to get a base hit and win the game," Santos said. "It's just a great feeling. This is also the first time that I've ever won a game on this field."

Santos, who recently received his high school diploma, was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Palmer High School. He was the 2026 recipient of the Karl Oliveira Memorial Tri-County Baseball Scholarship Award.

Oliveira, who passed away in 2021, spent many summers playing baseball at St. Joe's Ballpark for the St. Joseph's Saints in the prestigious Tri-County Baseball League.



"The pitcher threw me a fastball. I knew I needed to get a base hit and win the game."

- Matt Santos

Justin Rivera takes a swing.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

"Matt is a great kid and he's the perfect candidate to receive this year's scholarship award," said Monson manager Steve Tripp. "Karl and I were teammates on the varsity baseball team at Palmer High School. This field was his shrine. Karl probably played 1,000 games here and this is a very memorable night."

The Monson Legion

baseball team normally plays their home games at Legion Field, but they were forced to move last Wednesday game to St. Joe's Park due to a scheduling conflict.

The walk-off victory snapped Monson's five game losing streak. Four of those losses were by one run. They entered this week's action with a 3-7 overall record.

"We've been in almost

every game that we've played so far this season," Tripp said. "We played very well in tonight's game."

A week earlier, Aldenville (2-8-1) squeaked out a 1-0 victory against Post 241 at Legion Field.

"I think if we faced Monson 100 times, we probably would win 50 games and they would win

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Pioneers, Black Rock battle to 1-1 draw

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Just when it appeared that the Western Mass. Pioneers were set to close out a 1-0 shutout victory against Black Rock FC, a late lapse gave the visitors from Nashua, New Hampshire an opportunity to score the tying goal.

Black Rock FC converted a corner kick goal during the seventh minute of stoppage time and last Friday night's USL League 2 match-up held at Lusitano Stadium ended in a 1-1 draw.

The result all but ended the Pioneers' postseason hopes, eliminating them from the USL League Two playoffs for the first time since joining the league in 2019.

"I really don't know what happened at the end of tonight's game," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "Almost everything has gone wrong for us this season."

It was the third consecutive tie between the two teams, who played a scoreless tie in the first meeting of the season on June 3. The two squads also played a 1-1 draw at Lusitano Stadium a year ago.

The Pioneers entered the final week of the 2026 regular season sitting in third



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Santiago Blasco Gomez tries to keep the ball from going out.

place in the Northeast Division table with a 7-2-3 (24 points) overall record.

The Western Mass. squad were scheduled to play at AC Connecticut on Tuesday night before hosting the first place and undefeated Vermont Green FC, who have already clinched a playoff berth, in the regular season finale on Friday night.

NEFC (10-2-0), who joined the league a year ago, is sitting in second place with 30 points. They only need a tie against either last place Boston City FC or the Albany Rush to officially lock up a playoff spot for the first time. NEFC defeated the Pioneers, 4-2, at Lusitano Stadium on May 23.

Black Rock FC (5-3-3, 18 points) has the chance to tie for third place if they can win their final three matches and the Pioneers lose a match.

Each soccer team earns

three points for a victory and one point for a draw.

Just like in their first meeting of the regular season meeting a month earlier, neither Black Rock FC nor the Pioneers scored a goal during the first 45 minutes of last Friday's contest.

Geronnimo Gomes had two of the shot attempts for the home side during the opening half.

At the beginning of the contest, Jackson Gould lined a shot from outside the top of the box that sailed wide of the net.

The Pioneers, who had four corner kicks in the first half, best scoring chance came during the 36th minute. That's when a shot taken by Vasco Teixeira clanged off the post keeping the match scoreless a little bit longer.

Down at the other end of the field, Western Mass. goalie Ben Alexander didn't have to make any saves during the first half.

The Pioneers finally

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Bankers in control following Fourth of July holiday

HOLYOKE — PeoplesBank is in control of the Tri-County Baseball League once again, as the longtime playoff champions and multi-time regular season champions stand at an impressive 11-1-1 so far this season. The Bankers have 23 points for the league lead with their main rivals, St. Joseph's, tugging behind with 22 points. Teddy Bear Pools holds third place at 17 points, while Turners Falls,

the Spartans, and BankESB round out the standings, all with less than 10 points. Last Monday, PeoplesBank played to their only tie of the season as they battled to a 2-2 draw with the Spartans. The game was called due to darkness at South Hadley High School. Action resumed earlier this week with games scheduled on Wednesday, July 8.



Jackson LaValley winds and fires for PeoplesBank.

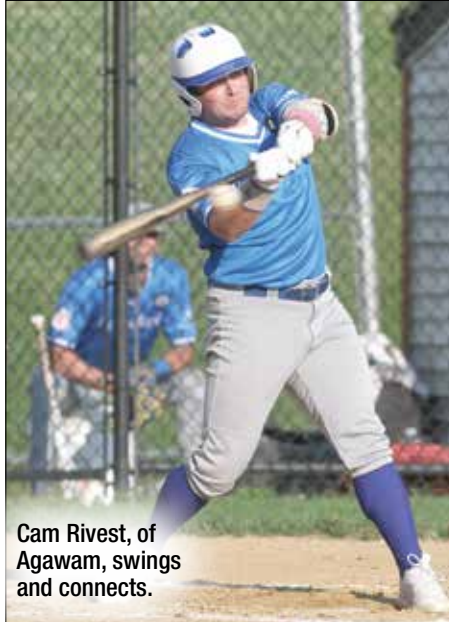
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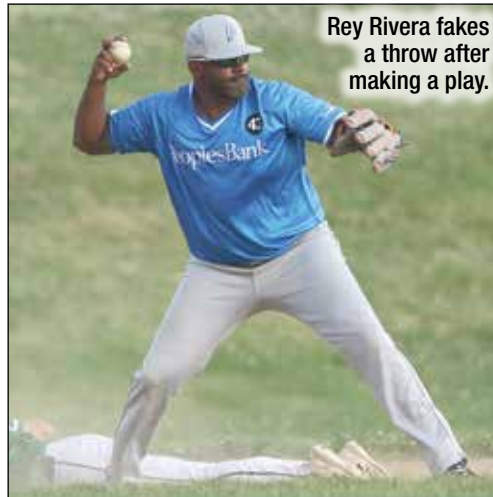
Sam Allen fields a grounder behind second base.



Pete Hogan fires down to second to try and catch a base stealer.



Cam Rivest, of Agawam, swings and connects.



Rey Rivera fakes a throw after making a play.

Blue Sox fall to Mystic

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox fell 11-2 to the Mystic Schooners on July 3 at Mackenzie Stadium. Mystic got in front early with four runs in each the second and third innings, never looking back en route to a dominant victory.

The loss is the Blue Sox’s sixth in seven games and the seventh time they have allowed 10 or more runs in the 2026 season. The Schooners flipped the script on a Blue Sox team that beat them 11-3, largely driven by nine early runs June 12.

LHP Andrew Speranza (Marist) took the ball in his first Blue Sox start and lasted three innings, allowing eight earned runs in his

debut on six hits. Blue Sox’s Head coach John Raiola said Speranza was put in a tough start for his first appearance.

“Not to make excuses, but in reality he drove two hours to get here in 104 degrees and didn’t know anybody, and here you go,” Raiola said.

Obviously it didn’t go the way that he wanted, and kind of snowballed on us from there.”

Speranza was the third new Blue Sox’s player to join the team in the past week and make a start in his first appearance. However his start went south quick-

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ended the scoreless drought with a free kick goal in the 65th minute.

The duo of Ronan O’Brien and Shun Murasawa, who stepped onto the pitch together during the 60th minute, produced the Pioneers goal.

O’Brien sent the ball into the box from the right side where Murasawa headed into the right corner for his first goal of the season.

“I just focused on the ball, and I managed to score my first goal as a member of this team,” Murasawa said. It was a great feeling, but we lost our focus on the last play.

Murasawa was born in Kawasaki, Japan before moving to Franklin, Tennessee with his family as a sophomore in high school. He’ll be a sophomore member of the UMass Amherst men’s soccer team in the fall. He was recruited by UMass volunteer assistant coach Takehiko

Nakamura.

Murasawa’s roommate at UMass as a freshman was Thomas Wadas, who’s also a member of the UMass soccer team. Wadas also plays for the Pioneers and was an outstanding soccer player at Ludlow High School.

“Thomas was my college roommate and teammate last year,” Murasawa said. “He told me about the Pioneers, and I wound up playing here. It’s been a lot of fun and it’s a great atmosphere here.”

The score remained 1-0 until stoppage time.

With ten Black Rock players standing inside the box on a corner kick, Juan O’Neill booted the ball from the right corner and goalie Christian Herluf Braae-Anderson



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Jackson Gould hustles up the field.

put a shot into the net, which spoiled the Pioneers night. The Pioneers supporters are

hoping to celebrate a victory in the regular season finale on Friday night against the undefeated Vermont Green FC.



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Ryan Netkovick hustles to first after making contact.

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50 games,” said Aldenville manager Nate Carillon. “We match up very well against each other. We had several scoring chances, but timely hitting wasn’t on our side tonight.”

The timely hit was delivered by Santos.

Liam McGrath, who was Monson’s starting pitcher before taking over at first base in the seventh inning. He lined a line-drive single into center field against Aldenville righthander Matt Butler leading off the bottom half of the seventh. McGrath was replaced at first base by pinch runner Hunter Sherman. A sacrifice bunt by Josiel Ortiz, who was a defensive replacement at second base, moved Sherman

into scoring position. After the next batter grounded out to the second baseman, the Aldenville manager decided to intentionally walk both DH Sebastian Mayberry and Kyle Kaczuwka, who started the game at second base, which loaded the bases with two outs.

“I decided to walk those two batters to get a forceout at any base and make it a little bit easier on the defense,” Carillon said. “Their hitter just hit the ball very hard into left field for the game winning hit.”

Not only did Santos collect the game-winning base hit, but he was also the winning pitcher. He replaced McGrath on the mound before the start of the seventh inning. Santos did hit a batter with one-out before recording back-to-back strikeouts.

McGrath, who was a junior on the Quaboag Regional High School varsity baseball team this past spring, pitched very well during the first six innings. The righthander didn’t allow any runs on just four base hits, which were all singles. He struck out 12 and issued four walks.

Two of Aldeville’s base hits were by third baseman Cam Carpenter.

McGrath escaped a jam in the top of the first inning.

Centerfielder Justin Rivera hit a leadoff single into rightfield before stealing second base. Then shortstop Charlie Maxwell drew a walk. Both runners moved into scoring position with two outs following a double steal. McGrath ended the threat with a strikeout.

Maxwell singled to

center leading off the third inning before stealing second base. McGrath retired the next three batters on a pop-up and two strikeouts.

Aldenville stranded five runners in scoring position during the first four innings.

Monson had a golden opportunity to take the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning.

With one-out, Santos walked. After the next batter hit a long flyball caught by Rivera, right fielder Emerson Boronski hit a flair single to left and first baseman Dayne Shanley followed with a walk loading the bases. Butler struck out the next hitter keeping the contest scoreless for a little bit longer.

Butler, who went the distance, also pitched very well. He allowed one run on seven hits with four K’s.

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P1437EA
Estate of:
Barbara Farman Randall
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Barbara F Randall-Howe
Date of Death: 04/29/2026
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tania R Rorke of Philadelphia, PA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Tania R Rorke of Philadelphia, PA, John R Randall of Alexandria, VA and Leonard A Randall of Agawam, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/29/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 01, 2026

Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD17P1569PM
In the matter of:
Constance Rodrigue of Holyoke, MA
Protected Person/
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR’S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family

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Witness, Hon. Claudine T. Stoudemire, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 26, 2026

Rosemary A. Saccomoni
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NOTICE

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Planning Board:
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07/10, 07/17/2026

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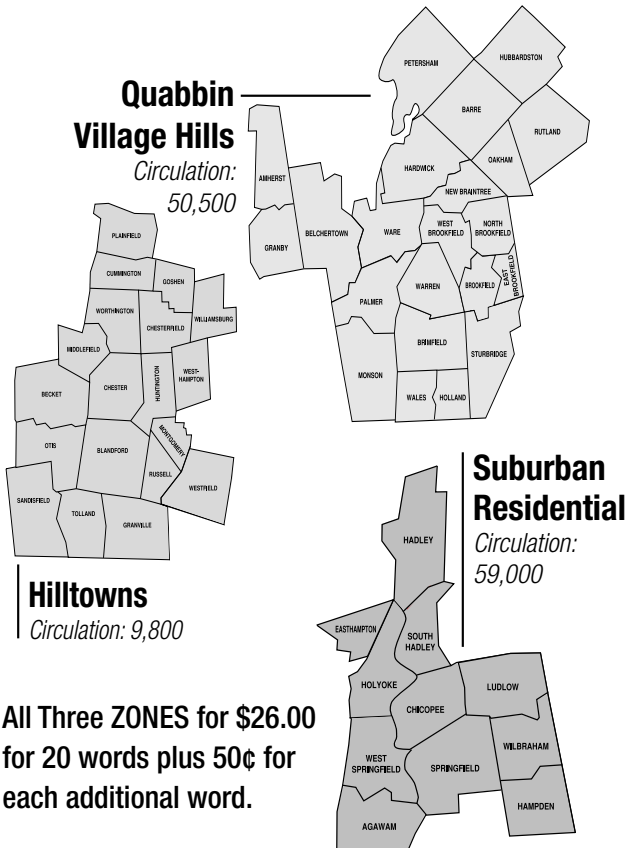
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