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## Primary needed for municipal election

By Quinn Suomala  
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – The local elections for Holyoke are just around the corner, with the preliminary election scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 26 and the general election for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Residents of Holyoke have until Saturday, Sept. 16 to register to vote in the preliminary election and until Saturday, Oct. 28 to register for the general election.

On the ballot for the upcoming election will be the city council, the school committee and the city treasurer.

If there are more than two people running for the same position, a preliminary election will be needed.

Potential candidates had until Tuesday, Aug. 1 to take out and turn in nomination papers in order to get on the election ballot.

By Aug. 1, 27 residents took out nomination papers for a seat on the city council.

Out of those 27, nine were current city councilors. Those city councilors were: Jenny Rivera (Ward 1), David Bartley

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## Bear sighting

A bear was found outside a Holyoke home recently. It was seen running down South St. Resident and photographer Dennis Lee said while he loves seeing wildlife, he would have preferred to have seen the bear in the woods rather than at his house.

Submitted photos



## Music, fun and food at Fiestas Patronales

By Quinn Suomala  
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HOLYOKE – Holyoke's second annual Fiestas Patronales will be a fun-filled celebration for any family to enjoy. With delicious food, good music, enjoyable activities and welcoming local vendors it is a great opportunity to get out with family and enjoy Puerto Rican culture.

At the celebration there will be bounce houses and obstacle courses for kids, as well as more than 15 food vendors and a variety of vendors selling handmade crafts.

There will also be about 20 informational tables set up and four bar sections for attendees to enjoy.

"It's full of music and fun," Executive Director of Nueva Esperanza Kayla Rodriguez said. "We want to bring families together."

Fiestas Patronales are celebrated all around Puerto Rico and other Latin American countries. In Puerto Rico they are celebrated yearly in different towns to honor the towns' patron saints.

Mayor Joshua Garcia intro-

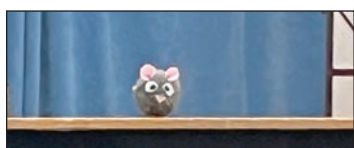
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The Pied Piper makes his first appearance in Hamelin.



The children of Hamelin make a plan to help the Pied Piper.



The rats of Hamelin make a mischievous appearance.



The Pied Piper hypnotizes the rats and leads them out of Hamelin



Megan and John Regan open up a question and answer session for the audience.

## Puppet show entertains at library

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Library, thanks to some guest performers, but on a pup-

pet show for local children on Wednesday. They performers presented "The Pied Piper

of Hamelin." The performance drew a pretty good crowd to the library.



Puppeteer Megan Regan welcomes the audience to the show.

Turley photos by Quinn Suomala

# Jourdain announces re-election candidacy

HOLYOKE – Councilor-at-Large Kevin Jourdain has formally announced his intention to seek reelection to an at-large seat on the Holyoke City Council this fall.

“I have appreciated the opportunity to serve the people of Holyoke on the City Council,” Jourdain said in a written statement. “I am proud of the reputation I have earned as a ‘fiscal watchdog’ in the city on behalf of the taxpayers. I am also proud



Kevin Jourdain

of my work in the name of government accountability, public safety, and the effective delivery of city services – especially education – to our residents. I’d like to continue working hard in pursuit of these and other goals on behalf of the citizens of Holyoke as one of their at-large city councilors going forward.”

In support of his candidacy, Jourdain recently submitted more than the legally-required number of signa-

tures from voters to the Holyoke City Clerk to officially qualify him for the ballot this Nov. 7. He said he plans an energetic campaign that will focus on reaching out to residents across Holyoke and exploring ways to enhance leadership in local government.

“City government matters a lot,” Jourdain said. “While other levels of government often capture the most attention on television, it’s at the local level where many important decisions are made that have a profound effect on everyday life. Whether it’s a question of how to make our city safer or how

to improve education or how to revitalize businesses in our downtown, the City Council has a lot of power to make important decisions. As a longtime member of the Council, I think I have experience that provides an important perspective when these and other decisions are being made. I appreciate the opportunity to serve our city and I hope to continue my work on behalf of the people of Holyoke if re-elected this fall.”

For more information about Kevin Jourdain, please visit [www.kevinjourdain.com](http://www.kevinjourdain.com).

## El Burrito by Macho Taco coming to Holyoke Mall

HOLYOKE – Macho Taco, an authentic Mexican street food restaurant based in Agawam, is set to open a new concept in Holyoke Mall this summer. El Burrito by Macho Taco will bring the eatery’s popular cuisine to their new 918-square-foot space in Café Square.

“Featuring many menu favorites, El Burrito is a new concept geared towards the center’s on-the-move shopper” said Holyoke Mall Marketing Director Ruth Hastings. “We are excited to showcase Jose’s South-of-the-Border flavors and local favorites with our community.”

El Burrito’s Menu will feature:

- Elote fries: French fries topped with Parmesan cheese, garlic aioli, corn, cilantro and cayenne powder.
- California burrito: French fries, shredded cheese, nacho cheese, guacamole, jalapeños, carne asada, onions, cilantro, sour cream, beans and rice wrapped in a flour tortilla.
- Nachos: Homemade tortilla chips topped with sour cream, cheese, refried beans, cilantro, onions and your choice of protein.

More information about Holyoke Mall stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues, can be found at [Holyokemall.com](http://Holyokemall.com).

## Hibernians to hold summer picnic Aug. 27

HOLYOKE – The Hibernians of Hampden/Hampshire Counties invite the public to attend a Traditional Summer Picnic featuring Jim O’Connor and the Boston Blackthorn Band at Hamel’s Summit View Pavilion, 555 Northampton St., on Sunday Aug. 27, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine.

Tickets are \$30 per person for adults and children ages 16 and up; children ages 5-15 tickets are \$11. For reservations, call John Gaughan at 860-904-3056 or Fran Hennessey at 413-

785-5687 by Sunday, Aug. 20.

The Hibernians will celebrate Holyoke’s 150th anniversary of incorporation as a city and also present the Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship to Gavin Sullivan, Patrick Sweeney, and Caroline Taylor.

There will be Irish and American Music; Dancing; hot dogs; hamburgers, BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, dessert, coffee, cash bar, children’s games, and raffles.

The event will benefit the Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship.

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## Senior Center weekly activities

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.

## MakerLoan Program can provide start-up funds

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Economic Development and Industrial Corporation will be hosting a virtual information session for small businesses interested in learning more about the MakerLoan Program on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 12 p.m.

To register for the session please visit: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6K6y3KL3qEu275YUNmwUA\\_gWzBEXdphH-aZs-BH8GLx-Ojzw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6K6y3KL3qEu275YUNmwUA_gWzBEXdphH-aZs-BH8GLx-Ojzw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

A maker loan is a no-interest loan for makers that is intended for entrepreneurs or micro-businesses that cannot access typical financial services, and is intended to build a borrower's financial history and help formalize the business.

It is for entrepreneurs, sole proprietorships and micro-businesses which employ five or fewer people. The goal is to support business growth and to support development of the 'Maker' ecosystem in Holyoke.

The loan can be used for start-up costs, such as those typically incurred within the first three years of operations, pre-profit, before businesses can qualify for traditional capital and other small, short-term expenses.

The loans can be for up to \$25,000 for up to five years, and again carry no interest. For more information go online to <https://www.holyoke.org/makerloan/> or contact Marie Brazeau, development specialist, at [brazeaum@holyoke.org](mailto:brazeaum@holyoke.org) or call her at 413-322-5655.

## HCC STEM scholarship deadline extended to Aug. 15

HOLYOKE – Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College now have until Tuesday, Aug. 15, to apply for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

New and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline for the fall 2023 semester has been extended until Aug. 15, 2023.

Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE.

STEM Scholars are expected to maintain enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic standing, complete an associate degree at HCC,

and/or transfer to an accredited STEM degree program at a four-year institution. The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research, and honors experiences; community service; and internships.

The application and eligibility guidelines can be viewed at [hcc.edu/stem-scholarship](http://hcc.edu/stem-scholarship).

STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.

The program is led by HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached at [ivasu@hcc.edu](mailto:ivasu@hcc.edu) or 413-552-2438.

## Church hosting Greek festival

HOLYOKE – Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Grounds, 410 Main Street, will be having the second annual Greek festival from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There will be Greek food, pastries and music. Event is rain or shine. Admission will be free. For more information, contact Sharon at 413-533-9880 or email [holytrinityofholyokey@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityofholyokey@gmail.com).

## Doors open announces upcoming event

HOLYOKE – The Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) is excited to announce the City's 3rd annual Doors Open Holyoke 2023 will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. To 12 p.m.

Doors Open events across the country invite the public to see behind the doors of many places not usually open to the public. Doors Open connect residents and visitors to local places of historical, cultural, and architectural significance

to bridge communities and inspire new and broader perspectives. The first Doors Open took place in France in 1984, and the concept has spread to other places in Europe, North America, and elsewhere. Holyoke is celebrating the third annual Doors Open celebration.

2021 and 2022 DOH featured iconic Holyoke locations like Open Square, the Richards Train Station and the Victory Theater, as well as places of worship and manufacturing companies. This year's

DOH will be part of a full day of events celebrating Holyoke's 150th sesquicentennial.

Doors Open relies on individuals and organizations that have a passion for Holyoke.

Additional event details, locations, and schedule of this year's DOH events will be available in the coming weeks at <https://www.exploreholyokey.com/explore/doors-open-holyoke/featured/> and [Facebook.com/exploreholyokey](https://www.facebook.com/exploreholyokey).

## Holyoke Medical Center awarded 'A' for safety

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Medical Center received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit upholding the standard of patient safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers. This national distinction celebrates Holyoke Medical Center's achievements in prioritizing patient safety by protecting patients from preventable harm and errors. The new grades reflect performance primarily during the height of the pandemic.

"Holyoke Medical Center is proud to have earned the 'A' recognition from The Leapfrog Group as it acknowledges the hard work of all team members at every level of our organization for

their commitment to safety and patient centered care," says Spiros Hatiras, president and chief executive officer of Holyoke Medical Center and Valley Health Systems Inc.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

"This new update of Hospital Safety Grades shows that, at the national level, we saw deterioration in patient safety with the pandemic," said Leah

Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "But this hospital received an 'A' despite those challenges. I congratulate all the leaders, staff, volunteers and clinicians who together made that possible."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harm to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

To see Holyoke Medical Center's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit [HospitalSafetyGrade.org](http://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

## Lauren Ryan graduates from Roger Williams University

BRISTOL, R.I. – Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Lauren Ryan, of Holyoke, graduated with a bachelor of finance in May as part of the Class of 2023.

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Guest Column



**M**assachusetts Audubon Society reported a blue grosbeak in Hadley. The blue grosbeak is one of just a few birds with blue feathers. The male is dark blue with two reddish-brown wing bars. It has black feathers around the base of its large silvery bill.

The female is plain brown overall, with dark wings and tail. She has two buff brown wing bars and a large gray conical shaped bill. Immatures resemble the adult female. The young males in the spring of the next year start to show blue patches. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

Blue grosbeaks forage on the ground, hopping about in search of insects. They also glean foliage, eat spiders, seeds and wild fruits.

The female lays two to five pale blue eggs in a nest of rootlets, grasses, twigs, snake-skins, cotton and bark strips lined with grass. The nest is usually placed in a shrub, vine tangle or tree.

These grosbeaks often twitch and rapidly spread their tails when agitated. During migration, they can be found with buntings.

Their song is a warbled phrase of musical notes and the call a loud "chink."

**Poolside visitor**

I received an email from a Wilbraham Hampden Times reader. She had a red-tailed hawk land on the side of her swimming pool in July. She said it stayed about five minutes and she was able to get some photos of the hawk.

**Update on osprey nest and more**

I received an email about an osprey nest in Warren on South Street near a pond. He said the nest is visible from the road. There are also three great blue heron nests on the far shore of the pond, but they are not as noticeable.

He said on a recent visit, "The osprey chicks looked to be close to fledgling, their flight feathers looker fully formed and the two young osprey in the nest each exercised its wings." He said there were still three great blue herons in two different nest.

He said a pond on New Reed Street near the osprey nest often has bald eagles show up and great egrets have been seen there in August.

**Massachusetts Audubon Society sightings**

In Berkshire County a short-billed dowitcher was seen in Sheffield and single merlins in Pittsfield and Lenox. Franklin County had three sandhill cranes in Ashfield and five semipalmated plovers in Whately.

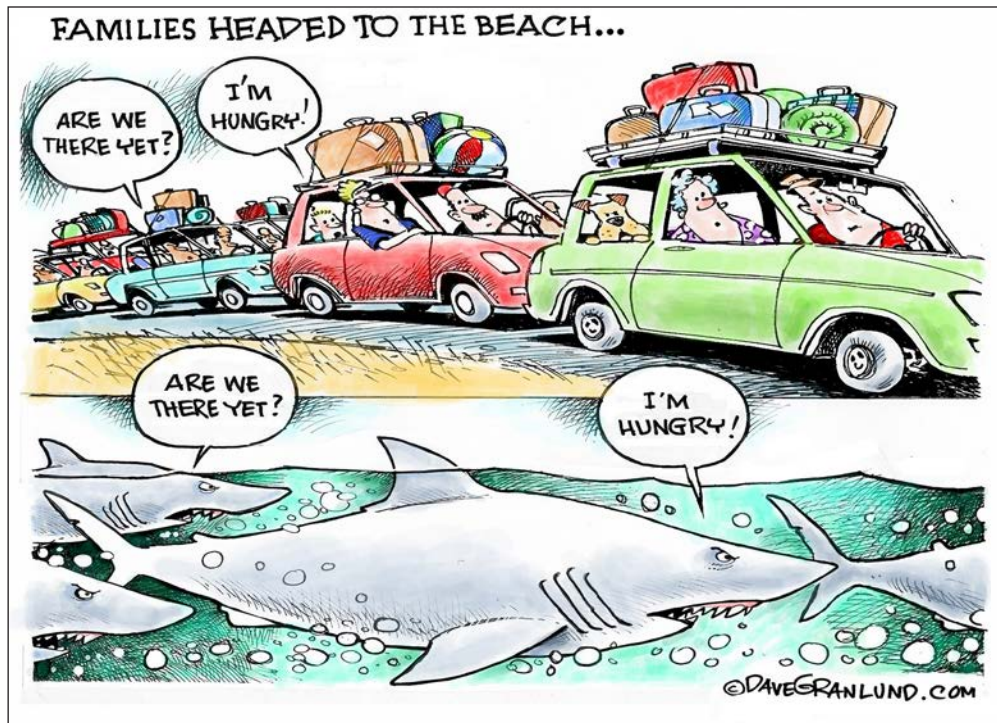
In addition to the blue grosbeak in Hadley Hampshire County had 18 greater yellowlegs and two sanderlings in the East Meadows in Northampton and three red crossbills at Quabbin Park in Belchertown.

Worcester County had a Bonaparte's gull and an acadian flycatcher at the Quabbin Reservoir in New Salem, four sandhill cranes in Hardwick, two black vultures in Fitchburg, two cliff swallows in Ashburnham and a sora at Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area in Bolton.

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

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Guest Column

**The daylily, both friend and foe**



**I** have never been a daylily aficionado, but as of late, they are growing on me. Why I write is because on Cape Cod they are everywhere. The last few days I have seen them paired with shrubs, other perennials and even as a backdrop to carefully placed annuals.

Read on as I resurrect a column from the archives with new and updated factoids.

We've all seen the clumps of orange daylilies (*Hemerocallis fulva*) blooming along roadsides each summer. These remnants of long ago have oftentimes outlived the people who planted them and the farmhouse in which they were planted around.

Arriving from Asia in the late 1800s, the common daylily is now considered invasive because it crowds out native plants. While experts advise not planting daylilies that are known to run amok, there are many cultivars that rightly deserve a place in the landscape.

Two varieties of daylilies presently occupy space in my landscape, one that is a family heirloom, and another that was purchased on a whim.

The lemon lily (*Hemerocallis lilioasphodelus*) was a family heirloom, although I am not sure where it originated. I think it was my grand babi that first gave it to my mother back in the 1950s.

It has been almost entirely choked out of the banking of my childhood home by lily of the valley, but I am lucky enough to have saved a piece and it is thriving in my perennial garden. It is delicate as far as daylilies go, perfectly lemon yellow and subtly scented.

The lemon lily has a short bloom time, a week or less in early June, but it makes a perfect bed fellow to deep purple bearded iris.

Today, thousands of cultivars of daylilies are available, many of which bloom for longer periods of time than the old-fashioned types. They are offered in shades of all colors except blue and pure white.

Miniatures look great in rock gardens, while more beefy types work well to stabilize bankings. The majority blend nicely with annuals, perennials, and shrubbery, as mentioned.

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**Grandma Gatewood's Excellent Adventure**



By J. Mark Powell  
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*A senior's walk into the record books*

**I**'ve been getting into shape recently. But my progress pales compared to what a remarkable senior did nearly 70 years ago.

Emma Gatewood's life was hard. Born in Ohio in 1887, she was one of 15 kids in a family that slept four to a bed.

Her father lost a leg in the Civil War and spent the rest of his life drinking and gambling. Though her formal education ended in the 8th grade, she kept learning by devouring encyclopedias, Greek classics, and books on woods and wildlife.

At age 19 Emma married a 27-year-old teacher and tobacco farmer named P.C. Gatewood. The honeymoon ended quickly, when Emma discovered she was expected to work in the fields alongside the men, plus cook, clean, and raise their 11 kids.

P.C. was mean. He killed a man in 1924 but avoided prison because the judge said his many children would go hungry with him behind bars.

He beat Emma often, sometimes almost to the point of death. When he turned violent, she tried to run into the nearby woods. Safe in the security of her beloved trees and plants, she found peace and solitude.

P.C. repeatedly threatened to send Emma to a mental institution to keep her from divorcing him.

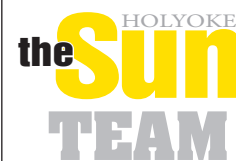
In 1939, he had her jailed in the first step toward having her committed. Seeing Emma's cracked teeth and broken ribs, their town's mayor moved her into his home and helped her get a job.

She divorced P.C. the next year. A series of odd jobs saw her through the next decade until her children were all grown.

Then, as so often happens, fate unexpectedly called. For Emma, it came in the form of an old magazine.

She happened upon a 1949 National

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*"When summer gathers up her robes of glory, and like a dream of beauty glides away."*

Sarah Helen Whitman

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**GARDEN**, from page 4

Daylilies belong to the genus *Hemerocallis*- hemero being Greek for “beautiful,” and callis Greek for “day.” Individual flowers do open and perish in 24 hours or less.

Luckily though, there are usually several flowers per scape (stem), and when one goes by another is waiting to take its place. A desirable variety will bloom for at least two weeks, or will repeat blooming later in the season.

When shopping for daylilies at the nursery simply count the number of buds per scape of the potted plant. The number of buds (or the number of scars if blooming is nearly finished) coincides with the number of days that particular variety is expected to bloom.

Unfortunately, my lemon lily had a mere four.

If you choose carefully and plan accordingly by including early, mid, and late season bloomers in your mix, it is possible to achieve continuous bloom over a three month period in a mixed border of daylilies.

Many people are opting to plant a single variety for a season’s worth of flowers. Different than varieties that rebloom, everbloomers offer a nonstop



Orange daylilies

performance from the beginning of their bloom period until frost.

It is said that Dr. Darrel Apps, a geneticist and master breeder evaluated some 11,000 seedlings to end up with a mere few that flower continuously.

Breeding continues, so look for the newest introductions each year. My whim purchase from a few years back is a rebloomer called “Purple D’oro.” I bought it because it was blooming in the nursery alongside Gayfeather, orange Helenium, and Purple Coneflower.

They are a power quartet in my sum-



Lemon lily

mer border for sure, and the rebloom factor surely stretches out the show.

Locate daylilies where they will receive at least six hours of sun a day. Average soil, as long as it drains well, will grow strong plants.

Vigor determines whether clumps need to be separated and divided every few years, or if they can grow uninterrupted for many seasons. Division is best accomplished in early spring or immediately after bloom.

If you take the later approach, just be sure the plant has at least one month



Purple D’Oro

of growing time before frost hits. This way it will have an opportunity to root well, anchoring itself before winter freezing and thawing can heave it from the ground.

*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.*

**ADVENTURE**, from page 4

Geographic issue featuring an article on the Appalachian Trail.

At that moment an incredible idea took root in her mind. She would become the first woman to walk the entire length of the trail, all 2,200 miles from Springer Mountain in Georgia to Maine’s Mount Katahdin.

At age 66, no less.

The idea grew into an obsession. At a time when people nearing 70 were expected to relax in rocking chairs, Emma began preparing to attempt what no woman before had ever done.

Her legs were strong, she was in good health, so why not?

She began her journey at Mount Katahdin in July 1954 – and promptly met with one disaster after another. She broke her glasses, she got lost, then she ran out of food.

When rangers found her, they persuaded the hapless sexagenarian to go home.

But while Emma Gatewood may have failed, she didn’t quit. She told no one about her setback and quietly prepared for a second attempt.

She learned from her initial mistakes and changed her strategy.

In 1955, she started two months earlier this time and began in Georgia. Again, it wasn’t easy.

That 1949 article had made her believe the route was a smooth trail. It wasn’t, and her Keds tennis shoes were no match for the rugged moun-

tain terrain.

She expected to find shelters along the way; there weren’t any, forcing her to sleep in piles of leaves.

But she stuck with it and kept walking. Newspapers picked up her story as she went, and soon she acquired a nickname – Grandma Gatewood – along with celebrity status.

She achieved her goal 146 days later when she reached Baxter Peak atop Mount Katahdin. She signed the register, sang “America the Beautiful,” and said to herself out loud, “I did it. I said I’d do it, and I’ve done it.”

Grandma Gatewood then appeared on the Today show, was a guest on a TV game show, and was even profiled in Sports Illustrated where she said, “This is no trail. It’s a nightmare. For some fool reason, they always lead you right up over the biggest rock on top of the highest mountain they can find.”

And she didn’t stop walking. She hiked the entire Appalachian Trail a second time two years later, walked all 2,000 miles of the Oregon Train in 1959, and at age 76 she did the Appalachian Trial yet again (though this time in sections), becoming the first person to walk it three times.

She went right on hiking right up until her death in 1973 at 85.

What was the secret to her success? Grandma Gatewood refused to let anything – failure, adversity, or advanced age – stand in her way.

*Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.*

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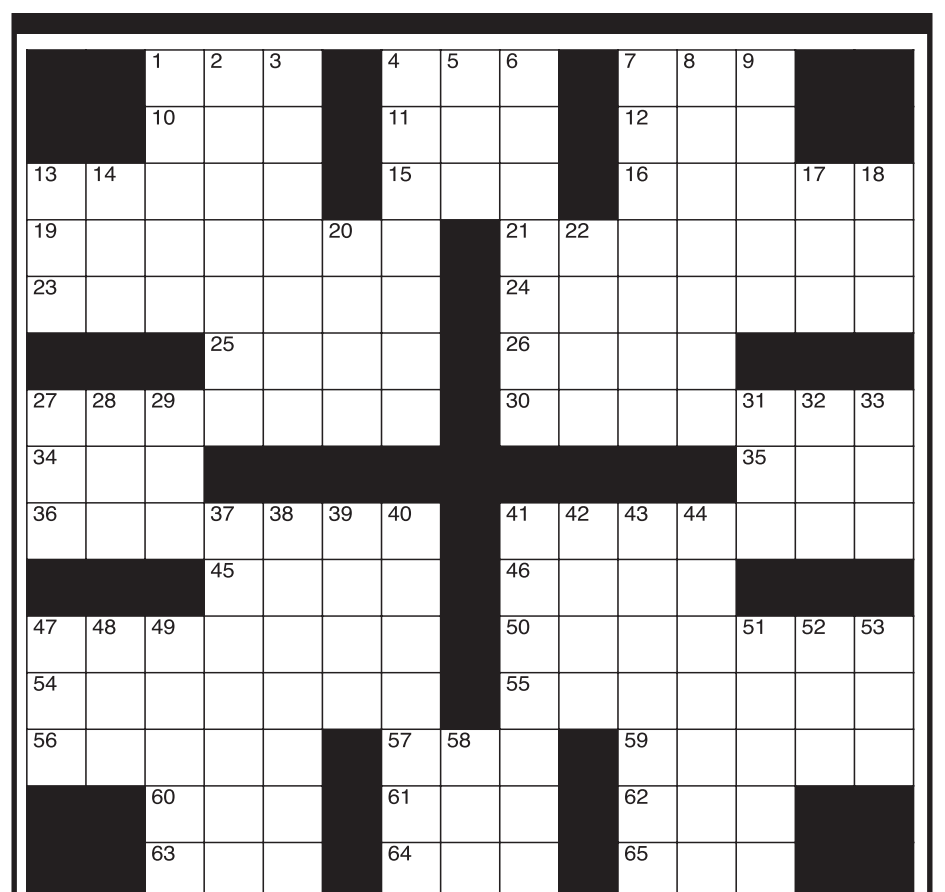
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- 27. Left
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- 46. Ancient Greek City
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- 32. Woeful
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- 42. Brews
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- 44. Singer
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- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
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- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

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# MA Legislature passes \$375 million transportation bill

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Legislature on Thursday passed a bill that includes \$375 million in bond authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state’s Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with a reliable funding source for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

“Ensuring that people in every region of Massachusetts have safe and dependable transportation options is fundamental to creating a competitive and equitable commonwealth,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “This funding invests in

our infrastructure and transit systems everywhere, allocating much-needed funds to local roads and bridges, regional transit, EV infrastructure, and parts of the MBTA. I want to thank Senator Crighton for making this a priority, my Senate colleagues for their support, and Speaker Mariano and the House for agreeing on these critical investments in our infrastructure.”

This legislation also authorizes \$175 million in programs that will support various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each of the following: the municipal small bridge program; the complete streets program; a bus transit infrastructure

program; grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations; grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them; funding for pavement and surface improvements on state and municipal roadways; and new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities.

Senator Jake Oliveira (Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District) was glad to see the new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road mileage, “Western Mass

has considerably more rural communities than other areas of the state, so I’m glad to see the Legislature prioritize regional equity by taking more factors into account beyond just population and other socioeconomic factors. Addressing regional equity is about acknowledging and understanding that Western Mass has different challenges than other parts of the state. I’m grateful to Senate President Spilka, Speaker Mariano, and my colleagues in the Legislature for considering that,” said Oliveira.

The bill having passed both the Senate and the House of Representatives, it will now be sent to the Governor for her consideration.

# HNE offers grants to address mental health, opioid epidemic

SPRINGFIELD – Health New England will award grants totaling \$100,000 to eligible non-profit organizations with programs that work to address mental health and the opioid epidemic in Western Massachusetts. The programs must address health equity and at least one social determinant of health and focus on Health New England’s service area including Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties.

One in five adults in Health New England’s service area experience depression, according to the company’s community health needs assessment. Despite some signs of improvement, the opioid crisis has grown in the last several

years. For instance, in 2020 Hampden County experienced the highest rate of Emergency Medical Service calls related to opioid overdoses of any county in the state, the assessment reports.

“The mental health crisis and opioid use disorder have hit our home counties hard, and the impact of health and societal inequities in these cases is undeniable,” said Richard Swift, President and CEO of Health New England. “It is our hope that these grants help remove barriers under-resourced communities face

to allow residents to enjoy better mental health and avoid or recover from opioid addiction so they may thrive.”

Social Determinants of Health include: Built environment (includes transportation, access to healthy foods), education, employment, housing, social environment (social isolation, institutional racism), violence and trauma.

IRS-designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that manage innovative community-based programs benefiting undeserved resi-

dents may apply for Health New England DEIB grants through Sept. 11, 2023.

In its fourth year, the Health New England DEIB grants program has awarded nearly \$340,000 to local non-profits addressing health equity in Western Massachusetts.

Completed grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on September 11. Only complete submissions made online will be considered. Non-profit organizations will only be eligible for Health New England community benefit funding once per calendar year. Apply here: <https://form.jotform.com/203005404536039>.

Those with questions may email [communitiygiving@hne.com](mailto:communitiygiving@hne.com).

*“It is our hope that these grants help remove barriers...”*

**- Richard Swift**  
President and CEO of HNE



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## Bankers cash in for finals

WILBRAHAM – Last Friday night, PeoplesBank Tri-County baseball took down DiFranco in the opener of a best-of-three series 17-0 in five innings.

The Bankers are the No. 1 seed in the Tri-County League playoffs.

They would punch their ticket to the finals the following day when DiFranco forfeited the second game of the series, giving the Bankers the finals berth.

The finals were scheduled to begin earlier this week.



Joe Ferry slides into third base safely.



Braeden Lamirande gets an out at first for DiFranco.

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Agawam's Cam Rivest delivers a pitch for DiFranco Realty.



Zach Handzel, of Palmer, pitches for PeoplesBank.



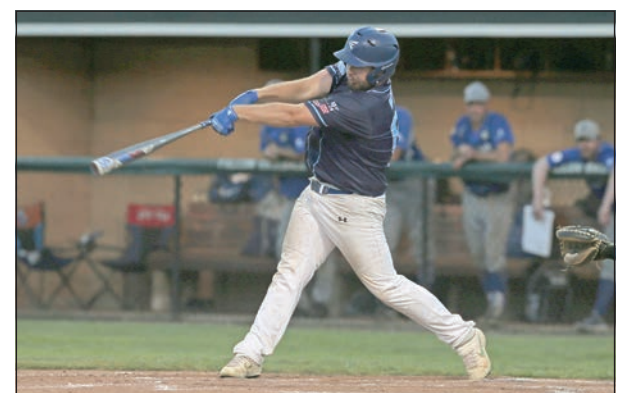
Cam McDonald throws to first.



Dave Clark fields a grounder for PeoplesBank.



Ryan Hemenway, of Wilbraham sizes up a pitch.



Nicholas Wilken, of Ludlow, swings and connects.

## Blue Sox win the West, playoffs begin

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox are the 2023 NECBL West Division Champions. In their final game of the regular season, the Blue Sox defeated the Keene Swamp Bats 8-7, to finish 23-18-2 on the season.

In a game that saw 23 hits and four different position players on the mound, the Blue Sox scored runs in four different innings.

Brendan Yagesh started the game for the Blue Sox, pitching

two innings while allowing four runs with three strikeouts.

Keene got on the board first in the top of the second inning, following three RBI singles and a wild pitch to put the Swamp Bats up 4-0 early.

Valley rallied back to quickly take the lead back in the bottom of the second inning, batting around their entire lineup. Conor Kiely hit an RBI single to score EJ Kreutzmann in his first at-bat of the season.

Zach Ketterman hit an RBI single to score Michael Zarrillo.

Will Gale walked with the bases loaded, AJ Guerrero hit an RBI single, then EJ Kreutzmann was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, to allow the Blue Sox to take the lead 5-4.

Kurt Thomas took over for Yagesh in the top of the third, pitching two innings while allowing one run.

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## Teams clinch playoff spots as season nears close

WILBRAHAM – Sunday's action in the Valley Wheel Over-28 baseball league got a lot clearer as three teams cemented their spots in the playoffs while the fourth team will be determined by a matchup this week.

The Twins-Angels game held at Bruce Park in Suffield provided the stage for a pre-

view to the playoffs.

The two teams have met in the last two playoff finals. It will not happen this year. Thanks to a complete game from Todd Bergstrom, as well as a two-run single in the ninth inning he also provided, the Twins prevailed over the Angels 6-4.

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# Belanger, Grenier get first career wins in Monadnock races

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Joel Belanger and Carlos Grenier each scored his first career Monadnock Speedway victory Saturday at the historic high-banked oval.

Belanger won the nightcap 30-lapper in the NHSTRA Modifieds, while Nate Wenzel topped the first open-wheel go-round. Grenier earned his victory lap by holding Colton Martin at bay to win the 50-lap Pure Stock main event. In the NHSTRA Late Models, it was Hillary Renaud scoring her first win of the summer and, in so doing, becoming the fifth different LM victor this year.

Steve Miller Jr. won for the first time this year in the Six Shooters, and Adrian Smith continued to outrun everyone as he dominated en route to his third 2023 Young Guns victory.

Wenzel's win in the first Modified feature came gift-wrapped in the form of a Brian Chapin/Tyler Leary last-lap tangle that saw Wenzel avoid the mess immediately before him as he darted

off to victory.

Chapin had taken control on lap three and was probably already making plans for where the night's trophy would later be displayed when he and Leary, up to second on lap 25, jingled in turn two as the checkers awaited them less than a lap away. Wenzel steered clear and blasted to his second win of the summer.

In the nightcap, Belanger held off all challengers to wire the event for his first career victory on the high banks. Geoff Rollins got up for second on lap 15 but, on this night, was no match for the speedy Belanger. Rollins was the night's overall Modified winner, putting together a pair of deuce runs. Aaron Fellows and Scott Zilinski each had a third for their hard night's work.

A field of 21 potent chargers went to war in the night's Pure Stock 50-lapper. Carlos Grenier, starting up front, had seen victory slip away from him in his last outing on the high banks and wasn't about to let it happen again.

He led Dominick Stafford on laps one and two, with two-time winner Colton Martin then taking over on a restart and riding in Grenier's shadow the rest of the way.

While the lap-two jingle didn't affect the race's outcome, it strongly impacted the mid-season points chase. Multi-time track champ and points titan Chris Davis, along with Zach Phillips and Andrea St. Amour were the big victims in this one, with Davis' early demise dropping him to 20th on the night.

Grenier and Martin fought hard the rest of the way, with Zach Zilinski in close tow until 2022 Claremont champ Chris Chambers claimed third on lap 42. Grenier, third his last time out, prevailed to take a happy victory lap.

Hillary Renaud used her Saturday victory in the NHSTRA Late Models to leapfrog two spots in the points parade into second. She led all the way, with Haydon Grenier – up to second on lap two – strong in his runner-up perfor-

mance. Points leader and reigning track champ Tim Wenzel used a final-turn blast to snatch third from JD Stockwell.

Steve Miller Jr. took the lead from Jacob Scott on lap three of the Six Shooter feature and never looked back. Scott then had his hands full for much of the race holding off Miller's father, Steve Sr., for second, as Scott, Miller Sr., and Andrew Scott took the checkers nose-to-tail.

Adrian Smith took the lead from Madison Cousino on lap eight of the Young Guns feature and then blasted off to his third win of the summer. Cousino, impressive all night, held strong the rest of the way to earn her first career podium finish in second, while Markus O'Neil came home third.

After a week off, Monadnock Speedway will return to action on Saturday, August 5, when the high-banked speedplant will host another full night of oval track racing featuring 50 Lap Mini Stock Challenge.

# St. Joe's season ends in playoff loss in quarterfinal round

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

EAST LONGMEADOW – Two days after losing to fifth-seeded DiFranco Realty at home in game one of the Tri-County League playoffs, fourth-seeded St. Joseph's made the trek to the East Longmeadow High School baseball field looking to even the best of three series.

Game two was a very close affair until the fifth inning.

With the score tied, 2-2, entering the bottom of the fifth inning, DiFranco Realty put together a rally. They wound up sweeping the opening round series with a 5-2 victory, last Wednesday night.

"Anytime that you're the higher seeded team and you don't win a game in a playoff series, it's very unfortunate," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We did have some good pitching in these two games, but we just didn't execute at the plate. We just left a lot of guys on base."

Marcinek shared the coaching duties with Jon Ferry.

DiFranco Realty celebrated a 6-1 victory in game one. Game two was postponed for a day due to rain.

St. Joe's, who finished the regular season with an 8-10 record, left a total of six runners on base in game two. Five of them were stranded in scoring position.

DiFranco, who went 6-12 during the regular season, took a 1-0 lead against St. Joe's righthander Brandon Magni in the bottom of the first inning.

Centerfielder Cam Rivest, who's from Agawam, lined a leadoff single into leftfield. Rivest moved to third base following a perfect sacrifice bunt by first baseman Andrew Bunger.

After the next batter hit a ground ball back to Magni, an RBI single by designated hitter Carlos Pena gave the home team an early 1-0 lead.

St. Joe's did tie the score in their next at-bats.

With one-out in the top of the second inning, second baseman Jon

Nickerson hit a flyball double to right field. Nickerson, who went 2-for-3 in game two, scored the tying run when left fielder Eric Corley (3-for-3) singled to center.

The duo of Nickerson and Corley combined for five of St. Joe's seven base hits in game two.

Nickerson, who also hit a bloop single to right field with one-out in the top of the fourth, scored the go-ahead run when catcher Adam Zebian hit a ground ball to the shortstop.

St. Joe's didn't keep the 2-1 lead for very long.

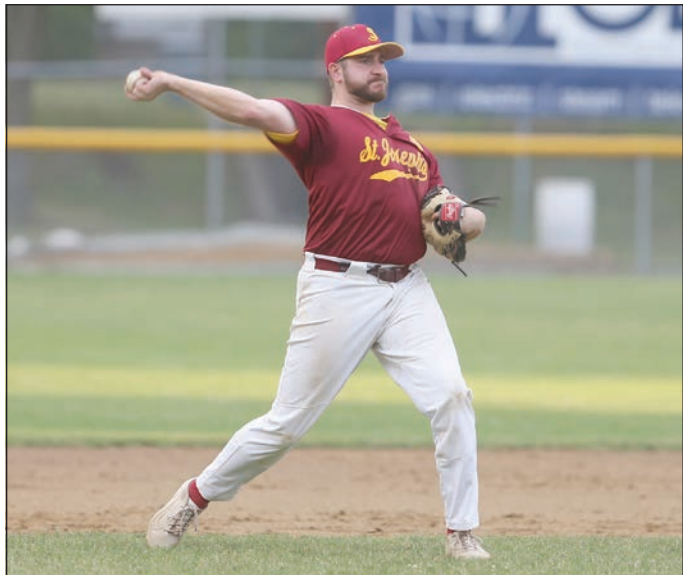
With one-out in the bottom of the fourth, DiFranco Realty second baseman Josh Wood, who walked, scored the tying run when right fielder Cade Raymond blasted a double down the right field line.

The home team retook the lead in the fifth inning.

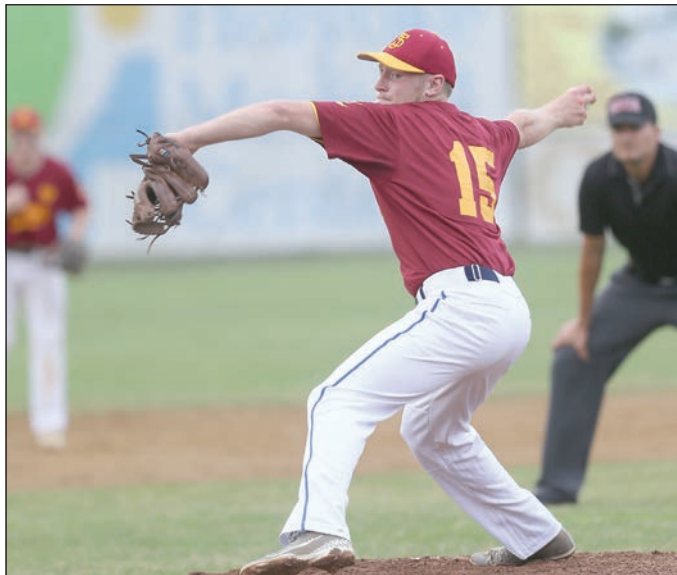
Pena knocked home the first run of the frame with a double. Third baseman Nick Wilken followed with a single. After the next batter flied out, shortstop Ty Emet drew a walk which loaded the bases.

Wood drove home two more runs with another double giving DiFranco a 5-2 lead.

After DiFranco Realty righthander Nate Morse retired eight batters in a row, Corley hit a ground ball single into left field leading the top of the seventh inning. Shortstop Greg Vouros also singled with one-out. Morse retired the next two batters on a pop-up and a strikeout, as DiFranco Realty advanced into the semifinals.



Brandon Magni makes a play for St. Joe's during the 2023 season.



Sam Schriber delivers a pitch for the Saints.

Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

## PLAYOFFS, from page 7

The game was close throughout, with the Angels and Twins trading leads a few times. Down 4-3 in the eighth, Trevor Portlock, of Wilbraham, drove home a run with a single to make the game 4-4. The Angels, unfortunately, could not bring home the go-head runs, which were at second and third with one out. Bergstrom was able to close the game in the ninth.

With the win, the Angels fell to 8-7 and their regular season is finished. The Twins are 8-6, and had a makeup game scheduled with the Tigers on Wednesday at Spec Pond under the lights. A win gets the Twins to 9-6 and the final playoff spot. But a loss would make the Twins 8-7 like the Angels, and put the Angels in the playoffs. The Angels hold a 2-1 advantage in their tiebreaker over the Twins this year, winning the first two matchups the teams had.

Elsewhere in the league, the Cubs cemented their playoff spot, winning their ninth game of the season with a 14-12 win over the Orioles. The Orioles would finish 1-14 and out of playoff contention.

The Cubs meet the Athletics on Thursday night with the top seeds on the line.

The Athletics defeated the Tigers on Sunday evening at Spec Pond 9-7. Both teams have already made the playoffs this year, but will look for momentum in their respective games later this week.

The two makeup games were necessitated from rainouts last Thursday night that wiped out all the action about two hours before the games were scheduled.

The playoffs are currently scheduled for this Sunday at Spec Pond with the 2 and 3 seeds playing at 2:30 p.m. and the 1 and 4 seeds playing at 6 p.m.

## BLUE SOX, from page 7

Keene tied the game at five after Bryan Padillia was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Valley took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth after Michael Zarrillo walked with the bases loaded to put the team ahead 6-5.

Third Baseman Zach Ketterman made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Thomas in the top of the fifth inning. The righthander pitched two innings with three strikeouts, allowing one run.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at six following an RBI single in the top of the fifth, but Valley quickly took the lead back in the bottom of the inning after Guerrero hit an RBI groundout.

Center Fielder Will Gale also made his first appearance on the mound this season, taking over for Ketterman in the top of the seventh inning. The speedy

outfielder pitched one inning, allowing one run and striking out one batter.

The Swamp Bats tied the game at seven in the top of the seventh inning after an RBI single.

CJ Willis, a position player who has made four different appearances on the mound this season, once again saw himself on the mound after relieving Gale in the top of the eighth inning. Willis pitched two scoreless innings to earn himself his second win of the season.

The Blue Sox took the lead in the bottom of the eighth after 2023 All-Star EJ Kreutzmann hit an RBI single to score Collier Cranford.

Willis pitched a clean ninth inning to secure the victory and division title for the Blue Sox.

With the NECBL Playoffs beginning Monday night, the Blue Sox remained at home to host their division rival Bristol Blues in the first game of a best-of-three-game series.



## T-Birds caravan event moved

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds today announced that the first installment of the T-Birds Community Caravan presented by Dunkin’ has been postponed to Saturday, Aug. 12 due to potential inclement weather this weekend.

The T-Birds Community Caravan will still make a total of three stops in the Springfield area throughout the summer months:

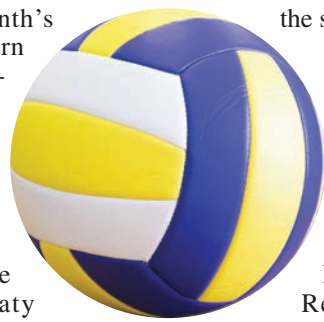
- Saturday, Aug. 12 - Szot Park (Chicopee), 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 19 - Amelia Ice Arena (Westfield), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the T-Birds Street Hockey Tournament
- Public skating from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 - Forest Park & Cyr Arena (Springfield), 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each event will feature an appearance from Thunderbirds mascot Boomer and team staff, as well as a wide variety of activities and vendors, including a Dunkin’ Taste Truck, street hockey activities, and various food options.

# West showcased in volleyball

BOSTON – In last month’s Bay State Games, the Western part of the state featured a volleyball team. Here is a look at how they fared in some of their matchups held July 8 and 9:

The Central girls team opened up the Girls side of the showcase with strong play from Katy O’Connell (Northborough, Algonquin Reg. HS) and Lily Davidson (Rutland, Wachusett Reg. HS), leading them to a 25-13 first game win. The second game saw more of the same, as the Nault twins Victoria, and Sabrina (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury HS) also helped power Central to a dominant game one performance, winning



the second set 25-12.

### Coastal 2, West 0

This match featured an impressive start for the West squad, as they held the lead numerous times thanks to Sasha Fyfe (Dalton, Waconah Reg. HS) and Gabrielle Adams (Greenfield, Frontier Reg. HS). Unfortunately, they were unable to hold the lead, as Coastal stormed back to grab a 25:16 win in the first set, and rolled through the second game as well. Although closer in the end, the Coastal team found success thanks to consistent play from Haley Jenkins (Dartmouth, Dartmouth HS)

and Hannah Storm (Swansea, Joseph Case HS).

### West 2, Southeast 0

During this match, Southeast used a 6-point run, along with multiple diving plays to help propel them to a quick 25-15 first-game win. In the second game, West used great efforts from Chloe Schott (Longmeadow, Longmeadow HS) and Gabriella Manes (Feeding Hills, Agawam HS), however it wasn’t enough as Zoe Smallman (Weston, Weston HS) and Caroline Gray (Whitman, Whitman-Hanson Reg. HS) continued their good performances on the day, winning the second game 25-21.

The west would play in a challenge game on Sunday, July 9, but did not play in either of the medal games.

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### City of Holyoke Notice of Public Hearing

The Ordinance Committee of the Holyoke City Council and the Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:30pm** to hear a zone change application from DR to BC for Jose Almonte at 549-551 South Bridge St (029-08-002) to rebuild convenience store following a recent fire. Meeting will take place at Holyoke City Hall 536 Dwight St and can be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) Meeting ID 831 7743 6694 Meeting Passcode 289877 or by call in at 1-646-558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode. Written public comment can be submitted to [publiccomment@holyoke.org](mailto:publiccomment@holyoke.org). For a copy of this application or to submit written comment for the hearing, please contact City Council Admin Asst Jeffery Anderson-Burgos at [Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org](mailto:Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org) or by phone 413-322-5525.

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INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **07/18/2023** by **Eric D Noiseux** of Easthampton, MA and **Amede Tana** of Easthampton, MA will be held **08/28/2023 01:45 PM Motion**.

Located: **Judge Army - In Person: 50 State St Springfield, MA 01103 Courtroom 2 - 4th Floor**

### 2. Response to Petition:

You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests.  
Date: July 19, 2023

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
08/04/23

**City of Holyoke, MA  
RFP 2024-005OPED  
Consulting Services to  
provide a Comprehensive  
Plan for the Office of  
Planning and Development  
Sealed Proposals due by  
8/16/2023 at 1:00 PM, EST  
Email submissions  
will not be accepted**

The City of Holyoke is seeking sealed qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional consulting services for the creation of a new updated Comprehensive Plan for the City of Holyoke.

Involvement with any City of Holyoke Procurement shall be in accordance with

M.G.L 30B, c. 149, 30& 39 M. 30, c. 30B & 5, c. 7C & 44-57. It shall be the responsibility of each supplier to assure compliance with any OSHA, EPA, CORI, DEP, and/or FEDERAL, STATE of MASSACHUSETTS rules, and regulations or other requirements, as each may apply.

Sealed qualifications for this project shall be received by the City of Holyoke from qualified bidders submitted on forms furnished by the City and clearly identified on the outside of the bid with the name and address of the bidder, and the name and Bid Number of the project, and submitted to:

City of Holyoke, Purchasing  
536 Dwight Street #3  
Holyoke, MA 01040

Please provide 1 original and 1 copy of your submittal.

Documents can be requested in person at the Purchasing Office or via email from [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org)

The city reserves the right to reject any and all submissions based on the best interest of the city.  
08/04/2023

### Notice

The Massachusetts State Lottery Commission (MSLC) has received a KENO License application from:

**Donovan’s Irish Pub  
80 Jarvis Avenue  
Holyoke, MA**

Estimated weekly traffic: (number of people):500.

Current No. of Cashier positions selling Lottery products: 0

Percentage of floor space currently devoted to Lottery sales: 0%

Percentage of floor space for KENO sales: 5%

Estimated annual gross revenues of current Lottery products: \$0.

Estimated percentage of gross revenues from sales of Lottery products: 7%

Estimated net income to be derived from sales of KENO products at this location: \$6,000.

If you object to these agent(s) receiving a moni-

tor, you must do so, in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter. If applicable, please address your written objection to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Legal Department, 150 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125 and send via email to [cporche@masslottery.com](mailto:cporche@masslottery.com) or by mail. Should you have any questions regarding this program or any other issues relative to the Lottery, please call the Lottery’s General Counsel, Greg Polin, at 781-917-6057 or via email at [gpolin@masslottery.com](mailto:gpolin@masslottery.com). We look forward to working with you as the Lottery continues its efforts to support the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth.  
08/04/2023

### City of Holyoke PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Holyoke Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** via Zoom.com ID: 836 3939 8493; CALL IN \*67 646 558 8656 to hear, pursuant to the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance Section 6.4.6.4, a Special Permit for an Increase in Sign Size and Multiple Signs per wall for Gary Rome Carwash, at 180 Whiting Farms Road (Parcel 116-00-020), submitted by New Holyoke Realty, LLC.

The complete application may be viewed through the Holyoke Planning Dept M-F, 9-4 p.m.

Applicant:  
New Holyoke Realty, LLC  
Planning Board:  
Mimi Panitch  
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Applicant:  
Sign Techniques Inc.  
Planning Board:  
Mimi Panitch  
08/04, 08/11/2023

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Swinging Bridges Auction Company, Lic #2755 will hold a Public Auction on **August 19, 2023. Unclaimed items to be sold at 9 a.m.**

at **Pawn Depot Inc., 448 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA 01040.**

20% buyers fee, 6.25% MA sales tax.  
08/04, 08/11/2023

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Invitation to Bid  
# 2024 – 003E**

**2023-25 Traffic Calming & Safety Measures**

MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, for the project with an estimated Total Project Value (including 2-year Extension Option costs) of \$1,092,000 will be required.

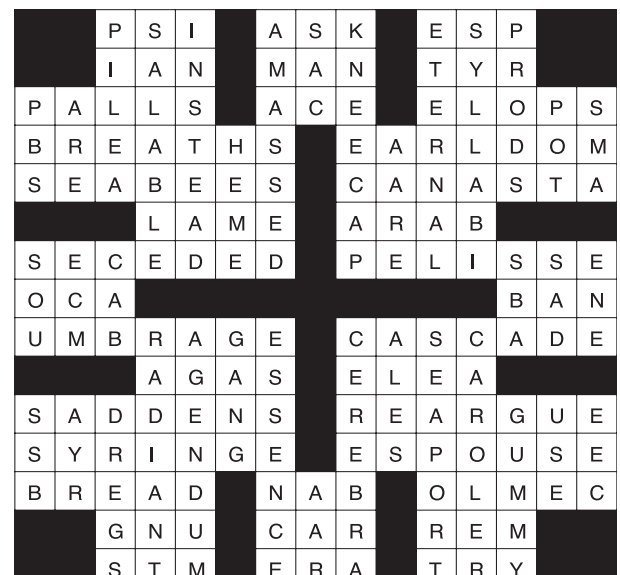
Year 1 estimated project value is \$364,000.

Documents may be obtained electronically by email request at [morrowj@holyoke.org](mailto:morrowj@holyoke.org).

Sealed proposals will be received in the Purchasing Office, Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight Street, Room 3, Holyoke, MA 01040 **until 2:00 PM on August 23, 2023**, in which they will be publicly opened and read.

The City of Holyoke reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.  
08/04/2023

**Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.**



# MiraVista welcomes No More Silence Massachusetts

HOLYOKE – Through a new partnership with MiraVista Behavioral Health Center, No More Silence Massachusetts, an area nonprofit that offers support to anyone affected by suicide loss, is changing the location of its meetings and expanding services.

Terri Tracy and her husband Daniel founded No More Silence Massachusetts as suicide loss survivors. Each of the Tracy's had brothers who died by suicide – Dan's brother Thom in 2007 at age 40, and Terri's brother Tommy in 2013 at age 42.

"Our Suicide Attempt Survivors Group will offer support to those who have made a suicide attempt at least two years ago and are 21 years of age or older," Tracy said.

The most recent government data

indicates that in 2021 there was an estimated 1.70 million suicide attempts in the United States.

"People come together and talk with each other more openly because they are surrounded by those who truly understand the type of loss experienced," Tracy said. "Although everyone's story is different and unique to them, the common factor is the loss to suicide."

Terri Tracey added that founding No More Silence Massachusetts has made her and her husband "both realize that our



stories can help someone else, as well as realizing that others understand what we go through and are not alone."

"We are very pleased to have No More Silence Massachusetts support groups meet at MiraVista Behavioral Health Center," said Kimberley Lee, MiraVista's chief of creative strategy and development. "As a provider of services to those affected by mental health and substance use conditions, we know the importance of treatment and support for those seeking it. No More Silence

Massachusetts provides comfort to those who have experienced suicide loss or attempted suicide in a setting where they can share their stories and know there are not alone on their journey of recovery."

No More Silence Massachusetts meeting dates and times are:

One-on-One Comfort Talks – Individual meetings the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning in August from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Suicide Attempt Survivors Group – Meetings the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in August from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Suicide Loss Survivor Group – Meetings the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month beginning in July from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

# Final fiscal 2024 budget maintains Velis' priorities

*Includes \$750,000 for local organizations*

BOSTON – After two months of negotiations, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed a final compromise budget for fiscal year 2024 yesterday and sent the legislation to Gov. Maura Healey for consideration. State Sen. John Velis (D-Westfield), who secured \$3.76 million in the Senate's original budget, said he was pleased to see all of his funding and policy priorities maintained in the final budget.

"It's my job as senator to go down to Beacon Hill and zealously advocate for our district's priorities however I can," said Velis. "Over the past several months, my team and I have been meeting with leaders and organizations across the commonwealth and I am grateful that my priorities in the Senate's original budget have been maintained in the final FY24 budget we are sending to Governor Healey's desk."

### Local funding secured

- \$250,000 to the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce for building restorations and business upgrades throughout the City of Holyoke.

- \$70,000 to Barnes Air National Guard Base for base force protection support.

- \$50,000 to Bay State Noble Hospital's opioid treatment and overdose prevention community grant program.

- \$25,000 to the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote tourism in Western Massachusetts.

- \$25,000 to the City of Agawam for ADA compliance improvements.

- \$25,000 to the City of Easthampton for ADA compliance improvements.

- \$15,000 to the Children's Museum of Holyoke.

- \$10,000 to the South Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative.

- \$10,000 to the Amelia Park Children's Museum in Westfield.

### Veterans Affairs initiatives

- \$500,000 to the Massachusetts General Hospital Home Base Program to expand trauma services for veterans across the state.

- \$200,000 to implement the recommendations of last session's Women Veterans Study, including expanding outreach to identify women veterans and services.

- Expanding eligibility for the MA Welcome Home Bonus to LGBTQ+ service members who were dishonorably discharged under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

- \$914,000 to Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts Service Fund, Inc. to provide counseling and benefits assistance to disabled veterans and their families.

- \$100,000 to Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts Inc to aid veterans in the commonwealth with filing claims for medical and financial benefits.

### Health care initiatives

- \$500,000 to establish a Behavioral

Health School Pilot Program that will allow school counselors and administrators to call a specialist hotline to discuss behavioral health issues with students.

- Requiring the Board of Nursing Home Administrators to report on nursing home closures and whether the closures are in compliance with state regulations.

- Ensuring that physicians are able to access mental health resources after being referred to Physician Health Services.

Another initiative from Velis in the Senate budget increased funding for the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs by \$800,000, from \$2.2 to \$3 million. That \$3 million in funding was included in the final budget and will support Boys & Girls Clubs across the commonwealth in the next operating year.

With these initiatives now included in the Legislature's final fiscal 2024 budget, the legislation will now go to the governor for consideration.

# Legislation announced to combat extreme heat health risks

WASHINGTON – Sen. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety, Sen. Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema (I-Ariz.) and Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Rep. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10) and Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ-03) today reintroduced the Preventing Health Emergencies And Temperature-related Illness and Deaths Act to address the rising health risks of extreme heat. The announcement follows Earth's hottest day on record, the predicted hottest day in the past 125,000 years, and new national and local responses to extreme heat.

As climate change continues to worsen, extreme heat events in the United States are becoming more frequent, longer lasting, and more severe.

Earlier this month, nearly one in three Americans were under an extreme heat advisory or warning. Prolonged exposure to this kind of heat can have dangerous consequences for human health, including heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and even death. The Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act would improve and expand inter-agency efforts, provide \$100 million in financial assistance for community projects to reduce exposure to extreme heat, and issue recommendations for federal action on heat-health issues.

"It's no coincidence that we've seen back-to-back record-breaking heat this summer, it's the climate crisis announcing it's at our doorstep. We need to take bold and aggressive action to combat the climate crisis, but we also need to act fast to protect Americans from the health risks of extreme heat that we are experiencing right now," said Markey. "My

legislation would direct \$100 million in federal funding to help local communities on the front lines of the climate crisis stave off the worst outcomes of heat-related illness. As unprecedented waves of sweltering heat persist, I will keep calling on my colleagues in Congress to pass the Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act and create a national response to save lives."

"As we learned from the 2021 Heat Domes, we must actively pursue short-term solutions to save lives during heat waves, in conjunction with long-term steps towards saving our planet," said Strickland. "The Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act will address the dangers of extreme summer temperatures on human health and equip communities with the ability to combat the heat-health crisis."

The Preventing HEAT Illness and

Deaths Act would: Create the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to enhance inter agency efforts to address extreme heat; Formalize and expand the existing NIHHS within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which was initiated under President Barack Obama; Commission a National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine study on federal action on heat-health issues and response; and, establish and authorize a \$100 million financial assistance program to provide federal funding to community projects that reduce the health impact of extreme heat events, prioritizing projects in historically disadvantaged communities, communities with significant heat disparities associated with race or income, and communities with large gaps in heat preparedness.

## ELECTION, from page 1

(Ward 3), Kocayne Givner (Ward 4), Linda Vacon (Ward 5), Juan Anderson-Burgos (Ward 6), Kevin Jourdain (At-Large), Jose Maldonado Velez (At-Large), Tess Murphy-Romboletti (At-Large) and Israel Rivera (At-Large).

Council President and current Ward 7 Councilor, Todd McGee is not seeking re-election. Nor are current Ward 2 Councilor Will Puello and At-Large Councilor Peter Tallman.

Of the nine current councilors who took out nomination papers, all nine turned in their papers for them to be certified.

There are 18 new challengers who took out papers to run for spots on the city council. These challengers are: Victor Machado de Jesus (Ward 1), Diosdado Lopez Martinez (Ward 2), Janelle Mojica (Ward 2), Ashley Stackow (Ward 2), Carmen Yolanda Ocasio (Ward 2), Anne Thalheimer (Ward 3), Ruth Garcia (Ward 4), William Diaz (Ward 5), Guy O'Donnell (Ward 5), Meagan Blanche Magrath-Smith (Ward 7), Eileen Brady Leahy (Ward 7), Nicholas Duclos (Ward 7), Steve Rosenbush (Ward 7), Patricia Devine (At-Large), Axel Fontanez (At-Large), Howard Greaney (At-Large), Mimi Panitch (At-Large) and Michael Sullivan (At-Large).

Fourteen of the challengers—Blanche Magrath-Smith, Brady Leahy, Devine, Fontanez, Garcia, Greaney, Machado de Jesus, Mojica, O'Donnell, Panitch, Rosenbush, Sullivan, Thalheimer and Yolanda Ocasio—got their nomination papers certified.

Nine residents took out nomination papers to run for school committee. They were: Gustavo Romero Correa (Ward 1), Yadilette Rivera-Colón (Ward 3), Gloria Caballero Roca (Ward 4), Faizul Sibdhanny Jr. (Ward 4), John Whelihan (Ward 5), William Collamore (Ward 6), Eleanor Wilson (Ward 7), Luisette Arroyo Rosado (At-Large), Erin Brunelle (At-Large).

Of these candidates, eight got their nomination papers certified. They were: Arroyo Rosado, Brunelle, Caballero Roca, Collamore, Sibdhanny, Rivera-Colón, Whelihan and Wilson.

The only person who took out papers to run for treasurer was current Interim Treasurer Rory Casey. Casey's papers were certified; therefore, Casey will be on the ballot unopposed.

If you are unsure of where you need to go to vote, go to <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>. For further information on the election, go to <https://www.holyoke.org/clerk-voter-information/>.

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# Better Business Bureau advice on how to avoid rental scams

HOLYOKE – BBB Scam Tracker is getting reports of party hosts tricked by rentals that don't materialize. Before planning the next party, get to know this scam to avoid being conned.

### How the scam works

A consumer is planning a party and needs to rent supplies. They do a web or social media search and find a few options. For example, they may find a legitimate website with a convenient online booking system. Or the consumer might message someone through a social media account that seems professional. Either way, the "vendor" promises to reserve the rental for the date it's needed, if the consumer pays a deposit first. The "vendor" may also require you

to fill out a contact form with your personal details.

The date of the party arrives, and the rental tent, furniture, or other supplies don't arrive. At this point, the "vendor" may tell the consumer they've had an emergency and can't deliver on their promise. However, the scammers will disappear completely when asked for the money back. Other times, the consumer can't contact the rental company at all.

One consumer reported this experience to BBB Scam Tracker: "The day of the event, the rental never came. I called the phone number, and it went straight to an answering machine... I left several messages. None have been returned, and it has now been two months."

### How to avoid rental scams

Do the research before renting. Look for the rental company's website and ensure it has accurate contact information. Then, read consumer reviews about the company on third-party websites, such as BBB.org. Search the business name plus the word "scam" to ensure there are no reports of fraudulent business dealings.

Be careful with personal details. The consumer may need to fill out a contract with personal information, the consumer should make sure they are dealing with a legitimate, professional company before handing over sensitive information.

Be wary of people who contact randomly on messaging apps. Legitimate

businesses may use messaging apps to interact with customers, but it's unlikely they will contact the customer out of the blue this way. Even if speaking with a business through a messaging app, ensure they have a website and working contact information.

Always pay with a credit card. It's much easier to dispute fraudulent charges using your credit card. If paying with a debit card or cash, the consumer may not get your money back if scammed.

If you spot a party rental scam or any other kind of scam, report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker to help build consumer awareness. Always look for businesses that follow BBB Accreditation Standards and BBB Standards for Trust.

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duced the idea of hosting one in Holyoke and the non-profit organization Nueva Esperanza took it from there.

"I feel like I'm not missing out on the festival in Puerto Rico because now I have it here," Rodriguez said.

The first celebration was held last year and everyone was excited to have it again this year.

"I was born and raised here in Holyoke and I've heard a lot about the Fiestas Patronales de Holyoke and I remember growing up saying 'I want to go,' and a lot of my family members from Puerto Rico used to speak very highly about it," Rodriguez said. "Just to know that we have done it here in Holyoke...it's amazing."

Holyoke's Fiestas Patronales brings people from around the U.S. and the world to enjoy and take part in the cele-



bration. Singers Manny Manuel, George Lamond, Michael Stuart and more will be coming to perform.

"People are calling from Puerto Rico asking for dates because they want to come out here to Holyoke to be a part of the Fiesta Patronales," Rodriguez said. "Just to have people from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York calling because this person is going to perform...I feel very proud to be Puerto Rican, I'm very proud to be a part of this committee and

proud to live in Holyoke."

On top of the more famous performers, there will also be local artists performing for the first several hours of each night, including the Draglio Music Academy and Star Dancers Unity, both of whom will be performing on Sunday.

At the event there will be a multitude of local vendors and artists of all kinds for attendees to enjoy.

"Most of our vendors are local, no one outside of Holyoke and Springfield,"

Rodriguez said. "We are trying to keep our money in the city and surrounding areas and support our own local businesses."

The food vendors promise to provide a wide variety of Puerto Rican foods, such as frituras.

"The biggest thing I'm looking forward to is definitely the food," Rodriguez said. "We have a lot of good vendors this year."

There are already plans underway to host this event again next year. Next year the event will be even bigger with Rodriguez promising rides for attendees to enjoy.

"Next year we'll have the rides, we've already set that in place," she promised.

To learn more about this celebration and the schedule set for the weekend, go to <https://nuevaoholyoke.org/fiestaspatronales/>.

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