A satellite unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke has re-opened.

By Shelby Macri
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LYMAN TERRACE – The Lyman Terrace Satellite Unit officially opened its doors on Monday, July 19 for Summer Camp serving youth ages 6-12 years old. The re-opening re-community the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke’s unwavering commitment to doing whatever it takes to help the children in Holyoke who need us the most. For decades, the Club has been proud to operate programs within affordable housing communities. “We are thrilled to be back in the Lyman Terrace neighborhood. Our high quality summer and after-school programs are vital steps in supporting families to become more self-sufficient and to support young people in reaching their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens,” said Linda D. Cavanaugh, President & CEO. In addition to its Main Club facility, the Club now operates youth development programming in a total of 5 housing communities.
HOLYOKE – Don’t wait until August! Enroll your child today at www.enrollhololyke.com. We are enrolling in all grade levels and you do not need access to the internet or an internet-capable device. Call the Enrollment Center at (413) 534-2000 to make an appointment to enroll your child over the phone or in person instead.

During the next two weeks, 30% of new students enroll the week before school starts. Beat the August crowds and enroll now! Help us make sure that your child’s placement and enrollment process is seamless.

There will be activities for children and families, including a bouncy house, raffles, giveaways and music. There will also be food at the event, including hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and popsicles.

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HOLYOKE – The YouthWorks program in Holyoke will be holding a “Sneaker Mixer” event on Saturday, Aug. 7.

According to a press release from Paper City Clothing Company, a retail storefront will be set up outside of their 358 Dwight Street store from 12 noon to 4 p.m. High school students have working with the program will have an opportunity to show of the sneakers and other works they have been doing this summer.

Additionally, the mixer event will showcase Paper City Clothing Company’s newly re-designed storefront and be a celebration of fashion and culture, as well as press releases.

The event is free of charge, but there will be opportunities to buy, sell, and trade sneakers. There will be a live DJ on hand providing entertaining throughout the afternoon. A Food Truck will be on hand to provide local food for attendees, and all are encouraged to attend and take part in some way.

Carlos Pena, business owner, and Fernando Goffe, staff who is co-leading the youth program, described how they wanted the youth to feel complete ownership of the storefront space.

“We said to them, ‘Pena said. “This is your store now. Your friends are not coming here to shop, and we want them to. What should we improve, what should we change, what do we need to change everything about the store. So we handed it over to them.”

One of the young people who will be part of the event, Jenhyrd Payamps, said he and the other youths received a lot of latitude to make changes.

“We have the power to change what we want,” he said. “To what we want with the event, so we are giving it our own twist. I’ve always wanted to learn how to make clothing but have never had the chance to do so and they’re helping me out with this.”

Edwin ‘Cito’ Aviles reflected that the experience has been positive, commenting: “I like that we get to come up with the ideas. Entrepreneurship as well, they teach us how to run a business how to organize things, that’s how our event came about.”

Aureliys Candelario shared she’s most excited about having been able to have leadership role in making things happen during her time working at Paper City Clothing Company: “It feels like we can really manage something.”

Six Flags New England hiring hundreds of positions for FrightFest

AGAWAM – Six Flags New England, the Scare Capital of New England is seeking hundreds of positions as the park launches its annual FrightFest®. This year’s Fright Fest lineup is scarier than ever, with over 30 haunted experiences, jolting live thrill rides, and live shows featuring over 200 roaming Monsters, Zombies and Ghouls. Fright Fest kicks off on Saturday, September 25 and runs weekends and select days throughout Sunday, Oct. 31.

Six Flags New England will be hosting its annual hiring Scare Fair on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park’s Human Resources Building. The property is adding hundreds of positions including Food Service, Security, Lifeguards, Rides, Games and of course its terrifying squad of Zombies and Ghouls.

The Scare Capital of New England is thrilled to offer its monsters and employees the mass Hiring Blitz, a three-hour event that will be held Thursday, Aug. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Those attending can roam and circle around the fair to get a sense of the job opportunities at hand, additionally interested during the fair can read job descriptions and chairs set up so people can sit and fill out applications or take part in on-site interviews.

Another reason to attend the fair is that not only will there be many job opportunities for fair attendees, but with different vendors, businesses and job opportunities will be present, also people should bring lots of resumes to hand out at multiple tables.

“There will be a wide variety of vendors at our job fair; from manufacturing, to automotive, to medical, retail, and many, many more.” Wozniak said. “Employers will be set up with tables to display their companies and what opportunities they have.”

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Disability vs. survivor benefit

By Russell Gloor

Dear Rusty: I have a ques-
tion regarding Social Security. I’m 54 and applying for disability. I’ve had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 16. My son, 16-years-old, receives survivor benefits from my deceased ex-husband. We were married for 20 years and I was told by the Social Security office that my monthly payments, if they found me eligible for disability, would be $1,418 a month. When would I be eligible to col-
lect my ex-husband’s Social Security benefit? He made considerably more income over the years and his benefit will be a good deal more than my projected $1,418. Signed: Disabled Woman

Dear Disabled Widow: Your Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefit is based upon your own lifetime work record up to the point you became disabled. If awarded, the $1,418 amount would be equal to the ben-
efit you would have been entitled to on your FRA (full retirement age) of 67. At your FRA, your SSDI benefit will autom-
atically convert to your Social Security retire-
ment benefit at the same amount. However, if your SSDI benefit will be also be eligible to apply for your survivor benefit because he passed away before you reached your full retirement age (FRA). At your FRA you would be entitled to 100% of the benefit your ex-husband was receiving (or entitled to receive) when he died, but taken at any age earlier than your FRA your survivor benefit will be permanently reduced. The reduction is 4.7% for each full year earlier than your FRA that the survivor benefit is claimed to a maximum reduction of 28.5%.

So, if your SSDI is awarded you will have a choice: to take your smaller SSDI benefit and allow your survivor benefit to continue or to take your survivor benefit early and accept the permanent 28.5% reduction to that survivor benefit. You will need to consider the two benefit amounts to decide which course to take. For clarity, you can switch to your higher survivor benefit at any later time, but you shouldn’t wait beyond your FRA (when the survivor benefit reaches maximum) to claim it. This article is intended for information purposes only and does not represent legal or financial advice. It is published for the last 28 years by the National Social Security Association and the AMAC Foundation’s staff, trained and accredited by the National Social Security Association, SSA and the AMAC Foundation and its staff are not affiliated with or endorsed by the Social Security Administration or any other governmental entity. To submit a question, visit amacfoundation.org/programs/social-se-
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foundation.org.

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Flowers that dry well

By Russell Gloor

Flowers dried in the dark will retain their vivid colors very well and the heat will dry them out quickly. Make small bunches of fresh cut flowers, securing them with a rubber band, not string. The rubber band will shrink along with the stems as they are drying. Hang them upside down and you will be rewarded with straight stems and upright heads. The following is a collection of annual flowers that I have found to be easy to grow and very long lasting, should you ever want to experiment with drying and wreath crafting on your own.

Celosias make excellent dried flowers. They are available in three different color types—crested or ‘Coxcomb,’ plumed or wheat. Crested types, such as ‘Fireworks,’ ‘Prestige Scarlet’ or ‘Big Chief’ make a statement with their velvety-feeling, brainy-looking heads in rich shades of red, orange and gold. Plumed types come in similar colors, but are feathered in appearance. The ‘Sparkler’ series are multibranching when grown ample grow-
ing space; just a few plants will pro-
vide you with many long lasting stems. Newer to the catalogs, but really an heirloom, wheat celosia is the most delicate of the three. ‘Flamingo Feather’ has rose tips with a silvery base. Pick often for an abundance of side shoots.

Globe Amaranth is another flower that is popular once dried. Clover-like heads on sturdy stalks make great bouquet fillers. Nearly all varieties bloom well in the heat of the summer, producing even more flowers after they are harvested. Cut when head reach the size of your thumbnail for best perfor-
ance.

Lemon Balm or Lemon Bergamot is the most underused of all the flowers men-
tioned here, but it shouldn’t be! Whorls of mauve-pink bracts are best cut when three inches long. Stems are weak, so mix in with other flowers to keep heads upright or attach stems to a wooden pick for added strength.

Most of us are familiar with the Strawflower, a stiff-edged flower that feels dry even in the garden. To dry, simply insert a 23-gauge wire up through a tiny bit of the stem and into the flower’s calyx, just barely into the head itself. This will give the strawflower a strong “stem” for use in floral arranging. After the flowers have been wired be sure to let them dry fully, upright and in the dark to preserve their color. As they dry, their sepals will pluck the heads and dry them on a cookie sheet in the dark for hot gluing later on.

Love in a Mist or Nigella is an old-fash-
ioned beauty that has light blue, white or rosy pink short-lived flowers followed by really neat brown striped seed pods. When fully dry these look like pepper shakers, dropping their seeds to and fro. The pods are desirable for dried wreaths and arrangements. Keep pick-
ing as soon as the heads are fully developed to keep the plant producing.

Prince’s Feather is a member of the Amaranth family and grows lush plumes worth of a prominent place in your arrange-
ments. Smaller side shoots are great for more delicate work. Colors are typically shades of burgundy. Plants can grow anywhere from eighteen inches to several feet tall so site accordingly.

Winged Ammobium is a two-foot tall, foppish annual that has an abundance of tiny white flowers. It is best picked when the cen-
ter of the flowers just starts to show its yellow color. If you wait too long, the centers will turn brown and unattractive. Gather small bunches of 10 to 12 stems and secure them with rubber bands. Here too attach a wooden florist pick to tiny bunches for ease in flo-
rail arranging; besides giving the stem some strength, it will give it additional length.

Try hand:

Robert Quinn, who graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff hort-
culturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@ turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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STCC Medical Assistant program offers free to eligible residents

SPRINGFIELD – MassHire Workforce Boards of Hampden and Franklin Hampshire counties are offering a free training at Springfield Technical Community College to individuals interested in pursuing a career in medical assisting.

Residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties are eligible to apply. MassHire Workforce Boards can enroll in the medical assistant program at Springfield Technical Community College.

Candidates must be unemployed or underemployed and have an interest in a career in healthcare. Eligibility for the program enrollment includes some academic prerequisites including proof of high school transcript, GED or HiSET scores, immunizations and legal requirements such as satisfactory CORI/SORI background checks and drug screening results, flu, chicken pox and Hepatitis B vaccines.

Interested candidates can enroll in the one-year medical assistant certificate program at STCC from September 2021 through August 2022 or September 2022 through August 2023. Ranked among the best in the nation, the STCC Medical Assistant program has been recognized as one of the best in the state.

In the fall 2020, the websites medicalassistantadvicte.com and MedAssistantEDU.org ranked STCC’s program the top in Massachusetts for quality and value.

David M. Cruse, president & CEO, Hampden County Workforce Board, said the growing healthcare industry in the region needs to attract, develop and retain qualified talent. By offering free medical assistant training to those who are eligible, this program will expand the pool of applicants to meet the immediate and future workforce demands of the regional companies.

Professional medical assistants perform administrative duties such as word processing, recordkeeping, billing, electronic medical records and scheduling procedures. Clinical responsibilities include assisting the physician with patient care, performing electrocardiograms, assisting with physical examinations, performing phlebotomy, and obtaining and processing specimens.

Graduates are qualified to accept positions in medical offices, clinics, hospice care, home health care, nursing homes, or any other area where medical basic skills are needed.

Find out more information about the program by viewing the recorded Medical Assistant training information session on the STCC YouTube channel. Visit masshirefrcareers.org for more information on requirements and how to register.

STCC to offer class this fall for family child care providers

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College will offer a class in the fall for family child care providers in partnership with the union that represents early childhood educators.

The course, Administration of Family Child Care, is free for members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 509, who will run the “Fall 2” session which begins Oct. 27. Anyone in the community who is not affiliated with SEIU can enroll in the course for a fee.

STCC has partnered with SEIU to offer the course to free members. The union represents nearly 20,000 human service workers and educators throughout Massachusetts.

Lakisha Coppedge, who teaches the class, said STCC is thrilled to partner with SEIU in offering the course.

“We recognize the importance of supporting the child care support of family child care programs in a way to revitalize and strengthen our partnership in the Springfield area. For us, it’s about access and support their specialized learning needs,” Coppedge said.

The course is open to family child care providers who serve children with state Department of Early Education and Care (ECC) child care vouchers. Administration of Family Child Care will provide specific family child care standards of care, strategies of implementing equitable and inclusive learning and parent provider skills as it relates to relationship building, Coppedge said.

“It’s targeted to family child care providers, specifically those who are in the SEIU Local 509 union from the metro area of Springfield, Holyoke and Chicopee,” Coppedge said.

Jynia McDonald, Family Child Care Coordinator for SEIU Local 509, the Massachusetts union for human service workers and educators, said SEIU does more than bargain for wages and benefits. It provides leadership development and training opportunities for its members.

“We’re grateful that MassHire, with funding from the Commonwealth Corporation, is able to offer this program for free to eligible residents,” Scott said. “This is a terrific opportunity for people in the community to get high-quality training at STCC. Our medical assistant program has been recognized as one of the best in the state.”

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LUDLOW – The Polish American Citizens’ Club of Ludlow will hold its annual golf outing Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Mill Valley Golf Links, Belchertown. This will be a 11:30 a.m. single shotgun start. Play will be limited to 25 foursomes so sign up early.

This golf tournament is open to the public and women are also encouraged to play. The cost of the event is still only $90 per person which includes golf, cart, lunch on the course and famous dinner and refreshments back at the club following the event. Hole in One contests on all Par 3 holes with a chance to WIN $7500.

Proceeds from this event are used to fund our annual Scholarship Awards. Sign up sheets are available at the club located at 355 East St. Ludlow. Deadline for signups is Aug. 20. For more information you may contact the club or John Diotalevi 433-1901.

CHICOPEE – Last week, Aldenville American Legion Post 337 baseball finished out its season with a loss against Sheffield in the playoffs. Aldenville went 7-8 in the regular season and their season ended with four losses in their final five games. Aldenville fielded a team consisting of players from Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, and Holyoke High Schools.

Brown wins big in Claremont racing event

CLAREMONT, N.H. – For the first time in his Pro Stock career, Gabe Brown was celebrating in a big way on Sunday at Claremont Motorsports Park. The New Hampshire native collected his first career Granite State Pro Stock Series victory in the biggest race of the season, the 150-lap, $10,000 to win main event sponsored by Key Chevrolet Buick GMC of Newport. Brown put the No. 61 Pro Stock into the winner’s circle for the first time following a grueling race, holding off one of the best in the business, Joey Pole, over the final laps.

The win also allowed Brown to extend his championship points lead in the series with five scheduled events remaining in the 2021 schedule.

“Wine crazy, I don’t even know what to say,” Brown said. “We lost power steering on lap 15, and I’m beat. I just can’t thank everyone who helps me enough -- we have worked so hard for this.”

Brown took the lead from Pole on lap 24, and never looked back over the course of the 150 laps. In the final few circuits, Pole was almost close enough to make a run at the See RACING, page 8

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The Basketball Hall of Fame is proud to share its commitment to the growth of the game of basketball globally. The Hall of Fame is announcing the launch of the Chris Paul HBCU Tip-Off, which is set to take place from November 22nd to 23rd at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

The Chris Paul HBCU Tip-Off is the latest in a series of initiatives launched by the Basketball Hall of Fame to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). With the support of Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment, the Chris Paul HBCU Tip-Off will bring this college basketball event to the East Coast. The event will feature four of the nation's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities, each with a rich history of basketball excellence.

Home opener revealed for Springfield Thunderbirds

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds, in conjunction with the American Hockey League, announced that they will host the Hartford Wolf Pack in the club’s home opener on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:05 p.m. ET at the MassMutual Center. It is the first of 38 regular season home games for the Thunderbirds in 2021-22.

The first matchup with the Wolf Pack also marks the second straight season that the Thunderbirds will open their season on home ice. The full 2021-22 AHL schedule, which the regular Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor to ensure the COVID-19 situation closely is found in the next five years for students attending HBCUs.

Several Hall of Fame inductees have played a vital role in elevating the game of basketball. Among them are Earl Lloyd, the first African American to play in the NBA; Sam Jones, a key player for the Boston Celtics; and Grant Hill, a Hall of Famer and three-time NBA champion.

To learn more about some of these unique contributors to the game, please visit www.hoopall.com. The Basketball Hall of Fame is committed to its Enshrinement election process, with a mission to acknowledge and honor those who were the greatest players of their time and created opportunities for future generations.

Several Hall of Fame inductees have ties to HBCUs, including Nat Clifton, Xavier University of Louisiana (HOF Class of 2014); Sam Jones, North Carolina A&T; and Sam Jones, North Carolina Central (HOF Class of 1979).

The Chris Paul HBCU Tip-Off is an effort to continue his relationship with Learn to Play Foundation, which is one of the organizations behind the HBCU Sneaker Tour. His goal is to create awareness to creating opportunities for future generations.

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By its attorney, Michael J. Murphy, Attorney at Law, 5 Commonwealth Road, Holyoke, MA 01040. Tel: (508) 650-9592

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Those who are not able to participate in the COVID Freedom Walk & Roll 5K can still support the event by making a donation at https://go.rallyup.com/caminar5k2021 or by texting ‘Caminar5K2021’ to 855-202-2100 to get a link to donate. Corporate/business sponsorships are also welcome.

Family-friendly activities will also be part of the 5K event, including a Holyoke history scavenger hunt along the route and a costume contest with the chance to win prizes. There will also be five water stations set up along the route.

OneHolyoke CDC has a COVID public information campaign underway concentrated on predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods of Holyoke, including the Flats, South Holyoke, Churchill and Downtown, to address the disproportionate spread of the virus among communities of color, and to provide resources and information about the COVID-19 vaccine. As part of the campaign, outreach materials are shared in both English and Spanish, at in-person tabling locations at community outlets in the Latinx majority neighborhoods of Holyoke and on OneHolyoke CDC’s social media and website.

Homework House strengthens the Holyoke community by promoting educational success through free, individualized tutoring and mentoring for at-risk children ages 6-12. Homework House is a place where children growing up in Holyoke’s most economically challenged neighborhoods can experience learning success in a safe and nurturing environment.

This school year, OneHolyoke CDC and Homework House teamed up to offer “equity pods,” a space for children to safely participate in their remote learning activities with adult support. Homework House has also supported Holyoke youth by continuing to offer daytime and after-school tutoring.

OneHolyoke CDC is the only certified Community Development Corporation based in the City of Holyoke. Founded in 1971, OneHolyoke CDC has created over 160 new homes in the Flats, Churchill and South Holyoke neighborhoods, rehabilitated hundreds of apartments and provided thousands of home improvement grants to homeowners through the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

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