

HOLYOKE

Native American history celebrated

The Greater Holyoke Council for Human Understanding will hold its first annual Indigenous Peoples Day event, celebrating the history, culture and contributions of local indigenous communities.

The event will be a collaboration with the Holyoke Community College-MGM Culinary Arts Institute, located at 164 Race St. It will be held on Oct. 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Students of the institute will present a selection of culturally-inspired culinary creations. This will be immediately followed by a talk by George Ashley, professor emeritus of history and anthropology at Holyoke Community.

Ashley, who is retired, taught at HCC for more than 35 years. Among other courses, he taught a survey about the Native American Indian peoples of North America and a course about the native peoples of southern New England.

He will speak about a 500-year history of local indigenous communities in Western Massachusetts prior to European immigration.

The event is free and open to the public. Contributions to the continued work of the council will be accepted and appreciated. The event will conclude at 7:30.

For more information, send email to council-forhumanunderstanding@gmail.com.