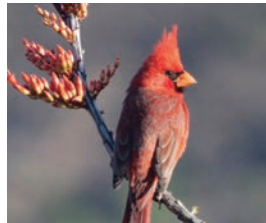




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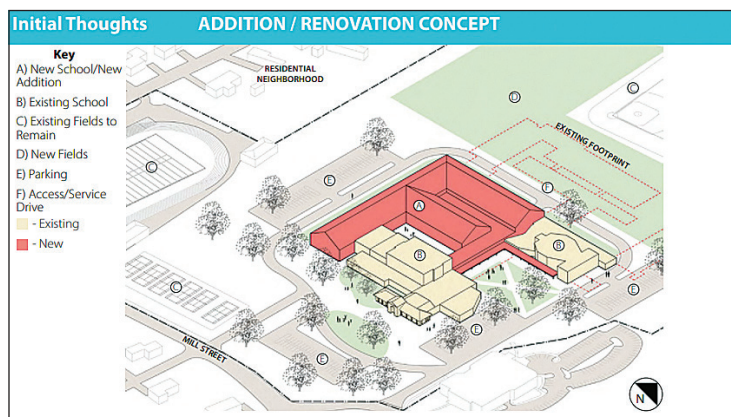
## Architects share initial concepts for school

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – While it is still unsure whether the Town of Agawam and the Agawam Public Schools will pursue a brand new building or a large-scale repair and renovation projects for Agawam High School, the process continues to move forward.

The Agawam High School Building Committee meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons each month. At their March 27 meeting, the committee learned a little bit more about Flansburgh, the architect that will be the designer for a project.

A presentation shared at the meeting showed a vision for a project, which includes a lot of collaboration between teachers, advanced manufacturing and engineering, health care and social

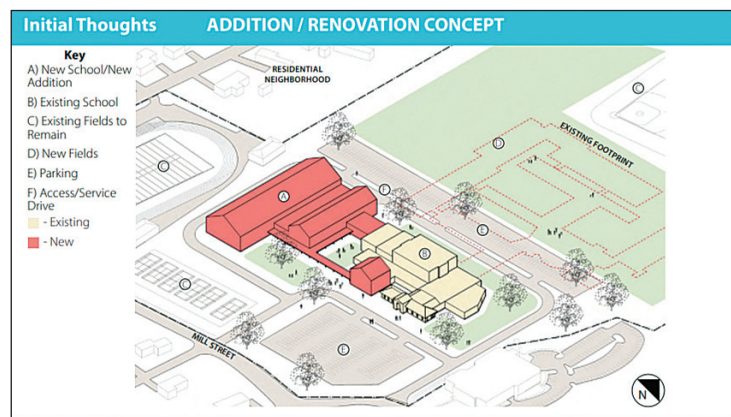


Flansburgh made an initial presentation to the Agawam School Building Committee, showing possible concepts for how a project may look.

assistance, and information technology.

Among the many criticisms of the current high school is that it does not meet the needs for modern science, engineering, and technology for students.

Another potential vision for the project could be an Early Childhood Center as part of the building. It's unclear if that would be within the current building blueprint, or if an addition to the building would be sought or pro-



Any project proposed for Agawam High School would receive 60% reimbursement from the MSBA if it is approved.

posed. The Early Childhood Center has been a capital project that has been on the backburner for the town for many years, much like other buildings needing to be addressed, like Agawam Town Hall.

The police department building is being addressed now as part of a more than \$12 million bond project.

The presentation showed a

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## Street/Pyne fund still going strong

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – At a recent Agawam City Council meeting, Councilors were treated to a bit of a history lesson of a fund for needy residents which dates back to 1875.

Marie Izzo is the current chairperson of the Whiting Street and Thomas Pyne Fund Commission.

The two funds were combined in 1992 and Izzo talked to the city council about how the fund is still in good shape, but many in town may not be aware it exists.

Whiting Street's 1875 will bequeathed \$4,000 to the Town of Agawam. The funds were accepted at a town meeting in 1881 and a Whiting Street Fund was established.

It was a perpetual fund intended only for Agawam residents. According to Izzo, Street donated \$112,500 to various

communities, but Agawam may be the only community with funds remaining from the donor.

Years after the Street donation, the will of Desiree Pyne in 1894 stipulated \$2,000 be given to the town in her husband, Thomas' name. Thus, the Thomas Pyne Fund was established. The purpose of the money was to be given to the "worthy poor."

"Well, what is the worthy poor?" Izzo said. She explained the commission works through the applications submitted to decide what a worthy donation for the funds is.

Through savings, donations, and other investments, the funds were combined and there is currently \$10,300 in available money for residents.

The Board of Commissioners meets when applications are received. Izzo said she receives the applications and does filter out

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## TOWN CELEBRATES EASTER



After rain cancelled last weekend's event, the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department presented its Annual Easter Egg Hunt at spacious School Street Park. It drew young people from all over the community with lots of eggs, activities, and special prizes. Lennox and Rio Alicea show off their bunny ears. See more photos on page 6. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

## Workshop sought for energy choice proposal

AGAWAM – The Agawam City Council was scheduled to have a workshop on April 10 to learn more about the Community Choice Energy Aggregation proposal brought forward by Councilor Thomas Hendrickson and co-sponsored by Councilors Rosemary Sandlin and Anthony Russo.

According to Hendrickson, Community Choice Energy Aggregation (also known as Municipal Energy Aggregation) is a process that allows municipalities to assume the responsibility of contracting the supply source of electricity that flows to ratepayers in their municipality. This allows municipalities to prioritize longer-term energy agreements to stabilize the supply side of electricity rates. Currently, over 170 cities and towns in Massa-

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# Jazz Trombone Ensemble to perform at Applause Series

AGAWAM – The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series continues its 19th season when The Jazz Bones perform at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam on May 5. Showtime is 7 p.m.; doors open at 6:15 p.m. This performance will also be livestreamed on Agawam Comcast channels 1074 (HD) and 15 (SD).

New England's only jazz trombone ensemble, The Jazz Bones are a dynamic group of eight performers who deliver a program of music spanning seven decades. Organized in 1985 by David Neill as a performing group of the Western Massachusetts Trombone Association, this unique ensemble has arrangements written for five part harmony, whether playing hard swing, fast jazz or a sweet ballad, backed by a first class rhythm. The Jazz Bones' repertoire consists of swing, jazz standards, blues, rock, Latin, and funk within a library consisting of more than 300 songs that appeals to every age group. Eleanor Rigby, All



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of Me, Jeff's Trombone Mambo, Bad Bad Leroy Brown, Bye Bye Blackbird, Fly Me to the Moon, Vine Street Rumble, Old Devil

Moon, Malaguena, and Bye Bye Blues are just a few of the songs you may hear.

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are Kyle and Roberta Miller. The Agawam Cultural Council would also like to thank bankESB, Elaine Carlson, E. Cecchi Farms, OMG, Inc., PeoplesBank, Howie and Mary Jo Safford, Anthony Suffriti, TD Bank, Westfield Bank, and the Westfield Cultural Council for their generous support as Applause Series season sponsors.

This concert is free and open to the public. Please consider calling (413) 821-0604 to let us know you'll be attending.

For more information on the activities and virtual offerings of the Agawam Cultural Council, please visit their web site, [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org). The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church to host benefit dinner-dance

AGAWAM – St. Peter's will host a dinner dance from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight on April 22 at the Springfield Sheraton Hotel located at Monarch Place in downtown Springfield, MA.

Proceeds will benefit the church ministries.

Tickets are \$55 each, \$100 couple and kids \$25. Included is your choice of one meal with not substitutions (rosemary

and garlic chicken, roast prime rib au jus, New England baked scrod, vegetable napoleon) kids meal is chicken fingers. Please RSVP by April 8, 2023 no tickets sold at the door. Parking is validated.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. social hour, then 6 p.m. dinner, followed by 8 p.m. dancing/raffles. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com or by calling 413-736-8567.

## Agawam Cultural Council in need of new members

AGAWAM – The Agawam Cultural Council is asking citizens of the Agawam community to consider becoming a member of the council. The Council awards thousands of dollars of grants to local schools, artisans, and other groups to benefit the arts, humanities, and sciences in Agawam.

This fiscal year, the Council has awarded \$25,605, more than half of which was grant-

ed to our schools here in Agawam. These grants have funded field trips and special educational activities for the students of Agawam, which have greatly enriched their lives.

Serving as a member of the Council means attending one meeting per month. Our next meeting is April 18 at 6:30 p.m., in the Peirce Room at the Agawam Public Library.

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# Multiple events during vacation week for kids

AGAWAM – During the week of April 18 to 21, the Agawam Senior Center will be offering some kid-friendly programs during school vacation week. We would love to have your grandkids join us. We are going to have “kid friendly” lunch options too.

Please call Kristina to register for any of the following days. We look forward to making that special time with your grandchildren extra fun.

April School Vacation is coming and you have the grandkids? Let us help you fill part of your day with some fun activities

together.

Tuesday, April 18, join us for a Free Ice Cream Social at 12:45 p.m. with Card Making with Lauren to follow. Lunch this day is macaroni and cheese.

Wednesday, April 19, Ed the Wizard will be here to share his Wonder of Magic with everyone at 1:30 p.m. Lunch this day is low sodium hot dogs

Friday, April 20, we will be offering a kid friendly movie in the afternoon at 1 p.m. Minions the Rise of Gru. Lunch is Chicken Cordon Bleu.

# Friends of library holding Flower Power fundraiser

AGAWAM – There is still time to support The Friends of the Agawam Public Library in the Flower Power Fundraiser. They offer a gorgeous assortment of flowers, bulbs, seeds, and seed mats.

For every dollar spent, the Friends will receive half!

The proceeds will be used to help support the Agawam Public Library by providing them with funds for things not in their general budget.

Visit the personalized website at [FriendsOfAgawamLibrary.fpfundraising.com](http://FriendsOfAgawamLibrary.fpfundraising.com)

You do not need to login. Just make your selections and at checkout you fill out the necessary information. There is a \$6.99 flat rate shipping charge and any appropriate taxes will be added. Online orders begin to ship on April 1. Flower Power starts shipping to the warmer states first.

You can enhance your garden and at the same time help support the library. Act soon as this fabulous opportunity ends May 15.

For more information contact: [friend-sapl@yahoo.com](mailto:friend-sapl@yahoo.com).

# Allen Club hosting bird walk April 22

SPRINGFIELD – The Allen Bird Club of Springfield, MA invites families and beginning birders to participate in a free, introductory bird walk to be held Saturday, April 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Springfield’s Forest Park. Geared toward youngsters and those curious about birding, this walk will focus on common local birds, identification tips, and appreciating the joy of birding. The walk will encompass 1.5 to 2 miles with even footing and some hills. Participants should bring water, snacks, bug repellent, comfortable footwear, and binoculars if available. The walk will begin at the Picknelly Field parking lot at Forest Park’s Route 5/Longmeadow entrance. For more information or to learn about the AllenBird Club, please visit [AllenBirdClub.org](http://AllenBirdClub.org).



# St. Martha’s Guild to hold Mother’s Day tag sale

AGAWAM – St. Martha’s Guild of the Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will be having its annual Mother’s Day Tag, Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a large selection of hanging, in-ground, and container plants for sale; tag sale finds and delicious

baked goods. The event will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center located at 1061 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

A limited amount of tables will be available to rent for tag sale items at the cost of \$25. Please contact Dee Ziegert at 413-244-4015 or [Dziegert1@aol.com](mailto:Dziegert1@aol.com).

# Senior Center hosting walking seminar to be held on April 25

AGAWAM – The Agawam Senior Center will hold a seminar called “Walk your way to better health” on April 25 at 1 p.m. Your speaker, Raymond Rose, will discuss:

- important health benefits
- the ease of walking
- scenic nearby walking locations
- tracking steps using your device

If you’re not able to attend the seminar, visit [RaymondRoseMedia.com](http://RaymondRoseMedia.com) now and listen to all the info contained in the seminar. You’ll be impressed. “Walk In’s” are welcome. Tell your friends.

# Vet’s council seeking new members, volunteers

AGAWAM – The Agawam Veteran’s Council is looking for active, auxiliary and volunteer members:

Anyone interested in serving on the Council must:

- Be an Honorably Discharged Veteran from the Armed Forces.
- Be a resident of Agawam.

Anyone interested in becoming an Auxiliary Council Member:

- Honorably Discharge Veteran
- Would be a non-voting member

Anyone interested in volunteering:

- Need not be a veteran
- Volunteer your time for the following events:

Flagging placement, Memorial Day Parade, summer concerts, Veteran’s Day events, cleanup projects throughout the town etc.

Please send a letter of intent for any position to:

VSO, Christopher Lanski  
681 Springfield Street, Suite 2  
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

The mission of the Agawam Veteran’s Council is to work together in the best interest of and for the welfare of the Veterans of the Town of Agawam. We organize and implement Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day activities in the town and assist in other patriotic events throughout the year.

# Paint and sweets social at senior center

AGAWAM – On Thursday, April 20, join the Agawam Senior Center for a fun Paint and Sweets Class at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch this day is Spaghetti and Meatballs. Bring your grandchildren to the Senior Center for this kid friendly instructional painting class.

Cost per person is \$20. Call Kristina at (413) 726-2836 to Register. We will be painting an adorable Spring Gnome.

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## Guest Column



**M**y dad would have celebrated his birthday this week. I think of him often and I remember how he used to get great joy out of the simple things in life. In fact, when he was sick, he stated more than once how much he missed puttering around the house and yard.

One of my dad's spring rituals was to rake the lawn. I remember him out there working his way across the yard a little at a time, making pile after pile of dead grass, leaves and small sticks. This was just the first job in a season's worth of work aimed at growing good turf.

Read on for this refresher on what else can be done to achieve an attractive greenscape with a minimal commitment.

Don't mow so low, or as often. Mowing at a height of about 3 inches will encourage a healthy lawn.

Why? Taller grass shades out developing weed seedlings. It also makes large, established weeds more susceptible to mower damage (the

### A dad-worthy lawn

more surface area of the weed that is removed, the more weakened it becomes.)

High mowing also fosters deep root growth. Deep roots sustain the lawn during periods of drought. Keep mower blades sharpened for the cleanest possible cut.

Water efficiently and effectively. If you set up sprinklers each season to water the lawn for you, take some time early in the season to position them so that water isn't wasted on sidewalks or driveways.

Mark the location and set up will be a no-brainer each time.

To grow best, grass requires an inch of moisture each week, more if your soil is sandy. Do the tea cup test to determine how much water your sprinklers emit and at what rate.

Simply place a tea cup or other container on the lawn and turn on the sprinkler, check every five minutes or so until water reaches the inch mark. Now you can set a timer, or turn off the sprinklers manually knowing your lawn has gotten its weekly drink.

Most people know that early morning is the best time to water the lawn. By watering early in the day less moisture is lost to evaporation.

Grass is also less prone to fungal diseases because it has a chance to dry before nightfall.

Know your soil. A friend of mine who knew a lot about turf once told me that if I were to apply one thing to my lawn each season it should be lime.

Grass can't grow well, or fight off diseases or bugs for that matter, if it isn't getting the nutrients it needs. Many nutrients are bound up until the pH is corrected.

Get a soil test and specify on the order form that you wish to grow grass, as results for flower or veggie gardening may differ. Based on the results of your test, recommendations will be made as to the type of lime to use and at what application rate.

For more information contact <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory/ordering-information-forms>

Here are some interesting grass facts: Did you know that according to a poll (sponsored by Briggs and Stratton) 64% of homeowners wish they had a better lawn?

Or that 65% of American homeowners own at least one lawn mower? The Professional Lawn Care Association estimates that a well-maintained lawn can increase the value of a home by up to 15%.

So, like my dad many years ago, enjoy some puttering on your property this spring. Your lawn will thank you!

*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](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

### Retired public servant feels Government Pension Offset 'unjust'



**D**ear Rusty: I'm a retired firefighter and live in Ohio. I earned Social Security from my side employment, but the Windfall Elimination Provision hit my Social Security very hard.

My wife worked in the school system and earned a state "SERS" pension. I understand the WEP offset and that doesn't bother me as much as the fact that my wife doesn't get my Social Security benefits when I die - her state pension is above the monthly limit for her to receive my Social Security. I earned that benefit by working extra jobs and being away from my family, and it seems unjust that my benefits expire with me. Thanks for letting me vent. Signed: Retired Public Servant

Dear Retired Public Servant: The provision you deem as "unjust" isn't the Windfall Elimination Provision, which affects SS retirement benefits for those who also have a "non-covered" pension, a pension earned without contributing to Social Security; rather it is the Government Pension Offset, which also affects those who have a pension earned without contributing to Social Security.

Though I know it is no consolation, your frustration about the Government Pension Offset is shared by nearly a million other Americans in a similar situation. The GPO has been law since 1983 and is intended to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits are paid to all beneficiaries. I'm certainly not defending it, but I've researched why the GPO was enacted decades ago.

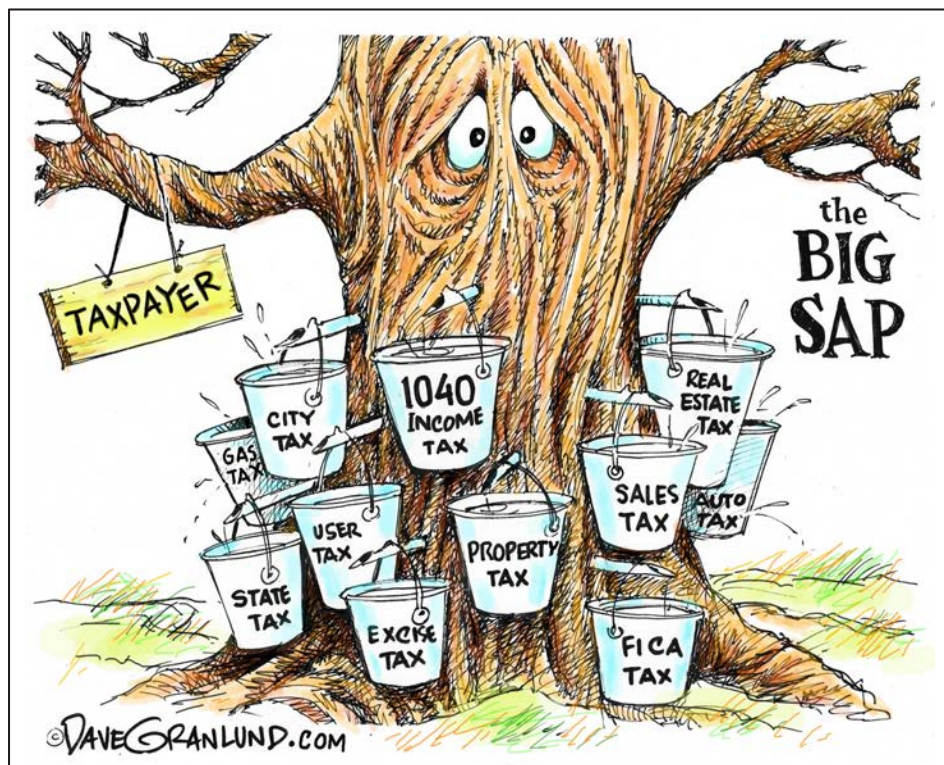
Historically, ever since spousal and survivor benefits became part of Social Security's benefit structure in the late 1930s, if a spouse also has their own personally earned SS benefit, any spousal/survivor benefit they also became entitled to was offset by their personally earned SS retirement amount. The prevailing opinion in the 1983 Congress was that because regular spousal and survivor benefits are normally offset by the spouse's own earned SS benefit, it was unfair that a spouse who had a "non-covered pension" didn't incur the same offset as those who had no such non-covered pension. Thus, GPO was enacted in 1983 to "equalize" how spousal and survivor benefits were paid. It is the GPO which will affect your wife's benefit as your surviving spouse because she earned her state pension while not contributing to Social Security.

To give you a more personal perspective, if your wife had, instead, worked outside of the Ohio school system and was entitled to a full Social Security benefit based on her own earnings from which she contributed to SS, any survivor benefit she might become entitled to from you

would still be offset by her personally earned SS retirement benefit. If her own SS retirement benefit was more than her entitlement as your widow, she would get no additional amount as your surviving spouse. Or if her own SS retirement benefit was smaller than yours, her survivor benefit would still be offset by her own benefit (her benefit would be paid first and only a supplement added to bring her payment to the higher amount she was entitled to as your widow). The purpose of the Government Pension Offset is to equalize how spousal, or survivor benefits are paid to those with, and to those without, a non-covered pension. Indeed, because the GPO only offsets the potential spousal/survivor benefit by two thirds of a spouse's non-covered pension, the GPO is actually a bit more forgiving.

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## Cooper's accepting donations for Dress for Success

AGAWAM – For a limited time Cooper's Gifts Apparel Home of Agawam is accepting donations of professional attire for Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts.

Interview-appropriate women's clothing, shoes and accessories will be collected at Coopers through April 30.

"We invite everyone to Spring-clean their closets and change a life," said Kate Gourde, Owner of Cooper's Gifts Apparel Home.

Donations must be like-new, clean and on hangers. All professional attire is welcome, but DFS has expressed that their greatest current needs are for plus size clothing, pocketbooks and scrubs. No casual clothing, please.

"Just ask yourself 'Would I wear this to an interview?' If the answer is yes, Dress for Success can put it to good use," Gourde said.

The mission of Dress for Success (DFS)

is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. They provide each client with professional attire to secure employment, but they are about much more than simply a new outfit. Besides physically equipping the client with apparel and accessories, their programs furnish her with a confidence that she carries forever and the knowledge that she can actively define her life, the direction she takes and what success means to her.

"We have held clothing drives for DFS for years; our customers consider it a convenience. Especially for people West of the river, it's easier to bring donations here than up to the DFS Boutique on Boston Road," Gourde said. Items may be brought to the shop anytime during the month of April. Cooper's is located at 161 Main St., Agawam, and is open daily 10

a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m. Cooper's will be closed on Easter Sunday. Questions may be directed to Diane Jacobs from Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts, call (413)732-8179.

"This drive coincides with Dress for Success as our April Round Up charity; so it's the perfect time to spread the word of their mission and really help them out," Gourde said. Each month Gourde chooses a local charity to receive the profits of the store's Round Up program through which customers are invited to round up their purchase total to the next dollar amount. Gourde will then match 50% of the total collected. The program has donated over \$47,000 to local organizations since its inception in 2014. More information on the Round Up program and how to nominate a charity, may be found on Cooper's website [www.coopersgifts.com/round-up/](http://www.coopersgifts.com/round-up/).

## Volunteers needed for flagging graves

AGAWAM – The Agawam Veterans' Council is seeking volunteers to flag veterans' graves on Saturday, April 22 with a rain date of April 29. Anyone interested in participating meet at 8 a.m. at the Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church), Feeding Hills.



## Annual Catholic Women's Club banquet set for May 16

AGAWAM – The annual banquet of The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will take place at Oak Ridge Country Club, 850 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, on Tuesday, May 16. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with cheese and crackers, followed by a buffet at 6:45 p.m.

The menu includes fresh fruit supreme, roast pork, chicken francaise, baked scrod, mashed potatoes, vegetables in season

with ice cream parfait for dessert.

Price is \$30 and checks are to be made out to the Catholic Women's Club (C.W.C.) and are to be sent to Betty Chapman, 70 Tracy Drive, Agawam, MA 01001 to arrive by May 8. No Refunds will be made. Include who you wish to be seated with and requests will be honored, if possible.

If any questions, please contact Katie at 413-786-1287.

## End of life seminar to be held on April 14 at senior center

AGAWAM – Join Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home for a Lunch and Learn at the Agawam Senior Center, located at 954 Main Street on Friday, April 14 at 12 noon. Colonial Forastiere will provide a delicious lunch for you while you take part in their informative seminar.

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Please register by calling Kristina at 413-726-2836. You must register by Tuesday, April 11.

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number of "initial thoughts" for consideration by the school building committee. They include possibilities for outdoor gathering spaces, plazas and entryways, and pick-up and drop-off zones. Another thought for the school showed the potential for gardening spaces and even a school community garden.

Another rendering showed a shift in the school building, where a new addition would be placed on the west side of the building and the rear of the building would be torn down. Such a concept would eliminate the varsity softball field on that side of the building.

Another concept showed a larger new structure on the west side of the current building while creating space in the rear of the building.

A third concept shows an entirely new building created adjacent to the stadium. Fields located in that area, the varsity softball diamond and practice fields used for various sports, would be relocated behind the building.

The existing building has many challenges, including the need for many upgrades to the infrastructure and systems. The majority of the school building was built in 1955. Additions were made in 1961, 1980, 1997, and in 2001.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for April 25.

### FUND ■ from page 1

some of the obvious ones that are not eligible for the funds. She brings worth applications to her commission to be voted on.

Councilor President Christopher Johnson showed a lot of familiarity with the fund as he was mayor when the two funds were combined and Chapter 32-2 of the town code was created to combine the two funds.

Izzo credited longtime Agawam resident Marilyn Curry for getting her involved with the funds. Curry, who has a rich history of volunteering and working to preserve history throughout the community, was the Commission chair for many years. Izzo

would take her place as chair. Curry passed away in 2021.

Johnson thanked Izzo for the presentation.

Because it was shared at the council meeting, which is viewable on cable access and available on the town website, she is hoping word will get out that the funds are there for needy people in the community.

There is a page on the town's website dedicated to the fund and informing residents how more information can be obtained. It's located under the Government tab.

At the same meeting, the council accepted a \$2,000 donation from the Agawam Police Special Division toward the fund.

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achusetts have Community Choice Energy Aggregation plans in place, including Agawam's neighbor to the north, West Springfield.

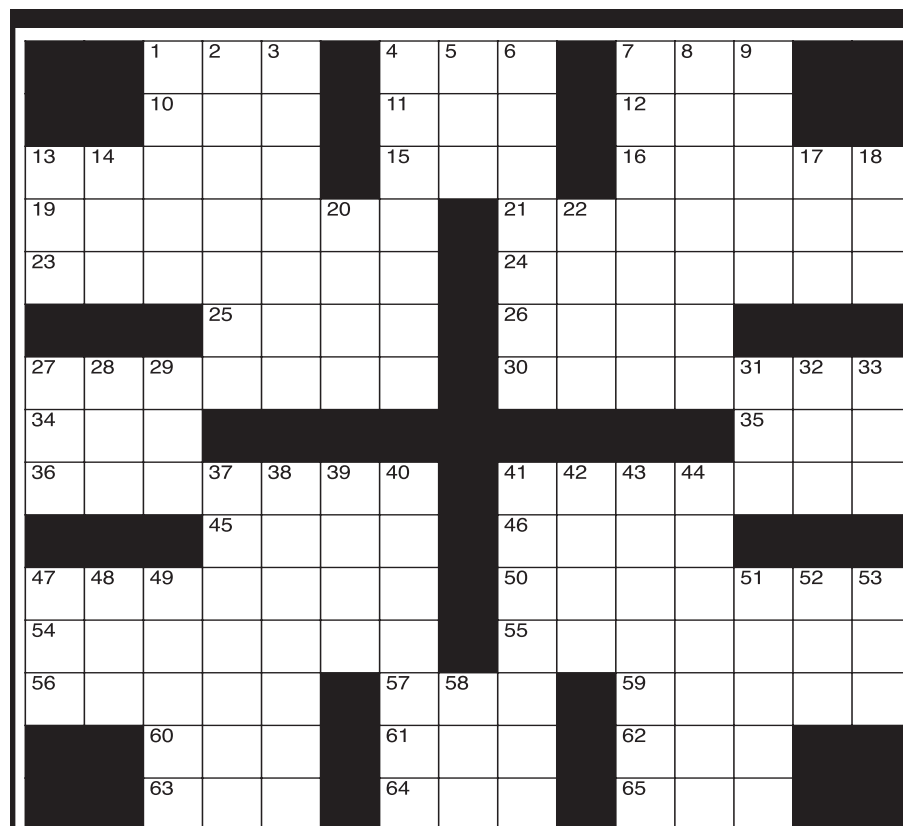
It was brought forward at the March 20 meeting, and while there was a lot of support to look at the program to see if it could provide long term savings for Agawam residents, councilors were concerned over long term rates and wanted more information.

The council tabled the proposal and requested a workshop to learn more.

Eversource raised electric rates for basic service by 23% in 2023. While Eversource has brought natural gas rates down in the past few months, energy costs are much higher than in past years.

Hendrickson also cited the overall massive cost of living increases as a reason to pursue the program.

"Municipal Energy Aggregation will hopefully allow Agawam to stabilize our energy rates," Hendrickson said.



#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Atomic mass unit
4. Criticize mightily
7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
10. Stand in for
11. Everyone has one
12. Brew
13. Rectify
15. Popular Dodge truck model
16. Beef or chicken intestine
19. Satisfy
21. Of a particular people or localized region
23. Movements in quick tempos
24. Able to pay one's debts
25. Fleshy bird beak covering
26. Dueling sword
27. Helps
30. Court is in it
34. Touch lightly
35. Airborne (abbr.)
36. Of one
41. Baked good (abbr.)
45. Jai \_\_, sport
46. About aviation
47. Low oval mound
50. Rugged mountain ranges
54. Compel to do something
55. A way to carve
56. Sao \_\_, city in Brazil
57. Mustachioed actor Elliott
59. American Idol runner-up Clay
60. A way to soak
61. Car mechanics group
62. Born of
63. Time zone
64. Sea eagle
65. Even's opposite

#### CLUES DOWN

1. Sharp mountain ridge
2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
3. Provides new details
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Ottoman military title
6. Banes
7. Horse-riding seats
8. Arms of a shirt
9. Narrow path along a road edge
13. Viper
14. Disfigure
17. Variety of Chinese language
18. Portray in a show
20. Wrongful act
22. No (slang)
27. State of agitation
28. \_\_ Diego
29. One point east of
- due south
31. 007's creator
32. The NBA's Toppin
33. Midway between north and north-east
37. Examples
38. \_\_ Gould, actor
39. The habitat of wild animals
40. Artful subtlety
41. Infielders
42. Keep under control
43. Herb
44. Distressed
47. A way to go down
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51. Collected fallen leaves
52. Shout of welcome or farewell
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58. Swiss river

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Harrison Rilly and Jack Sullivan make their way down the slide.



Children are off on a hunt for eggs.

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Claire Strunk-Ackerley gets her eggs.



Evelyn Ford sits at a table with her find.



Dan Cosgrove and his son, Thomas and nephew, Jack.



Josy Ortiz enjoys his special prize.



Zachary Meisenhelder wins a prize basket.



Josselin Wykes and Sabastian Cantir play after the hunt.

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# SPORTS



Liam Grealis circles around with possession.

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## Fast start nets first win for Agawam boys

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – After losing their first two matches of the regular season against non-league opponents, the Agawam boys' lacrosse team was looking to get into the win column versus Valley League rival Chicopee Comp.

The Brownies scored the first eight goals of the contest and coasted to a 14-2 road victory over the Colts, last Tuesday night.

"This is a huge road win for us," said Agawam head coach



Jordan Stack surveys the offensive end of the field.



Hunter Emmons runs up the field.



Riley Jorgensen gets ready to shoot.



Brandon Burgeois looks to power past a Comp defender.

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## No individual state tournament for tennis

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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FRANKLIN – There have been a lot of adjustments made as schools, especially Western and Central Massachusetts schools get used to the state tournament format after being used to regional competitions for so many years.

But for logistical reasons, certain regional tournaments have remained due to the nature of the sport and narrowing down competitors for higher level competition. Examples include golf, track, cross country, and wrestling.

Another sport that will be seeing a change, for at least year this year, is tennis.

In an update on March 23, the executive director's office of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Conference confirmed there would be no individual tennis tournament held at the state level this year. It has been ruled out for 2023, but MIAA committees are still working on the issue.

"At the fall Tennis Committee meeting the members discussed the Individual Tennis Tournament and appointed a subcommittee to meet with TMC representatives to consider the structure and future direction of that tournament," a report from

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Carson Asselin keeps play moving with a quick set.

## Brownies perfect to start season

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys volleyball team has yet to lose a match in the 2023 season. Last week, the Brownies picked up three more wins, including a huge victory over Westfield, their first in several years. The Brownies prevailed 3-2 at Westfield last Wednesday. Westfield has grown into a very strong program during the past few years and have won a few Western Mass. titles to go with it. Agawam hopes to keep its undefeated streak going with three more matches this week and a three-match week during the spring break beginning April 17.

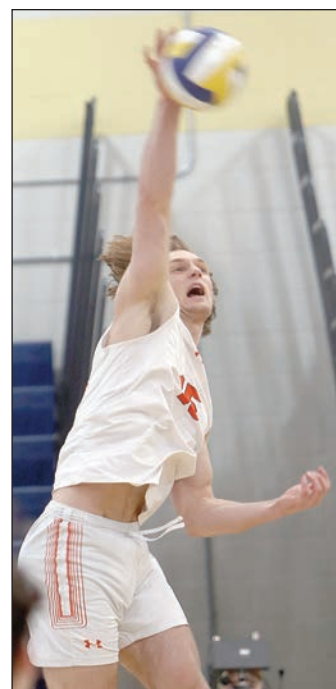


Nick Uschmann goes for spike.

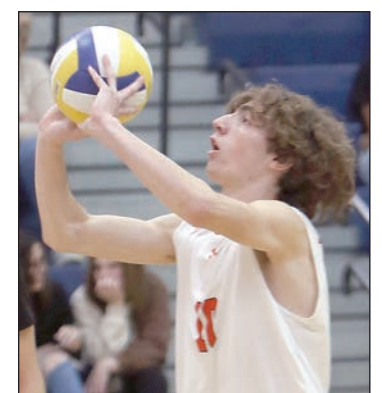
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Eric Nazarets gets things going with a set.



Daniel Yovenko goes vertical to try and get a point.



Joe Culhane reacts to serve.



Dan Fronchkevich makes a return over the net.

# Sports

## Worcester Railers steal Adirondack's 'Thunder'

WORCESTER – One of the oldest and most unproven proverbs in sport is that streaks follow streaks.

The Railers are hoping to prove it true.

They snapped the Adirondack Thunder's 12-game points streak with a solid 6-2 victory Saturday night in the final regular-season game of the DCU Center hockey season. The triumph ensured that Worcester retains control of its playoff destiny.

The Railers have two games left, both at Adirondack next weekend. There are all sorts of numerical possibilities what with games in hand, overtime and shootout losses, etc, but the mathematical truth is undeniable. If Worcester wins both games in regulation, it makes the playoffs.

During the ups and downs of the last few weeks the Railers have had trouble scoring goals, but not Saturday night. Steve Jandric scored on a breakaway just 69 seconds after the opening faceoff and when Jacob Hayhurst scored 38 seconds into the third period, Worcester had a four-goal lead for the first time since Feb. 24 in South Carolina.

"We changed our point of attack," coach

Jordan Smotherman said. "We emphasized making sure we were getting everything to the net from different angles. We wanted to get some traffic there and get some of those dirty ones, which we did tonight."

It marked the first time since Jan. 27, a 7-6 overtime victory over Reading, that Worcester got as many as six goals in regulation. There were a lot of offensive contributors starting with Hayhurst, who had two goals. Anthony Repaci had a goal and two assists, Jandric and Myles McGurty both went 1-1-2 and Brent Beaudoin had a pair of assists.

Nick Fea scored his seventh goal of the season, first since March 4.

The puck spent a lot of time in the Adirondack zone. When it didn't, Henrik Tikkanen stopped all but two of the 33 Thunder shots. Adirondack scored back to back goals at 3:13 and 6:42 of the third period. Matt Stief got the first with Worcester two men short, Ryan Smith the second.

Jandric's goal set the tone for the night. Thunder defenseman Kyle Hallbauer had the puck between his skates inside his blue

line and Jandric poked it free. He finished the play by beating goalie Mike Robinson with a 15-foot backhand. Hayhurst made it 2-0 at 18:24 of the first period, then McGurty scored his second of the season — fourth as a Railer all-time — at 16:06 of the second period with Repaci setting him up.

It was McGurty's first goal in his 67 games played at the DCU Center.

Jandric's goal was not just good for the Railers. It was good for him, too. He had been playing well but not cashing in on chances.

"It was very important," Smotherman said, "he'd been dealing with some frustration the last couple of games and it was good to see him get that one early."

The Railers enter the final week of the regular season with almost no margin of error. Worcester has 72 points, Adirondack 71, but the Thunder has two games in hand, both on the road. Adirondack plays Sunday at Maine, next Friday at Trois-Rivieres. Even if the Thunder win both, they will lead the Railers by three points, a deficit Worcester could make up with a sweep next weekend.

## Thunderbirds lose to Phantoms, will make playoffs

ALLENTOWN, PA - The Springfield Thunderbirds (36-25-3-5, 80 points) fell victim to a third-period charge by the Lehigh Valley Phantoms (37-26-3-3, 80 points) in a 4-3 loss on Saturday night inside the PPL Center.

Despite the defeat, the T-Birds did secure their second straight Calder Cup playoff berth thanks to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton's 8-2 win over the Bridgeport Islanders.

After relenting the first goal of each of their past two games, Springfield wasted little time jumping to the advantage in Pennsylvania, as Nikita Alexandrov moved in on the left side looking to get a wrist shot in on Sam Ersson's net. Alexandrov's shot was ultimately blocked, but defenseman Tyler Tucker alertly followed up on the play, picked up the loose puck, and squeezed it through Ersson on the stick side, and the T-Birds had a 1-0 lead just 34 seconds into play.

Scoring chances were prevalent for each team in a first period that netted 24 combined shots on net, but Ersson settled in nicely, while T-Birds starter Garret Sparks was stellar, turning away 14 Lehigh Valley

offerings, including a handful of point-blank chances from his former teammate Adam Brooks.

Springfield gave Sparks a bit of insurance when Hugh McGing finished off a 2-on-1 pass from Will Bitten at 4:14 of the second, extending the lead to 2-0 on his 15th goal of the season.

A frenetic and high-paced second period, which featured exclusively even-strength hockey, finally allowed Lehigh Valley to cut the lead in half when Jordy Bellerive beat Sparks with a slot wrist at 16:07 to send the game to the third in a 2-1 score.

It appeared the T-Birds had withstood the Phantoms' toughest rebuttal when Mikhail Abramov beat Ersson at 2:11 of the third off a cross-ice pass from Mathias Laffriere. Springfield's 3-1 lead would prove to be the most dangerous one of all.

Just a minute later, after a penalty put the Phantoms on a power play, Emil Andrae beat Sparks with a seeing-eye wrist through traffic, and it was a 3-2 game at 3:11 of the third.

Before the midpoint of the third, Kevin

Connauton joined a rush, accepting a drop pass from Adam Brooks and slipping a wrist through Sparks' left arm to tie the score, 3-3 at 9:05.

The momentum jolt for the Phantoms proved to be too much to overcome, and Olle Lycksell slipped in behind two defenders following a Springfield turnover and cashed in on a one-timer on the doorstep, set up by Brooks, with just 3:24 to go to ice the game.

Lehigh Valley's win propelled the Phantoms all the way up into a three-way tie for third at 80 points. The Phantoms own the tiebreaker over both Springfield and Charlotte, so they are the team that sits in third position heading into the season's final week.

The T-Birds' regular season ends with one final 3-game weekend beginning on Friday, April 14 on home ice against the Providence Bruins. All six playoff teams for the Atlantic Division are set, but nobody has locked themselves into a seeding with precious days remaining before the Calder Cup Playoffs.

## Registration open for 2023 Bay State Games

WOBURN – Registration for the 41st annual Bay State Summer Games is now open. The 2023 Summer Games will include thirty sports with competitions from June 3 to July 29 at venues throughout eastern and central Massachusetts including Game On in Fitchburg, Boston Sports Institute in Wellesley, Union Point Sports Complex in Weymouth, and New England Sports Center in Marlborough. Bay State Games participants range in age from 5 to over age 75 and represent more than 300 Massachusetts communities as well as surrounding New England States in some sports. From grassroots participants to accomplished amateur athletes, the Bay State Games provide opportunities for the athlete in all of us.

Eight high school showcase sports will take place for a variety of sports, including baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball. Athletes currently in grade 8-11 who live or go to school in Massachusetts are eligible to attend regional tryouts during the month of June. These tryouts will determine teams representing the various regions of the Commonwealth that will compete against each other in July. Check each sport page for specific eligibility requirements.

The Summer Games include a wide variety of individual sports including swimming, track & field, figure skating, pickleball, wrestling, weightlifting, archery, judo, badminton, and more. These sports are open to a wide range of ages and skill levels from youth participants to masters-aged athletes. Adaptive sport divisions in archery, swimming, and track & field are offered, as well. Bay State Games also organizes tournaments for pre-existing teams in girls lacrosse, rugby, and 6v6 field hockey.

For more information on all sports in the 2023 Summer Games, links to online registration, and information on other programs, go to [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org).

For questions, email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

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the MIAA stated. "The group met to discuss parameters and aspects of the Individual Tournament and how it fits into Association goals for the entire membership. For this spring 2023 there will only be a MIAA Team Tournament. The subcommittee will continue to dialogue and report back to the Tennis Committee."

When the Western Mass. tournament sponsored by the MIAA was removed, the PVIAC in Western Mass., and the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association began holding their own tournaments the week prior to the start of state tournaments.

Western Mass., in particular, held individual tennis tournaments during the season and should again this season.

The team tournament will go on this season, with teams battling out essentially in a best of five matches. There are three singles matches and two doubles matches. Whichever teams wins at least three of those matches, wins the overall team match.

Prior to instituting the state tournament format, Western Mass. held both team and individual regional tournaments. The individual tournament allowed a place for talented competitors that were not part of qualifying teams a place to play for a championship, much like wrestling, which does not have a team tournament in the playoffs. Team scores are kept, but there are not dual meet competitions where teams go head-to-head like in tennis.

Spring tennis is set to get underway late this week and early next week for most teams.

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Joe Heney. "One of our goals is to win the league title, which we haven't done since 2014. If we can continue to play like we did in tonight's game, we can compete with any team in our league this year."

The other members of the Valley League are West Springfield, Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton, and Wahconah, who are the defending league champions.

"Wahconah is definitely the team to beat this year," Heney said. "They play a different style of lacrosse."

The Brownies (2-2), who lost to Westfield (16-7) and Tantasqua (14-4), also defeated Northampton, 14-2, in another road match last week.

The Colts played their first match of the 2023 campaign against Agawam.

"The scoreboard really doesn't show it, but my guys played their hearts out tonight," said first-year Chicopee Comp head coach Brandon Pavoni. "Agawam is a very good and falling behind early didn't help us."

Pavoni, who has never been a head coach prior to this season, graduated from Comp in 2016.

"When I was a freshman, I was member of the first ever varsity lacrosse team at Comp," said Pavoni, who's from Granby. "They were looking for a head coach this year and I was very happy to help out."

Pavoni also played college lacrosse at Anna Maria College in Paxton. He scored 129 goals and had 59 assists for a total of 188 points in 56 career games.

"I only got to play six games as a senior before the rest of the season was canceled because of COVID," Pavoni said. "It stinks, but I'm very happy being back on the field again coaching this team."

Brandon's younger sister, Emily, is a senior on the Worcester State University women's lacrosse team this spring. She was also a member of the Lancers women's hockey team.

Just like a year ago, the Comp boys' lacrosse team is co-opting with Chicopee High. The only Chicopee High player listed on the Comp varsity roster is Kraig Geissler.

"Kraig is a very good lacrosse player and we're very happy to have him on our team this year," Pavoni said. "We have two other players from High on the j.v. team. We would love to have more High kids on our team in the future. I'm also hoping to get the youth program running again."

The Brownies were led offensively by junior Nick Ugolini and freshman Casey Thomas with four goals apiece.

Freshman Brayden Federico contributed with three goals.

The other Agawam freshmen are Liam Grealis, Lucas Fancy, and Jordin Agosto, who's the starting goalie. Agosto was credited with five saves.

"This is most of the freshmen that we've had on the varsity team since I've been coaching here," Heney said. "They played for the j.v. team last year and it's nice to see a couple of them contributing in a big way at the varsity level."

The trio of senior Joe Liquori, junior Hayden Dupre, and sophomore Riley Jorgensen each scored one goal in the first

meeting of the regular season against Comp.

The visiting team held a 6-0 lead at the end of the opening quarter, which is twelve minutes long.

"We really wanted to come out strong at the start of tonight's game," Heney added. "It's always very important to take an early lead."

With 9:13 left in the first quarter, Agawam took a 1-0 lead following an unassisted goal by Ugolini.

"Nick is one of our leaders offensively," Heney said. "He played an outstanding game tonight."

A little more than a minute later, Federico scored his first goal, which was assisted by Thomas.

The Brownies final four first quarter goals were scored by Ugolini and Thomas. Agawam only scored two goals in the second quarter, which were by Thomas and Federico.

With five minutes remaining in the opening half, Comp finally broke the ice following an unassisted goal by senior Zach Canavan.

The four third quarter goals were scored by Jorgensen, Federico, Thomas, and Ugolini, as the Brownies entered the final quarter holding a comfortable 12-1 advantage.

The Colts second goal was scored by Geissler five minutes into the final quarter. It was assisted by Canavan.

Agawam's final two goals were scored by Liquori and Ugolini.

Comp junior goalie Aidan Coulombe, who's a first-year starter, tried to do his best. He made a total of 23 saves.



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In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorneys the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within twenty (20) days of said written notice.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to bid and be paid in cash or by certified check at the time and place of sale as earnest money. The balance is to be paid in cash or by certified check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale at the offices of Murphy & Lupan, P.A., 5 Commonwealth Road, Natick, Massachusetts 01760.

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Tel: (508) 650-9252  
04/06, 04/13, 04/20/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD23P0687EA  
Estate of:**

**Donald Richard Whitehead  
Date of Death: 02/09/2023  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John J Golec Jr. of Suffield, CT**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**John J Golec Jr. of Suffield, CT** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
04/13/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD23P0702EA  
Estate of:**

**Joanne Irene Whitehead  
Date of Death:  
January 12, 2023**

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

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04/13/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Probate and Family Court  
Department  
Hampden SS  
Docket No. HD22P2385PM**

To all persons interested in the estate of **Nicholas J. Scafuri of Agawam** in said County, person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said Nicholas J. Scafuri for his maintenance.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 50 State Street, Springfield, MA before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 3rd day of May 2023, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BARBARA M. HYLAND, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 28th day of March 2023.

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
04/13, 04/20, 04/27/2023

## AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY'24 SCHOOL BUDGET

According to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, section 38N, copies of the proposed school department budget shall be available to the public 48 hours prior to the posted public hearing,

which is scheduled for **April 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Agawam Junior High auditorium.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the Superintendent's office located at the Agawam Junior High School, at the Town Clerk's office in the Agawam Town Hall located at 68 Main Street, and at the Agawam Public Library which is located at 750 Cooper Street.  
04/13, 4/20/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD23P0562EA  
Estate of:**

**Wilma Anna Thomas  
Also Known As:  
Wilma A. Thomas;  
Wilma Thomas  
Date of Death:  
June 20, 2022**

## INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Eva C. Thomas of Woodside, CA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Eva C. Thomas of Woodside, CA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
04/13/2023

## TOWN OF AGAWAM BID REQUESTS

The Town of Agawam hereby invites sealed bids in accordance with Ch.30B, for furnishing tree trimming and removal services. A full bid package will be available **beginning April 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM** by email to [JBonfiglio@agawam.ma.us](mailto:JBonfiglio@agawam.ma.us)

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04/13/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD23P0432EA  
Estate of:**

**Marjorie Viola Wilmes  
Date of Death: 02/02/2023  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph Conway of Agawam MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/21/2023.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

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

Date: March 24, 2023  
**Rosemary A. Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
04/13/2023

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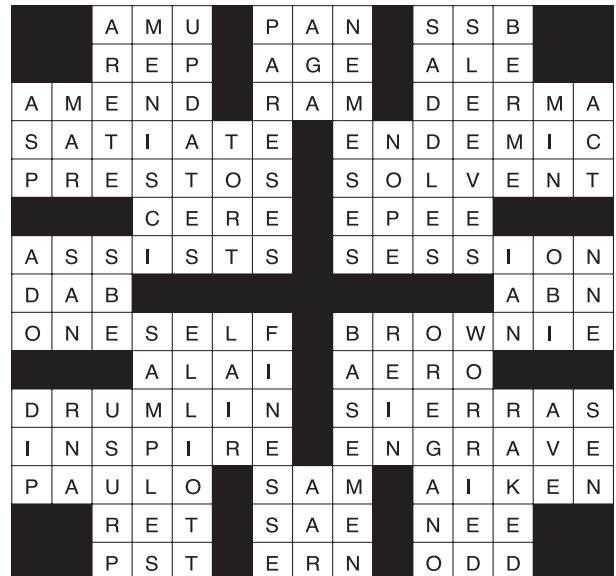
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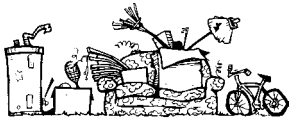
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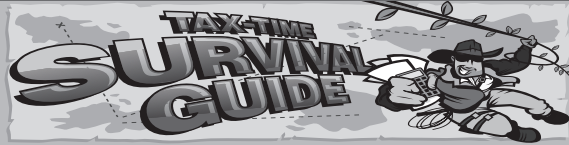
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# CROP hunger walk helps to build global resilience

AGAWAM – As an organization rooted in faith, Church World Service believes that all people deserve to lead lives of dignity, wherever they find themselves. Weather-related disasters displace over 20 million people globally each year. Of great concern are “slow-onset” impacts, changes people feel every day, but that don’t always get the press that massive storms and wildfires do. Examples include temperature increase; changes in rainfall

patterns; and saltwater intrusion of farmland or drinking water. Science and human experience show that slow-onset climate change will affect, and in some cases devastate vulnerable communities in the future.

That is why this year’s Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk is so important! Walkers and sponsors will help Church World Service address climate change impacts by helping farmers ac-

cess seeds and learn new techniques for growing food in changing soil; by teaching building techniques so schools and homes can be built differently to withstand future natural disasters; and through assisting communities in learning new income generating skills like beekeeping to adapt and build resilience.

The Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, April 30, beginning with a 1 p.m. Registration

Rally at First Congregational Church, 108 Park Street, in West Springfield. Church teams, civic groups, and individuals are invited to walk to help families around the world. One quarter of funds raised will remain in the community, supporting the Parish Cupboard. For more information or to register online, please go to [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org) and search for “Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk.”

## Lions Club comedy show April 28

AGAWAM – Agawam Lions Club will be holding a comedy show on April 28 at 8 p.m. Laughing for the Lions is going to be a great event held at the Agawam Polish club, doors open at 7 p.m. show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at [www.funny4funds.com/](http://www.funny4funds.com/)

events/laughing-for-the-lions/1079 or contact Mel at (413)530-8529 to purchase tickets. We are still looking for sponsors and raffle donations for this event.

Your support helps the Lions with different events and projects throughout our community. Hope to see you there.

## ACC plans New York City trip

AGAWAM – Now that pandemic conditions have eased, the Agawam Cultural Council is once again sponsoring a “Plan Your Own Day” Bus Trip to New York City, scheduled for Saturday, May 20.

On the bus, a member of the Council will be available to help with information and suggestions along the way. We will attempt to make five stops in Manhattan: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center/Radio City, Times Square/TKTS, 34th Street (Macy’s), and the South Street Seaport. Riders may elect to get off at any of these scheduled stops. The bus departs the Roberta G. Doering School (Middle School), 68 Main St, Agawam, rear parking lot at 7 a.m. sharp. The return trip will leave New York City at 6:30 p.m. and be back in Agawam by about 9:30 p.m.

Further details, a map to the departure point, plus a wealth of useful NYC links, can

be found at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org) (click on “Bus Trips” or “Our Favorite Links”).

Tickets will become available mid-March, 2023. The price is \$50 per person for both residents and non-residents alike. Seating is unreserved, and limited to 54 passengers, on a first come / first served basis. Please note that seats cannot be reserved by phone.

To reserve your seat(s), please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check made out to “Agawam Cultural Council” to: Agawam Cultural Council, 153 Anthony Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Important: a phone number or e-mail address must be included with the check.

Current ticket availability, updated as requests are processed, plus contact info for the Bus Trip Coordinators can be found on the Cultural Council’s “Bus Trips” page at: [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).



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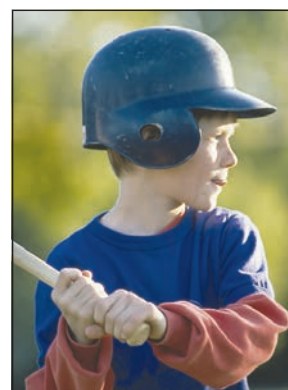


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