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Strong second half wins Western Mass. title for Brownies

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD— When Agawam senior Brayden Federico woke up last Saturday morning, he felt confident that his lacrosse team would defeat Valley Wheel league rival Minnechaug Regional and capture the Western Mass. Class A championship title for the first time.

Federico led the way offensively with five goals and an assist, as the top-seeded Brownies pulled away during the second half for a 13-6 victory over the second-seeded Falcons at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

“Our main goal coming into this season was to win the Western Mass. title,” said Federico, who’ll be playing college lacrosse at the University of New England next year. “When I woke up this morning, I had a pretty good feeling that it would be our day. It was a lot of fun, especially doing it against Minnechaug. We know each other very well and it’s always a physical game against them.”

It was the third meeting of the season between the Valley Wheel rivals.

Agawam, who finished the regular season with a 13-4 overall record, won the first

The Agawam High School boys lacrosse team is the Western Mass. champions.

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The Class A Western Mass. Champion Agawam boys volleyball team.

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Boys volleyball outlasts competition at Western Mass.

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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys volleyball team has been a dominant force for several seasons with little deviation.

Their top competition in recent years has been Westfield High School, with the two teams exchanging wins and losses, as well as Western Mass. championships. Agawam has been on the winning side more recently however, with two state

championships in three years.

The state championship playoff brackets had yet to come out, and Agawam’s playoff competition has already heated up.

In two matchups, Agawam has been playing to the maximum, defeating Chicopee Comprehensive 3-2 on May 19 in the Western Mass. Class A Tournament semifinals.

Then, Agawam went up

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Agawam Library hosts author Karen Warfield

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Monday May 11, Agawam Public Library hosted author Karen Warfield who discussed her book, “The Emancipation of Hannah Fathye Winslow: A Woman’s Journey in Colonial America.” Her book is historical fiction. Kristen Frost, adult services library associate, introduced Warfield. Warfield kicked off the discussion with a skit where

she spoke to the audience using the form of English used during the colonial era, and kindly asked if she could remove her hat. The point of this portion of the discussion was for Warfield to show how hard things were for women back in the colonial era. During the discussion Warfield showed the audience all the research she did to make sure her book was historically accurate. She gave audience

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Successful injunction allows AHS softball into Western Mass. finals

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Last Thursday, one day after Agawam High School softball successfully advanced to the Western Mass. finals with a defeat of Westfield, the mayor filed a court injunction to prevent Agawam from being disqualified from the game due to a clerical error.

The error, which almost got Agawam completely disqualified from the Western Mass. tournament, involved the lack of a three-game commitment in the system used to schedule games. Agawam was only scheduled for two TBA games per the MIAA and the Pioneer Valley Inter-scholastic Athletic Confer-

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Memorial Day festivities

Above, Revolutionary War reenactors march in the Agawam Memorial Day parade. Left, Mayor Christopher Johnson waves to the townspeople. See story and more photos on page 12.

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Agawam Public Library announces adult activities for June

Cultivate your curiosity at the Agawam Public Library with this year's Adult Summer Reading Challenge: "Plant a Seed, Read"! Log your reading, complete activities, and contribute to our Community Reading Goal to earn raffle tickets that can be entered to win one of our five grand prizes! This challenge will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, Aug. 7. You can participate one of two ways: visit agawamlibrary.beanstack.org to log your reading online, or visit the library Information Desk to log your reading in person using our paper packet! Registration for this challenge opens on June 29.

Come on out for some golfing fun! Agawam Public Library has partnered with the Agawam Municipal Golf Course for Let's Golf! A Chipping and Putting Clinic on Monday, June 1 at 1 p.m. Attendees will learn proper techniques of chipping and putting, arguably the most important part of any golf round. This clinic is open to beginners as well as those looking to hone their golf skills. Please note that this event will be held at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course (128 Southwick St, Feeding Hills, MA) and registration is required.

Learn how to uncover the past of any home—whether it's 20 years old or 200! The Agawam Public Library, Agawam Historical Association, and Agawam Historical Commission have partnered to bring you 10 Steps to Re-

searching the History of Your House in Agawam with The Northeast House Historian. House historian Marian Pierre-Louis will introduce where to find the deeds to your house, how to chain a deed, and locate other sources of information such as the US Federal Census records, maps and tax records. Come learn 10 steps to get you started on your house history research and uncover the stories that bring the history of your house alive! This talk is appropriate for both beginners and those who have research experience. This event will take place on Monday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room. Please register to attend.

Interested in participating online for our Summer Reading Challenge, but need a Beanstack refresher? We've got you covered! On Wednesday, June 17th at 6:30PM and Monday, June 22 at 10 a.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room, the library will be hosting Library Tech: Getting Started with Beanstack. Learn the ins and outs of using Beanstack for our reading challenge, as well as how you can use it to record what and how often you are reading. Please register to attend either of these sessions and be sure to bring along whichever mobile device you are most comfortable using.

Join us for an evening of Revolutionary War history as we continue to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Alex MacKen-

zie from the Springfield Armory National Historic Site will present The Most Proper Spot in America: The Continental Arsenal at Springfield on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room. Following the creation of the Continental Army in 1775, General George Washington and his lieutenants organized a system of supply and logistics to support the fledgling American military as it fought for independence. Brigadier General Henry Knox, Chief of Artillery, personally sited a military supply depot at Springfield, Massachusetts early in 1777. Hundreds of enlisted tradesmen poured into town to begin building, repairing, maintaining and shipping all sorts of military supplies, and Springfield was quickly bustling with activity throughout the American Revolution. Join Springfield Armory NHS Curator Alex MacKenzie as he reveals the hidden stories of the Continental Arsenal at Springfield and the contributions of the region to American independence! Please register to attend.

Discover the power of music with Dr. Randi Lebar as she presents Music and Memory: The Accidental Creation of a 92-year-old Social Media Sensation. Lebar will recount the wild ride she has taken with her mother, pianist Elaine Lebar (born in 1928), who went viral on TikTok in 2020 while living in a memory care unit in Buzzards Bay. Specifically focus-

ing on the magic and power of music in dementia, the talk features many videos of Elaine, and also includes lessons Randi learned along the way about finding meaning and joy in their relationship, in spite of her mother's mental decline. The presentation is sure to entertain a wide audience, and it will be especially educational and hopeful for those dealing with a loved one in any stage of cognitive decline. This event will take place on Monday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room and registration is required.

Join us for a Local Author Talk with Angela Grout as she discusses her latest novel Bean in My Breast. The book is a powerful story of motherhood, legacy, faith and the courage to say goodbye while still holding on. This fictional memoir of one woman's journey of accepting living, loving and making peace with dying as she lives her days with breast cancer prompts conversations for all. The author will read aloud a sample of the book and give insight to the writing and publishing process. Copies of all of Grout's books will be available for purchase and signing. This event will take place on Monday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room and registration is required.

Our regular programs are a great way for folks to pursue their interests or try out something new! Drop in for the last few sessions of Qigong for Spring on Tuesdays

at 11 a.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room. With similarities to yoga and tai chi, Qigong is an ancient healing art that blends fitness, breathwork, and meditation. Harness the expansive energy of spring to build strength and flexibility while balancing mind, body, and spirit for a fresh new year. The last class will be held on June 23. Join us for weekly Chair Yoga at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Clini Community Room. Led by yoga instructor Heidi Taberman, these drop-in classes are perfect for folks of all fitness levels. If you're a fan of board games and card games, then check out our drop-in Game Night on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clini Community Room. Are you a writer looking to connect with other writers? Join our Writers Group hosted by author Katherine Anderson on Thursday, June 18 in the Peirce Conference Room. There will be opportunities for peer and host feedback, learning the basics of self-publishing, finding opportunities for submission to magazines, literary journals, and presses, assembling a portfolio, and the basics of a query package for submissions and publications. Please register to attend!

This month's Virtual Author Talk Series kicks off on Wednesday, June 3 at 2 p.m. with a fascinating discussion with Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig on the history and significance of craft at state fairs—from blue-rib-

bon quilts to sculpted butter cows, and so much more! Join us for an adventurous conversation with bestselling author Matt Dinniman on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. as he discusses his wildly popular (and just plain wild) Dungeon Crawler Carl series. Storyteller and popular blogger Ted Page will discuss his book Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood on Thursday, June 18 at 2 p.m. This heartfelt book highlights his journey to bring together the stories and wisdom of grandfathers from all walks of life—all with a mission to nurture the next great generation. Looking for some new recipes to try out? Join authors Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy as they discuss their cookbook, The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook, which celebrates beautiful, simple, and seasonal cooking with 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 23 at 2 p.m. To register to attend any or all of these virtual talks, please call the library or visit library.org/agawamlibrary.

Thank you to the Agawam Center Library Association and the Friends of the Agawam Library for sponsoring select library programs. Our last open Saturday before summer hours begin is June 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the library will be closed on Friday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

Craft Beer Tasting event set for June 19

AGAWAM – The popular Summer Craft Beer Tasting and BBQ fundraiser will return to the historic Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, on Friday evening, June 19, 2026. The event will take place rain or shine, from 6 to 9 p.m., and will benefit preservation efforts at the 1805 former stage tavern, which has served as Agawam's Community House since 1939.

The event, sponsored by McCarthy's Liquors of Agawam and Phipps Discount

Liquors of Feeding Hills, will feature a wide variety of local and craft beers, live music, raffles, and food. Joey's Deli & Market will provide barbecue and Captain Leonard House Trustees will grill hot dogs and ham burgers.

Advance tickets are \$50 per person, available at McCarthy's Liquors, 430 Main Street, Agawam, (413) 786-9537, and Phipps Discount Liquors 1350 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, (413) 786-8471. Ticket includes food.

Tickets will also be avail-

able at the door for \$55 per person.

Guests must be at least 21 years old with a valid ID to attend this event.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a State agency.

More information about the Captain Charles Leonard House can be found at [Facebook.com/captainleonardhouse](https://facebook.com/captainleonardhouse).

Mall shooting subject sentenced

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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HOLYOKE – On Monday, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni has announced that a juvenile male indicted as a youthful offender has been sentenced in connection with a shooting incident that occurred inside the Holyoke Mall on July 25, 2025.

The incident was one of the most recent incidents that have drawn emergency personnel to the mall. There have been a couple of shootings that have taken place there, as well as a fire in the middle of the mall near the food court's ventilation system that has also taken place.

The resolution for the juvenile that opened fire on police resolved last week.

Last Thursday, the defendant was sentenced to five years to five years and one day in state prison on two counts of assault with intent to kill.

Additionally, the defendant received concurrent state prison sentences of two and a half years to three years on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm without a serial number. The defendant was also sentenced to probation through 2032, on two

counts of attempted assault and battery with a firearm.

As conditions of probation, the defendant was ordered to stay away from the victims and the Holyoke Mall, possess no firearms or dangerous weapons, and attend school, work, or obtain a GED.

According to a press release from the DA's office, at approximately 4:30 p.m. on July 25, 2025, Holyoke Police Officers working a detail assignment inside the Holyoke Mall approached the defendant after a mall security officer observed an alleged shoplifting incident. During the encounter near the Round One entrance, the defendant produced a firearm and discharged a round in the direction of officers. One officer returned fire, striking the defendant in the leg.

"This defendant's reckless and violent actions endangered law enforcement officers, mall employees, and innocent shoppers," said Gulluni. "This sentence reflects the seriousness of bringing a loaded firearm into a crowded public place and opening fire. We are grateful no innocent individuals were injured and commend the responding officers for their professionalism and courage

during an extremely dangerous situation."

Holyoke Police Chief Brian Keenan was pleased with the outcome of the case and the sentencing of the juvenile involved in the incident.

"I would like to thank Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and ADA Curtis Frick who did a tremendous job prosecuting this case," Keenan said. "When a police officer is shot at, there must be severe consequences, so a situation like we witnessed in Cambridge doesn't repeat itself. I commend the Judge for his ruling. The mall should be safe haven for all our visitors and its employees. This suspect's brazen actions put our officers and mall patrons in a potentially deadly situation. I would also like to applaud our officers involved for their professionalism and poise during this incident."

The case was investigated by the Holyoke Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office.

The Commonwealth was represented by Assistant District Attorney Curtis Frick and Victim Witness Advocate Cassidy Dill.

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Celebrate Juneteenth at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE – On June 19, Wistariahurst Museum and Genuine Culture welcome guests to the Wistariahurst gardens for our annual Juneteenth event, Celebrate Juneteenth! This event commemorates freedom and the country's second Independence Day through community and celebration. Wistariahurst and Genuine Culture are collaborating for the fourth year to bring back this celebration for the Holyoke community and beyond. Enjoy activities throughout Wistariahurst's grounds. Play games in the gardens, get creative with hands-on art projects, and more! There's something for everyone, with activities for people of all ages.

This event will feature performances including Voices of Praise, storyteller Eshu Bumpus, and DJ Pzo Pete! Local food vendors will also be selling food and drinks for guests to enjoy, including Souper Sweet, White Lion Brewery, and Thai Chili Street Food. Other performers and food vendors are to

be announced.

Black-owned businesses, makers, and artists will be selling a variety of locally made items. Local organizations will also have tables at the event, sharing information on their initiatives and what work they're doing in the community.

Juneteenth serves as a poignant reminder of the remarkable resilience of Black lives, symbolizing the challenges and victories of formerly enslaved individuals striving for unity, education, and political engagement during the Reconstruction period. So mark your calendars and bring your friends and family to Wistariahurst Museum on June 19 from 12 to 3 p.m. It's going to be a day of joy, making memories, honoring history, and uplifting the voices of the Black community in Holyoke. Best of all, admission to this celebration is completely free and open to the public! We can't wait to see you there.

This event is sponsored by the Adam's Foundation of South Hadley.

Win a trip to Italy while supporting hospice patients in need

CHICOPEE - Local nonprofit Harmony House of Western Massachusetts invites the community to take a chance on winning a trip to Italy for two while supporting its mission and residents.

The nonprofit is selling tickets for \$100 per chance to win a guided trip for two to Italy, with several destinations, including Rome, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast, from October 10-20, 2026.

Only 250 chances will be sold and the prize package-valued at \$9,900-includes airfare, accommodations, transportation, meals, and a curated travel experience, making it a unique opportunity for community members to help care for their neighbors facing terminal illness. Profits from the raffle will directly support Harmony House's mission of providing a home with compassionate end-of-life care and companionship to hospice patients in need, regardless of their financial status or

any other circumstances.

This is the second year Harmony House has hosted the fundraiser. Last year's winners, Jerry and Marilyn, reflected on their experience, sharing, "You buy something like this and assume that it would just be a donation, but this was the trip of a lifetime! Great trip, brand new buses, guides were very knowledgeable, and the information session at Figaro's Restaurant before the trip was very informative."

Tickets are available for purchase now through Thursday, June 4, and the drawing will take place via Facebook Live on Friday, June 5. Visit HarmonyHouseWMA.org/ItalyRaffle for purchase options, trip itinerary, and terms and conditions. Tickets are also available for purchase at Figaro's Restaurant in Enfield, Pizza Lino in Chicopee, and the office of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Westfield.

Class of 1967 needs help

AGAWAM – Agawam High School Class of 1967 will be holding its 60th reunion sometime in calendar year 2027. We are seeking our classmates that

have not been contacted recently. Please contact John DeVecchi with your name, address and phone number(s) to agawam67@aol.com

Joslyn Fox to headline PrideFest 2026

More Pride Month events are scheduled

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Pride is proud to announce that Massachusetts drag performer Joslyn Fox will headline Holyoke PrideFest 2026, taking place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Veterans Park in downtown Holyoke.

Known for her humor, heart, and unforgettable personality from Season 6 of RuPaul's Drag Race, Joslyn Fox brings hometown New England energy to what organizers say will be the biggest Holyoke Pride celebration yet.

Holyoke Pride has grown from a grassroots community gathering into a month-long citywide celebration of LGBTQIA+ visibility, culture, and joy, drawing thousands of attendees from across Western Massachusetts and beyond. PrideFest itself has become one of the region's fastest-growing Pride events, featuring live performances, local artists, food vendors, community organizations, family activities, and nightlife

events throughout the city.

The 2026 celebration begins with the annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony at Holyoke City Hall on Monday, June 1, followed by a full calendar of events throughout the month, including:

- June 1 – Pride Flag Raising 5 p.m. at Holyoke City Hall
- June 5 – House of Colors Youth Queer Prom
- June 7 – Buen Provecho Drag Brunch
- June 13 – Holyoke Pride Rainbow Run 5K & 1-Mile Walk at Ashley Reservoir
- June 25 – Drag Story Hour at Holyoke Public Library
- June 27 – Holyoke PrideFest 12 to 6 p.m. at Veterans Park
- June 27 – Holyoke Pride After Party 6 to 11 p.m. at The Wauregan

Organizers say the expanded lineup reflects Holyoke's continued commitment to building visible, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for

LGBTQIA+ residents and visitors alike.

"Now more than at any point in recent memory, it is important that LGBTQIA+ people know they are not alone," said Holyoke City Councilor and longtime Holyoke Pride organizer Juan Anderson-Burgos. "Pride is more than a celebration — it is visibility, solidarity, and a public declaration that every person deserves the right to exist openly, safely, and without fear. When communities come together in support and love, especially during difficult moments in our country's history, that visibility becomes powerful. Holyoke continues to show that our city stands proudly with the LGBTQIA+ community."

Holyoke Pride organizers are also inviting local businesses, organizations, and community members to become sponsors, volunteers, and partners for the 2026 season. According to organizers, sponsorship support helps

keep many Pride events free and accessible to the public.

"What began as a one-day event has become a city-wide movement centered on community, creativity, and connection. Every sponsor, volunteer, performer, and attendee helps make Holyoke Pride possible," said Anderson-Burgos.

Additional announcements regarding performers, entertainment, vendors, and special guests will be released throughout the spring. Holyoke Pride organizers also wish to thank lead sponsor Holyoke Community College and the Holyoke Local Cultural Council for their continued support over the years, helping expand LGBTQIA+ programming, visibility, and community celebration throughout the City of Holyoke.

For event information, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer signups, and updates, visit www.holyokepride.org.

Dakin names Novak associate director of marketing

SPRINGFIELD – Dakin Humane Society has named Samantha Novak associate director of marketing, according to Director of Development and Marketing Molly Biechele.

Novak will provide overall marketing, communications, and public relations strategy for the organization, with a specific emphasis on fostering and stewarding corporate and local partnerships. She will implement vision, priorities, and standards for

all marketing activity, ensuring alignment across content, digital, design, public relations, and development efforts. In addition, she will be responsible for translating organizational goals into integrated, measurable marketing strategies that elevate brand awareness, community engagement, partnerships, and revenue.

"Sam brings an exceptional combination of strategic marketing expertise, relationship-building skills and

passion for mission-driven work to Dakin Humane Society," noted Biechele. "We are thrilled to welcome her to the Dakin team."

Prior to joining Dakin, Novak was a senior marketing automation manager for Blackbaud, where she developed targeted nurture engagement programs for fundraising, grantmaking, and data intelligence product audiences, shaped marketing strategy, and executed campaigns.

She also served as a marketing specialist for Performance Food Group of Springfield, MA, where she led negotiations with broker/vendor representatives and managed the end-to-end fulfillment process and implemented campaigns.

Novak has a certificate of Nonprofit Board Education for Corporate Employees and is a Root Cause Analysis Practitioner. She earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Marketing from Bay Path College.

Holyoke Arts League to be featured at Wistariahurst

HOLYOKE – During the month of June, the Wistariahurst Museum at 238 Cabot St. in Holyoke will host an exhibition of artwork by members of the Holyoke Arts League (HAL). The museum and gardens are the historic home of the Skinner Family that owned and operated the Skinner Silk Mill, the world's premier silk fabric production facility in the city's Canal District.

We hope you will attend our opening reception and

meet the artists who live in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut on Monday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Throughout the month of June, the exhibition may be viewed free of charge during the museum's open hours, Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

This juried show will include entries in oil and pastel, watercolor, acrylic,

tempera, gouache and other non-oil wet media, graphite, charcoal, printmaking and other graphic media, sculpture and ceramics.

Light refreshments will be served.

The arts league was founded in 1923 and is now celebrating its 102nd year in Holyoke. The League holds artist demonstrations and weekly adult figure drawing sessions. For more information about HAL, visit <https://www.holyoke-arts-league.org>.

online. You may also address inquiries to holyokeartsleague@gmail.com

For more information about Wistariahurst, call (413) 322-5660 or online at info@wistariahurst.org. You may direct inquiries about Wistariahurst by emailing munselle@holyoke.org.

This program is funded in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

Plant Sale at the Holyoke Senior Center

HOLYOKE— The Holyoke Senior Center Garden Club will hold its second annual plant sale on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior

Center, 291 Pine St., Holyoke. Shoppers will find a selection of sun or shade loving perennials, plus herbs and annuals that do well in our local gardens.

Members will be available to answer questions about the plants they enjoy. The sale will be held rain or shine.

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are used for projects that beautify and support the Senior Center's gardens. Come and visit our beautiful life-enhancing gardens.



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Dear Rusty:

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What can I do?

Signed: Self-employed American

Dear Self-employed:

For all potential SS beneficiaries, it is very important to know how Social Security determines if you are eligible for retirement benefits: Everyone including the self-employed must have earned at least 40 "quarter credits" contributing to the SS program, which is usually about 10 years' worth of earnings.

You can earn up to four "quarter credits" per year, depending on your earnings including your net earnings from self-employment. For example, this year (2026) you will get one "quarter credit" for each \$1,890 of earnings, up to four credits maximum for the year.

As a self-employed business owner, only your net earnings are counted, e.g., after all your reported business deductions are taken. The SSA gets your earnings information from the IRS, so SSA goes by whatever information you submitted in the self-employment income tax returns you submitted to the IRS over the years.

If you don't have at least 40 "quarter credits" over your lifetime, you won't be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits.

The best way to further investigate this is to create your personal "my Social Security" online account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. When you have done that, you will be able to see how

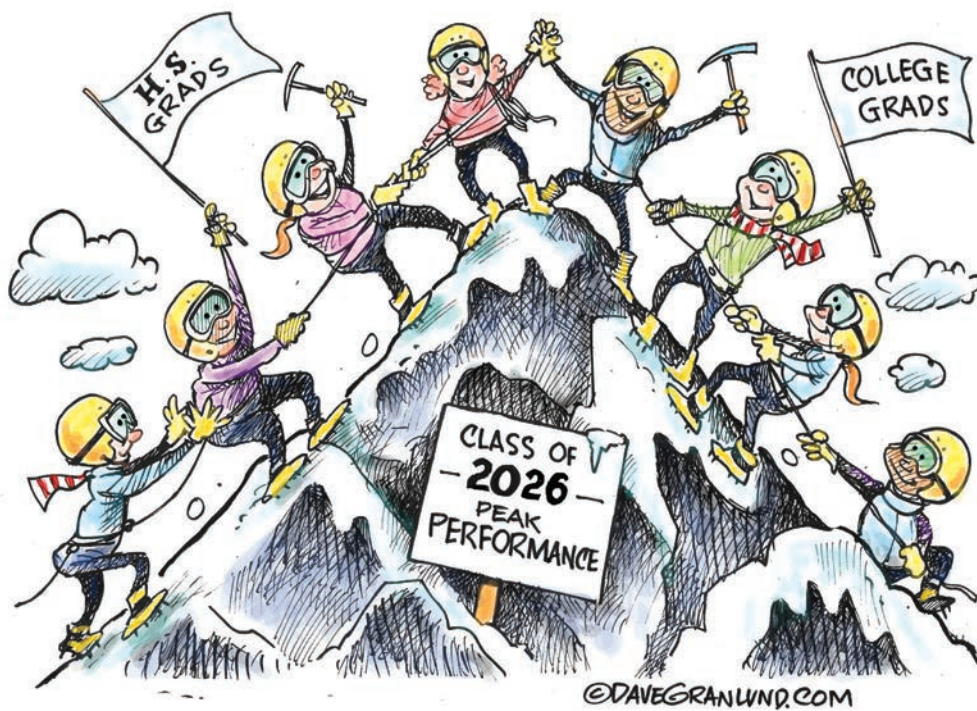
many quarter credits you currently have (apparently less than 40) and determine how much more you must earn to be eligible for SS retirement benefits.

For example, if you have 36 or more credits now, you could likely work just another year or part of a year, to be eligible for SS benefits next year. Knowing how many "credits" you now have will tell you how much more in annual net earnings from self-employment you must have to become eligible for SS benefits.

When you create your online SS account, you will also be able to see your entire lifetime record of your earnings reported to Social Security and you should review that record to make sure that your lifetime earnings have been correctly reported to Social Security.

If there are any discrepancies in your lifetime earnings record, they can be corrected by using form SSA-7008. You can find additional guidance on this at the following SSA web link: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf.

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Why do we wait until Memorial Day to plant?

For as long as I can remember, the "safe date" for planting tender crops was always Memorial Day.

This year in particular the holiday is on the early side, the 25th of May, as opposed to the 30th or 31st. Here in New England, five or six days can make all the difference in the world.

Sure, as I write, the mercury is set to rise well into the high eighties for three or four days, then become more seasonable again. It's a wonder the plants know what to do.

Anyhow, read on to learn about some tender plants and how they respond better when soil or air temperatures have warmed.

Although cool loving peas and warmth loving beans are both legumes, bean seeds in particular crave seventy to eighty degree soil in which to germinate. This is particularly evident with white seeded bean varieties, since the white seeds reflect the heat instead of holding on to it like dark seeds do.

Oftentimes, white seeds will rot before they sprout if

ling all of the room to grow nicely. Never pull out when thinning; roots may be disturbed.

Speaking of seedlings, it's also important not to shock our home grown pepper or tomato seedlings by transplanting them into cold soil or cold air. Night temperatures should be a consistent 50 degrees before planting out peppers.

I typically preheat the soil my peppers are to be planted in with black plastic, laying it right down in the garden bed for a week prior to planting. I cut holes into it at transplanting time, amending each hole as I go.

For added warmth, some gardeners looking to get a head start often use a row cover to add a few degrees of warmth and protect plants from the wind.

Tomatoes are planted outside after all danger of frost has passed. Typically on Memorial Day! In fact, I think the whole "safe date" theory came to be because of tomatoes! When I was just getting started in horticulture

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What is "lifestyle medicine"?

We've known for decades that the foods we choose to eat and the habits (good and bad) we develop have a profound impact on our quality of life and health. At your regular appointments with your primary care provider, you are probably quizzed about your diet, alcohol consumption, drug use and level of activity.

Typically, doctors don't have the time during the 7½ minutes they spend with you to connect the dots and help you make meaningful changes in those aspects of your life. It's not their fault; most of them are at the mercy of insurers and corporate overlords.

So, it's usually up to us to change our lifestyle.

A branch of medicine emerged about 30 years ago – lifestyle medicine – in which an integrated group of practitioners, from internists to gastroenterologists to psychologists to nutritionists to pharmacists, supports people on this journey.

Lifestyle medicine gained momentum in the 2010s because of the explosion of chronic diseases, rising health-care costs, stronger long-term data linking lifestyle to health, and dissatisfaction with medication-only approaches.

By the 2020s, many major health systems began integrating lifestyle medicine clinics.

There are several lifestyle medicine practices in Massa-

chusetts, including at Massachusetts General.

In 2004, the American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) was founded, and earlier this year it launched a certification program for health-care professionals who want to bring the practice to their patients.

Lifestyle medicine focuses on what it calls six "pillars" to address the root causes, not just the symptoms, of chronic illness. Those pillars are

- **Optimal nutrition:** A whole-food, plant-predominant eating pattern.
- **Physical activity:** Regular, consistent movement.
- **Restorative sleep:** Prioritizing quality sleep for recovery.
- **Stress management:**



Techniques to manage and reduce stress levels.

• **Avoidance of risky substances:** Quitting tobacco, limiting alcohol, and avoiding harmful substances.

• **Connectedness:** Maintaining positive, supportive social relationships.

Their goal is to treat, reverse and even prevent chronic diseases such as di-

abetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease using evidence-based methods that may be used in conjunction with medication.

As long as you have a diagnosis of a chronic disease and are treated by a licensed health-care professional, it's likely your insurance compa-

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Agawam Advertiser News welcomes letters to the editor

The *Agawam Advertiser News* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to the *Agawam Advertiser News*, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for

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Schools & Youth

COLLEGE NOTES

Assumption honors Butler’s exceptional leadership

WORCESTER – On May 15, members of the Assumption community gathered to present 13 exceptional leaders, including Kailey Butler of Agawam, in the Class of 2026 with the Emmanuel

D’Alzon Crown and Shield Award. Students are nominated for the award by faculty and staff. The “crown” and “shield” refer to the icons in the university seal, and

recipients have “protected (shield) and furthered (crown) the interests of the student body and university in various areas of leadership and community service to students and others.”

Croteau Graduates From Lebanon Valley College

ANNVILLE, PA – Cameron Croteau of Feeding Hills, is one of more than 600 undergraduate and graduate students who marked their academic success and received their degree as part

of Lebanon Valley College’s 157th Commencement on Saturday, May 9. Croteau received a bachelor of science in exercise science. Croteau will continue at LVC to pursue a

doctor of physical therapy in physical therapy. Croteau received the following honor(s): magna cum laude. Croteau is a graduate of Tec Connections Academy.

Junior Women’s Club award scholarships

AGAWAM – GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club is pleased to announce that \$3000 in scholarship monies were awarded this year to high school students who are Agawam/Feeding Hills residents. Chairman Natalia Clifton and a committee of three clubmembers read applications and picked the winners. Winners were: AJWC Future Teacher Scholarship - Maddie Balzano

Agawam Club Scholarships - Matilda Larochelle, Aiden Therrien, Chloe Bannaitis. Congratulations to all graduates! For 50 years, with scholarships awarded totaling well over \$120,000 ~ the Agawam Juniors’ reports that our purpose is the same as when it was first organized in 1957 ~ the advancement of public welfare and the promotion of civic and cultural interests of women. Today members are welcome from all towns

surrounding Agawam. Our members include working and retired women, young mothers and both new and established residents. If you are 18 years of age or older, please consider dropping by a meeting to learn what we are all about! New members are always welcome. For more information about the Agawam Juniors please check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AgawamJuniorWomensClub/>

Amelia Park Children’s Museum announces plans for ‘Farm in the Woods’

WESTFIELD – Diane Chambers, executive director of Amelia Park Children’s Museum has announced plans for a unique outdoor playscape called Farm in the Woods, scheduled to open this summer. In 2025, the museum was awarded a grant through the Beveridge Family Foundation for concept, construction and fabrication of the outdoor play space. The funding allowed the museum to hire Panoptic Design/Build, a museum exhibit designer

and fabricator, based in West Springfield to create designs. The project was also funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism with state funding secured by Senator John Velis and Representative Kelly Pease. “Panoptic is so excited to be working on the Farm in the Woods exhibit for the Amelia Park Children’s Museum, with a community that has earnestly and enthusiastically supported this project. The Farm in the Woods is intend-

ed to bring out the best parts of growing up on a farm in New England: Curious observation, secret hideaways, exciting adventures, and always something new to discover. It examines the place of farms in the broader ecosystem, exploring themes of biodiversity and connectedness with playful interactives,” said Panoptic designer Terra Fletcher. Sponsorships for Farm in the Woods are still available. For more information, contact diane@ameliaparkmuseum.org, 413-572-4014.

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I remember all sorts of contraptions people used to use to try and get the first ripe tomato in the neighborhood. By planting tomatoes transplants earlier you could get earlier fruiting. Cloches or wall-o-waters were popular before the floating row covers became the rage. I typically wait to trans-

plant my tomatoes. Mine are huge this year. Remember, if your plants get big and your are still a few weeks away from getting them from the six pack into the ground, “pot them up.” It’s a term for going up a size, say from a cell to a four inch pot, so roots don’t get bound before they get the chance to live happily ever after in the garden.

Soon enough, for sure! *Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 34 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.*

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members maps to look at as well as a dictionary of colonial English. Warfield talked about her skit and her process of writing her book. “I just want the audience to get into the mood of 1640. Because I’m using words, they may not have heard, and I just wanted them to realize the hard times back then. We kind of fantasize how easy it was, it was not. This book took me three years.” Warfield then spoke about how her characters have come alive in her mind and why a book revolving around hardships women historically went through is important, “They are real people to me. And as crazy as it sounds, I think about them all the time. I dream about them. I used to put a little piece of paper by my bed, when I had a dream and say, ‘Oh, that’s a good way to do it.’ Then I wake up and come back to reality. But to me, they’re almost like children. They have their good times and their bad times. History is written by men, and the women are in the background, but they are there and they need to be recognized.” Although Warfield’s character Hannah Fathye



Karen Warfield

Winslow is fictional, she represents the many struggles’ women faced back in the colonial era and also represents some issues that women still face today. Warfield is bringing attention to these issues through her book; she hopes people can see, “A different point of view,” when reading her book. Frost said the library wanted to have Warfield come present her book to the community. “When Karen reached out to let us know about her book, I was immediately interested due to the colonial time period and initial setting of Agawam in the story. I thought her presentation would be of interest to the residents of the Agawam community. After reading the book, the plight of the characters, and partic-

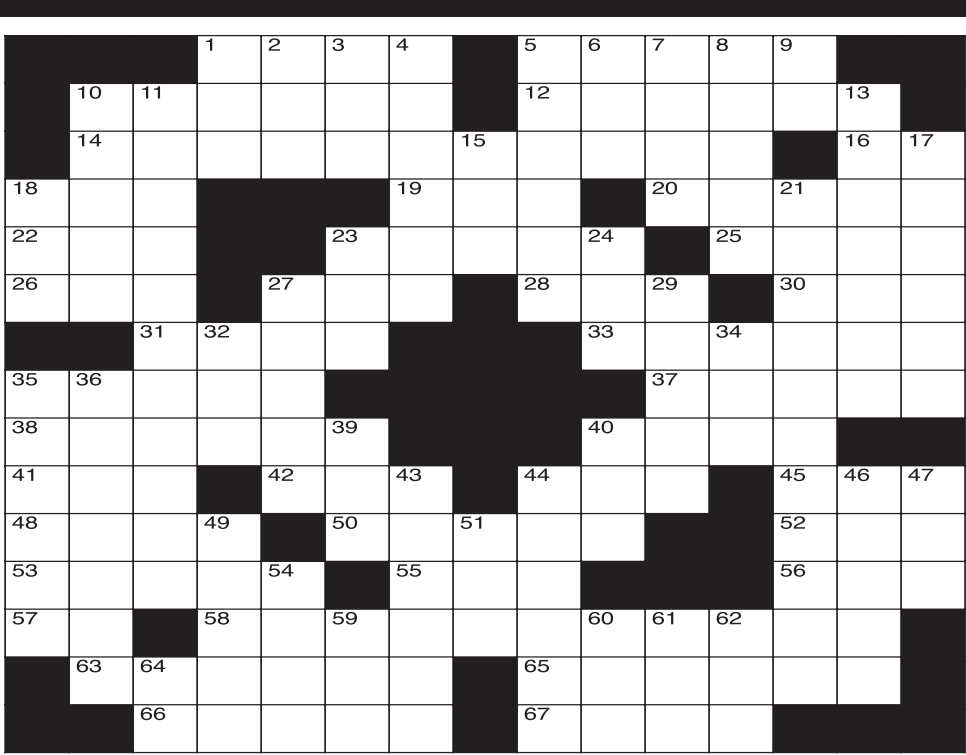
ularly the women, brings to the forefront the challenges they experienced in the earliest days of our country and how many women today still face related issues. It is an interesting reflection point to compare the women of this time period to women in today’s world.” Frost shared some upcoming events at the library. On Tuesday, June 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. the presentation of 10 Steps to Researching the History of Your House in Agawam will take place. This event is presented by The Northeast House Historian and sponsored by Agawam Public Library and Agawam Historical Association and Agawam Historical Commission. It’s clear Warfield has put a lot of time and planning into not just writing her book but also the way in which she presented it to the community. By showing all the research she did and explaining how her characters are more than words on a page she was able to give the audience insight into the true experience of being an author. For more information about upcoming events at Agawam Public Library, visit, Agawam Public Library - Agawam, (MA) Massachusetts.

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ny will cover care from a lifestyle medicine practice. Services like “wellness coaches” or “lifestyle programs” may not be covered. Now, if all of this sounds a bit like Make America Healthy Again (MAHA), the signature program of our current health and human services secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., you’re not wrong. Kennedy is a proponent of people exercising and eating healthier in order to take control of their own health. So, there are areas where MAHA and lifestyle medicine overlap, but the ACLM emphasizes that it’s a health-care approach, not a political movement. Lifestyle medicine supports vaccines, research-based conventional treatments and standard medical guidelines. Practitioners would agree that improving diet, sleep and stress management is good public health policy, and those te-

nets exist independently of politics. That said, the ACLM supports coming changes in Medicare that are in alignment with its goals. The Make America Healthy Again: Enhancing Lifestyle and Evaluating Value-based Approaches Through Evidence (MAHA ELEVATE) for Original Medicare, was announced in December. Launching later this year, it will provide funding for “evidence-based, whole-person care approaches” not currently covered by Original Medicare. I don’t think there’s anything about lifestyle medicine that’s inherently controversial or political. Those six pillars are certainly within the realm of traditional medical practice. And you can use the pillars on your own to improve your health, whether that means eating more plant-based foods, practicing mindfulness for stress reduction, going out to lunch with friends, quitting tobacco or

taking a daily walk. But many people need the advice and support of medical professionals to make the changes they need to become healthier and manage chronic diseases. If that sounds like something you need, you can learn more about lifestyle medicine at lifestylemedicine.org and see if it would be a good fit for your healthcare journey. Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, R.N., a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate, is the founder of www.NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com, which trains medical professionals to become successful private patient advocates. A Monson, MA resident, she is the author of “How to Be a Healthcare Advocate for Yourself & Your Loved Ones” and her new book, “Advocating Well: Strategies for Finding Strength and Understanding in Health Care,” available at Amazon.com. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com to set up a free phone consultation.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Streetcar
- 5. Take ___ of it!
- 10. SW Asia peninsula
- 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
- 14. One who revitalizes
- 16. Indicates position
- 18. Dishonorable man
- 19. Singer King Cole
- 20. Short-tailed marten
- 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- 25. Dirt
- 26. Superconducting super collider
- 27. Not good
- 28. A way to sink
- 30. Unwell
- 31. Follow orders
- 33. Deep ravine

- 35. Perfumery practice
- 37. Indian film director Sultán
- 38. Member of U.S. Navy
- 40. Wing-like
- 41. Very fast airplane
- 42. Slang for cigarette
- 44. Most cars still need it
- 45. Political war chest
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Diminish toward one end
- 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 53. Combined
- 55. Container
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thou
- 58. Return a favor
- 63. Go over once more
- 65. Removed
- 66. “Silence of the ___”
- 67. Comedian Rogén

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Children’s game
- 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 3. Own (Scottish)
- 4. Female follower of Bacchus
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Protects from weather
- 7. Spanish municipality
- 8. Supermarket chain
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Semitic peoples
- 11. Designs anew
- 13. City associated with Jesus
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Bank employee
- 18. Central nervous system
- 21. Standardized piece of text
- 23. A type of fever
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal

- 27. Threaten persistently
- 29. Aspirations
- 32. Baby’s eating accessory
- 34. Actress Thurman
- 35. Turn into bone
- 36. One who saves you
- 39. Consume
- 40. Swiss river
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Categories
- 46. Expressed amazement
- 47. It’s important in respiration (abbr.)
- 49. Greek war dance
- 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
- 54. Regard in a specified way
- 59. Taxi
- 60. Naturally occurring solid material
- 61. Feline
- 62. Post-burning residue
- 64. Elevated railroad

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SPORTS

Brownies advance to Western Mass. finals



Kiley Ryan swings and connects on a base hit. Right: Avery Gordon pitches for the Brownies.

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School softball team, which was the subject of controversy after a clerical error nearly disqualified the Brownies from the Western Mass. tournament, got through the quarterfinals and semifinals last week, earning the berth in the finals

through wins over Central High School and rival Westfield High School. Following a court injunction (see related story), the Brownies were scheduled to face East Longmeadow in the finals last Saturday. Highlights from that matchup will be in next week's edition.



Taylor Stairs sends a throw to first.

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Pinch-runner Reece Glynn retreats back to first.



Payton Malanson rounds second and heads for third.



Alexina Lentes gets her lead off third.

International Volley Hall of Fame announces Class of 2026

HOLYOKE – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) is proud to announce its 2026 induction class, with the official ceremony scheduled for October 17 in Holyoke, Mass., USA, the Birthplace of Volleyball. This prestigious group of nine legends, representing eight distinct disciplines within the sport, has been selected for their history-making contributions, standard-setting excellence as global icons on the field of play and significant impact off the court. In addition, four special award honorees will also be honored for their contributions to the sport.

The 40th IVHF induction class features transformational leader and former FIVB President Dr. Ary Graça (Brazil, leader); three-time Olympian and FIVB World Champion April Ross (United States, female beach player); two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and legendary libero Fabiana “Fabi” Alvim (Brazil, female indoor player); two-

time Olympian and World Cup Gold medalist Yoel “Joël” Despaigne (Cuba, male indoor player); four-time Olympian and two-time World Champion Ekaterina Gamova (Russia, female indoor player); three-time Olympian and two-time World Champion Alison Cerutti (Brazil, male beach player); legendary player who also coached his country's first Olympic Gold Medal-winning team Laurent Tillie (France, coach); the architect of Paralympic inclusion Denis Le Breuilly (England, ParaVolley) and three-time Olympic referee Takashi Shimoyama (Japan, referee).

Also announced are four special award winners, recognized for their contributions to the IVHF or the global sport of volleyball itself. They include the late Gabriel Cherebetiu (Mintonette Medallion of Merit, Romania/Mexico), John Cook (Mayoral Award of Excellence, United States), Starlings USA (Court of Honor, United States) and Alejan-

dro Coccia (Award for Media Excellence, Argentina).

“The IVHF 2026 Induction Class brings together some of the most outstanding figures in our sport. Big congratulations to the inductees and to the IVHF Leadership,” said Fabio Azevedo, President of the FIVB. “The entire Global Volleyball Movement thanks and fully supports the excellent work carried out by the IVHF in promoting the values, legacy and heritage of our sport by honouring the athletes, leaders and officials who have made an exceptional contribution to the development of volleyball and beach volleyball around the world. Celebrating these legends strongly aligns with the FIVB Strategic Vision 2032, and our continued partnership with the IVHF helps bring this vision to life. Together as One!”

All told, the IVHF has inducted 185 individuals from 27 countries into its historic Hall of Fame - those totals will rise to 194 inductees from 28

countries after the 2026 event, as this will be England's first inductee. Three of the inductees also earned one of their votes by winning the Fan Vote for their respective category. More detailed information on each inductee can be found below.

“The International Volleyball Hall of Fame continues to serve as a bridge between the sport's remarkable history and its exciting future,” said Steve Bishop, President of the IVHF Board of Directors. “The Class of 2026 reflects the worldwide growth, diversity, excellence, and enduring legacy of volleyball across every level and discipline of the game. On behalf of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Board of Directors, we are proud to honor these extraordinary individuals whose achievements and lifelong contributions have helped inspire generations of athletes, coaches, officials, and fans while continuing to shape the future of our sport around the world.”

The 2026 International Volleyball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place in Holyoke, Massachusetts, USA on Saturday, October 17, 2026. The event is open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, and ticket packages are available online now at Volley-Hall.org/Induction-Celebration.

“This is one of the most historically significant classes ever assembled by the International Volleyball Hall of Fame,” said George Mulry, Executive Director of the IVHF. “Collectively, the Class of 2026 and this year's special award recipients have helped shape, elevate and redefine the sport of volleyball across multiple eras, disciplines and continents. From Olympic champions and transformational global leaders to innovators in coaching, officiating, media and ParaVolley, their influence can be seen in nearly every corner of the game today. Together, they represent the evolution of volleyball itself —

honoring the sport's rich history while inspiring its future generations.”

Volleyball enthusiasts are encouraged to sign up for the IVHF Insider e-newsletter for behind-the-scenes and exclusive content before, during and after Induction Weekend, including the new series “The Road To Holyoke.” To sign up for free, please visit ivhf.org/.

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Holyoke, Mass., and is dedicated to honoring the legends, recognizing the greats and preserving the history of volleyball at all levels - men and women, amateur and professional players, coaches and contributors, around the world. The IVHF was incorporated in 1978 and continues to create a diversely representative institution from a wide range of countries and disciplines. For more information on the induction events, please visit the Hall's website at www.ivhf.org or email info@ivhf.org.

Sports

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two meetings of the regular season against Minnechaug, 9-4 and 6-4.

“It’s definitely hard to beat the same team twice in the same season, but it’s a lot harder to beat them three times,” Federico said. “I had no doubt that we were going to win today’s game.”

Federico, who has only played lacrosse in high school, is one of the Brownies senior co-captains, along with Liam Grealis.

“Liam is our faceoff guy,” Federico added. “He’s been one of my best friends since we began playing lacrosse in elementary school. It has been a lot of fun being teammates with him.”

The other Agawam seniors are Casey Thomas, Grant Gionfriddo, Nick Brown, Jaden Holloway, Jason LaRocque and Cooper Hermans

It was also a memorable day for first-year Agawam head coach Eric Balslov, who took over the reins from Joe Heney.

“We knew that we had the players who were capable of doing this before the start of the season,” said Balslov, who had been an assistant coach at Agawam High School for more than ten years. “I’m very proud of these guys for buying into everything that we set out to do this year. We had a lot of returning players and I picked up where Joe left off. I’m very grateful to have this opportunity.”

Heney presented his former players with the championship trophy following the game.

During the past two seasons, the Brownies lost in the Class A semifinals to East Longmeadow and Minnechaug.

Agawam advanced into the finals for the first time after squeaking out a thrilling 14-13 overtime home win against the East Longmeadow Spartans in this year’s semifinals.

While the Brownies hadn’t been able to get past the semifinal round, the Falcons (12-7) took home the Class A championship trophy the last two years.

The seniors listed on the Falcons roster are Zach Kozub, Mason Jones, Kelly Balog, Donovan Belton, and Jacob Moore.

Just like Federico and Grealis, the two head coaches have been friends for a very long time.

Minnechaug head coach Mike Delia played high school lacrosse at Shoreham-Wading River High School in Shoreham, New York. Their rival is Mt. Sinia, which is the high school that Balslov attended.

They played on the same men’s lacrosse team at Springfield College.

“I just want to congratulate Agawam for a heck of a season,” Delia said. “Eric and I used to play against each other when we were in high school and we were teammates at Springfield College. We are now coaching on opposing sides. We really wanted to beat them in today’s game, but we didn’t play very well during the second half.”

The first 24 minutes of the championship match was very close.

After Federico scored the game’s first goal less than a minute into the opening period, the Falcons took a 2-1 lead following a pair of goals from junior’s Andrew Dolaher and Liam Faneuff.

With 5:47 left in the first period, Federico fired another shot into the cage.

Another goal from junior Brayden Martin gave the



Casey Thomas looks for the open teammate.



Brayden Federico is hit as he goes for the goal.

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Jason LaRocque makes a pass.

Brownies a 3-2 advantage entering the second period.

While the score was tied a couple of times, the Falcons couldn’t retake the lead during the final three periods of the match

The Falcons’ three second period goals were scored by sophomore Drew Jennings, junior Cam Faneuff, and Liam Faneuff.

The Brownies held a slim 6-5 halftime lead following two more goals by Federico and another one from junior Justin Lareau.



Justin Lareau holds the ball back from the defender.

Agawam outscored Minnechaug, 6-1, during the second half.

Lareau and Grealis each scored a pair of goals for the

Brownies, while Federico and Thomas netted the other two.

The lone Falcons goal after halftime was scored by Jennings with 9:16 left in regulation. Junior Liam Metzger was credited with the assist.

The two rivals could possibly meet again during the Division 2 state tournament.

VOLLEYBALL ■ from page 1

against old rival Westfield, who beat the Brownies twice during the regular season. But this time, it was Agawam that outlasted the Brownies 3-2 in the tournament finals held last Thursday evening at West Springfield High School.

Agawam picked up wins in the first and third sets, winning 25-21 and 25-12. Westfield took the second and fourth sets, winning 25-17 and 25-17. Agawam finally got the winning points late

in the fifth set with extra volleys, winning 16-14.

For Agawam, Tim Karcha led the team with 15 kills and 14 digs. Elijah Ramo has 10 digs and 22 assists. Mike Lumkowski had 11 kills, and David Zhmaidziak had 10 kills.

With the win, Agawam heads for the state tournament, with seeds that were set to be announced earlier this week. Agawam is likely to begin state tournament action at some point late this week.



Tim Karcha gets plenty of air for this score.



Nazar Vasilevich takes a set from the back line.

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Elijah Ramos attempts a set.



Jacob Nesen sends a set over the net.



Mike Lumkowski sends the ball over the net.



Jason Mihalicenco goes full extension on a spike.

Sports

MIAA makes improvements to website

FRANKLIN – The MIAA, in conjunction with the web agency Gravity Works Design & Development, is excited to announce the addition of “Game Day” – featuring many new features and enhancements – to the MIAA website.

The new Game Day package takes scores and schedules data already entered by MIAA member schools into the Arbiter platform, and displays it across multiple views and filter-able options.

The MIAA and Gravity Works launched the new MIAA.net in July 2024. We heavily focused on improving the user experience for visitors through streamlined navigation, refreshed content, and a modern, engaging web design. Subsequent updates have included a new system for Tournament

Brackets, as well as Open Dates, Games Wanted and a revamped Members Only area for MIAA schools.

Now, the addition of Game Day – which combines the previous Tournament menu with the new features – will provide an enhanced user experience for administrators, student athletes, coaches and fans.

What’s New?

- SCHOOLS: A new top menu item brings users to a search-able and filter-able landing page that allows access to individual pages for each MIAA member school.
- Individual School pages: Each member school page displays basic information, a filter-able school-specific schedule, and tabbed views of each school’s varsity sports (by season). Click on each sport to see team schedules and links to team

pages.

- Team pages: Provides additional team-specific views of schedules and results, including a ticker of Recent Scores. Schools also can enter Head Coach information and link to Facilities. ... For cooperative programs, Team pages will be linked across all approved Host and Guest schools.
- Facilities: Schools can enter and information on venues into a searchable/filter-able database, and link the facilities to be displayed on Team pages.
- GAME DAY: Combines the previous Tournament menu options (Tournament Central, Tournament Administration, Tournament Director Vacancies) with several new features:
- Scores: Displays scores/schedules data entered by schools into Arbi-

ter, with filters for Sport, School and Customizable data ranges (Note: “From” and “To” dates must be different for filters to work properly)

- League Standings: Powered by Arbiter data, league standings can be filtered by Sport, Gender (if applicable), League, Division Name (if applicable) and MIAA Division. (Note: League standings currently will be updated daily).
- Rankings: When available, Power Rankings data can be filtered by Sport, Gender (if applicable) and MIAA Division. (Note: Power Rankings documents will continue to be displayed in the Tournament Central section.)\)
- COMMITTEES: Link to Committees landing page now can be found inside the About MIAA menu.

INJUNCTION ■ from page 1

ence, which governs Western Mass. high school sports, and now organizes the sectional tournament.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, following a request from members of the school committee, ordered the city solicitor to file an injunction in Hampden County Superior Court to allow the softball team to play.

AHS had appeal to both the PVIAC and the MIAA seeking a simple waiver for the clerical oversight, and while they were denied access to the Western Mass. title game, they were allowed to participate in the quarter-final and semifinal rounds. If they won in the semifinal round, their opponent would have been granted an opportunity to play in the final since Agawam would have been forced to forfeit that opportunity.

Unconfirmed sources say Westfield High School, Agawam’s semifinal opponent, would have likely refused to play in the game, but that was not publicly confirmed.

The injunction request was heard on Friday morning, May 22, in front of Justice Thomas Townsend. He issued a written ruling, granting the injunction, just a few hours later.

The defendant, the PVIAC, was ordered by Townsend to allow Agawam to participate in the championship game. The injunction, according

AHS Principal James Blain, was not allowed to be filed until after Agawam had won the semifinal matchup with Westfield.

In his decision, Townsend cited that the PVIAC did not identify how Agawam’s mistake could have inured to its own benefit.

“Nor has it identified how a penalty of exclusion in these circumstances advances the purpose of the rule,” Townsend stated in his decision. “Based on the record before the court, which the PVIAC was invited to supplement, the decision to exclude Agawam from the championship game ‘lacks any rational explanation that reasonable persons might support.’”

Following the decision, Agawam did participate in the championship game. Regardless of the result, Agawam would be charged with the a loss in the MIAA’s record-keeping for results that would determine Agawam’s ranking in the upcoming State Division 2 Tournament.

Agawam faced off with East Longmeadow on a rainy afternoon last Saturday at Westfield State University. Photos and more from that championship game will be in next week’s edition.

The PVIAC did not make any public comments on the decision to allow Agawam into the championship game.

The state tournament for softball was set to begin earlier this week. Seeds were announced on Tuesday afternoon.

T-Birds win Game 4 to force deciding fifth game

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds staved off elimination for a third time this postseason, picking up a 2-0 shutout win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last Thursday night at the Mass-Mutual Center. Springfield win ties the series, 2-2, and forces a deciding Game 5 last Saturday at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

Early indications were that neither team’s red hot goaltender was going to give up anything easy, as the Penguins’ Sergei Murashov turned away 13 first period shot attempts from the T-Birds. In turn, Georgii Romanov went a perfect

7-for-7 in the opening period for Springfield.

The Penguins appeared to take a 1-0 lead just past the 6:00 mark of the game when Harrison Brunicke jumped into a rush on the right side and snapped a shot over Romanov into the top shelf. However, after officials gathered to converse, it was ruled that Romanov could not properly play his position, and the goal was disallowed.

The scoreless deadlock carried well past the midpoint of the game, with Springfield surviving a pair of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton power plays in the opening half of period two.

The T-Birds’ power play then made its presence known, snapping an 0-for-15 drought when Dillon Dube fielded a pass in the slot area and chipped a forehead shot over Murashov’s glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead at 16:14 of the middle stanza. It was Dube’s team-leading fifth goal of the postseason and third in the series.

The T-Birds continued to make life miserable for the Penguin offense as the game shifted into the third period. With Wilkes-Barre/Scranton unable to register more than seven shots in any period, Springfield took advantage to gain

some insurance at 6:48 of the third when Akil Thomas fired a pass in the slot to Thomas Bordeleau. Bordeleau’s shot deflected back to a trailing Marc-Andre Gaudet. The defenseman’s one-time attempt knocked a stick out of a defender’s hand, and the puck slowly elevated and trickled over the head of a perplexed Murashov, making it a 2-0 Springfield lead.

From there, Romanov took care of the rest, securing a Game 4 shutout for a second consecutive round and moving the T-Birds to a perfect 4-0 record following a loss in these playoffs.

Public Notices

Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
Legal Notice

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Joseph J Davis who is seeking a Variance from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180-27 to allow a buildable lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as Lot #0, North Street.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
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Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
Legal Notice

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the request of Vadim Solokhin who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180-37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 32 Marlene Dr.

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Legal Notice
Town of Agawam

The **Agawam Planning Board** will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00pm** and the **Agawam City Council** will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00pm**, both in the Veterans Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Chanda Care, Inc for a zone change request for **430 North West Street** from Business B to Residence A-2. City Council’s public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam’s website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Agawam DPW, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

By Order Of:
Violet Baldwin, Chair
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05/21, 05/28/2026

Obituary

Marcia Tangredi

1935 - 2026

Marcia Tangredi, 90, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. A longtime resident of Agawam, Marcia will be remembered for her beautiful smile, patient spirit, kind eyes, and gentle heart that made everyone feel welcome and cared for. With her beautiful red curly hair and charming disposition, she brought warmth, laughter, and comfort wherever she went.

Born in Springfield, Marcia was one of three daughters of the late Agnes (Darcy) Childs and Francis Childs. More than seventy-five years ago, she made her home in Agawam, where she lovingly raised her family and built a life rooted in kindness, faith, and community.

Marcia was known for her wonderful sense of humor, her love of animals, and the simple joys that brought her peace — feeding the birds outside her window,

tending to her gardens with her remarkable green thumb, and enjoying a glass of wine shared among family and friends. Her extraordinary caring nature made people gravitate toward her, and she had a gift for making others feel seen, heard, and valued.

A faithful member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Marcia formed many cherished friendships through the years. She began her professional career at the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, followed by a position at Farm Credit Bank, where she worked with dedication and grace. Later in life, she worked at Chez Joseph and Six Flags amusement park, found a second family at the Agawam Senior Center, where she became affectionately known as the chief greeter.

Whether offering guidance, organizing activities,



or simply sharing a cheerful smile and conversation, Marcia welcomed everyone as if they belonged. Her home and her heart were always open.

Above all else, Marcia’s greatest joy and proudest accomplishment was being a devoted mother to her six children. She was their guiding light, a compassionate listener, a steady source of encouragement, and a loving presence through every season of life. She celebrated each of her children for their individuality and carried endless pride in the people they became. Her constant concern for others, her sensitivity, and her unconditional love remain her legacy.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children: Dino Tangredi (Jamie), Mia Tangredi (Mark Rothbaum), Patrick Tangredi, and Bethany Tangredi; her adored grandchildren, Jaime and Manoj Patel Tangredi, Lilith Lee-Tangredi, Shane, Sophia and Shayla; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Aasha, Julian; nieces, nephews and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Marcia was predeceased by her beloved chil-

dren, Johnny Tangredi and Marissa Tangredi-Davis; her precious granddaughter, Avery; her sisters, Barbara Ferris and Judith Childs; and her former husband, John D. Tangredi.

Marcia leaves behind a family who adored her, friends who treasured her companionship, and a community made better by her kindness. Though her presence will be deeply missed, the love she gave so freely will continue to live on in all who knew her.

Marcia was grateful to be cared for by many loving community members, including but not limited to Kathy and Jim Paulin, Erin Shepherd, and Lynn Kelly Plasse.

To honor Marcia, friends and family are invited to gather on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation on 985 Main Street in Agawam; with a celebration of life ceremony at 6 p.m. A private burial will be held in St. Michael’s Cemetery in Springfield.

Donations may be made in Marcia’s honor to St. Jude’s: <https://www.stjude.org/donate> or to <https://www.nationalmssociety.org>. For more information or to share an online memory or condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com.

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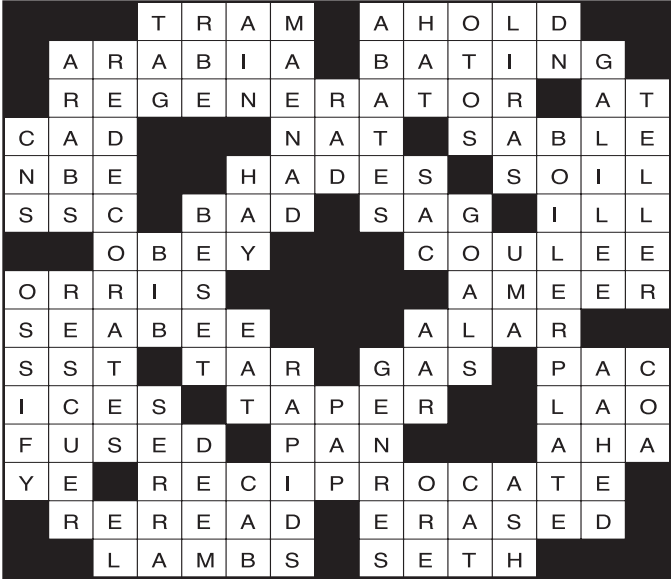
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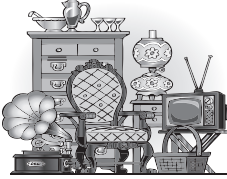
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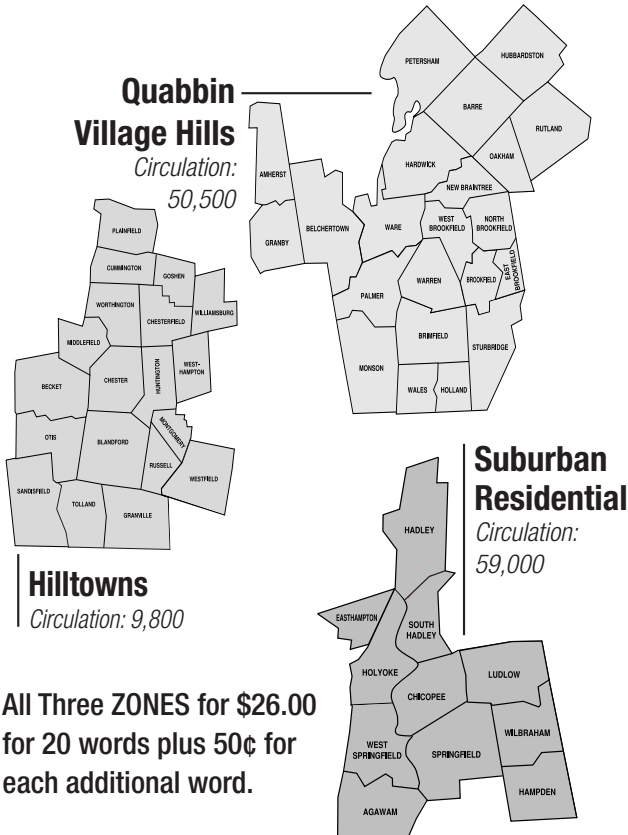
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New look for Memorial Day festivities

AGAWAM – On Monday morning, the rain ended just in time for the Agawam Memorial Day Parade. This year, with the new Veterans Green now near full completion at School Street Park, the parade brought marchers from Bethany Assembly of God, a short way down Main St., and then down School St. ending at the park entrance. Visitors then gathered at the park for a ceremony at the location of the new green. The event featured multiple speakers, and the reading of those from Agawam who lost their lives in the various conflicts the country has been involved in as well as a wreath laying. Following the conclusion of the ceremony, the Agawam Lions Club hosted a picnic and country music concert at the pavilion and band shell located near the green



Above: The Agawam High School marching band, in its rain gear, performs.

Left: Agawam's emergency vehicles make some noise.

Right: The flag is raised at the Memorial Day ceremony at School Street Park.

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The Lions Club is represented in the parade.



Agawam Little League celebrates the holiday.



State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga speaks at the ceremony.



Award winners from St. Patrick's season are celebrated.



Right: The 2026 Agawam Colleen Court rides on their float.