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Progress continues on first phase of high school project

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The high school project is both on time and on budget according to Mayor Chirstopher Johnson.

Currently construction is in the middle of the first phase, where the community wing for the new building is underway.

This wing should be completed by December and ready to be occupied in January, should everything remain on time.

Johnson has been impressed by the construction



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With classes out of session the past two months, much progress has been made on the new construction at the school.

A message from the Turleys

Dear Reader,

Every week a team of reporters, editors and people who assemble the paper work hard to bring readers information they need to know about their community. It's hard work and we love it.

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We love being a part of this community and maybe even, in a small way, a part of your family.

We hope to be arriving each week at your home holding up that mirror, the *Agawam Advertiser News*.

Patrick Turley, CEO
Turley Publications, Inc.

Adult game night entertains at APL

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Wednesday, Aug. 5, Agawam Public Library hosted their Adult Board Game Night. This event is free to attend. Attendees are welcome to come as a group or make new friends during the program. Attendees are also welcome to bring board games of their own to try out

and share or use the ones provided by the library. This program is facilitated by APL Adult Services Library Associate Erica LeFebvre. At the program refreshments are provided as well as plenty of space for different groups to have multiple games going at once.

LeFebvre says, "I love trying out new games. Everyone plays board games a little bit differently, and

it's great to see the games people bring in and learn which games are important to them. Some folks thrive with more social, party-type games, and some folks prefer the quieter, more logistics-based games, and I love them all."

LeFebvre hopes participants will jump out of their comfort zone and try new games.

"I hope that attendees try some new games," she said. "But really, I want people to have a good time playing games with folks they may or may not have known before they came in, and maybe make some new friends. I grew up playing board games with my family and friends, and game nights were my version of a party. Meeting people today can be really hard, and creating that sense of community and opportunity to find folks with similar interests can help make the process



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA

APL Adult Services Library Associate Erica LeFebvre and attendee Kyle Miller at Adult Board Game Night on August 5.

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Fire dept. receives grant funds

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Town of Agawam was recently informed the Agawam Fire Department would be receiving funding from a block grant Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The funding will come from the Community Mitigation Fund, which was created to compensate communities surrounding towns or cities with casinos or other gaming facilities.

The funding will be used to purchase mutual aid radios, according to information submitted to the Agawam City Council earlier this month. The council is

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APS officials prepare for new school year

By Quinn Suomala
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Preparations for the 2026-2027 school year are in full swing.

Superintendent Sheila Martin is optimistic for the start of the year. Preparations have been going well and she is excited for people to see the program changes the district has made.

One of the main adjustments the district has been working on is changed to how they provide special education.

Many of the programs

the district utilized were designed years ago, so Martin and the other faculty have wanted to change things to match with the students of today.

"It's about being more flexible with individual schedules and including students when it is best for them to access the curriculum," Martin said.

The district wants to make sure each students' schedule is really personalized to match what they need while also allowing them to access general education whenever possible.

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American Revolution film screened, discussed for community

By Christina Gioscia
Correspondent

AGAWAM – On Aug. 10, Agawam Library hosted a film screening reel and discussion centered around the Ken Burns documentary “The American Revolution”. This event not only provides a fun and educational way for members of the community to learn something new about the early days of America, but also celebrate the 250 Anniversary of America by appreciating the steps people took to build America into what we know it as today. At the event was leader of the 25 Continental Reenacting Group, Robert Keenan. After the screening Keenan led a discussion that helped shed some light on the historical topics in the film clips, he also answered any questions attendees might have. During the discussion Keenan also showed attendees several historical props which would have been used by American soldiers back during the revolution, these included a musket, a water bottle, and gun powder with bullets.

After the screening and discussion, we spoke with Keenan.

One of the main people discussed in the film was George Washington. The documentary describes Washington as the genius that kept everything together, Keenan shed some light on that phrase, “He’s a man

who had, as they said in the film, he could play the long game. And being able to keep the army together, being able to work around a lot of difficulties that happen like supply difficulties, pay difficulties, mutinies.”

During the discussion after the screening many attendees shared their thoughts on the film saying that it was very educational but also inspiring to learn the true history behind the American Revolution. Keenan shared why he believes documentaries like this one that is entertaining but still educational are so important. “It’s inspiring to people. They see this in like, they say, ‘Hey, they never taught us some of this stuff in back in school.’ Keenan, who taught history for a number of years, also highlighted that history is important for everyone to learn as to not repeat mistakes and simply to have knowledge of how the world as we know it today, came to be.

Adult Services Library Associate Kristen Frost said the film screening became possible after she obtained permission to show it.

“When the full documentary of The American Revolution was released on PBS and subsequently on DVD,” she said. “The library purchased a copy and I was hoping to show some of the series here in conjunction with the 250th anniversary of the United States. When I checked our

viewing license, I realized that PBS was not included in the list of approved film studios. I became aware of another library in the area that was showing a screening reel of the PBS series, so I reached out to that library to ask how they went about obtaining the permission. Since libraries are terrific sharers of information, they provided me with the website where we could apply for permission to show the highlight reel. The application was submitted through WETA, the PBS station in the Washington D.C, Virginia area. I was thrilled to hear back from them that we had been approved to show the film at our library.”

Frost shared how this library event connected



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINA GIOSCIA
Left, leader of the 25 Continental Reenacting group Robert Keenan in historically accurate dress with a historical musket. Above, the props showed by Robert Keenan during the discussion.



with the 250 Anniversary of America.

“The Ken Burns documentary was highly anticipated and was released in time for the 250th anniversary of the independence of our nation, and coming into the 2026 year the library wanted to feature programming throughout the year to highlight and celebrate this history,” Frost said. “Knowing the importance and timing of the documentary, we were pleased to be able to include it in our program offerings this summer.”

DPW holding Household Hazardous Waste collection on Sept. 12

AGAWAM – The Agawam Department of Public Works is planning to hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield Street between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Although this event is free to Agawam residents, pre-registration is required. Scheduling an arrival time is required as it helps keep the traffic moving, allowing less wait times for our residents. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the DPW at 821-0600 ext.4 or 821-0624 beginning Monday, August 24th.

Participants should remain in their vehicle and place all waste in the trunk, rear cargo area, or truck bed.

This program offers residents a safe, economical way to dispose of household items that are flammable, reactive, corrosive or toxic. Solvents, pesticides, caustic cleaners, and oil-based paints are some examples of the different types of items that will be accepted. Latex paint will not be accepted at this event. For a more detailed list of acceptable materials visit the town website at www.agawam.ma.us

Water main break disrupts traffic, water use

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Last week, Agawam residents experienced some inconvenience as a large water main break occurred on a section of Main St. right near the on-ramp to Rte. 57 eastbound.

Rte. 57, which has a highway portion that runs through the community, was not accessible from Main St. due to the break. Department of Public Works crews worked hours on the break and also diverted motorist from the area during the issue.

The break cause many residents in the surrounding area to experienced

a partial loss of service through either discolored water or lower water pressure while the break was being repaired.

The repair was completed, but residents were cautioned to run water for about 15 minutes in a bathtub if it was discolored. Residents also were asked to call police on their non-emergency line if running water remained discolored for more than 30 minutes during the repair.

There have not been any issues reported since the repair to the line took place. Residents experiencing any remaining issues should contact the DPW’s Water Department.

Senior Center announces upcoming activities

AGAWAM – Here are some upcoming activities happening at the Agawam Senior Center. Some require registration or confirmation. Information in the details below:

Beautiful Bones
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. in Veterans Hall

Beautiful Bones goal is to increase muscle mass, bone density, and flexibility, through weight training, resistance training, ending with stretching. Class begins standing then descends to the floor. Chairs are optional for those who choose not to use the floor. Bring a yoga mat for your use. Starts Sept. 1 in Veterans Hall at 5 p.m.

Caregivers Connect – Dementia Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Garden Room

Laurie Cecchi, OT, OTR, CAPS (Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist), CDCS (Certified Dementia Care Specialist) will be running our caregiver support group. Join us to feel heard, supported, and uplifted as you navigate the complexities of caregiving and celebrate the moments of joy and connection with your loved ones. Caregivers Connect meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Diabetes Support Group
Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 1 to 2 p.m.

We are excited to wel-

come our guest speaker on Sept. 2. Sean Collins, FNP, Specialist in Endocrinology. Please join us for an informative and engaging discussion on diabetes management and care. We look forward to seeing you there.

New England Wound Care
Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. in the Dining Room

Enjoy some delicious snacks and meet with members from NEWCare, New England Wound and Ostomy Care. As you age, you become more susceptible to wounds. Learn about how to prevent and manage different common wounds like diabetic wounds, pressure wounds, and more. You’ll also learn about ostomy care. Bring your questions.

Hearing checks with Gary
Thursday, Sept. 17

The next New Ears hearing clinic will take place on Thursday, Sept. 17. Gary Winn a licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist, and owner of New Ears Hearing Care, will conduct a free hearing clinic. He will check ears for wax build-up, perform hearing screenings, and counsel people about hearing loss. Hearing aids will be cleaned and adjusted, if possible. Call (413) 821-0604 to make an appointment. Hearing checks will take place in Seminar Hall.

AHS Class of 1967 reunion set for October

AGAWAM – Agawam High School Class of 1967 will be holding its 60th reunion in October 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.

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ACAA's Pioneer Valley Art Festival to include demonstrations

AGAWAM – The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans will host their 6th Annual Pioneer Valley Art Festival on Friday, Aug. 21 and Saturday, Aug. 22.

There will be 65 artists and artisans displaying their work. A new feature this year will include 12 artists and artisans demonstrating their art specialty at their booths throughout the two-day festival. This will include demonstrations of pen & ink with watercolor, soapstone sculptures, wire trees, pastels, oil and acrylic painting, clay, alcohol ink, and gourd carving. Be sure to watch our artists and artisans as they create their work.

Along with the diverse array of art, you can see this

year's New England Mosaic Project, a wall of over 200 canvases done and donated by new and experienced artists throughout Western Mass. Each canvas sold helps fund scholarships for students pursuing a career in visual arts.

There will also be a celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary, with historical societies from across the Pioneer Valley displaying artifacts and sharing stories about our local history. Learn about the Pioneer Valley History Network and see the 25th Continental Regiment's encampment display with muskets being shot on the hour.

On Saturday there will
fun rides for the kids (and

adults) on the Roaming Railroad with Engineer Dan, and the chance for kids to express their own artistic creativity with free rock painting hosted by Agawam Rocks.

The Art Festival will take place at the Agawam Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. The hours are Friday, August 21 from 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be adult beverages from the bar available for purchase on Friday evening. Food and soft beverages will also be available for purchase during the show.

Admission and parking are free for all attendees.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans will hold their art festival this Friday and Saturday with more than 65 artists and artisans displaying work.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Master stonecarver Randall Nelson will demonstrate his art at the historic Thomas Smith House on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Historical Association welcomes master carver

AGAWAM – The Agawam Historical Association is excited to welcome master stone carver and gravestone

conservator Randall Nelson to the historic Thomas Smith House, 251 North West Street, Feeding Hills on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nelson has recently replicated badly deteriorated gravestones of Revolutionary War veterans to replace the original stones in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground, the Old Durham Cemetery in Durham, Connecticut, and East Haddam, Connecticut's Riverview Cemetery. He is currently carving a dedication marker for Agawam's Liberty Tree, which the association dedicated earlier this Spring. Nelson will carve the last line of the marker on-site during the event and install the stone on the grounds upon completion. Visitors will witness Nelson's carving firsthand and have the opportunity to speak directly with the artist.

Nelson's sculptural restoration business, Nelson Architectural Restoration, specializes in the preservation of building facades, monuments, and statuary. The business has completed hundreds of decorative stone and terra cotta projects, repairing monuments and buildings in New England and across the country, including the brownstone Soldiers and Sailors Arch in Hartford's Bushnell Park, the famous brownstone McClellan Gate at Arlington National Cemetery, and several restoration projects for the City of Savannah, Georgia. A graduate of Brooklyn's Pratt Institute and the Vermont College for the Arts, and a working artist for more than 30 years, Nelson is presently vice president of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor.

The ca. 1757 Thomas Smith House and 1920 Delmore Hawthorne Garage will be open for tours that afternoon. On display will be items to be included in a time capsule the association will seal later this year, not to be opened again for another century. Visitors are encouraged to provide letters to future Agawam residents describing 21st century life for inclusion in the time capsule. Brochures and business cards from local businesses are also wanted.

New, hand-crafted Cats Meow Village keepsakes depicting the Thomas Smith House and the Agawam Historical & Fire House Museum have just arrived and will be available for sale to benefit the Agawam Historical Association.

This event is free and open to the public.

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Opinion

Editorial

If you missed it, we have it

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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If you blink, you may have missed something. Because things have been happening pretty fast in Agawam this year.

If you blink, you may have missed a school project that is making major progress and from a distance, traveling down Mill St., you see a new building overshadowing the turf field stadium and the current construction of Agawam High School.

If you blink, you have missed a whole host of city council meetings, school activity, library fun, and a celebration of this country's 250th anniversary.

But in editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, you can see various highlights of what has been going on in the community so far in 2026. And right here, right now, things are going to be heating back up.

Because summer vacation is going to be over before you know, school will be starting and all the activity will be picking back up. And of course, all your favorite sports teams will be back on the field, or the turf, or the floor if we are talking girls volleyball as fall sports get

underway.

We thank you for taking us into your home for the next two weeks as we provide you with just a sample of the coverage of the community that we are able to provide.

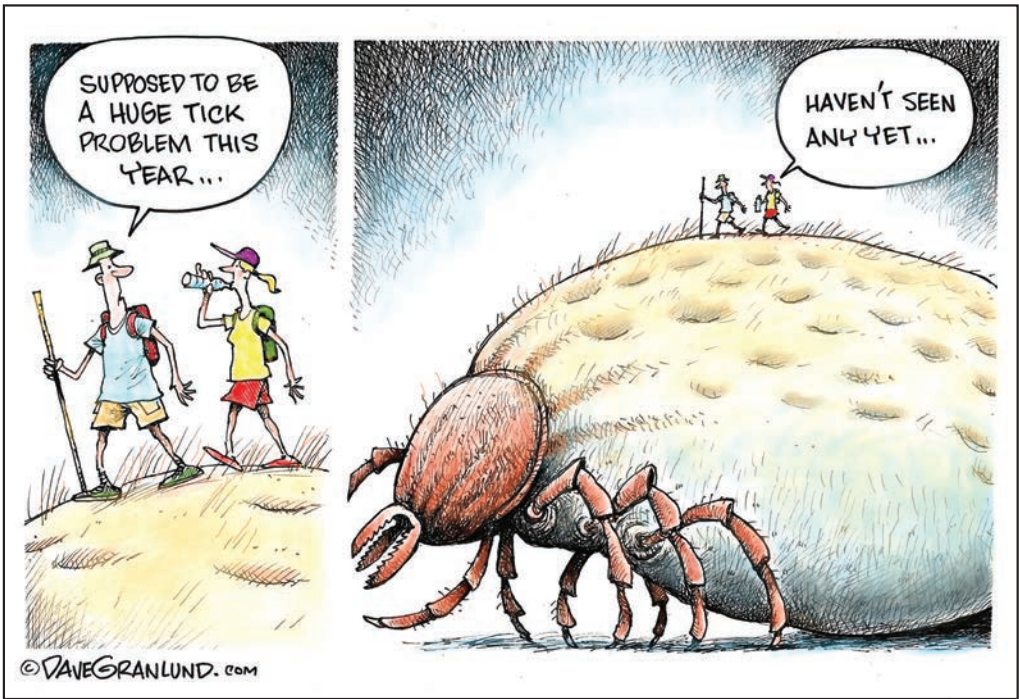
We sincerely hope you will take a look at what the Agawam Advertiser News has to offer.

But as always, our small staff needs your help. We need to hear about your events, we need to hear about what is going in your children's schools, and everything else that you think is important for this community to be made aware of.

We want to hear from churches, nonprofits, and service organizations about what you have coming up this autumn as we go through the falling leaves, the sugar-rushes of all the trunk-or-treats, leading up the Thanksgiving Day matchup between West Springfield and Agawam, being held in Agawam this year, by the way, and all the way to the holiday bazaars and cheer at the end the year.

So take a look at we have this week and next week, and see what you can contribute to your community newspaper.

Thank you again and enjoy the end of your summer.



Guest Column

Garden Lady discusses weeds and seeds

I came back from vacation and was shocked as to how much the garden had grown.

Crops were ready to be harvested and weeds that were merely inches tall had grown by leaps and bounds! Of course, we did have nearly a half foot of rain that week, and this probably played a part in such exuberant growth.

Read on to learn how indiscriminate watering by Mother Nature can mean weeds, weeds and more weeds.

Why such a growth spurt? Because just like other seeds, those of our least favorite weedy plants need both sunlight and water in order to germinate and grow well.

When we water on purpose, we can direct the rain where we'd like – usually at the base of the plant. Unfortunately, rainfall that lands on a brick path, the garden aisle, and also in between plants within the row can cause a lot of weeds to sprout.

Hand weeding and hoeing are both great exercise, and the best option for otherwise bare areas of young weeds.

Many gardeners make

the mistake, however, of hoeing too deeply and exposing more weed seeds to sunlight. Try to just scrape the surface of the soil.

Stirrup hoes are particularly effective, skimming across the soil and severing the stems of weeds at the root line as they go. Very tall weeds can be cut down by use of garden shears, scissors or a week whacker, depending on the size of the area.

Once cut back, you can cover the whole area with a tarp, or black plastic to fry what was underneath, killing weed seed.

In the future you can use mulch to reduce the amount a weeding you have to do – it will also help to conserve soil moisture in years that rainfall isn't so plentiful. Mulch doesn't have to be expensive – it can be as simple as a "biscuit" of spent hay, a few sheets of newspaper secured with stones, pine needles or grass clippings – as long as these materials

are applied thick enough to exclude light, weed seeds should not sprout.

Sometimes I will put a layer of corrugated cardboard down first, wet it then add the mulch on top. It really seems to make a difference having that preliminary layer to keep light out.

This may be an unlikely pairing for this column, but there are plants that we desire to grow this time of year, and they are cover crops. Cover crops add lots of organic matter to the soil when incorporated in during the spring or summer months.

While winter rye is the standard, you can grow oats, too. If sown right now, oats will germinate but die back as soon as frost hits.

Leave the plants in place, though, and they will prevent erosion by holding onto the soil with their roots. Plant parts can be incorporated come spring time.

In preparation for sowing cover crop seed, the soil surface should be scuffed up so that the seeds will make good contact with earth. Once prep is complete I rake the soil smooth and broadcast the grain, first throwing the seed in one direction and then the other.

It's a good idea to divide the seed in half and try to cover all the area you have once, then go back and fill in the light spots with the rest. After the seed has been sown I'll drag the flat end of a steel rake over the soil surface to bury it ever so slightly.

My goal is to have the

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Guest Column

SOCIAL SECURITY

Matters

By Russell Gloor

I worked for my ex-husband but wasn't paid and now have little Social Security – What are my options?

Author note: This is article number 500 in the AMAC Foundation's "Ask Rusty" series of Social Security articles, which have been published nationwide every week since February 2017. "Ask Rusty" is provided free of charge as an integral part of the AMAC Foundation's mission to "support and educate America's seniors." If you would like to help the AMAC Foundation fulfill its mission, charitable donations are graciously accepted at <https://amacfoundation.org/donate/>.

with my ex-husband.

I'm a nurse and he was a chiropractor. He refused to pay me "on the books" and now, at age 73, after divorcing him due to his financial irresponsibility. (I don't want to burden you with the thefts that he perpetrated), I am stuck with a small \$773 Social Security payment each month.

At age 73 I am now faced with having to go back into the workforce. Is there anything I can do to prove that I worked 40 years for my husband, but wasn't paid?

Dear Rusty:
Sadly, I was in business

Signed:
Distressed Divorcee
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your health

By Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, RN

Guest Column

Smoking cessation is beneficial at any age

If there's one habit every doctor wishes you would break, it's smoking. Quitting significantly improves health and reduces the risk of diseases.

And this is true no matter what age you are, from your 20s right into your 70s. While some older adults may believe it's "too late" to change, evidence shows

that about one-third of older adults who attend specialized clinics successfully quit and stay off cigarettes for at least a year.

Research has also found that even 75-year-olds who are able to stop cigarettes gain an average of one year of life expectancy. That's one more year to do some of the things you enjoy, like visiting

with grandchildren (and not being relegated to the patio to light up).

Besides life expectancy, other benefits for older quitters are

- A lower risk of disease: Older adults who quit have lower rates of death from heart attacks, strokes

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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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and cancer compared to those who continue to smoke.

• **Reduced frailty:** Stopping smoking is associated with a lower degree of “frailty” (a measure of increased vulnerability and weakness) over time, promoting healthier aging and better physical function.

• **Cognitive and sexual health:** Quitting smoking can lead to improved brain function and has been shown to improve long-term sexual function recovery following procedures like prostate surgery.

• **Surgical success:** For older adults facing surgery, quitting at least eight weeks prior can significantly decrease the risk of lung-related complications. If you can go eight weeks, you can keep going.

Quitting cigarettes is really, really hard because of the addictive properties of nicotine, which has been shown to boost dopamine in the reward circuits of the brain, but causes cravings and withdrawal symptoms when it’s stopped. This is true whether your source of nicotine is a cigarette or a vape.

Most adults who smoke say they want to quit. A 2022 survey found that more than half of adult smokers tried to quit in the previous year. If you fall into that group, don’t go it alone, especially if smoking is a decades-long ingrained habit. Chances of success improve with support from doctors and family.

Support for smoking cessation is everywhere you look. The National Cancer Institute hosts a website, smokefree.gov, which is chock full of tips and techniques to help you on your journey to becoming a former smoker.

For example, there’s guidance on nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), which has been shown to increase the success rate, especially when several forms are used, such as a nicotine patch supplemented by lozenges or gum. Some studies suggest that older adults may actually have higher success rates using NRT compared to younger smokers.

You can also find apps, texting and social media sites that offer support, along with how to build a quit plan.

Medicare wants you to quit smoking, too. After all,



it will save them money. Medicare covers counseling sessions to help you stop smoking under Part B, allowing up to eight sessions every 12 months at no cost if your provider accepts Medicare. Additionally, Medicare Part D covers certain prescription medications to assist with smoking cessation.

Medicare Advantage Plans are required to cover counseling and some medications as well, though benefits vary by plan.

Here in Massachusetts, 1-800-QUIT-NOW is Massachusetts’ tobacco and nic-

otine Quitline, where you can connect to a free trained quit coach by phone or line. They share strategies to curb cravings, handle life’s big and small stresses and tackle. You can track your progress and learn how to access free NRT supplies.

Talking to your healthcare provider is also important, both as a source of support and advice on using certain prescription medications to curb smoking such as varenicline (Chantix). This medication can be used by older adults, but caution is advised because of a higher

likelihood of age-related kidney issues. Your doctor may also recommend cognitive behavior therapy (CBT).

What does a quit plan look like? Pick a date you’re going to quit and rid the house of cigarettes, ashtrays and other smoking paraphernalia. You might need to take some things to the dry cleaner to get the cigarette smell out. Tell everyone that you’ve made a quit plan and you need their help.

Be proud of what you’re accomplishing! Let people know when you’ve been smoke-free for a week, a month, a year. If you do happen to light up, don’t give up. Tomorrow is another day.

And you may have more tomorrows when you’ve become an ex-smoker. Good luck.

Teri (Dreher) Frykenberg, a Monson resident, is a registered nurse and board-certified patient advocate. She is the author of several books on advocacy and founder of Nurse Advocate Entrepreneur, which equips medical professionals with the knowledge and skills to start their own advocacy businesses. Contact her at Teri@NurseAdvocateEntrepreneur.com.

GARDEN ■ from page 4

seed sprout now, so that its roots will hold the soil and its nutrients in place over the off season.

Winter rye will put on an amazing amount of top growth by spring – weed whack or mow it first to make incorporating easier.

I am also contemplating “tarping” it to solarize the soil at the same time, then working in the dead plants by hand.

Either way, if you do this for a few years in a row you’ll watch the organic matter content of your soil soar, reportedly at a rate of three to four thousand pounds per acre.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 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.

SECURITY ■ from page 4

Dear Distressed:

We are so sorry to hear of your unfortunate circumstances. Assuming your ex-husband is now collecting Social Security retirement benefits or is at least eligible to if you are divorced at least two years, you should be able to collect an ex-spouse benefit as his former wife.

In that case, you would be entitled to receive 50% of the Social Security benefit he was entitled to at his own Full Retirement Age because he and you were married for over 10 years.

The way that will work is that you would continue to receive your personally-earned \$773 monthly Social Security retirement amount earned from other employment, but you would also be entitled to a supplemental “spousal boost” to bring your payment up to half of the SS payment amount your ex-husband is entitled to at his SS Full Retirement Age.

In other words, because you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, you are entitled to the same Social Security benefits as

though you were still married. That is true, even if he has remarried and his new wife is also getting a spouse benefit from his record.

You will still be entitled to an ex-spouse benefit from your ex-husband as his former wife. And if he dies before you, as a surviving ex-spouse you will get the same Social Security benefit he was receiving at his death, instead of the smaller amount your will get while you are both living.

Regarding rejoining the workforce, while you can certainly go back to work at age 73 without it negatively affecting your Social Security benefits, if you are struggling financially, I suggest you visit this website sponsored by the National Council on Aging: www.benefitscheckup.org.

At this website, you can enter your zip code and find much information about other supplemental assistance you may be entitled to where you live, including healthcare and medication assistance, housing, nutritional assistance, etc.

Regarding your question: “Is there anything I can do to prove that I worked 40 years and wasn’t paid?” Social Se-

curity determines benefits based solely on your personal earnings as reported to the Internal Revenue Service, which is, in turn, dependent on how your joint income taxes were filed over the years you worked in your husband’s business.

Social Security is unable to assist you with IRS matters. I’m afraid yours is more of a legal matter you would need to pursue by discussing your situation directly with the IRS or engaging an attorney for assistance.

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Applications open for wreath bazaar

AGAWAM – Agawam Congregational Church is now accepting applications for the Holly Wreath Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday,

Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested in participating contact the church office at 786-7111 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for an application.

You may pick one up at the church office or request one be sent to you by email. The church email is office@agawamcongregational.org.

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Great Reads event set for Sept. 29

AGAWAM – The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce its selection as a partnering library with the Massachusetts Center for the Book for the “Great Reads from Great Places” initiative. Each year the Massachusetts Center for the Book selects a title to represent the Commonwealth at the annual Library of Congress National Book Festival and provides free copies of the book to area libraries for use in discussion groups and community programming. This year’s title is Nothing More of This Land: Community, Power and the Search for Indigenous Identity by Joseph Lee. The Agawam Public Library will host a book discussion and virtual Q & A watch party with the author on Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Clini Community Room. Anyone interested in registering for this book discussion and event is encouraged to stop by the library information

desk to pick up a free copy of the book and discussion guide (while supplies last). Before Martha’s Vineyard became one of the most iconic vacation destinations in the country, it was home to the Wampanoag people. Today, as tourists flock to the idyllic beaches, the island has become increasingly unaffordable for tribal members, with nearly three-quarters now living off-island. Growing up Aquinnah Wampanoag, journalist Joseph Lee grappled with what this situation meant for his tribe, how the community can continue to grow, and more broadly, what it means to be Indigenous. Registered participants will be invited to participate in an exclusive Q&A with Joseph Lee on September 29th at 6pm. This discussion series is part of the 2026 Great Reads MA program, sponsored by the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

Chamber holding next ‘Lunch with the Legislators’

AGAWAM – The West of the River Chamber of Commerce has announced it will hold it’s next “Lunch with the Legislators” on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event

will be held at Latitude Restaurant at 1338 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Join us for lunch with our local senators and representatives for informative updates and a Q&A session.

DPW announces road work ongoing

AGAWAM – Starting earlier this week, the Department of Public Works has begun reclamation and road-paving activities at the following locations:

- Phelps School driveway and parking lot
- Riverside Ave. (from Liberty Ave. to River Rd.)
- Liberty Ave. (from Seymour Ave. to end)

- Seymour Ave. (from River Rd. to Liberty Ave.)
- Center St. (from Suffolk St., to end)

Residents are asked not to park their cars within the above listed areas until construction has been completed. Traffic delays or detours may occur. Residents are encouraged to plan accordingly. Residents

and businesses will have access to their driveways during construction. Please be aware that the construction schedule dates are subject to change. The DPW will make every effort to complete this work as quickly possible. If you have any questions, please contact us at (413) 821-0600.

Thomas Smith home to have open house

AGAWAM – On Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be an open house held at the historic Thomas Smith House. The c. 1757 Thomas Smith House and 1920 Delmore Hawthorne Garage will be open for tours. Master stone carver & gravestone conservator Randall Nelson will be on-site to talk about his work

carving replicas of badly deteriorated gravestones of Revolutionary War veterans as replacements for the original stones. The National Register-listed Thomas Smith House is one of a few remaining resources from Feeding Hills’ eighteenth-century agricultural past, and is significant architecturally as an un-

usually intact example of eighteenth-century building practices and a rare surviving example of mid-to late-eighteenth century Connecticut River Valley design and materials. The Hawthorne Garage illustrates the property’s evolution from agricultural to suburban setting that took place in the early twentieth century.

Maze Day, student orientation on Wednesday

AGAWAM – The Agawam Junior High School faculty and administration cordially invite you to attend our Maze Day and the “7th Grade and New 8th Grade Student Orientation” on Wednesday, Aug. 26 in the AJHS Auditorium. There will only be one Maze Day this year and we will invite our incoming 7th and new 8th Grade students and families to AJHS 3 to 5 p.m. and returning 8th grade students to join us from 5 to 7 p.m. These times are windows and families do not have to be here for the entire two hours. “Orientation” is open to all seventh-grade students, new to 8th grade AJHS students, and their parents/

guardians. We will have two orientation sessions for flexibility for families to attend. The first session will be at 4 p.m. and the second session will start at 5 p.m. Orientation sessions will last approximately 30 minutes and provide important details for families about AJHS expectations and routines. Both orientation sessions are the same and you only need to attend one. If you are unable to attend your scheduled Maze Day window you may attend the other session but will need to check in with the registration table so you are directed to the correct grade level section of the cafeteria. During the “Maze” portion

of the event, you will receive and complete important paperwork, sign up for school activities and clubs and get more information regarding particular programs offered at the junior high school. In addition, our PTO will also be on hand to provide information on upcoming events and activities being offered to the students, as well as get your input and ideas you’d like shared with the school and student body. After completing the Maze Days paperwork, students will be provided their homeroom (first period)/team assignments for the upcoming school year. The process should not take more than 30

minutes to complete and, you will be able to complete the google form packet that will be emailed and also available on our website (www.agawamed.org) , and submit it before going into the Student Orientation meeting at 4 or 5 p.m. Our school nurse will also be here to answer questions, collect physical forms, medication and any health-related paperwork. There will be Chromebooks available for families to complete the form during Maze Days as well. 7th Grade and new 8th students will also pick up their Chromebooks from Mrs. Bruno-Santanello in the library during Maze Day.

Cooper’s Gifts accepting supply donations for Homework House

AGAWAM – For a limited time, Cooper’s Gifts, Apparel, Home of Agawam, Mass., is accepting classroom supply donations for Homework House, which is located at 54 North Summer Street Holyoke, MA 01040. Homework House strengthens our community by promoting educational success and providing free tutoring and mentoring for children living in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. Homework House provides a safe and nurtur-

ing place for children to grow and learn. Donations will be collected at Cooper’s now through August 31st . “We invite everyone to help out Homework House and be entered to win a \$100 Cooper’s Gift Card,” said Kate Gourde, owner of Cooper’s Gifts, Apparel, Home. Items to keep their classrooms clean and well stocked; disinfectant wipes, facial tissues, paper towels, copy paper, dry erase markers and erasers, card games such as Uno, Go Fish and

flash cards, are their current needs. “We hope that while people are out purchasing items to send their children back to school with, that they will consider picking up a few extras for the Homework House. And, you’ll be entered into our raffle!” said Gourde. “We will swap a raffle entry for every item donated to the Homework House. One lucky winner of a \$100 Cooper’s gift card will be notified on Sept. 1. Especially for people in the Greater Springfield area, it’s easier to bring donations here, and we are open 7 days a week,” Gourde said. Items may be brought to the shop anytime up until August 31. Cooper’s is located at 161 Main St., Agawam, Mass., 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.

“This drive coincides with Homework House as our August Round-Up charity; so, it’s the perfect time to spread the word about 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 nearest dollar amount. Gourde will then match 50% of the total collected. The program has donated more than \$68,000 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/.





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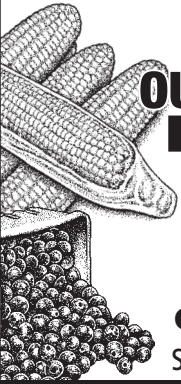
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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Youth teams prepares for new season

AGAWAM – Next to the baseball fields at Memorial Park, are the fields of Kirk Parker Field where Agawam’s youth football programs have been practicing for the past few weeks. The teams get going in early August in order to prepare for a month to compete in their regular season openers on Sunday, Sept. 6. Agawam will be hosting Wilbraham in their season opener.



Players work on drills for blocking.



Players get instructions on the sidelines.

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A pair of players work with the blocking pads.



A pair of older players run a blocking drill.



Members of Agawam youth football observe other players from the sideline during practice last week.

BASEBALL

Forge Baseball Clinic returns

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM – One of the last sports camps of the summer of 2026 was held at Spec Pond in Wilbraham from August 10-13.

A total of 57 baseball and softball players between the ages of 6-16 from Wilbraham and the surrounding communities attended the four day clinic.

“This is our fourth year conducting the baseball clinics, and this is probably the best one yet,” said camp director Dustin Brisson “We have almost 60 kids, including a couple of softball players for the first time, this week. It’s the most campers we’ve ever had at this clinic and I’m very pleased.”

Brisson, who is the owner of Forge Athletics, was born in Florida and played college baseball at the University of Central Florida from 1997-2000. The first baseman was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft.

Brisson, who played 345 minor league games, advanced to Double A Portland. His baseball career came to an end due to an injury.

“I was blessed to have the opportunity to play professional baseball,” Brisson said. “I’m doing what I can to give back to these kids.”

Some of the camp instructors were Lindsay Beer, David Wendt, Ace Adams Chade Shade, who’s the head coach of the Springfield College baseball team, Pat Strange, who’s the pitching coach at Westfield State University, Dan Gomez, who’s the head baseball coach at Western New England University, and Terry Doyle, who’s the the baseball coach at New En-



Liliana Ekstrom shoots on target.



Kaylen Craig gets the layup.



TURLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY
Molly Hutchison struggles to make a layup.



Olivia Curto tries to grab a rebound.



Hannah Podworski eyes the short-range shot.



Brokke Cruz is covered close as she enters the paint.

BASKETBALL

Youth basketball wraps up

WILBRAHAM – The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League held playoff held the first week of August, utilizing a few sites in addition to the courts at Spec Pond. Agawam, a 7-8 team, were involved in a match-up held in Wilbraham at Minnechaug Regional High School.

Sports

Tri-County finals forced to a deciding game three

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTH HADLEY – Third-seeded Teddy Bear Pools & Spas had a golden opportunity to sweep the top-seeded St. Joseph's Saints in the Tri-County League championship series.

Teddy Bear held a 1-0 lead entering the top of the third inning in game two.

St. Joe's rallied for three runs in the third and fourth innings and they evened the best-of-three series at 1-1 following a 6-3 victory at South Hadley High School Friday, Aug. 7.

The game came to an end after five innings due to darkness, which didn't please the Teddy Bear players and their supporters.

"It's a very frustrating situation," said Teddy Bear player/manager Ryan Magni. "I think we should've been able to finish the final two innings of tonight's game at St. Joe's Park before playing the deciding game tomorrow night."

The baseball field at South Hadley High School doesn't have any lights and the first pitch of game two was thrown by Teddy Bear righthander Sean Rosemond at 5:55p.m. The three umpires made the decision to end the game at 7:45 p.m.

"The pace of tonight's game was very slow," said St. Joe's manager Paul Marcinek. "We were very lucky to finish five innings which made it an official game."

Had the game ended before the bottom of the fifth inning, it would've resumed at South Hadley High School the following day. If the score would've been tied, game two would've been replayed from the beginning, which has been a TCL rule for many years.

Teddy Bear won game one of the championship series, which was an old fashion pitcher's duel, 3-1, at St. Joe's Park, last Thursday night.

Righthander Matt Drobiak, who graduated from South Hadley High School in 2024, went the distance for Teddy Bear. He allowed a run on six hits and three strikeouts without issuing a walk.

Drobiak outdueled St. Joe's righty Trey Yesu, who graduated from Monson High School in 2022.

Yesu also went seven innings allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Teddy Bear took a 1-0 lead in game against lefthander Jackson Hayes with two outs in the bottom of the first inning following a run scoring double by second baseman Ramon Jimenez.

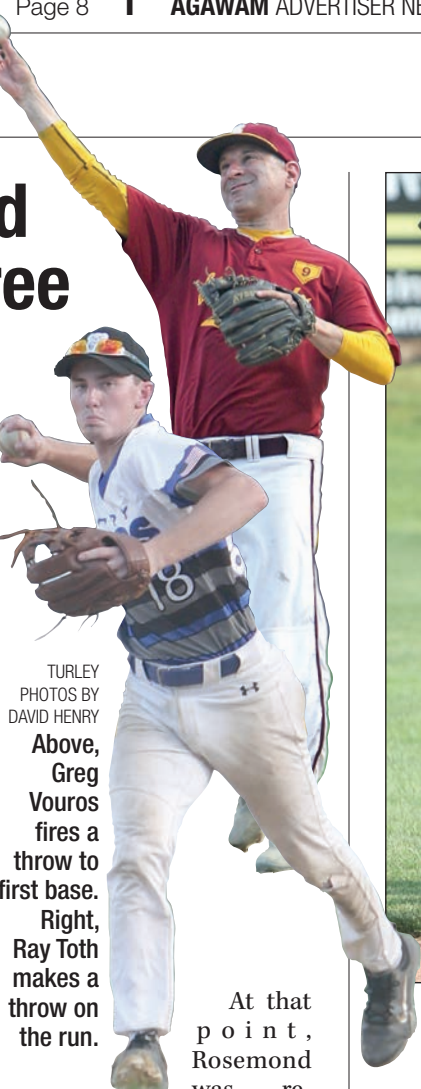
St. Joe's took the lead against Rosemond in the top of the third inning.

Catcher Nate Carillon and second baseman Greg Vourros began the St. Joe's rally with back-to-back singles. After Drobiak retired the next batter on a pop-up, before Carillon scored the tying run following a wild pitch. Then right fielder Brian Hayes drew a walk before centerfielder Pat Fitzgibbons hit a two run single into right field giving St. Joe's a 3-1 lead.

With one-out in the bottom of the third inning, Drobiak, who started at first base, launched a solo home run over the left field fence.

Holding a slim 3-2 lead, St. Joe's scored three more runs in the fourth inning.

The first two runs crossed the plate following a two-run single down the right field line by Vourros.



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Above, Greg Vourros fires a throw to first base. Right, Ray Toth makes a throw on the run.

At that point, Rosemond was re-on the mound by righthander Mason Barcomb.

Shortstop Jacob Hayes greeted the relief pitcher with an RBI single into left field giving the visiting team a commanding 6-2 lead.

After Jackson Hayes retired the first two batters in the bottom of the fourth on flyballs to center, consecutive walks by third baseman Alex Gochinski, right fielder Ty Evans, and catcher Eric Robert loaded the bases. Another walk by Ryan Magni plated Teddy Bear's second run.

Relief pitcher Matt Irzyk, who wound up as the winning pitcher in game two, retired the only batter he faced in the fourth on a pop-up caught by Jacob Hayes.

Irzyk allowed a single to shortstop Ray Toth in the bottom of the fifth inning before the umpires halted to game.

Photos and highlights from the deciding game three will be in next week's edition.



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Campers receive some instructions from one of the coaches in the Forge Baseball Clinic.

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gland College.

"It's an honor to have these coaches working at our clinic this year," Brisson said. "They want to help these kids. This is a high level skills clinic. I just want the older kids to have the opportunity to work with the college coaches."

A couple of the guest speakers at the clinic were Brandon Seymour, who's the general manager of the Valley Blue Sox, Nancy Street, who's a board member of the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts, and Duke Castiglione Jr who's a sportscaster at a television station in Boston.

Ray Fagnant, who grew up in Chicopee and is the Boston Red



Above, Adam Smola swings off a tee. Left, Ryan McLane does a running drill

Sox Northeast Regional Scouting Supervisor, also spent a day at the clinic.

A few of the different stations were hitting, fielding, and throwing.

"My main goal is to teach the players the basic fundamentals of the game," Brisson said. "I also want to keep the kids active at this clinic. I really don't want

them standing around doing nothing."

Brisson was aided at the clinic by his wife, Kasey.

"My wife is the backbone of the organization," Brisson said. "She keeps everything in order. I appreciate all the support from many different people that I've received running this camp."

Brisson and his staff is already looking forward to holding the baseball clinic at Spec Pond again next summer.

Library announces programs available for children and teenagers

AGAWAM – Summer is still in full swing for Children and Teens at the Agawam Library. There is still time to complete your Plant-A-Seed, Read Summer Reading Challenge. Log your reading, write book reviews, contribute to our Community Reading Goal of 6,000 hours, and earn raffle tickets that can be entered to win awe-

some prizes until Aug. 7. We will also have lots of fun, free activities for kids and teens happening at the Agawam Library during the month of August. Below is a listing of everything that's going on for kids and teens this month. Some events require registration. To register, call 413-789-1550 ext 3 or go to our website agawamlibrary.org.

End-of-Summer Ice Cream Party - For all ages
Friday, Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. - Registration Required

Join us in celebrating the end of summer vacation the Friday before school goes back into session! We will have ice cream and popsicles, and coloring materials and board games will be available.

Family Take & Make Crafts - For all ages

First Day of the Week & Thursdays - While supplies last - Drop-in & pick up.

A new Take & Make craft will be available on the first day of each week and again on Thursdays.

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PROJECT ■ from page 1

team’s ability to pre-plan for any potential challenges construction may face.

“As soon as they detect even a potential problem, not even a problem but a potential one, they are already working on a workaround,” Johnson said.

The construction team pre-ordered several of the construction components before construction started to ensure it would arrive on time.

Johnson is also grateful for the work of the leadership team and all of the people who have been participating in the weekly construction meetings and the monthly school building committee meetings.

“There is a lot of work that goes into this project and everyone is working very well together,” Johnson said.

After it is completed construction phase two will begin. Phase two includes knocking down part of the existing building to make room for the academic wing and the new early childhood center.

The new early childhood center will be in a portion of the existing building that will be renovated.

Currently, phase one of construction is impacting parking at the high school. In phase two this will worsen as most of the parking in the front of the building will be lost.

However, phase one of construction does include adding parking to the west of the community wing, which will become available as phase one comes to an end.

Johnson does not anticipate much disruption to students’ daily lives in the school as the Fontaine Brothers have worked hard to plan construction around the school schedule.

“They have done a really great job of minimizing the impact,” Johnson said.

In fact, Johnson shared that several students have taken an interest in the construction process.

“The industrial arts class is wanting to go over and take a look at it, it’s pretty fascinating,” Johnson said.

Johnson has found that the Agawam community has been very excited for and impressed by this project.

“The general reaction I get from people is that they cannot believe how quickly it is going up and that it already looks so good and they can’t wait to see how it will turn out,” Johnson said.

Johnson himself, as an Agawam High School alumni, is excited to see the new school completed.

Already he looks forward to seeing the community wing in a few months.

Within the community wing students will have access to new gymnasiums, a new cafeteria and a courtyard.

“I think they’re going to be beautiful,” Johnson said.

Come the fall Johnson will be offering tours of the existing high school building for people who want to see the



The new early childhood center will be part of the second phase.



Once the first phase is complete, the next phases will be replacement of the current building.

school one last time before it is torn down for new construction.

“We are going to offer the tours for those who have nostalgia and want to see the portions that are going to be torn down one last time,” Johnson said.

To keep up to date on the high school project, go to the website at <https://agawam-hsproject.com/>.



The first phase is brand new construction and should be ready near the end of 2026.



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Mayor Christopher Johnson says the project is on schedule.



Agawam High School will return to session next week in the shadow of a construction project.



Phase one is known as the community wing of the school. There is a website that gives up-to-date progress on the project.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram

4. Fixed charge

7. Each

8. Feeling of humiliation

10. Coat with sticky substance

12. Powerful “Severance” family

13. Japanese city

14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman

16. Hat

17. Place where rockers work

19. Psyche

20. Snake-like fishes

21. Where people live

25. Body part

26. Old towel

27. One’s essential being

29. Japanese alcoholic beverage

30. Boxing’s GOAT

31. Wet muddy ground

32. Christian Laettner is one

39. A place to store lawn tools

41. Large tub for liquid

42. Old World lizard

43. One-time European member group

44. Healing student

45. Nuclear weapon

46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia

48. Silk garment

49. About some Norse poems

50. Woman religious community member

51. Congressman (abbr.)

52. Two-year-old sheep

23. Klutz

24. Large tree

27. House of __ rulers

28. Red deer

29. Small coin (French)

31. Popular sandwich

32. 10-year period

33. Not good

34. Government lawyer

35. Egypt’s intelligence agency

36. Without an occupant or incumbent

37. Stain with one’s hands

38. Crippling

39. One point east of southeast

40. Large, united groups

44. __ and cheese

47. Alcoholic beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person

2. “Homeland” actress Danes

3. Buttock muscles

4. US federal agency

5. Birds of prey

6. Electronic communication

8. Ocean

9. Terminates

11. Low-pitched sound from a bell

14. Exclamation: yuck!

15. A place to attach a boat

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Border line

22. Have religious faith

CROSSWORD SOLUTION ON PAGE xx

Library announces upcoming events and activities for adults

AGAWAM – Feeling the heat? Stop by the library for a cool place to relax and check out our programs and activities while you're here!

Come take a coast-to-coast adventure without leaving the public library. **America is Wild! with Author Brad Timm** is an engaging, visually rich presentation inspired by his newly released book, *America is Wild!* In this interactive and entertaining program, wildlife ecologist Brad shares some of his favorite animals and plants from across the country, offering a fresh perspective on the wildlife and landscapes we share our amazing planet with. Perfect for families, lifelong learners, and nature lovers of all ages, this presentation sparks curiosity, encourages

learning, and inspires a deeper connection to the natural world around us. This event will take place on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cline Community. Please register to attend.

Celebrate The 250th Anniversary of America's Beer with Advanced Cicereone Em Sauter and learn about the role of beer and brewing in American history. Starting from the Pilgrims landing on Plymouth Rock (because they were out of beer!) to the modern craft brewery movement and the beers we love today, beer has been woven throughout the fabric of American history. This event is a collaboration between the Agawam Public Library and the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and will take place on

Monday, Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the golf course. Beer samples will be available. Registration is required as space is limited.

Are you looking to dedicate some time to your body and mind? Join us on Monday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 pm. in the Cline Community Room for **Gentle Yoga with Jay**. This beginner-friendly class is designed to help you stretch, move, breathe, and unwind in a supportive environment. Whether you're stepping onto the mat for the first time or have years of experience, all levels are welcome. Modifications will be offered so everyone can practice comfortably. Please bring a yoga mat, yoga blocks, and water. This special class is a collaboration between Agawam Public Li-

brary, Studio One Agawam, and Nest of Peace Yoga, and registration is required.

Our regular programs are a great way for folks to pursue their interests or try out something new. Join us for weekly **Chair Yoga** at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Cline Community Room. Led by yoga instructor Heidi Taberman, these drop-in classes are perfect for folks of all fitness levels. Are you a writer looking to connect with other writers?

Register to attend our **Writers Group** hosted by author Katherine Anderson on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room. If you've been needing a place to get away and read for a bit, look no further than our **Silent Book Club**. Join us on 8

to 8:30 p.m. will be optional socialization time, and silent reading time will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Whether you'd like to join us to talk with others about your reading or just want to come in for the reading time, all are welcome. Registration is preferred but not required.

This month's **Virtual Author Talk Series** continues with a riveting conversation on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*. Combining the wisdom of science and history with stories from her own path to botany, Montgomery talks to majestic trees, and in this unique and compelling

narrative, they answer. Don't miss out on this insightful discussion about Black history and botanical mastery. Mystery and thriller readers take note: bestselling author Lucy Foley will discuss her take on one of Agatha Christie's beloved detectives in her brand new *Miss Marple mystery, Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*. Join us on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. for this thrilling conversation. To register to attend any or all of these virtual talks, please call the library or visit libraryc.org/agawamlibrary.

Thank you to the Agawam Center Library Association and the Friends of the Agawam Library for sponsoring select library programs. We are closed Saturdays in the summer.

SCHOOL ■ from page 1

On top of the program shifts, there have also been changes in administrator positions.

Alyse Roy is the new principal at Clifford M. Granger Elementary School.

With Roy taking over at Granger, Stephanie Gendrin, the former Granger principal, is moving to Benjamin Phelps Elementary School.

Mary Lynn Hunter will also be taking over as assistant principal at Agawam High School and Peter Lan-

taigne will be the new assistant principal at Roberta G. Doering.

Amber Hall, the former Doering assistant principal, is moving to an academic supervisor position. That is a district wide position for grades seven through twelve.

Martin is excited to welcome the administrators to their new positions.

"Stephanie, Alyse and Mary Lynn have been in our district in different capacities so we know the work they're bringing with them and their skills," Martin said. "Peter is

coming from West Springfield to bring some new and fresh ideas."

Hall will be helping with some of the "reimagining work" that the district is doing in the junior high and high school, and Martin is thrilled to have her on the team.

"We are really rethinking the delivery of instruction, giving the students the opportunity to think deeply about their work and take more ownership of the work that's happening in classrooms," Martin said.

Martin is hopeful that this shift in instruction will help students to feel more engaged in their learning.

She invites students to reach out with feedback or ideas that they have so the district can continue to make their time in Agawam schools as successful and enjoyable as possible.

As each school prepares for the start of the year, students are invited to come out for the annual meet and greets.

These events give students the chance to meet

their teachers before the first day and to reconnect with friends for some outdoor fun.

"Students can play on playgrounds and have pop-sicles with the principals," Martin said.

Each school puts their own spin on the meet and greets, so Martin encourages students and families to check their schools' websites for details.

After the meet and greets,

students can get ready for the first day of school, Sept. 3.

The first day does fall before Labor Day this year, due to how the calendar falls.

Martin encourages students to have fun with their last few weeks of summer and to be prepared to hit the ground running once school begins.

"Get ready for an exciting and successful year," Martin said.

GRANT ■ from page 1

required to accept all grant funds that are awarded to town entities.

Agawam received \$91,700 plus a re-allocation from FY2026 for \$4,750 for a total of \$96,450 to complete the purchase of the radios.

Towns like Agawam rely on mutual aid from surrounding communities for police, fire, and emergency medical support. While mutual aid from police is

less common, fire and EMS often cover for each other depending on the types of incidents. Types of mutual aid could include responding to incidents requiring more help like large fires that need more manpower, or staffing a fire station in case another incident rises.

Agawam also assists its neighboring communities with mutual aid as Agawam is surrounded by some smaller communities such

as Longmeadow, Southwick, and beyond that, Granville. But the town has mutual aid agreements with most of its surrounding neighbors.

The grant states that the town will purchase 10 Motorola APX Mobile Radios, according to the grant award notice from the gaming commission.

Agawam has utilized grant funds from the gaming commission for several years, including more re-

cently to help fund a project that will reconstruction the five-way intersection at Suffield, Cooper, and Rowley streets. The reconstruction drew some controversy earlier in the year due to proposed land takings. The grant funding was almost forfeited due to the timing of the votes, but town officials were able to work out the land takings with the business owners at the intersection.

GAME ■ from page 1

easier. Playing games together can really go a long way in making people feel seen and possibly giving them someone to connect to in the future, especially if they're new in town or just out of college.

LeFebvre believes anyone looking for something fun to do should come give Adult Board Game Night a try.

"It's a lot of fun and su-

per flexible," LeFebvre said. "You can bring games you're comfortable with or give a new game a try. You can try to make some new friends or bring a friend or two and play with familiar faces! Sometimes we have quiet, slow nights, and sometimes we have folks at every table playing different games. It's an opportunity to just relax and have a bit of easy fun in a hectic world."

The library is an excellent resource for the community. They have yoga classes,

Qigong workshops, books, films, music, and more. LeFebvre is committed to making Adult Board Game Night a welcoming space for all and understands the sense of community that the library provides.

"If anyone out there is struggling to find a sense of community, stopping by library events can give a great place to start. Join a book club or stop by silent book club to just chat about whatever you've been reading, come to a program to

learn a little bit more about the world around you and find folks with similar interests, or come to our regular yoga or qigong events to get a little more active. There's something in the library for everyone, and if there isn't, let us know so we can make sure there is," she says.

Adult Board Game Night is a wonderful free opportunity to meet some new faces and chat over refreshments and board games. Bring your friends or try it out by yourself.

Public Notices

Agawam Conservation Commission Notice of Public Hearing

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the application of Charles

Garden Park for the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for property at 1399 Suffield Street and Parcel 2 Suffield Street.

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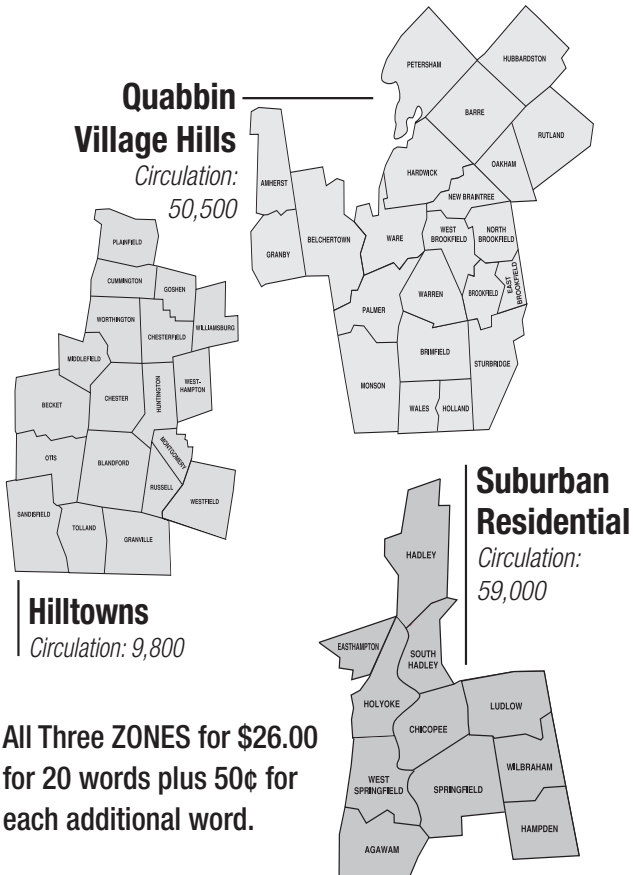
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