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### Gendreau turns in large pumpkin



Agawam resident Marc Gendreau placed third in this year's Big E Pumpkin Contest. His homegrown pumpkin weighed in at 1,279 pounds. It is on display through the end of the Big E. Agawam Day at the big fair was held earlier this week. More photos from the fair will be in next week's edition. SUBMITTED PHOTO

### Council adds tax exemption option for veterans

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – In an attempt to assist veterans living in the community, the Town of Agawam will now have MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 221 to allow cost of living adjustments for real estate tax exemptions.

Last week, the Agawam City Council voted to accept the provisions of the law.

Clause 221 is a local option statute that will increase the annual amount of cer-

tain real estate tax exemptions granted to veterans annually by a cost-of-living adjustment determined by DOR. The Town has already accepted a local option statute that provides the cost-of-living adjustment for certain senior citizens.

Councilor George Bitzas said the Community Relations Sub-committee met prior to Sept. 15 meeting to discuss and make a recommendation.

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### Applicant withdraws zone change on North West Street

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Thanks to the Planning Board's negative view of a proposed development on North West St., an application to change zoning there has been withdrawn.

Due to farms being located on the long Feeding Hills Road, North West St. has some Business B zoning on the road.

An applicant, VIP Homes & Associates, applied for a zone change with the town from Business B to Residential B. According to the original application, VIP claimed the proposed zoning amendment is intended to allow for residential development on the site, which is 430 North West St., consistent with the character of surrounding

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### City Council discusses proposed Springfield Water and Sewer Commission representation

By Amanda Munson  
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AGAWAM – On Sept. 15, the Agawam City Council spoke about State Representative Aaron Saunders (D-Belchertown) House Bill 2330, an act relative to equitable representation to the board of directors of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission; sponsored by Council President Rosemary Sandlin. The motion was passed and led to discussion, beginning with Council Vice President Anthony J. Russo with Sandlin to explain that this bill will give Agawam a seat on the water commission board of Springfield.

Agawam is one of seven citizens that buy from Springfield,

"We should have a say in what's going on, what they're building, and this house bill gives us a voice," said Sandlin.

Russo opened discussion by explaining Saunders' reasoning for this bill, "Saunders' view is if you buy from Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, the community should have a seat at the table and have a say in everything. This gives a more fair and

equitable way for all the communities to have a say. Like Council President said, they are building in Westfield and West Parish, it is to improve the water system. It's just under a \$300 million project that they're going to be doing. The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is doing a small project in Feeding Hills to test the water, that's about a \$2 million project. I think it's important that every community that buys from them has a seat at the table so I'm very glad Rep. Saunders put this bill forward and I'm glad Sandlin put this for a vote to show support for that," said Russo.

When a question was asked if each community would have a representative at the board, Sandlin confirmed. Based on the commission's website, for drinking water service areas the commission serves a total population of about 250,000 including accounts in Agawam, Springfield, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Westfield, Southwick, West Springfield, and Chicopee. The Commission also collects and treats wastewater from over 36,000 households.

### Mayor attends bill signing



Last week, Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson attended a bill signing by Gov. Maura Healey. The transportation bond law, enacted last month, includes a 50% increase to base funding for the Chapter 90 local road and bridge maintenance program, along with a \$200 million authorization to support a culvert and small bridge program, \$500 million for MassDOT bridge and pavement asset management, and \$185 million for congestion and safety initiatives. The funding provided in this new law joins the \$103.5 million in "Fair Share" funding for local infrastructure included in the recently enacted supplemental budget allocating surtax revenues. SUBMITTED PHOTO



# Library announces October activities for kids and teens

AGAWAM – There's always something fun to do at the Agawam Public Library. At the library you can check out a book, a movie, or even a pass to a local museum. We also have lots of events for kids & teens to keep you busy during these fall months. Below is a list of programs for kids and teens that will be held at the Agawam Library during the month of October.

Also, if you haven't yet gotten a library card (just-for-play) for your stuffed animal it's not too late. Just stop by the library any time before October 1st and we can get you one. Everyone who gets a library card for their stuffed animal also gets a Agawam Library tote bag. Some of the events below do require registration. To register use our website [agawamlibrary.org](http://agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550.

**Advanced Lego Building** - For grades 5-6 Thurs. Oct. 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Compete in a Lego building challenge. There will be prizes for the 1, 2, & 3 place winners.

**After School Drop-in** - For grades 9-12 Every Tuesday in Oct. 2 p.m.

Stop by the library after school and visit the Activity Room. Play our Nintendo Switch, try out the button maker, eat snacks, or just hang out! No registration necessary.

**Art and Stories** - For ages 3 - 5 Tuesdays, Oct. 14 and 28 at 9:30 a.m. - Drop-in.

Join us for a short story time followed by an art project. We will explore simple art concepts and experiment with materials. Please wear clothing that can get messy.

**Baby Story Time** - For birth - 18 mo. Thursdays, Oct. 2, 16, 30 at 9:30 a.m. - Drop-in.

Join us as we learn a little American Sign Language, read stories, sing, & play together.

**Craft and Watch** - For grades K-2 Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Come watch Alvin & the Chipmunks Meet the Wolfman, have some snacks, and decorate your own paper Halloween Monster mask. Movie rated G.

**Family Take and Make**

**Crafts** - For all ages First Day of the Week and Thursdays

While supplies last - Drop-in & pick up.

A new Take & Make craft will be available the first day of each week and again on Thursdays. Oct. 2: Springy Caterpillar Oct. 6 and 9: Sheriff Dinosaur Magnets Oct. 14 and 16: Paper Roll Dog Oct. 20 and 23: Moveable Dragon Puppet Oct. 27 and 30: Zombies Craft

**Grow, Play, and Learn** Wednesdays and Fridays Ages 0-2 at 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5 at 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in.

Stories, songs and skill building, led by an Early Childhood Developmental trained staff member, guiding caregivers in strengthening interactions with their child.

**Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat** - For all ages Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

Registration is required. Kids of all ages and their families are invited to join our Halloween Parade and trick-or-treat around the library in costume. After the parade, stay for a short (not-so-scary) Halloween story time.

**Music with Mr. Liam** - All Ages Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is required. Join us for an energetic show filled with drums, the ukulele, puppets, and comedy as Mr. Liam (Liam Hurley) plays old favorites & silly parodies!

**Open Lego Building** - For grades 1-4 Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Show off your Lego building skills! Use Legos to build something awesome. Creations will be put on display in the Children's Room.

**Poop Museum Part 2** - For all ages Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

Registration is required. Everyone is invited to this wonderful presentation, even if you missed the first one. That's no problem! Visitors to The Poop Museum will meet: - The animal whose poop looks like a noodle - The animal whose poop is nicer than its food - The animal who only sometimes has a butt And have a blast learning about animal poop.

**Pre-K Pals** - For ages 3 - 5 Mondays in October at 11 a.m.

Registration is required. No class Monday, Oct. 13. We will provide activities to support your child to learn by playing.

**Special Saturday Drop-in Craft: 3-D Animal Football Craft** - For All Ages Saturday, Oct. 25, All Day

While supplies last - Drop-in & pick up. This fall craft will score big with kids who want a gridiron decoration for their rooms.

**Teen Advisory Board** - For grades 7-12 Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

Make plans for teen library programs and the Teen Space, and eat pizza! Members of the Teen Advisory Board can earn community service hours for their participation. If you'd like to join, contact Evan at [edelano@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:edelano@agawamlibrary.org) or 413-789-1550 extension 3.

**Teen Take and Make Craft** - For grades 7-12 Available starting Wednesday, Oct. 1

Stop by the Teen Space to pick up a Take and Make Craft kit. They'll be available until we run out of supplies. No registration necessary.

**Teen Trivia Thursday** - For grades 7-12 Every Thursday in October at 2 p.m.

Visit the Teen Space and answer a trivia question to get a small prize.

**Toddler Time** - For 19 mo. - 36 mo. Monday, Oct. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Drop-in. Join us as we read stories, sing, and play together.

**Will it Chocolate?** - For grades 3-4 Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

Registration is required. Does chocolate really make everything better? Come try some wacky food and chocolate combinations and figure out the answer to one question: Will it Chocolate?

**Will it Chocolate?** - For grades 5-6 Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Does chocolate really make everything better? Come try some wacky food and chocolate combinations and figure out the answer to one question: Will it Chocolate?

To register for any library programs please use our website [agawamlibrary.org](http://agawamlibrary.org) or call 413-789-1550.

# Residents challenged to bake history

AGAWAM – Area residents are encouraged to enter the Agawam Historical Association's annual Apple Pie Contest, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 North West Street, Feeding Hills. The National Register-listed Smith House and its preserved 1920s garage will also be open for tours.

The contest is open to the public (amateur bakers only, please) and entrants may use their own favorite recipe, using either a homemade or store-bought, full, top and bottom, double (rolled) crust. Fresh apples must be used; no store-bought fillings, tarts, or crisps are allowed. Pies must be baked in a 9" or 10" disposable pie plate and be at room temperature when delivered. No identification is allowed on the pie tin. Pies will not be returned.

Participants must register on or before Wednesday, Oct. 1 by texting Katy at (413) 297-4967 or emailing [1855@agawamhistory.org](mailto:1855@agawamhistory.org). Pies must be dropped off by 12:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4 at: Thomas Smith House, 251 North West Street, Feeding Hills, Mass.

Judging will begin at 1:30



Residents are encouraged to enter the Agawam Historical Association's Pie Contest coming up on Oct. 4.

p.m. by Don Anderson, Agawam Historical Association Board Member Emeritus; Sarah Curran, 2024 AHA Apple Pie Contest First Place Winner; and Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson, who will judge entries on flavor, filling, crust and overall appearance, and creativity. The decisions of the judges are final. In addition to bragging rights, the first place winner will receive a blue ribbon and an apron hand-sewn by AHA board member Charlotte Fields.

The Agawam High School Marching Band will make their Smith House debut at noon and perform stand tunes and pieces

from their 2025 field show, and local historian and "Whips of Westfield" author Bruce Cortis will be on hand during the open house to discuss the industry that powered the Westfield economy during the late 18th century.

Signed copies of the historical association's new Images of America title, Around Agawam and Feeding Hills will also be available for purchase. The book features more than 200 historic photos depicting Agawam and Feeding Hills' rich history. Proceeds from the sales of the book will benefit the Agawam Historical Association. This event is free and open to the public.

# Chamber holding business expo

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The West of the River Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the Western Mass Business Expo, taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Carriage House at Storowtown Tavern in West Springfield, sponsored by Freedom Credit Union and AVZ Promotions.

This highly anticipated event brings together businesses, entrepreneurs, and community leaders from across the region for an afternoon of networking, connections, and opportu-

nities. Attendees will have the chance to meet with local vendors, discover the diverse products and services Western Massachusetts has to offer, and build meaningful relationships that strengthen our business community.

"The Western Mass Business Expo is more than a showcase—it's a celebration of the innovation, talent, and resources that make our region thrive," said Robin Woziak, Executive Director for the West of the River Chamber of Commerce. "We

invite business professionals and community members alike to join us and experience firsthand all that Western Mass has to offer."

The Expo will feature:

- Exhibitor booths from businesses across various industries
- Networking opportunities with business leaders and peers
- A welcoming environment to foster new partnerships and collaborations

Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

# Catholic Women's Club members to pray the Rosary Oct. 14

AGAWAM – Everyone is invited to join the members of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in St. John the Evangelist Church at 833

Main St., Agawam, MA, to pray the ROSARY to our Blessed Mother. Members and guests are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to be able to start promptly at 6:30

p.m. Refreshments will follow in the parish center, behind the church, after which the club's monthly business meeting will be held.

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Multiple Rotary Clubs in the region combined to raise money for a fresh drinking water project.

# Rotary Clubs make donation to drinking water project

Twenty-six Rotary Clubs in northern CT and Western MA (Rotary District 7890) have joined together to fund a project that will bring fresh drinking water, sanitation facilities and hygiene training to a needy Mayan community in Guatemala. Including matching funds from The Rotary Foundation and those contributed to ALDEA, the Cooperating Partner NGO, a total of \$176,486 was raised. Adding this amount to the funds raised during the previous sixteen years brings the total to \$1,856,900.

Contributing clubs from Connecticut were *Avon-Canton, East Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, Kensington/Berlin, Manchester, Newington, Plainfield, Rockville, Southington, South Windsor, Suffield, Thomaston, Torrington/Winsted, Watertown, West Hartford, Wethersfield/Rocky Hill, and Willimantic* along with Massachusetts' clubs in *Agawam, East Longmeadow, Holyoke, Northampton, Pittsfield, West Springfield, and Wilbraham/Hampden*.

Also contributing funds were three Rotary clubs from neighboring Massachusetts/Rhode Island District 7950 - *Charlton, Wakefield and Westerly, RI; six in southeast Florida's District 6990 - Davie/Cooper City, Ft. Lauderdale North Beach, Hallandale Beach/Aventura, Hollywood, Pompano Beach and Miami Shores; four from District 6930 - Boca Raton, West Palm Beaches, Vero Beach Oceanside, Vero Beach Sunrise, FL; two from District 5030 in Washington - Auburn and Lake Forest Park; one from District 7980 - Niantic, CT; one from District 7410 - Hazleton, PA; one from District*



Agawam Rotarian John Barber was among those included in the check presentation shown here.

7430 - Bethlehem, PA; one from District 7730 - South Brunswick Islands, NC; one from District 7670 - Denver/Lake Norman, NC; one from District 7720 - First Flight, NC; one from District 7850 - Cambridge Area, VT; one from District 5360 - Calgary, Canada; and the Rotary Club of La Antigua, Guatemala in District 4250.

These funds will pay for the materials needed to complete a gravity fed water system with gray water filters, vented pit latrines, improved vented stoves for the 115 families (725 people) who live in the rural community of Xecoxol, Guatemala. All labor is provided by the men and women in each village. These projects continue the goal of Rotary International to have every Rotary Club support an international water and sanitation project every year. By working together, pooling their resources, and obtaining Global Grants with matching funds from The Rotary Foundation, the Rotarians have been successful in

adding size and strength to their chosen projects.

District 7890 Water Committee Chair and Manchester, CT Rotarian Rick Lawrence again spearheaded the drive to raise the necessary funds by making presentations about the project to the Rotary clubs throughout northern CT, western MA, and central RI as well as several clubs in southeastern FL. In March 2026 he and his wife, Elin, will travel to Guatemala to visit the village funded through this Global Grant. As done for the past 17 years, he will document photographically the improvements and expressions of gratitude displayed by the members of the village, utilizing these during

his presentations to show the Rotarians how important their past contributions were to these indigenous Mayans.

The project's implementation will be coordinated through the host partner, the Rotary Club of La Antigua, Guatemala, and its cooperating partner, ALDEA (formerly Behrhorst Partners for Development), a non-profit organization with ties to over 95 communities in Guatemala. ALDEA helps train community-chosen people as a health promoter, a village dispensary manager and someone to oversee use of medical emergency transportation funds. ALDEA also provides extensive training in sanitation, personal hygiene, maintenance of the water system components, micro loans, nutrition, including help in school and home vegetable gardens, as well as educational talks about family planning and birth spacing. In Guatemala over 50% of children suffer from chronic malnutrition.

This Rotary Global Grant project will help address some of the basic causes of poor health and will help the villagers address basic sanitation - water systems, gray-water filters and latrines - in order to help prevent the constant illnesses that afflict the population, particularly children.



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# Opinion

**SOCIAL SECURITY Matters**  
By Russell Gloor



## Should I claim Social Security early because it is going bankrupt?

**Dear Rusty:**

My best friend is going to be 62 and wants to begin taking her Social Security immediately.

Her reasoning not to wait is the thought that it is going to run out in 10 years, so she wants as much of her money before that happens. I have paid into Social Security my entire working life (44 years and counting). What are your thoughts on taking it as soon as you are eligible?

**Signed:**

**Uncertain what to do**

**Dear Uncertain:**

Deciding when to claim Social Security is a sometimes-confusing task, but no one should ever claim SS early because they believe Social Security will go bankrupt in the near future. Social Security cannot and will not go bankrupt. What your friend may be referring to is the fact that Social Security will be facing some financial issues in 2033 unless Congress acts soon to reform the program. And they will act, but likely not until they must.

The fact is, Social Security still has about \$2.7 trillion in reserved funds which are now being used to pay full benefits. If that Reserves balance were to be fully depleted, then Social Security would need to go to a "cash basis" (essentially, paying out in benefits only what is received in SS taxes), which would result in about a 21% cut in everyone's benefit. In other words, even if Congress neglected to reform the program, beneficiaries would still get about 79% of their monthly benefit starting in about 2033/2034. Hardly anyone believes that Congress will fail to eventually reform Social Security and, in fact, they already know how to do that reform (they just currently lack the bipartisan support to accomplish it). But neglecting reform would amount to political suicide for all members of Congress, which is extremely unlikely to happen.

Here at the AMAC Foundation, we are confident that Congress will soon

address Social Security's future financial dilemma, and we have been working on potential solutions. We have, for several years, been providing these suggestions to various members of Congress, and those members are now considering our proposals. Thus, we do not suggest making a Social Security claiming decision based on fear of the program going bankrupt.

That fear is unfounded. Instead, we suggest that everyone decide when to claim based upon their individual personal situation, considering their need for the SS money, their life expectancy, and their marital status. And remember, claiming early (before one's SS full retirement age (FRA)) also means Social Security's Annual Earnings Test will apply (the AET limits how much can be earned from working before FRA is attained).

So, our thought on the wisdom of taking Social Security as soon as you are eligible is that it is often not a wise decision and certainly not if that decision is made based on fear of Social Security "not being there" soon. Instead, we suggest making your Social Security claiming decision based upon your unique personal circumstances, including, especially, your life expectancy, financial need and marital status.

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## Guest Column

### A picture is worth a thousand memories

This column was p ed by a picture. You e a coworker got out her phone and showed me a vase on her table that was filled with the most interesting velvet red flowers.

"What are these?" she asked. "Coxcomb or Celosia," I replied, and I went on to explain how the flower looks like a rooster's comb, hence the plant's name.

Seeing the image brought me right back to the late 1980s and early 1990s where I had a business growing dried flowers and crafting them into wreaths and arrangements that I later sold at area craft shows. It was a fun experience that I shared with my parents.

Read on to revisit some of my favorite flowers for drying. **Celosias** make excellent dried flowers. They are available in three distinct types, crested or "Cox-comb," plumed and wheat. Crested types such as "Fireglow," "Prestige Scarlet," or "Big Chief" make quite a statement with their velvety-feeling, brainy-looking heads in rich shades of red, pink, and gold.

Plumed types come in similar colors, but are feathered in appearance. The "Sparkler" series are multibranching when given ample growing space; just a few plants will provide you with many long lasting stems.

Newer to the catalogs, but really an heirloom, wheat celosia is the most delicate of the three. "Flamingo Feather" has rose tips with a silvery base. Pick often for an abundance of side shoots.

**Globe Amaranth** is another flower that is popular once dried. Clover-like heads on sturdy stems make great bouquet fillers. Nearly all varieties bloom well in the heat of the summer, producing even more flowers after they are harvested.



by Roberta McQuaid

family and grows lush plumes worth of a prominent place in your arrangements. Smaller side shoots are great for more delicate work. Colors are typically shades of burgundy. Plants can grow anywhere from eighteen inches to several feet tall so site accordingly.

**Winged Ammobium** is a two foot tall, floppy annual that has an abundance of tiny white flowers. It is best picked when the center of the flowers just starts to show its yellow color.

If you wait too long, the centers will turn brown and unattractive. Gather small bunches of ten to twelve stems and secure them with rubber bands. Here too attach a wooden florist pick to tiny bunches for ease in floral arranging- besides giving the stem some strength, it will give it additional length.

An attic or barn loft are the best options in which to hang your harvest to dry. Flowers dried in the dark will retain their vivid colors very well and the heat will dry them out quickly.

Make small bunches of fresh cut flowers, securing them with a rubber band, not string. The rubber band will shrink along with the stems as they are drying. Hang them upside down and you will be rewarded with straight stems and upright heads.

Have fun experimenting with floral arranging or wreath making with these everlasting flowers.

*Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 33 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [pouimette@turley.com](mailto:pouimette@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.*

one hundred million and one billion birds die every year in collisions with manmade structures, one of the biggest killers of migratory birds.

Bird-safe glass is specially designed to make glass a visible obstacle to birds. Bird safe glass is visible to birds while transparent enough for humans to look out. People may visit the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/news/what-does-bird-safe-glass-even-mean> for ways to keep birds safe from window strikes.

Here are some of the tips they offer. Try placing your bird feeder about 1.5 feet from the window; it will slow them down. Apply a thin film to the outside of the windows. The glass will become visible to birds, but remain transparent to people. As an

**in my BACKYARD**

By Ellenor Downer

The Massachusetts Audubon Society reported the sighting of a red-eyed vireo on Sept. 15 at their Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary, located on Massasoit Road in Worcester.

The red-eyed vireo has an olive green back and wings, white underparts, gray crown and a white eyebrow and a black line through its eyes. It has a yellow wash on the flanks. Adults have red

eyes hence this six inch tall songbird's name. Immature birds have brown eyes.

It builds a cup shaped nest of grasses, bark and spider webs suspended in the fork of a tree. It sings almost continuously from dawn to dusk with a series of short note phrases, "Here I am, where are you?"

It is frequently parasitized by the brown-headed cowbird, which lays its eggs in



other bird's nests.

It feeds on insects, mainly caterpillars and migrates to the Amazon basin for the winter. Vireos are found in the forest canopy, particularly in woodlands and forests.

**Other birds at Broad Meadow**

Other birds at Broad Meadow Brook Sanctuary included a Nashville warbler on Sept. 16, a great blue heron, a sharp shinned hawk

and a broad winged hawk, all on Sept. 15.

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# Election

## Hendrickson seeks vote for re-election

As the son of two public school teachers, growing up in a working class family taught me the importance of community, honesty, and hard work. These values drove me to pursue public office and have guided me throughout my time serving on the Agawam City Council. Since joining the City Council in 2022, I've fought to reduce energy prices, improve government transparency, and enhance quality of life in Agawam. I'm running for reelection to continue serving our community, building a strong future for

our town, and working to make Agawam a great place to live. I'm proud to be endorsed by a coalition of labor unions and political organizations including the Massachusetts Nurses Association, United Auto Workers 9A, Carpenters 336, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, and River Valley DSA. We're working together to create positive political change that empowers Agawam's working class families. **Supporting Our Public Schools:** As the son of two public

school teachers, I understand the importance of investing in our public schools. I will work to ensure that our schools are equipped with the resources they need to provide our students with a world class education. I was one of the most vocal supporters of building a new Agawam High School, and I will continue to support the project through its completion. **Transparency and Accountability:** I passed a resolution requiring City Council subcommittee meetings to be recorded. This reform provides citizens

with more opportunities to watch their elected officials at work. I am deeply committed to the values of transparency and accountability and will continue working to improve the accessibility and responsiveness of our local government. **Reducing Energy Prices:** I passed legislation to bring Community Choice Energy Aggregation to Agawam. Through this process, our community will no longer be dependent on Ever-source for our energy supply, and we will bring cheaper

and more stable energy prices to Agawam residents and businesses. **Parks and Recreation:** I was proud to vote in favor of the Still Brook Park Project, the pickleball court expansion at Borgatti Park, and the Agawam Skate Park renovations. I will continue to support projects that create recreational activities in town and enhance quality of life for Agawam residents. **Investing in Infrastructure:** I support investing in Agawam's infrastructure. I have supported investments in

Agawam's water and sewer systems that will improve water quality and strengthen the durability of our systems. I will continue to advocate for the expansion of Agawam's sewer system throughout Feeding Hills. **Expanding Housing Options:** I understand the struggles of searching for an affordable place to live. I support expanding housing options in Agawam to ensure that our seniors, working families, and young people all have housing that meets their needs.

## Have your voice heard; ask the candidates questions

AGAWAM – While the mayor is not being opposed for election this year, there are 17 candidates for 11 city council positions and seven candidates for six school committee positions. The Agawam Advertiser News will be sending out questionnaires to all the candidates to get their views on some of the issues affecting the community. But the Advertiser would really love to hear

from you in the community. What would you like to see the Advertiser ask the candidates? What issues are important to you? If you have any suggestions for questions we should ask the candidates for this year's election special to be printed in an October edition of the paper, please email the suggested questions to the Advertiser's email, [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). With the questions,

please submit why you are asking the question and why you believe it is important for the community to know where the candidates stand on the issue. Please note that not all questions will be used in the questionnaires and some may need to be modified for form and clarity. Please submit your question suggestions to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com) by Sept. 30.

## DPW advises residents on fall yard clean-ups

AGAWAM – Fall is upon us, and so are the leaves! As you tidy up your yard, the Town of Agawam is making it easy to dispose of your fall Yard Waste. The towns fall yard waste disposal options are designed to give residents a convenient way to keep their properties looking great while keeping our community clean. In the fall, dead leaves typically collect in roadways, and in moderate rainfall events can be washed into/on top of storm drains. These decaying organic materials are a major source of nitrogen and phosphorus in urban stormwater, contributing to excessive richness of nutrient issues downstream. The increase of nitrogen and phosphorus may cause harm to our water resources, such as potentially-toxic algae blooms. Proper use or disposal of yard waste will help to avoid these contaminated flows.

**Bag It, Don't Blow It!** Never blow leaves or grass clippings from your yard into streets, sidewalks or storm drains. Street sweeping services are designed to handle natural leaf and debris removal on public streets. Leaves and grass clippings blown in the streets disrupt the efficiency of the street sweeping process. Bag leaves and yard waste for the town's curbside collection program. **Compost It, Don't Blow It!** Fall leaves are an important ingredient to a compost pile. Without them, a compost pile may become too wet and create odors. Layer compost piles

with equal parts brown (dry leaves) to green (food waste/grass clippings) materials. It's the mixture of the two, the carbon to nitrogen ratio, that activates hard working soil microbes. **Mulch It, Don't Blow It!** Turn your yard waste into mulch and leave it on the ground. Yard waste acts as a natural fertilizer. If additional fertilization is needed, choose a slow release fertilizer. Slow released fertilizers are more controlled, releasing nitrogen more slowly, reducing the change of nutrients leaching into groundwater in areas such as sandy soils. **Help Keep Storm Drains Clear of Debris** Keep stormdrains clear of leaf litter and storm debris. Clogged drains can lead to pooling and flooding on streets. Routine clearing will allow the system to work as intended during heavy rain or snow melt. Residential fall yard waste collections will take place on the following weeks as noted on the 2025 route collection schedule. Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, shrub trimmings, and brush or limbs under 3" in diameter. Limbs under 3" in diameter must be tied in bundles, no greater than 3' in length, weighing no more than 40lbs. Yard waste may be placed in a 30 gallon 2-ply kraft paper bag. No plastic bags. Yard waste may be placed in trash containers, no larger than 32 gallon, with handles. Containers must be labeled as Yard Waste to be collected. Bags and barrels may not

exceed 40 lbs in weight for collection. Bags or barrels in excess of 40 lbs or too heavy to be lifted by one person will be left behind. Wet broken bags, due to the weather, are not the responsibility of the hauler to clean up. It is encouraged that residents cover bags during rain events to prevent broken bags. **A Week Streets** will be collected on their recycling collection day on the following weeks: October 13-17, October 27-31, November 10-14, November 24 – 29 (holiday week). **B Week Streets** will be collected on their recycling collection day on the following weeks: October 6-10, October 20-24, November 3-7, November 17-21. Residents may also drop off yard waste at the Bondis Island Yard Waste Drop off Center located off Route 5 in Agawam. Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Yard waste may be delivered in brown leaf and yard waste bags or loose. No plastic bags. Brush and limbs are allowable up to 3" in diameter, no longer than 3' in length. Residents must provide a valid driver's license and vehicle registration, verifying Agawam residency. Dump trucks, commercial vehicles or business vehicles will not be allowed to enter. All rules and regulations must be followed as instructed by the gate attendant on site.

## Sacred Heart to host animal blessing event

AGAWAM – Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will host the Annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Blessing of the Animals celebrates the important place that pets hold in the lives of our families; it

also reminds us of the blessing of all God's creatures. Please keep all pets on a leash or in crates so they do not disturb other animals or people. Children who are unable to have a live pet may bring their stuffed animals for a blessing also.

## AHS Class of 1975 to hold reunion

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School Class of 1975 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Please email [conniebeaudette@yahoo.com](mailto:conniebeaudette@yahoo.com) for any questions. There is also a Facebook page dedicated to the reunion, which can be accessed by searching "Agawam Class of 75 Reunion."

## Join ACC playgroup Tuesdays

AGAWAM – Come join the Agawam Congregational Church Family Playgroup - where we will play, learn

and grow together. Every Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. starting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, Agawam Congre-

gational Church at 745 Main St. Agawam. The group is for all children from birth to five-years-old.

### TAX ■ from page 1

"We had a short discussion with all the committee members and approved making a recommendation for the provision," Bitzas said. "So that we can help the veterans. There was strong support for the resolution. It is our duty and they deserve it." The only exception to recommending the full council accept the provision was Councilor Robert Rossi, due to the fact that he

would benefit from it as he is a veteran. Rossi also abstained from the main vote, disclosing he would qualify for the exemption, making it a conflict of interest for him to vote on it. Council Vice President Anthony Russo explained the provision helps those who are deemed disabled veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, you receive a \$1,000 abatement off your property taxes. "Other percentages and

levels exist for this," Russo said. "Senator John Velis wrote the Heroes Act, which allow towns to do this." Bitzas commended the idea, while also noting the town has already assisted senior citizens through tax exemptions in the past. Velis wrote and got approved in the state legislature and signed by Gov. Maura Healey the Heroes Act in 2024. Adding Clause 221 to Chapter 59 was a part of the act.

### GARDEN ■ from page 4

added bonus for being so eco-savvy, the film will cut down on incoming infrared radiation, so it will also lower summer cooling costs. Keep curtains or shades drawn during the day to reduce reflection. Place window decals, sun catchers, tape strips, ribbons or anything else in a dense pattern in the "2x4" format, a single decal will not work. Install a screen or net a few inches outside of your windows, to lessen the impact.

### Brimfield bird watcher

A Brimfield resident continued watching for migrating common nighthawks in August, but did not have any luck. He has seen them in the past. He had three ruby-throated hummingbirds feeding on jewelweed, cardinal flower and nicotiana last month. He saw a pair of American Goldfinch drinking from the drip he has in his yard. He also saw a female pileated woodpecker on the top of a mountain ash where it ate berries for while.

### Bird calls

A reader sent an email about a free bird call app called Merlin. She thought other readers might be interested. She said, "Just enter your location and press record. I never knew hummingbirds chirp. Now I do." People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing [mybackyard88@aol.com](mailto:mybackyard88@aol.com) or [edowner@turley.com](mailto:edowner@turley.com) or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

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- 4. Muslim mystic
- 8. Towards the mouth or oral region
- 10. Monday (Spanish)
- 11. Frame for a coffin
- 12. Rub out
- 13. John \_\_\_\_, English educator 1467-1519
- 15. Small round particle
- 16. Chilean seaport
- 17. News service
- 18. Pay for dinner
- 21. Glamorous city
- 22. Subway rodent
- 23. "The Raven"
- 24. Buddhist festival
- 25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 26. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Series-ending episodes
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Aquatic mammal
- 37. Unit of measurement
- 38. Eye membranes
- 39. Indian god of dissolution
- 40. People of Scotland
- 41. Leak slowly
- 42. Rock icon Turner
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Large hat covering
- 2. "From what is earlier" (Latin)
- 3. Celtic
- 4. Retirement region
- 5. A way to change posture
- 6. Touches
- 7. A small island
- 9. Rubbish
- 10. A citizen of Laos
- 12. A place to dance
- 14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 15. Mild expression of surprise
- 17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet
- 19. Descriptions
- 20. Men's fashion accessory
- 23. Thieves of the sea
- 24. Prohibit
- 25. Card game
- 26. French and Belgian river
- 27. Underling
- 28. Downwind
- 29. Type of medication
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini ingredients
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Stuffed (French)
- 36. Type of precipitation



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# SPORTS

## Brownies score shutout over Falcons

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM—The Agawam varsity field hockey team entered the 2024 Division 2 state tournament with a 9-7-1 record. Third-year Agawam head coach Nina Bruno is hoping that her players can win at least 10 games during the 2025 regular season.

The Brownies improved to 3-2-1 following an exciting 1-0 road win over Suburban League rival Minnechaug Regional, last Friday afternoon.

"It took a total team effort to win today's game and I'm very proud of my players," Bruno said. "My expectations is for us to do a little bit better than we did the previous season. We also lost our last game and

I'm hoping that this win gives us some momentum going forward."

Minnechaug first-year head coach Casey Moriarty entered this week's action still searching for her first varsity win, as the Lady Falcons fell to 0-6-1.

"It's frustrating not being able to celebrate a win yet, but the players have been improving in every game that we've played," said Moriarty, who graduated from Minnechaug in 2016. "We're looking forward to playing Agawam again."

Moriarty, who had been an assistant varsity coach for the past four years, replaced Maggie Kennedy as the Lady Falcons head coach.

The two rivals split the season series a year ago. The final score in both of

those games was 1-0.

"Minnechaug has been one of our biggest rivals since I was in high school. They always play very hard whenever we face them," said Bruno, who graduated from Agawam High School in 2018. "One of the things that we also want to do in every game that we play is score the first goal."

The Lady Falcons had the opportunity to take the lead on a penalty corner with seven minutes remaining in the opening period.

The ball was inserted by sophomore Tess Morrow to senior Giselle Harris, whose shot attempt was saved by Agawam senior goalie Megan Outhuse, which was her only save of the opening half.

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Alyssa Dasilva looks to steal the ball.

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## Road not kind to Agawam football

AGAWAM - For the second straight week, Agawam High School football was on the road, this time facing South Hadley in independent

action. Agawam managed just one touchdown and suffered a 16-6 loss against the Tigers to fall to 0-2 on the season. The Brownies will

finally have its first home game of the season on Friday night, Sept. 26 as they face Holyoke.

Game time is 7 p.m.



Jonthony Forand pursues the South Hadley quarterback.

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Noah Bushnik goes for a tackle.



Cole Ingham goes on a ball carrier.



Ryan Litz goes for the tackle.



Joseph Duffy runs hard up the field.

# Brownies still without a win

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team still has yet to win a match this season. However, the Brownies do have three

ties. In the past two weeks, Agawam had two scoreless ties and 2-2 draw. Last Friday night, the Brownies were defeated 2-0. Agawam

is now 0-3-3 on the season. The Brownies continue their search for their first win on Sept. 25 at home against East Longmeadow at 3:30 p.m.



Dylan Jorgensen follows through as he passes the ball away.

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Above: Cayden Quimby sends a pass away.



Above: Johnny Carra is pressured by an opponent.

Right: Patrick Keating guides the ball toward the opposing goal.



# T-Birds make more personnel changes ahead of season

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds have announced a hire and multiple promotions to their business staff heading into the new season. Sophia Mackin has been hired as Coordinator of Digital and Social Media, Frank Grimaldi has been promoted to Director of Ticket Operations and Retention, and Steve Brousseau has been promoted to Senior Account Executive.

Mackin joins the Thunderbirds after serving as a social and digital media intern with the team for the previous two seasons. A native of East Longmeadow, Mass., Mackin graduated from UMass-Amherst in May of 2025.

Grimaldi, a Springfield native, is an original staff member of the Thunder-

birds front office, having been with the club since the team's inception in 2016. He served as an Account Executive from 2016 to 2018 before transitioning to his ticket operations & retention role before the 2018-19 season. He is an alumnus of Western New England University.

Brousseau joined the Thunderbirds front office full-time during the 2021-22 season after spending two seasons as a game-day intern with the team. A native of Freeport, Maine, Brousseau has been recognized for his excellence, having been named a finalist for the Howdy Award this past April for outstanding customer service in the hospitality industry. He is an alumnus of Springfield College.

In addition, the Thunder-

birds have also brought in Andrew "Guam" McCormic as Retail Office Coordinator and Ethan Vattaso as Gameday Operations Assistant.

McCormic served as the Gameday Operations Assistant last season before transitioning into this role, where he will assist in gameday merchandise and retail sales. He is a 2025 graduate of Springfield College and will be entering his fourth season with the T-Birds organization.

Vattaso, a current undergraduate at Springfield College, is entering his third season as part of the Thunderbirds' gameday staff. He will manage the staff and oversee live entertainment elements throughout home game nights at the Mass-Mutual Center this season.

# Owls get conference win over Dean

WESTFIELD – Sophomore RB Aidan Patterson (East Lyme, Conn.) scored three touchdowns to lead Westfield State University to a 48-6 win over conference newcomer Dean College in a Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference football game on Saturday in Franklin, Mass.

Westfield snares its first win of the season to go to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in the MASCAC, while Dean is now 0-3 and 0-2 in the league.

Patterson scored on runs of 18 and 10 yards in the first half, and caught a short pass and ran it into the end zone for a 11-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Westfield jumped out to a 20-0 lead in the game, and led 20-6 at the half, the lone blemish on the scoreboard coming on a 71-yard scoop and score fumble recovery by Dean's K-Vorn Pemberton

with 20 seconds left in the first half.

Westfield held huge edges in nearly every statistical category, outgaining the Bulldogs 405 yards to 60, posting 24 first downs to Dean's 8, and had a 40:02 to 19:58 advantage in time of possession. Westfield held Dean to -53 yards rushing.

Westfield was 11-12 (92 percent) on third down conversions.

Owls QB Miles Foerster (Amherst, Mass.) was a perfect 10-10 passing for 137 yards and three TD's, connecting with Patterson, Casey Tang (Cambridge, Mass.) and Will Brewster (Westfield, Mass.) for the three scores. Foerster's perfect passing day sets a school record for completion percentage in a game with the perfect 1.000 mark. Colby Pires was 16-17 for a .941 mark against Worcester State in 2022.

Manny Mengata (Tewksbury, Mass.) carried 23 times for 126 yards, and Patterson added six carries for 46 yards. Nick Boucher (Dartmouth, Mass.) and JC Pena (Worcester, Mass.) each had TD runs late for the Owls.

Justyn Gardener (East Hartford, Conn.), Landon Andre (Belchertown, Mass.) and Tommy Bean (Stafford Springs, Conn.) each had five tackles to lead the Owls, with Gardener adding a pair of sacks and Andre and Bean recording one apiece.

Da'Qwon Foster caught four passes for 43 yards for the Bulldogs. Sincere Wright led Dean with 13 tackles.

It was the first-ever meeting in football between the two schools.

Westfield will be back in action at home next Saturday, Sept. 27, hosting Worcester State at 2 p.m. as part of Family Weekend.

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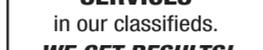
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## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 716 Spring Valley, LLC a/k/a 716 Spring Valley LLC to Freedom Credit Union dated January 15, 2021 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23653, Page 189, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of October, 2025, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 49 North Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"Beginning at an iron pin in the southerly line of North Street, said iron pin being at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of one Polanczak and thence turning an angle of 78 degrees 3' and running thence

EASTERLY by said North Street, fifty-three and 24/100 (53.24) feet to an angle point in said North Street; thence turning an external angle of 182degrees 6' and continuing externally by said North street, forty-six and 76/100 (46.76) feet to a point at land now or formerly of one Di-Donato; thence turning an internal angle of 99 degrees 53'; and running

SOUTHERLY by last mentioned land, one hundred twenty-seven and 69/100 (127.69) feet to an iron pin; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running

WESTERLY ninety-nine and 91/100 (99.91) feet to an iron pin; thence turning an angle of 90 degrees and running

NORTHERLY one hundred forty-nine and 415/1000 (149.415) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to 716 Spring Valley, LLC by deed recorded herewith."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

TERMS OF SALE: TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$25,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price in connection with the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. A buyer's premium equal to five percent (5%) of the successful bid will be paid by the successful bidder and incorporated within the purchase price. The purchaser at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale.

Freedom Credit Union, Present Holder of said Mortgage  
By: /s/Jonathan C. Sapirstein  
Jonathan C. Sapirstein

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Hampden Probate  
and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No.  
HD25P1923EA  
Estate of:**

**Craig A Greenough  
Also known as:  
Craig Alan Greenough  
Date of Death: 02/13/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Laura Greenough of Westfield, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Laura Greenough of Westfield, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/15/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

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

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

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

Date: September 17, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
09/25/2025

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jasnja Realty, LLC to Freedom Credit Union dated November 26, 2019 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22974, Page 573, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of October, 2025, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 438 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills section of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots #1 (one), #2 (two), #3 (three), and part of Lot #4 (four) as shown on a plan of "City View Heights", recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans L, Page 45, said lots being more particularly bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

SOUTHERLY by Springfield Street, one hundred four and 60/100 (104.60) feet;

WESTERLY by Harding Street, about two hundred nine and 19/100 (209.19) feet;

NORTHERLY by land conveyed to Caesar A. Ferranti et ux by deed dated September 29, 1956 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Book 2500, Page 4, about one hundred fifteen (115) feet; and

EASTERLY by the easterly line of said Lots #1, #3 and #4 about two hundred eleven and 73/100 (211.73) feet.

The northerly line of said parcel is parallel to and two hundred (200) feet north of Springfield Street, measured at right angles thereto. See Book 2775, Page 470.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor herein by deed of BRVS, LLC, dated November 27, 2019, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds immediately prior hereto."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

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50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Docket No.  
HD25P1876EA  
Estate of:**

**Robert Markowski  
Date of Death: 07/14/2024  
CITATION ON PETITION  
FOR FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has

been filed by **Jordan Nardacci of Alpine, WY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jordan Nardacci of Alpine, WY** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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

Date: September 10, 2025  
**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
09/25/2025

## MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Niloufar Realty Trust to Freedom Credit Union dated November 26, 2019 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22974, Page 600, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on the 29th day of October, 2025, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 873 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills section of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"Certain real estate situate in the part of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, known as Feeding Hills, being bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land known and designated as Lots 44 (forty four), and 45 (forty five) and 46 (forty six) all as shown on a plan of lots recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans S, page 42, said lots being more particularly bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

NORTHERLY by Springfield Street, One Hundred Thirty Nine and 73/100 (139.73) feet;

EASTERLY by Highland Street, Two Hundred Fifty Seven and 13/100 (257.13) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Lot 47 (forty seven) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Five (105) feet; and

WESTERLY by Lot 43 (forty three) as shown on said plan, One Hundred Sixty Four and 88/100 (164.88) feet.

SUBJECT to pole and wire rights in Highland Street, granted to Western Massachusetts Electric Company by instrument dated August 17, 1948 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 1954, Page 4.

Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagor herein by deed of Robert R Koziol, dated January 14, 2015, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20566, Page 409."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, cov-

enants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by PCR Agawam LLC to Freedom Credit Union dated September 29, 2023 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 25173, Page 475, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on the 30th day of October, 2025, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 21 Dwight Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

"Land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being designated as Lots 31 (thirty-one), 32 (thirty-two), 33 (thirty-three) and land Westerly of said Lot 33 (thirty-three), all as shown on the plan recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 2, Page 163, said real estate being bounded and described in one parcel as follows:

NORTHERLY by Dwight Street, as shown on said plan, two hundred twelve (212) feet, more or less;

EASTERLY by Lot 30 (thirty), as shown on said plan, one hundred twenty (120) feet;

SOUTHERLY by Lots 36 (thirty-six), 35 (thirty-five) and 34 (thirty-four), all as shown on said plan, and land of owner unknown by a straight line, three hundred seven and 50/100 (307.50) feet, more or less; and

WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Ida Bernatchey, by an irregular line, one hundred fif-

ty-seven (157) feet, more or less. Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed recorded herewith."

The premises will be sold subject to any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupation by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning compliance with applicable zoning, building, sanitary or other state and/or municipal regulations.

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Date: September 2, 2025  
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## Town of Agawam Legal Notice

The **Agawam Planning Board** will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 6:00pm** and the **Agawam City Council** will hold its public hearing on **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00pm** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Mayor Johnson, Councilors Russo & Smus for a proposed zoning amendment for "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180-8 of the Code of the City of Agawam Entitled Supplementary Regulations by Adding Paragraph N Regarding Construction Hours." The City Council's public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam's website at [www.agawam.ma.us](http://www.agawam.ma.us) and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm 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](mailto:vgioscia@agawam.ma.us).

By Order Of:  
Violet Baldwin, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board  
Rosemary Sandlin  
City Council President  
09/18, 09/25/2025

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# Upcoming events at Agawam Senior Center

AGAWAM – Here are some of the upcoming activities and events being held at the Agawam Senior Center.

**Thursday, Sept. 25 at 1 p.m.**

Join Guest Speaker, Raymond Rose, for an engaging and practical 45-minute seminar that explores the life-changing benefits of self-discipline. Whether you're looking to improve your health, finances, relationships, or productivity, this event will give you tools and motivation to stay fo-

cused and achieve your goals. Join us on Thursday, Sept. 25 1 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center's Garden Room at 954 Main Street.

- Learn practical strategies to build better habits and break bad ones
- Discover how self-discipline impacts success in every area of life
- Receive tools to manage time, resist distractions, and stay motivated
- Walk away with a personal action plan you can implement immediately

To reserve your seat, email [KLynch@agawam.ma.us](mailto:KLynch@agawam.ma.us) or call 413.821.0604.

**TD BANK Safe Security Awareness**

*Monday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m.*  
This program has been postponed until November.

**Agawam Paranormal**

*Director Rob Goff*  
*Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.*  
The Agawam Senior Center proudly invites you to come for an evening of local paranormal investigations that have been done by Rob Goff Sr., the Founder and Di-

rector of Agawam Paranormal. Rob has been at hundreds of locations and we have chosen three different cases for him to discuss and show the potential evidence for. You will see and hear things that happened in The Thomas Smith House, right here in Feeding Hills. Add to that The Josiah Day House in West Springfield as well as The Old Village Cemetery in South Hadley. So, come on in and enjoy this presentation, which starts at 6 p.m. Rob will be available both before

and following the program to answer any questions that you may have or even to just listen to whatever experiences you have had. Entry is free, however donations to the Senior Center are encouraged. Agawam Paranormal does not charge any fees for their services so this is free to the Senior Center making all donations going solely to the Senior Center.

**African Drumming with Jason**

*Friday, October 3 at 12:30 p.m.*  
Join Jason for this energet-

ic and lively class. Class will run for 10 weeks. To help cover the cost of this class, we ask that each participant pay \$50 in total for their 10-week participation. The \$50 is due by Wednesday, October 1st.

**\*\*You must pay in advance.\*\***

No Class on Friday, Oct. 17 and Friday, Nov. 28. (these missed classes will be extended into December and end on Dec. 19)

Call Kristina at 413-726-2836 to register. Class is open to 20 participants.

## Sports

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Outhuse, who only had to make one save during the second half against Minnechaug, also recorded a shutout in a 3-0 win at West Springfield on September 10

With 4:30 left in the first period, the Brownies scored on their first penalty corner opportunity.

Junior Alyssa DaSilva sent the ball to senior Alexina Lentas at the top of the circle. She then fired a hard shot that bounced into the cage past Minnechaug sophomore goalie Gianna Nowicki (7 saves).

"Alexina took a shot, and it worked out in our favor," Bruno said. "The corner was executed really well."

With a minute remaining on the scoreboard clock, it appeared like the visiting team had taken a 2-0 lead following another corner goal. However, the goal was disallowed by the referee because the ball never left the circle after it was inserted by DaSilva.

The Brownies did put a

lot of pressure on the Lady Falcons defense, as they managed to keep possession of the ball for the first eight minutes of the second period, but the score remained 1-0.

"Only having a one goal lead kept us on our toes," Bruno said. "I was a little bit nervous, but we do have a very strong defense."

Lentas is also one of the Brownies defenders, along with senior Kait Maloney, senior Sam Matland, and junior Emma Bozak.

The Lady Falcons had a penalty corner late in the first half.

Matland broke up the play by stealing a pass.

The Brownies failed to score a goal on their two penalty corner chances during the third period.

The Lady Falcons also had a penalty corner in the final seconds of the third period.

Sophomore Peyton Lee inserted the ball to Morrow on the left side of the circle. Her shot attempt sailed wide ending the period.

With 9:35 remaining in

regulation, DaSilva had a wide open shot attempt in front of the cage, but Nowicki made a kick save.

"Gianna made a big save at the start of the fourth period," Moriarty said. "She played very well in today's game."

Nowicki was supported by her defense which is led by senior Trinity Burgmyer, senior Colleen Basch, se-

nior Nolah McConnell, and junior Reese Magee, who's a first-year varsity player.

The trio of McConnell, Burgmyer, and Basch are the Lady Falcons captains.

Neither team had any more scoring chances during the rest of the game.

The two rivals are scheduled to meet again on Oct. 14 at Agawam High School.



Brooke Dwyer sends a pass to the right side of the field.



Finn Mahoney collects the ball just outside the circle. TURLEY PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Olivia Govoni sends a pass away.

## Extra roster spots open in fall baseball league

SOUTH HADLEY – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League fall session is underway with just two games played. Due to injuries and other obligations, a small number of roster spots have

opened up on teams and the league would like to add a few more players for the remainder of the fall campaign.

Games are Sundays at 10 a.m. for the remainder through Nov. 2. Anyone inter-

ested in registering can go to [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org) and click on the registration link. There are six games remaining in the season and the fee to play in the remaining games will be prorated for

any player who joins. Players looking to join should be age 28 or older.

For more information or to ask any questions, contact Greg Scibelli at [GScibelli2@yahoo.com](mailto:GScibelli2@yahoo.com)

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uses and would support the applicant's plan to divide the subject property for residential construction.

The Planning Board did not see eye-to-eye with the application from VIP, and Vice Chair Frank Destefano delivered a letter to the city

council informing the legislative body it voted 3-1 to not recommend the zone change.

The property at 430 North West St. is a little more than 1.3 acres of land.

As a result of the negative review from the Planning Board, VIP withdrew its application without

prejudice. This will allow VIP to come back to the Planning Board and city council in the future with a different proposal.

The zone change, with its public hearing, was withdrawn from the city council's agenda and the public hearing was cancelled.

## Public Notices

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No.  
HD25P1920EA  
Estate of:  
Elizabeth Ann Wilk  
Date of Death: 08/12/2025  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jill E Rackliffe of South Boston, MA**  
Petitioner **James R Rackliffe of Farmington, CT**  
**Jill E Rackliffe of South Boston, MA**  
**James R Rackliffe of Farmington, CT**  
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety**

on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 09/25/2025

**Town of Agawam  
Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Agawam City Council Administrative Sub-Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on **MONDAY, October 6, 2025 at 6:30PM**, at the Agawam Senior Center Hall Seminar Hall, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on an Eversource petition for permission to install a joint owned pole on or near 395 Main Street, Agawam, MA and could include installation of manholes, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protect fixtures along and across the property. This petition is available by contacting the City Council Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing [bbard@agawam.ma.us](mailto:bbard@agawam.ma.us).  
Robert E. Rossi, Chair  
Administrative Sub-Committee  
09/25, 10/02/2025

### NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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