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Huge gathering for suicide prevention 'Out of the Darkness' Community Walk

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

AGAWAM - The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Massachusetts Chapters' Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk was held at School Street Park in Agawam on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Nearly 600 people gathered at this event to support suicide prevention. At the beginning of the walk, there had been over \$74,000 raised by the different participants and fundraising teams.

The top three teams were: Team Nathan, Team Rusty Free in the Wind and Team Edwards/First Churches. Team Nathan raised \$11,535, Team Rusty Free in the Wind raised \$5,350 and Team Edwards/First Churches raised \$5,180.

All of this fundraising will go into the AFSP to help them to continue their work as an organization.

"The funds we raise we put right back into the community," Executive Director of AFSP MA Jessica van der Stad said.

AFSP works to educate people on mental health, help fund research on mental health, support those who have lost someone to suicide or who struggle with suicide, and to help advocate for mental health needs.

In fact, AFSP has been around since 1987 and it is the number one non-profit organization in the country focused on mental health and suicide prevention.

"The fundraising that we do goes through the four pillars of ASFP, which is education, research, advocacy and support,"



Members of the fundraising team Randi's Rainbow gathered together for a photo after they had completed the walk.

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AFSP 2023 Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk Co-Chair Lyndsey Nunes said.

AFSP is the largest funder of

private research focused on suicide prevention and they help to provide education and support for people all across the country.

Walks like the Out of the Dark-

ness Community Walk are one of the major outlets of their work.

At the walk they had several

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Housing forum to be held Nov. 1

AGAWAM - The Town of Agawam is holding a public forum on housing on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Refreshments and additional information on housing-related opportunities will be available.

The Town of Agawam has engaged the services of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, a regional planning agency, to help update its Housing Production Plan. An HPP shall assist the town in better understanding local housing needs and demands; identifying development constraints and opportunities; and developing a strategy to create housing that

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Bizarre Bazaar among library's great holiday season offerings

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

AGAWAM - The Agawam Public Library is hosting a Bizarre Bazaar in honor of the upcoming holiday season.

All members of the community are welcomed to bring in any lightly used holiday supplies they have that they would like to donate.

"People donate all kinds of holiday decorations, paper goods, wrapping paper, trees, ornaments, for any holiday," Adult Services Library Associate Wendy McAnanama said.

In the past, they've gotten things from several foot tall pumpkins to inflatable snowmen.

"Last year we had trees, nutcrackers, craft items, cards, wrapping paper," McAnanama

said. "This year I have tablecloths, candles, manger scenes and two three-foot high plastic pumpkins."

The supplies must either be wrapped in their original packages or in a clear ziploc bag.

Donations will be collected from Nov. 1 through Nov. 13 at the circulation desk. After donations are collected, there will be two days for community members to come in and "shop" for free.

"It's really a nice thing because it's free and for people who are not able to spend a lot over the holidays, they can come in and fill up a paper bag...for free," McAnanama said.

These shopping days are scheduled for Nov. 17 from 1-3 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library tried

to schedule the days around when other bazaars are happening in town, so that people can include the library in their rounds.

All of the donated items will be displayed around the community room for people to come in and select from.

"We go through, sort it, and people come in as they're lining up outside the door," McAnanama said. "We hand them a bag and then they come in and shop for free."

Each adult is permitted one bag, provided by the library, to fill with different items from the room. They are also allowed to take out one hand-held item.

"They can fill a bag for free and take one other item in their hand, so they can walk out with

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DPW hopeful projects will be complete before winter

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

AGAWAM - The Agawam Director of Public Works is busy leading up to the winter season.

The culvert project on North Street is currently on schedule to be completed by the middle of December, according to the Agawam DPW Director Mario Mazza.

This project was focused on replacing the culvert, constructing an additional culvert, installing stormwater structures and improving the road and surface conditions of the area.

Northern Construction was hired to complete this project and they began work on the week

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Booklet available about new 9/11 (memorial) monument

SPRINGFIELD – To tell the story of how Springfield’s September 11th Monument came to fruition, the Spirit of Springfield produced a booklet which they will launch on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. in the Armory at MGM Springfield. The event will include a photo exhibit and the event is open to the public.

Spirit of Springfield President Judy Matt will be joined by Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno, Springfield Fire Commissioner B. J. Calvi, Springfield Police Superintendent Cheryl Clapprood. Will Arment from Charlie Arment Trucking will speak about his experience retrieving the World Trade Center artifact from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Patrick Sullivan, executive director of the Springfield Department of Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management, will explain how Riverfront Park was chosen as the final resting place for the artifact. Chris Marion from Chris Marion Photography, will share his

experience as the monument’s official photographer.

Guests will be greeted by the High School of Commerce JROTC and the Hampden County Sheriff’s Department Honor Guard.

“Springfield’s September 11th Monument has been one of the most significant contributions the Spirit of Springfield has made to our community,” said Matt. “It is to remember the lives we lost, honor those who protect us every day, and it serve as a reminder for future generations. The booklet chronicles the tale of how the community came together to create the lasting tribute.”

During the event, notes of congratulations will be read. They will include sentiments from Andrew Card, Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush, New York Police Commissioner Edward Caban, and Lieutenant Joseph Jurgens, New York City Firefighter and brother to New York City Court

Officer Thomas Jurgens who was killed on Sept. 11, 2001.

The 28-page soft cover booklet reminds readers of the tragedies that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. It tells about the Springfield Police and Fire Departments’ and the Spirit of Springfield’s goal to obtain an artifact from the World Trade Center, when the piece was picked up, the hero’s welcome that it received, the monument’s design, and selecting the perfect location. It includes the monument’s dedication ceremony with Andrew Card, former Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush, and who will be remembered as the man who whispered to the President that the country was under attack.

In addition to listing all the names that are on Springfield’s September 11th Monument, it highlights some of them including the New York City Firefighter who introduced the daughter of Steve Roberts, a prominent local business man, to her hus-

band.

The booklet, sponsored by Charlie Arment Trucking, MassMutual, Monarch Enterprises, Steve & Georgianne Roberts, St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels, The Colvest Group, and Western New England University, will be available for \$10 each. Pre-orders will be accepted at the booklet launch and at spiritofspringfield.org on the September 11th Remembrance Ceremony event page. There will be a \$3 fee for shipping and handling.

Beginning Nov.13, the books will be available during regular business hour at the Springfield Visitor’s Center at 1391 Main St. and at the Spirit of Springfield at 1350 Main St., Suite 1004.

For more information about Springfield’s September 11th Monument booklet “Forever in Our Hearts,” contact the Spirit of Springfield at 413-733-3800, staff@spiritofspringfield.org, or visit spiritofspringfield.org.

Photography submissions needed at public library

AGAWAM – The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is looking for entries to their 4th Open Judged Virtual Photography Show, to be on display after March 15, 2024. The show provides a platform to recognize and encourage photographers and benefits the Agawam Public Library. Twenty-one awards totaling \$1,540 will be determined by judging done on March 1, 2024. Dave Roback and Tim Donelan, both well recognized photographers, will be the judges.

The show is divided into four categories of photography: creative, nature, photojournalism and pictorial. The entry fee is \$25 per entry. Deadline for submis-

sions is Feb. 15, 2024. If we have not received sufficient entries, the show will be cancelled and all fees returned.

All images must be original, made by the photographer, captured by film or digitally, and cannot be previous entries in our show.

The Prospectus and Entry Form can be accessed by going to www.agawam-library.org, and scrolling down to the Friends of the Library widget. From there you will be able to click on a link to the show’s information.

For further information please contact Bob Kadis at r.kadis@comcast.net or at 413-789-4814.

St. John’s Parish accepting donations for annual bazaar

AGAWAM – In preparation for the annual Christmas bazaar, St. John’s Parish is looking for donations for the Christmas booth and book booth. The Christmas booth is looking for donations of tree ornaments, decorations and Christmas vilages or accompanying pieces.

The Book booth is in need of mysteries, fiction books, biographies, non-fiction, religious, cook books and children’s books. Donations of children’s toys will

also be accepted. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Donations will be accepted at St. John’s Parish Center at 833 Main St. only on the following dates and times:

Nov. 7 and 8, Nov. 13 through Nov. 16 between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m.

Don’t forget to save the date for the Christmas bazaar which will be held on Saturday Nov. 18 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Youth aviation club enrolling now

WESTFIELD – Aviation Explorer Post and Club 1903 meet monthly all year at Westfield-Barnes Airport Conference Room. The program led by Heather MacInnes is beginning its second year of operation this month. Youth enrollment is now open for all youth ages 11-20.

Youth hear from speakers in all aspects of aviation as well as participate in hands on learning. Field trips to aviation businesses and attractions occur at least quarterly or more. Upcoming trips

include a trip to MedFlight Ambulance Service, a training weekend at H.A. Moses Reservation and a trip to Washington DC in April to visit aviation museums and attractions.

Aviation Exploring compliments other programs for youth that serve young people in aviation careers. Exploring is year-round, however, youth may participate based on their own availability.

For more information and to join go to Tinyurl.com/BAF-Explorers.

Community fish dinner to be held

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph’s National Catholic Church at 73 Main St., is hosting their baked fish dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19 at noon. This community dinner will feature baked fresh fish, roasted potatoes, cole slaw, and lemon cake for dessert. Coffee, and Beverages included.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

For tickets, contact (413) 562-3067 or (413) 454-2028 and leave message with number of tickets requested (Dine-In or Take-Out) along with your name and telephone number. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Nov. 14. Take-Out dinners are available for pick-up at 12:30 p. m. Please join us for a sumptuous and enjoyable Sunday dinner. Everyone is welcome.

Baystate collaborates with Boston IVF for services

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health announced that it will be adopting a new operational model of care for the Baystate Reproductive Medicine Program through a collaboration with Boston IVF. Baystate will transition specialty fertility services to a new Boston IVF location at Baystate Health.

This decision was made with careful consideration and will allow reproductive fertility services to remain in western Massachusetts while offering patients access to state-of-the-art, personalized care. By keeping the program in the area, Baystate Health is ensuring the continui-

ty of care for valued patients, maintaining access for future patients, and allowing the program to reach its potential.

“We are committed to our patients and supporting their desire to grow their family by assisting with the best possible reproductive outcome,” said Mark Keroack, MD, MPH, president and chief executive officer, Baystate Health. “We are now taking that commitment further through a model which will allow these services to keep pace with the speed of medicine and which was developed with our patients’ needs and best interests in mind.”

“The enduring legacy of Boston IVF’s

leadership and Baystate Reproductive Medicine’s unwavering dedication to patient care in western Massachusetts will forge unparalleled possibilities for our patients,” said Michael Alper, MD, medical director and president, Boston IVF. “Together, we are committed to delivering top-tier care and pioneering solutions to help individuals realize their parenthood aspirations.”

As the only fertility program in western Massachusetts, Baystate Reproductive Medicine has provided a critical service to the community, and those who wish to expand their family, for over 35 years. This

transition brings with it the opportunity to modernize and invest in the practice in a way that enhances care for patients.

The transition is anticipated to occur on or about Dec. 1, at which time Boston IVF will operate a fertility practice in Suite 301 of Baystate’s Medical Office Building at 2 Medical Center Drive in Springfield. Specialized fertility procedures will be provided at the Boston IVF location in Waltham, MA. Additional information will be available to Baystate patients regarding the transition of services to Boston IVF through patient-direct communications.

Veteran’s Day ceremony Nov. 11

AGAWAM – The Agawam Veterans’ Council will be honoring veterans at their Veteran’s Day Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11.

This year’s ceremony will be held at the Veteran’s Green at Phelps School in Agawam at 10:45 a.m. (The location in case of rain will be the Agawam Junior High School). The Veterans’ Council will also be laying a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Bridge (Strathmore Bridge) at 7 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Free soil testing kits

AGAWAM – Healthy soil is the foundation for successful gardening and the first step to cultivating healthy soil is to have the soil tested. The Department of Public Works will be offering a limited number of Soil Sampling Tests to residents in Agawam. Collecting soil samples only takes a few minutes and has many benefits to help save money on the lawn, garden and landscape care.

The free soil sampling kits will include test fees for a Routine Soil Analysis and Nitrate measurements, conducted by the UMass Extension Soil and Plant Nutrient Testing Laboratory. The Routine Soil Analysis is the most popular analysis offered at the lab. This analysis measures soil pH, nutrient levels, and other chemical properties. Most often it’s used to determine the limestone

and fertilizer needs for a soil. It can also be used to diagnose problems, or to find out whether the lead level is elevated in the soil. Nitrate testing provides an excellent way to evaluate the available Nitrogen in the soil, therefore helping to prevent the overuse of fertilizer.

Residents should visit the Department of Public Works at 1000 Suffield St., to request a soil sampling kit, while supplies last. Kits will include a pre-paid testing form, detailed sampling instructions, packaging for the soil, and a pre-addressed mailing envelope. Residents will be responsible for postage. For additional kit information call 413-821-0624. For more information regarding the UMass soil and plant nutrient testing, visit <https://ag.umass.edu/services/soil-plant-nutrient-testing-laboratory>.

Community and vendor fair hosted

AGAWAM – Agawam Junior High School 1305 Springfield St. The Agawam Junior High School DC Club and PTO are hosting a Vendor and Community fair in the Cafeteria during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event is free to attend and open to the community. Vendors will offer a wide variety of merchandise including handmade soap and lotions; crocheted animals; original holiday gifts; jewelry, framed artwork, unique crafts and much more. There will be raffle tickets and snacks available for purchase. All are welcome.

Pinocchio is coming to Agawam

AGAWAM – Pinocchio is coming to Agawam Congregational Church on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 2.

At 6:15 p.m. the original, animated movie made in 1940 will be shown for free in the church hall complete with a full-sized movie screen, popcorn, and water.

“It will look, feel, and smell like everyone is in a real movie theater with popcorn popping, and children smiling, laughing

and enjoying being with one another,” said Roberta Page, Agawam Congregational Church coordinator of the event.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Reservations are to be made by Thursday, Nov. 30 at noon by contacting the church office at 413-786-7111 or office@agawamcong.com. The church, located at 745 Main St., is handicapped accessible with a large parking lot.

Agawam to participate in textile competition

AGAWAM – The Town of Agawam is excited to announce its partnership with the Hartsprings Foundation and Town of West Springfield in a friendly competition to collect used unwanted textiles. In an effort to reduce the amount of textiles entering our waste stream and supporting Hartsprings Foundation’s mission of financially supporting Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Hartsprings will be sponsoring the friendly competition. The community that collects the most textiles in weight will win a \$500 donation to a program within their community. The \$500 donation will be made out to either the Agawam Municipal Scholarship Fund or West Springfield High’s Terrier Closet Program.

“The Town of Agawam is very excited to participate in this friendly competition with West Springfield again” stated Mayor William Sapelli. “Having fun while encouraging our residents to make responsible waste reduction practices is a win for our community and solid waste

disposal costs. We look forward to this challenge and hope to receive the funds for our community”.

Residents and supporters of the Town of Agawam are encouraged to donate their bagged or boxed used clothing, linens, hats, shoes, belts, towels, curtains, drapes, and other cloth items, on either or both of the two drop off dates between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. the Department of Public Works, 1000 Suffield St., Saturday, Nov. 4 or Saturday, Dec. 2.

Acceptable donations include clothing, bedding, draperies, table cloths, towels, shoes, hats, mittens, gloves, etc.

A Hartsprings truck will be at the DPW for collection and the driver will help residents transfer donations from their vehicles. Hartsprings Foundation, Inc. is a registered non-profit that collects used goods and through the sale of those goods, financially supports Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs in Massachusetts and Connecticut. www.hartsprings.org.

AHA holds last event of the season

AGAWAM – Celebrate Autumn as the Agawam Historical Association holds its last event of the season on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 North West St.

Local educators and historians Stan and Steve Svec, who spoke about the History & Wildlife of the Lower Westfield River at an association event earlier this year, will speak about the area’s Native Peoples. Stan is the chair of the West Springfield High School history department, and Steve teaches biology there.

Homemade pies are also sought for

the association’s apple pie contest to take place that afternoon. Pies must be dropped off at 12:30 p.m., and judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. Entries will be judged on flavor, filling, crust and overall appearance, and creativity by Donald Anderson of the Agawam Historical Association, Agawam Mayor William Sapelli, and Mark Tansey, owner of Agawam’s Partners Restaurant. Contest rules and information can be found on the Agawam Historical Association’s Facebook page, by texting Katy at (413) 297-4967 or emailing David at cecco@davidcecchi.com.

St. David’s holiday bazaar set for Nov. 18

St. David’s Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Agawam, will once again hold their annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

There will be crafters, baked goods, gift baskets, and raffles. Lunch, featuring butternut squash soup, chicken soup, chicken salad, and a delicious new time, meatballs in a cone, is available for purchase 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The church is located next to Police Station.

Snow plow naming contest now happening

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is announcing the second annual, “Name A Snowplow,” contest for statewide elementary school students in Massachusetts. The contest seeks to solicit names for 12 vehicles. MassDOT snowplows that will be in service for the upcoming 2023/2024 winter season.

Applications for the Snowplow Naming Contest are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, and can be submitted by using an online portal: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/name-a-snowplow-contest-submission>. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted per school. The contest winners will be invited to participate in a scheduled snowplow unveiling event.

The purpose of the contest is to cele-

brate the snow and ice season and to help recognize the hard work and dedication shown by public works employees and contractors during the winter season. Winning applicants will be announced by Dec. 22.

“This contest is a great way to celebrate the winter season in New England, encourage the creativity of our young people, and to thank all the dedicated members of our crews who keep our roads and bridges cleared during severe weather,” said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. “We truly appreciate all the people who work on the front lines regardless of the weather in all sectors of the economy and this is one gesture of thanks.”

A selection panel composed of MassDOT employees will choose two elemen-

tary school classroom winners that are located within each of the six Highway Division districts. The winning submissions will be evaluated based on two grade-level categories: kindergarten through fourth grade; and fifth grade through eighth grade.

During the first snowplow naming contest last winter, the winning names were: Flurry Fighter, Luke Snowwalker, Plower Ranger, Sherlock Snowmes, Snowdrop, Arctic Beast, Sled Zeppelin, Snow day No Way, Blizzard Wizard, Snow Big Deal, Snow Time to Lose, and Blizzard of Oz. These names which were placed on the sides of plow trucks a year ago remain on those vehicles.

For more information on the contest, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/name-a-snowplow-contest-2023-24>.

Opinion

Guest Column



Two ways to enjoy bulbs next spring

My spring bulbs are almost all in the ground. That is saying a lot, considering at work I plant over 2,000 of them! Daffodils, tulips and hyacinth will all welcome visitors to the museum in April and May.

Bulb planting is a ritual that I have come to love. I think in part because the process assists Mother Nature in her efforts to usher in springtime and all of its glorious color!

Did you ever wonder why certain bulbs bloom in the spring? Once you understand the life cycle of specific bulbs you can succeed with bulbs outdoors as well as inside.

Most spring flowering bulbs are native to areas of the world where the fall and winter is cool, and rainfall is abundant. Summers are typically hot and dry.

During the summer bulbs lie dormant, but when temperatures drop and rain moistens the soil each fall, they are awakened and begin to grow new roots and mature their flower buds. Roughly three months later, as soil temperatures rise, bulbs send up foliage and flowers.

When spring rains cease and the soil dries out, bulbs are cued into dormancy once again - their foliage yellows and disappears and the bulbs wait out the arrival of fall to start the cycle all over again.

What this tells us is that we should plant our bulbs before the mercury dips too low. This will give them a chance to root.

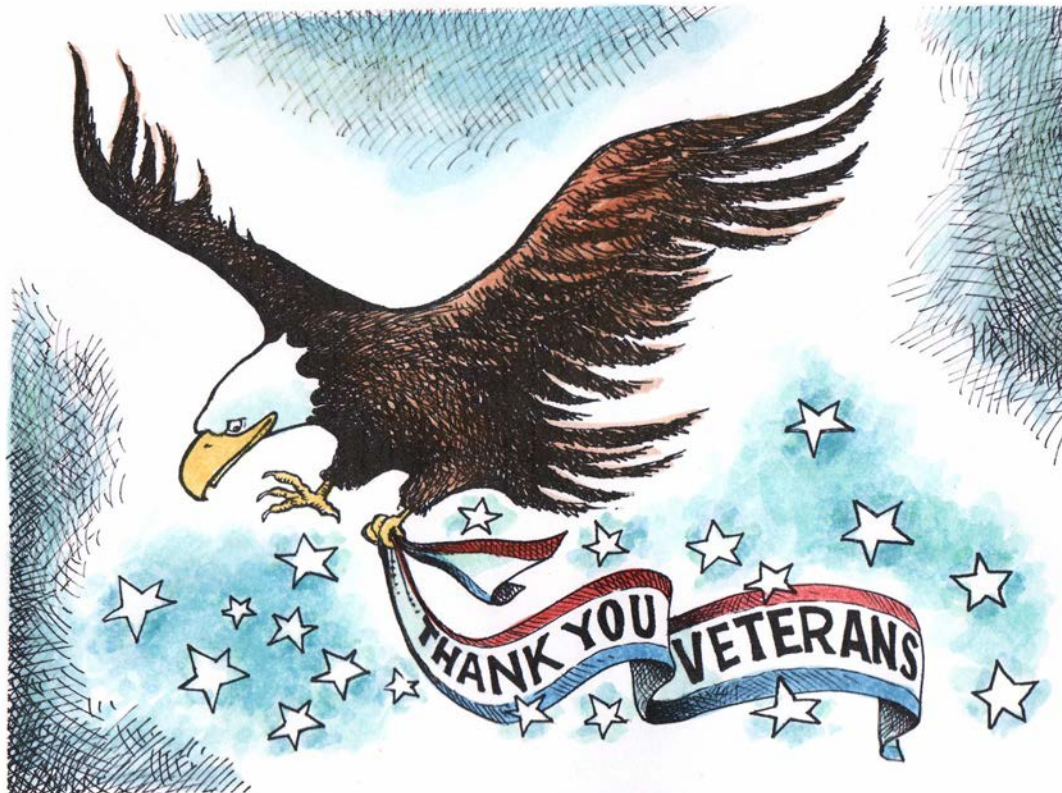
Soil temperatures of 50-55 degrees are ideal. If the fall is dry, providing supplemental watering is also a good idea to encourage the rooting process...this year we don't have to worry about that.

What do roots do exactly? You know that they provide food and water to the bulb, but in addition, they anchor it into the soil - very necessary during the freeze/thaw cycles of winter and early spring.

We also learned that there are two times when the bulb is in active growth - when it is rooting, and again in the spring when it sends up its leaves and flower stem. Feeding during these periods is most effective.

I generally broadcast a small amount of organic, well-balanced granular fertilizer into the garden, turn over the soil and plant my bulbs, usually in clumps of at least five bulbs, two-three times their width apart and the same for depth. If you are careful about marking where you've planted them, a top dressing of fertilizer can be added in early spring.

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Guest Column

When should I retire and claim my Social Security benefits?



Dear Rusty:

I am 64 years old and having difficulty working due to my arthritis, but I can continue part time as a podiatrist. I do not know the best way to determine when to retire. What is the formula or a way to determine which is a better choice?

Signed: Undecided

Dear Undecided

There is a difference between deciding when to retire from working and deciding when to claim your Social Security benefits. For the former, you should consult with a certified financial advisor, but I'll provide you with how Social Security fits into your personal circumstances. In deciding when to claim Social Security, you should look at your financial needs, your life expectancy, your work status and your marital status. There is no one formula right for everyone because everyone's circumstances are different, but here are some things to help decide what is right for you:

Social Security has an "earnings test" which applies to anyone who collects Social Security before reaching their Full Retirement Age. Your FRA is 66 years and 8 months and that is the point at which you get 100% of the SS benefit earned from a lifetime of working.

If you collect SS before your FRA and continue to work, there is a limit to how much you can earn without jeopardizing your benefits. For example, the earnings limit for 2023 is \$21,240 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. They "take away" benefits by withholding future payments until they recover the penalty for exceeding the limit. If your earnings are substantially over the limit, you will be ineligible to collect Social Security until either your earnings are less or you reach your FRA.

If you claim SS before your FRA your benefit amount will be permanently reduced. If, for example, you claim SS to start at age 65 your monthly benefit will be about 89% of what it would be at your FRA. That reduced benefit would not change thereafter except for Cost of Living Adjustments usually granted annually.

If Social Security will be a major part of your retirement income, then waiting to get a higher monthly benefit may be a prudent strategy for you. The longer you wait to claim the more your benefit will be.

Your SS benefit will continue to grow until you are 70 years old and at 70 your monthly benefit will be about 27% more than it would be at your FRA. Your maximum SS benefit will be attained at age 70 but waiting until age 70 to claim is only prudent if you anticipate a long life expectancy.

Life expectancy is a very important factor in deciding when to claim SS. If you claim at age 70 instead of at your FRA, you will need to live until you are about 83 to breakeven money wise. If you live even longer than that, then waiting until 70 will yield the highest monthly amount and the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. But if your anticipated life expectancy is less, claiming earlier may be a better choice.

If you are married and expect your wife to survive you, consider that the benefit your wife can get as your widow will be based on your SS benefit when you die, thus the longer you wait to claim the more your wife's benefit as your widow may be.

If you predecease your wife, her benefit will be based on the amount you were receiving at your death if that is more than her personally earned SS benefit.

So, as you can see, deciding when to claim Social Security is a decision to be made after carefully evaluating your personal circumstances as described above. I hope this provides what you need to make an informed decision, but if you have further questions, people may call 1-888-750-2622 or email SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org.

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paper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Opinion



I received an email from a Brimfield resident recently reporting the return of the dark-eyed juncos and the sighting of one ruby crowned kinglet.

The ruby crowned kinglet is a small bird of 4 1/4 inches. It is grayish green above with a white eye ring and two white wing bars. As the name implies, the male has a red patch on its head, which is usually concealed. The female lacks the red patch.

Kinglets feed on tips of branches by hovering and gleaning from leaves. They flick wings and chatter as they move. They eat insects, spiders and some fruit and seeds. They also drink tree sap. Kinglets summer in the coniferous woods of Canada and winter in the northeast and south in woods and brush edges.

The female kinglet lays five to 11 creamy white colored eggs with brown marks in a nest of mosses, twigs and lichens lined with fur and other fine materials.



Ruby crowned kinglet

In winter, kinglets are found in mixed flocks chickadees, titmice, woodpeckers, warblers and golden crowned kinglets. Their song is a series of descending high notes with three repeated phrases like "see see see you you look-at-me look-at-me look-at-me."

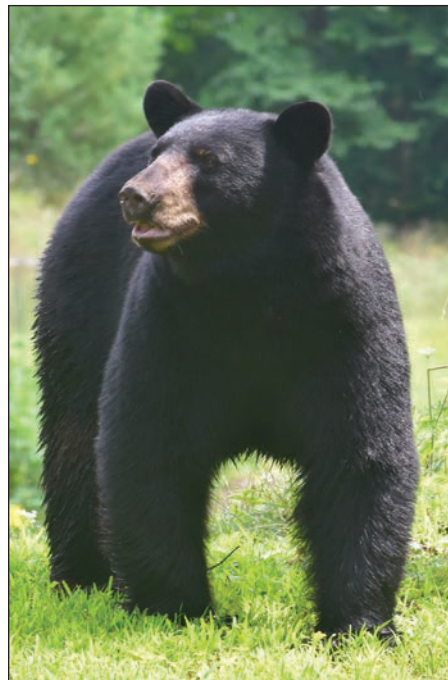
The Brimfield resident said he had a flock of ten turkeys that show up occasionally. They were

in the yard recently and became nervous by one of the gray fox kits. The fox ignored the turkeys as it looked for something to eat under the sunflower/suet feeder.

Feeding the birds not bears

The Brimfield resident said he tries to put out feeders all year, taking them down each night. He said if a bear shows up during the daytime, then he takes the feeders down for a week or so.

I was putting out my suet cake feeder during the day and taking it down before dark. It worked for awhile, but a bear came during the day and not only took the suet



Bear

feeder down, but walked away with it. I am not putting out suet and will wait for the bears to hibernate. I bought another suet feeder to replace the one grabbed by the bear.

I do put a small amount of seeds in a tray feeder and another small cup feeder, which I used for mealworms during the day. I noticed the birds clean the feeders out quickly especially since I have bluejays coming to the feeder.



Wild turkey

Lots of wild turkeys
It seems almost everywhere I go I see wild turkeys often small flocks of Tom turkeys either along the side of the road, in a field or on someone's lawn. Several times I had to stop my car and wait for them to cross the road.

Wren

I spotted a house wren in my yard recently. It had its tail cocked in the air as wrens typically do. I was foraging in the leaves.

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 or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



House wren

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Likewise, you could also wait until you see the first stems poke through the ground and feed then.

I'm sure many gardeners never even thought about what flower bulbs did during the summer months. Now that we understand that they are dormant, merely waiting, we can plant them accordingly, away from spots that pool water and that stay as dry as possible.

Now that we understand a bulb's life cycle, how can we use it to ensure some indoor cheer?

Bulbs need anywhere from 11-20 weeks of chilling and a few more thereafter to bloom. This guide can be used: Crocus require 15 weeks of cold; hyacinth 11-14 weeks, daffodils 15-17 weeks and tulips 14-20 weeks (depending upon season of bloom).

Pick a date which you'd like the bulb to bloom and count backwards. Hypothetically if I want hyacinths to bloom in time for Valentine's Day, planting them within the next week or two would be right on target.

Bulbs can be planted quite close to one another in regular potting soil and your choice of pot. Clay is not recommended because it will dry out readily.

Water lightly to settle the soil, then place the container in a cold, dark location where temps fall between 38 and 45 degrees. One year I used an old refrigerator; another year the crawl space under our office.

I even tried placing pots of bulbs under

the bottom steps of my bulk head. Each worked at maintaining low temps, but did have its own idiosyncrasies.

Keep bulbs away from fruit in storage- especially apples, whereby ethylene gas could disfigure the bulbs, and also be on the lookout for rodents looking for lunch.

Daffodils and hyacinth are usually unappetizing.

Check bulbs often, especially as the chilling period draws to a close. You will know the bulbs are close to being ready to move to a new location when sprouting occurs and roots are visible through the drainage holes; soon after, the top will start to grow as well.

After the top has put on an inch of growth, move it to a cool, bright location, about 50-55 degrees. Stems will elongate and flower buds will form after a few weeks.

When in flower, keep the plants cool to prevent legginess - consider enjoying them in your living spaces during the day, but moving them to a cooler climate at night for increased longevity.

It's about now when the garden centers begin their mark-down of spring bulbs. Try your hand at forcing once and it will become your annual ritual!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For 31 years she has held the position of staff horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to pouimette@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Kiara Smith was one of the speakers at the Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk.



Despite the rainy weather, nearly 600 people gathered at Agawam School Street Park to participate in the Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk.



Nearly 600 participants gathered to do the Greater Springfield Out of the Darkness Community Walk for suicide prevention.

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tables set up where people could access materials on programs AFSP offers and resources for the community.

The walk overall is about raising awareness of suicide prevention and also allowing those who struggle with suicide or have suffered a loss from suicide to find other people who have gone through the same struggle.

AFSP started doing walks like these in 2004 and they are proud to see how much they have grown since the beginning.

“These walks started in 2004 and many people questioned if people would come out to walk for suicide prevention, would they come out to talk about mental health,” van der Stad said. “We’ve seen over the years an increase in the number of participants...it’s really just that opportunity to start talking about it, having a real conversation about mental health. The goal is to make mental health something we can talk about on a daily basis.”

One way AFSP facilitates these connections and conversations is through their honor beads. They have beads in nine different colors that they offer to people at the event, with each bead representing a different struggle.

These beads allow people to show their connection to the cause and to find others who share their experiences.

“People can select the beads that they are connected to,” Nune said. “So we have a way to signal to each other our connection to the cause without having to come out and ask.”

“It helps to show that you’re not alone because you see hundreds of other people at these events wearing different colors and it recognizes that we are all part of this mission,” van der Stad said.

It was hard to feel alone at the walk.



Walk participants and fundraisers gathered on stage to share their own stories about struggles with and losses from suicide.

With hundreds of people in participation—all wearing the different color beads—everyone there was truly united as a community.

Those who volunteer and work for AFSP are proud of these moments of unity.

Nune told the story of her first walk and how impactful it was for her to be able to see that she was not alone.

“The day that we walked on that field I just remembered thinking, ‘wow, for the first time, everyone here just gets me. I don’t have to fake it, I can be with my emotions and I know that there’s support from the community,’” she said. “Some people who were strangers at that point have now become like family. I think that’s the big piece; the community has unity in it.”

They feel that walks like these really demonstrate the change they are bringing to how mental health and suicide prevention are talked about in society.

“We’re seeing the change in how we talk about this,” van der Stad said. “I



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention handed out different colored beads to represent different struggles and losses during their walk so that people could see that they are not alone in their challenges.



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention put up 626 pinwheels to represent the 626 people who died of suicide in MA in 2022.

think we are creating a culture that is smart about mental health and that is being more proactive in how we talk about it and how we prevent tragedies.”

AFSP will continue hosting walks like these and many other events for as long as

they need to. Though, as said by Senator John Velis, the hope is for one day for these to no longer be necessary.

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Ethan Talevi hurdles a Ludlow defender.



Andrew Regnier sends the ball away.



Lucas Ritson tries to settle the ball and work through the middle.



Nicholas Solitario gets ready to send a free kick away.

Boys soccer falls in semifinals

LUDLOW – After a tough matchup during the regular season, Agawam boys soccer met up with Ludlow again in the semifinals of the Western Mass.

Class A Tournament. This time, the Brownies played a hard game, allowing an early goal to the Lions, but were not able to score as they fell 1-0 in matchup

on Oct. 28. Following that, the Brownies entered the state tournament, facing Scituate, followed by a second round matchup with Nashoba.

Brownies lose second straight

AGAWAM – After a loss to East Longmeadow in their final conference game of the season, Agawam was once again placed in nonplayoff action for Week 9 as they continue their preparation Thanksgiving morning.

Agawam faced off against old AA rival Longmeadow, falling 25-10 last Thursday evening on the road. The Brownies lost to East Longmeadow 46-13 in Week 8 to fall to 4-5 on the season.

Coming up in Week 10 non-playoff action, Agawam will be at home, hosting Pittsfield at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9. Agawam and Pittsfield are pretty familiar with one another as they meet often in the preseason.

Agawam's final game will be at West Springfield on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a.m.



Massimo Laprise keeps steady as he heads down the court.



Hannah Morris picks up a loose ball.
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Unified basketball heads for jamboree

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School Unified basketball team in the middle of another great season. The program has been widely successful since it was brought to the school. The Brownies are headed for their end-of-season jamboree with Southwick and Hampshire and their host, Holyoke, next Thursday afternoon.

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Garrett Smith sets to shoot.



Kevin Destin goes for a one-hander.



Patrick Wagner tries to shoot through traffic.



Trevor Midura curves toward the arc.

Sports

Worcester Railers drop OT thriller to Adirondack

WORCESTER – Worcester dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to Adirondack, allowing four power play goals along the way. The overtime goal, scored by Matt Stief, was a 4-on-3 goal with Railers forward Zach White in the penalty box for tripping.

From close up, and on replay, it did not look much like a trip and the Railers were careful not to be critical of the call. That could cost them money. They were not happy, but White stood up and took the blame.

"It wasn't a good play," he said. "I was trying for the puck and then he fell...that was terrible by me."

Coach Jordan Smotherman discreetly not critical of the officiating. Neither was he critical of his player.

"That's just the kind of guy he is," Smotherman said of White taking the blame.

There was plenty of blame, but plenty of credit in what turned out to be a terrific game after a sluggish first period. After

scoring two goals in the game's first 40 minutes the teams combined for seven in the last 23:16.

The overtime loss earned the Railers one point and after the last two seasons when they missed the playoffs by a point, they can understand the value of that. The problem is that in the third period they blew a 3-1 lead and 4-3 lead before the game went into overtime.

"That can't happen," Smotherman said of the late lapses, "especially their fourth goal. We completely lose our heads and five guys wind up in the corner. That can't happen in small margin games."

The fourth Adirondack goal was scored by Riley Smith with just 2:34 left in the third period. He drilled a 25-foot shot past Tristan Lennox' blocker. What made it worse was that while it was not officially a shorthanded goal, Thunder defenseman Tristan Thompson had been injured near his own net and was still in the defensive

zone trying to get off the ice when Adirondack scored.

The Railers goals were scored by Andrei Bakanov, Ashton Calder and Brendan Robbins. Bakanov had two goals to register the first multi-goal game of his Railers career. Anthony Callin, once again a key offensive player for Worcester, had three assists.

The score after the first 20 minutes would have been about 7-6 if icings had counted as goals. As has been traditional in hockey, they did not. Thus it was a 0-0 game going into the second period.

About seven minutes into the period the Railers were whistled for icing three times in the span of a minute but as things progressed the teams began to generate more offense but could not score.

The Railers and the Thunder traded power play goals in the second period with Adirondack scoring first. Thompson gave his team a 1-0 lead at 9:32 by drilling a 55-foot slapshot home from the right point.

Bakanov tied it at 1-1 at 17:59 with his first goal of the season. It was on the power play as he converted a nice goalmouth pass from Callin. Bakanov gave Worcester the lead at 1:55 of the third period, again on the power play, with a sizzling high wrist shot from between the circles.

Calder scored a marvelous shorthanded goal at 5:45 to make it 3-1. He was sent free on a breakaway when Jake Pivonka batted the puck out of mid-air and sent it directly to his streaking teammate. Calder beat Jeremy Brodeur with a backhand from in close.

Erik Middendorf tied it for Adirondack with goals at 7:29 and 8:57, both on power plays, the first with the Railers two men short. Robbins banged in a rebound off the back wall at 14:26, Callin having taken the original shot, but Smith scored that crucial tying goal exactly three minutes.

From there it was on to overtime and the 5-4 final.

Westfield State University Owls reach conference finals

WESTFIELD – The Westfield State University men's soccer team appeared in their first conference title game since 2017, falling to top-seeded Bridgewater State 5-0 in the 2023 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship game from Mazzaferro Field in Bridgewater, Mass. on Sunday.

The Owls conclude a successful season campaign as Westfield (7-8-2) increased their season win total by four games from last year, securing the second overall seed in the MASCAC Tournament.

The Owls run to the title game included a memorable penalty-kick shootout victory over Salem State in the league semifinals to advance to today's conference title game with a relatively short turnaround given the effort and intensity of Friday night's match.

In just his second season as Westfield's head men's soccer coach, Dr. Christopher Streeter led the Owls back to the conference championship match for the first time in six years, coaching a group that was comprised of experienced upper-classmen and

impact rookies.

Bridgewater quickly opened the scoring 4:28 into the match with Nicholas Ribeiro (Bellingham, Mass.) potting his sixth goal of the season to put the Bears ahead 1-0. From that point forward, senior David Nelson (East Bridgewater, Mass.) took control of the contest, scoring the next three goals to complete the hatrick, ultimately securing the conference title for a Bears team that suffered just two regulation losses all season.

The Bears outshot the Owls 20-9 in the game as Westfield rotated all four goalkeepers into the match. Luke Theroux (Chicopee, Mass.) wrapped up an impressive first season with the Owls, starting the match and picking up one save.

Senior Drew Adams (North Attleboro, Mass.) stopped all four shots faced while first-year Berto Truoiolo (Springfield, Mass.) got his first taste of postseason play, securing two saves. Senior Collin O'Brien (Windsor Lock, Conn.) also saw playing time in net for Westfield. Coleby Andrade (Falmouth, Mass.) led the Owls with two shots.

Thunderbirds fall to Bridgeport Islanders in weekend finale

BRIDGEPORT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (6-5-0-0) could not withstand a late rally by the Bridgeport Islanders (3-5-1-0) in a 3-2 defeat on Sunday afternoon at Total Mortgage Arena.

For the first time in three games this weekend, it would be the T-Birds to get the 1-0 lead in the opening period. Operating a man down at the 8:40 mark, Nathan Walker picked up a feed from Calle Rosen and raced into the Islanders zone on a 2-on-1 with Matthew Peca. The captain served as a decoy and Walker wristed a try through the stick side of Ken Appleby, giving Springfield the 1-0 edge. The goal was Walker's seventh of the season and an AHL-best third shorthanded tally.

Walker's goal gave Springfield the lead, but the T-Birds had a difficult time generating much else in the opening 20 minutes, getting outshot 13-5 by Bridgeport in the first frame. While Springfield did successfully kill off nearly a minute of 5-on-3 Bridgeport power play time, the Islanders were able to parlay that offensive momentum into a tying strike by ex-Providence Bruin Sam Asselin at 16:44, when he grabbed a puck neatly off the right-wing wall, spun toward the faceoff dot, and snapped a shot through Vadim Zherenko to deadlock the game, 1-1, heading into the intermission. Asselin's goal marked the third straight Islanders goal scored by the top-line winger dating back over a four-game span.

The T-Birds' power play did not get a chance until the 4:52 mark of the second

period, and Springfield did not wait even 10 seconds to get a man-advantage marker for the sixth time in seven games. After Peca won a faceoff, he moved the puck to Joey Duszak at the line, and the veteran defender lifted a wrist shot toward the net. Walker found himself in the middle of the action again, as he deflected it through Appleby's equipment to restore Springfield's lead, 2-1, at the 5:00 mark of the second.

The T-Birds kept on dealing with a relentless flurry of pressure from the Islanders, but Zherenko and the Springfield defense held the fort to take the 2-1 advantage into the third. Zherenko made 27 saves through the first two periods alone.

After a quiet first half of the third period, the T-Birds' defensive levee finally came apart at the 12:02 mark when Matthew Maggio cleaned up a rebound from a Robin Salo shot that had glanced off a T-Birds defender. Maggio tied the score at one apiece, and not even three minutes later, Salo joined the scoring fun, pumping home a rebound off a Karson Kuhlman net drive at 14:25 to give the Islanders their first lead, 3-2.

The T-Birds' offense could not find another tally before time ran out, and thus brought an end to the club's five-game win streak. Zherenko finished his night with 32 stops, while Appleby got his first win despite only needing to block 17 Springfield offerings.

Springfield returned home for the annual T-Birds School Day Game on Wednesday.

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Obituary

Alice M. Barber



Alice M. Barber, 72, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 in Baystate Medical Center. She was born on Jan. 13, 1951 in Springfield to Helen and William Cygan. She graduated from Commerce High School in Springfield. She was one of 4 children. Alice worked at Heritage Hall Nursing Home for 20 years. She leaves her husband Richard D. Barber of 52 years who were married on Nov. 20, 1970, her children Serena Lichwan of Westfield and Justin Barber of

Agawam.

She was most proud of her grandchildren, Devin Lichwan of West Springfield and Ethan and Sofia Lichwan of Westfield. She leaves her siblings John Cygan of Ludlow and Irene Ruel of Chicopee. She was pre-deceased by her brother William "Sonny" Cygan. She loved cooking for her family and was an amazing artist and painter. The funeral and burial are private and at the convenience of the family.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD23P2184EA Estate of: FRANK KORONA Also Known As: FRANK S. KORONA; FRANK J. KORONA Date of Death: August 16, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner **MARY JANE SOBINSKI-SMITH of SUFFIELD, CT**

Petitioner **JOHN KORONA of SPRINGFIELD, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

MARY JANE SOBINSKI-SMITH of SUFFIELD, CT

JOHN KORONA of SPRINGFIELD, MA 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. 11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD23P1558GD In the interests of Nicole Elizabeth LaRock of Agawam, MA Minor

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:**

A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/21/2023 by **Brent S Spruill** of Agawam, MA will be held 12/08/2023 08:30 AM **Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located: 4th Floor, 50 State Street, Probate and Family Court, Springfield, MA 01102

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be

made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 3, 2023
Rosemary Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD23P2258EA Estate of: Dennis A. Letendre Date of Death: 08/26/2023 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 **Shannon M. Wallace of Chicopee, 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: **Shannon M. Wallace of Chicopee, 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 11/30/2023.

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

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

Date: November 02, 2023
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/09/2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division Docket No. HD22P2116EA Estate of: Clifford J. Prestia Also Known As: John Clifford Keilar Date of Death: August 16, 2022 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned est-

ate, by Petition of Petitioner **Courtney J. Prestia of Agawam, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Courtney J. Prestia of Agawam, MA 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. 11/09/2023

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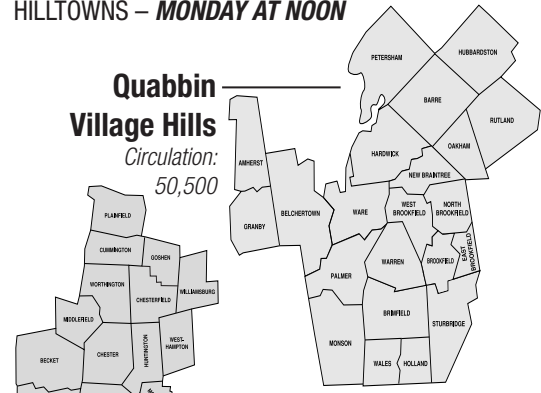
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LIBRARY ■ from page 1

a bunch of decorations in their bag and a Christmas tree," McAnanama said.

After the two days of shopping are complete, the leftover supplies are taken to Nancy Bobskill from a Zero Waste Group. Bobskill uses the supplies in a toy swap she organizes.

"We give her whatever we have left and so that when she does her toy swap there may be parents or people who couldn't get to ours," McAnanama said. "So it goes through one more project of donation."

The library has held this event for several years now.

It all started out as a "Craftapalooza", which the library does in the spring. A woman came in to do an organizing program in January and McAnanama was reminded of all the craft supplies she had at

home that weren't being used.

"We actually did this sort of thing with crafts, everybody donated things they didn't want anymore, and then people came in and shopped for free," McAnanama said. "From there it took off to be Bizarre Bazaar."

The event has been largely successful in past years, last year in particular according to McAnanama.

"Last year it got announced on the news and it just exploded," McAnanama said. "It was huge, by the end we only had one table with stuff left on it."

The hope is for the event to be as popular this year, though they will be grateful for any amount of items they receive.

"The goal is really just to pay forward any amount that comes in," McAnanama said. "I hope that people will come in and take things that they will use and need."

HOUSING ■ from page 1

is affordable to local residents. Agawam last completed an HPP in 2017 which had a term of five years and expired in 2022. This new iteration will be effective for the next five years, once approved.

This Nov. 15 Housing Forum held by the Town and PVPC is being conducted to gather input from residents of Agawam for the Housing Production Plan. At the meeting, findings on housing needs, housing opportunities, and preliminary housing goals will be shared. Using the information gathered thus far and community feedback, the HPP shall help determine an implementation strategy and help to identify sites that may be suitable for housing development.

Housing Production Plans are ap-

proved by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development and consist of data assessment on housing; population; development trends; and regional growth factors. HPPs help communities meet the State mandate requiring that 10% of total year-round housing units be affordable, by setting a numeric goal for annual housing production. Certified HPPs may also prevent unwanted 40B development in favor of residential development that complies with local zoning.

Public participation and community engagement are integral to this planning process; residents participation is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about the Housing Production Plan, please reach out to Pam Kerr, Planning Director, 413-726-9738 or pkerr@agawam.ma.us.

DPW ■ from page 1

of Oct. 23.

Along North Street there is a water line, a sewer line, a gas line and overhead electric, so the construction has to work around or with those obstacles.

They are currently rerouting the sewer and supporting the gas line. The gas main will remain, but it is currently suspended in the air with bracing as the project continues.

Throughout the next week they will be ripping out the current culvert and putting in the new one.

"By the end of December, a new culvert will be installed, they'll reinstall that wa-

ter line, they'll reestablish the sewer line, they'll no longer have to support the gas line and then they'll add paving and, with any luck, we'll open the road a week or two before Christmas," Mazza said.

This project was started as the North Street culvert was on the brink of collapse and the DPW wanted to fix the issue before it progressed any further.

"If it were to collapse the overhead road would no longer be usable, and North Street is a pretty heavily traveled road," Mazza said. "The second part is that the water that passes through it would become damned, so it would back up and probably back up into other people's properties."

Additional culvert work at May Hol-

low Brook is also expected to start in the spring.

The Meadow Street project is also progressing as expected. This project is focused on replacing the water main and fixing the drainage on the street.

The water line is done and work on the storm drain line is expected to start within the next week.

The work on the storm drain line will require some assistance from Eversource Energy as, according to Mazza, there are some utilities in the ground that Eversource will help them to relocate.

This project is expected to take most of November and all of December. It is possible they will have to pause work until the

spring due to weather, though that is not guaranteed.

The DPW will also begin paving work on Stony Hill Road and Tanglewood Lane Top Course, Bradford Drive and Meyers Drive Top Course, and Springfield Street Top Course. As well as driveway aprons on Bradford Drive, Meyers Drive, Tannery Road, Springfield Street, Stony Hill Road and Tanglewood Lane.

"That all should be happening next week," Mazza said.

Much of this paving work has been delayed by days and weeks throughout the fall due to the rainy weather. Mazza is hopeful that it will all get done before the weather turns for winter.

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