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Johnson outduels Calabrese to be next mayor

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

AGAWAM – City Council President Christopher Johnson won the election on Nov. 7 to reclaim his position as mayor of Agawam.

There were 22,068 residents registered to vote in this election. Of these 27.56% or 6,081 turned out to vote.

Johnson won the election with 3,221 votes to his opponent, Cecilia Calabrese's, 2,713.

Johnson expressed his gratitude to all of those who voted for him in the election.

"I'm very grateful to the people of Agawam for putting their trust in me to be their next mayor," he said.

He looks forward to continuing his civil service to the town as the mayor. He feels Agawam is on the right track and he hopes to continue moving it in that direction.

"I take the role of mayor very seriously, Johnson said. "I know how much the people in town take it seriously, it means a lot that they put their faith and trust in me."

Additionally, he wanted to thank all of the people who helped him to win this election.

"I'm grateful to all of my families and friends and all of the supporters," Johnson said. "They worked very hard. It was a long campaign, lasting five or six months, and they were all there at



Christopher Johnson awaits results following the closing of polls last Tuesday night.

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Town honors local veterans

AGAWAM – The Town held its annual Veterans Day ceremony last Saturday morning at the Veterans Green in front of Phelps Elementary School.

The event included a wreath-laying and gun salute

from the American Legion Post 185.

The event was planned and executed by the Agawam Veterans Council and Veterans Agent Chris Lanski.

Mayor William Sapelli spoke

at the event, praising the great job Lanski and the Veterans Council does educating the town, especially children on the important of Veterans Day and honoring those who have served the country in the Armed Forces.



Representatives of the Veterans Council head to the war memorials to lay wreaths. More stories are on page 12.

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Council gets update on housing plan

By Quinn Suomala
Staff Writer

AGAWAM – Lori Tanner from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission presented an update on the Agawam Housing Production Plan at the city council meeting on Nov. 8.

The need for housing has only been growing in recent years, so Agawam is taking steps to support residents who need assistance.

"There's growing awareness of the tremendous need for housing in our country, state, region and right here in our own town," Housing Committee member Corinne Wingard said. "More and more, we see that seniors in Agawam who want to downsize can't find a place to move that they can afford, too many young people who grew up here have to keep living with their parents or move out of town, and young families have no place to go. Agawam is working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to update our housing production plan."

Tanner has been working, with input from members of the council and the community, on this housing plan.

The goal of the housing plan is to ensure more affordable housing for community members.

Affordable housing is housing that those who are making 80% of the area median income can afford to pay.

Any homeowners or renters spending 30% or more of household income on housing-related costs are considered "housing-cost burdened", and therefore do not have affordable housing.

In Agawam, this is 20% of homeowners and 54% of renters. In fact, in a survey sent out in April of 2023, 40% of the respondents were either struggling with housing costs themselves or knew someone who was.

The housing plan will also prevent unwanted 40B development.

"A housing production plan can prevent an unwanted comprehensive permit, or 40B development, which is basically an affordable housing development that could come in and override local zoning," Tanner said.

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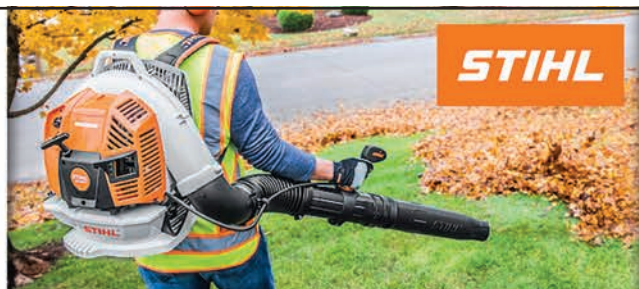


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These are just some of over a thousand student letters shared with veterans.

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More than a thousand letters shared with Veterans Home residents

HOLYOKE – Sen. John Velis delivered letters from local students throughout the Hampden and Hampshire district to the residents of the Veterans Home in Holyoke. An annual tradition, the Velis has organized this initiative each Veterans Day for the past four years and has since expanded it by sharing the letters with Bags for Bravery, a care package program for veterans and deployed troops organized by Westfield High School Junior Jillian Battles. This year Velis collected more than a thousand letters from students at over 15 different schools in Westfield, West Springfield, Southampton, Easthampton, and Agawam.

“I am proud to partner with countless teachers in our district to continue this tradition of sharing these heartfelt letters with the residents of the Veterans’

Home and this year, also with Bags for Bravery,” said Velis. “Each year we collect over a thousand letters, each created by students of various ages who had the opportunity to learn and reflect about the importance of Veterans Day. I am thrilled that these letters will not only bring smiles to the faces of the residents at the Veterans’ Home but also will be shared with our active military members serving overseas thanks to Jillian Battles’ work initiative.”

“I make my bags for bravery as a thank you for those who served and continue to serve our country and protect its freedom- the cards from the kids give them that extra love from home,” said Battles. “The beautiful drawings and heartfelt messages are very special and add to the needed appreciation for those who don’t receive it as they should.”

MiraVista Behavioral Health Center launches new website

HOLYOKE – MiraVista Behavioral Health Center, which provides inpatient psychiatric care and outpatient substance use recovery programs, has dedicated a section of its website to assist Human Resources professionals in staying current on related services available across the state, as well as having easy access to recently-published information on mental health, substance use treatment, and wellness in the workplace.

The page includes links to government-issued reports such as the U.S. Sur-

geon General’s “Impact of Not Addressing Mental Health,” the American Psychiatric Association Foundation’s Center for Workplace Mental Health, and Mental Health America’s “2022 Mind the Workplace, Employer Responsibility to Employee Mental Health.”

It lists national, state, and regional crisis help lines and includes access to mental-health related articles by MiraVista staff members. Links are also provided to local and statewide substance use treatment resources.

Joel Doolin, Executive Vice President of MiraVista and its sister, TaraVista Behavioral Health Center in Devens, has addressed how these psychiatric hospitals are important resources in their communities.

In a recent interview, Doolin spoke of MiraVista’s outreach efforts since opening in April 2021 to inform businesses, schools and parents of resources available at MiraVista and in the community.

“As a leading provider of mental health and substance use treatment, MiraVista

staff has extensive expertise in these topic areas. We are actively working with partners in our community to make sure those resources are available to anyone who needs them,” Doolin said. “We reach out to workplace professionals through the HR associations in the area or work directly with HR departments. We are a ready and willing partner to support the needs of those who are seeking treatment.”

The page can be visited at <https://www.miravistabhc.care/mental-health-resources-for-hr-professionals/>,

Turkey dinner creates community feeling

AGAWAM – A turkey dinner had a packed hall at Agawam Congregational Church on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Attendees enjoyed a “pre-thanksgiving meal” with all the “fixins”. Included was a special dessert with whipped cream and topped with an American flag to honor veterans. Special Thanksgiving stickers were given to everyone who enjoyed the evening with friends, family, and guests.



A special dessert was provided to honor veterans.

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The hall was full for a turkey dinner.



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Town of 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.

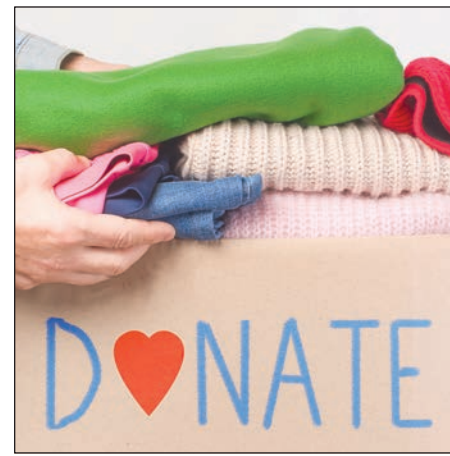
"The Town of Agawam is very excited to participate in this friendly competition with West Springfield again" stated Mayor William Sapelli. "Having fun while encouraging our residents to make responsible waste reduction practices is a win for our community and solid waste disposal costs. We look forward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



Two positions open on Board of Appeals

AGAWAM – Please be advised that there are two openings on the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals effective January 2024. One opening is for a regular position and the other for the alternate position. Interested parties should contact Barbara Bard in the City Council Office at 726-9716 or send in a letter of interest to bbard@agawam.ma.us as soon as possible.

Agawam DPW offering 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, con-

ducted 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 or 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>.

Nov. 20 deadline for installing drain connections closing

AGAWAM – The Town of Agawam Department of Public Works has announced that Monday, Nov. 20, will be the last day to apply for road opening permits; and also, for the installation of water, sewer, or drain connections that have to be installed by the Town.

All connections applied for after the deadline will be installed in the spring of 2024.

This notice does not apply to connections which have been previously installed to the property line of an existing property.

St. David's Episcopal Church holiday bazaar set for Nov. 18

AGAWAM – 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.

'Pinocchio' movie showing at Agawam Congregational

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.

Seventh Annual Yuletree Jubilee begins holiday fun on Nov. 20

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Starting Friday, Nov. 20, the Red Thread Network for the arts will host the Seventh Annual Yuletree Jubilee in the West Springfield Public Library Community Room, 200 Park Ave. Admission is free.

Twenty two trees, decorated and donated by local businesses, organizations and individuals, will be displayed and raffled off for 10 days to the delight of

visitors. The hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The drawing will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

For More information contact Jane at janetrompe@comcast.net or log on to the web page www.redthreadnetworkforthearts.org or visit our Facebook page Yuletree Jubilee.

Youth community crisis stabilization program now open

AGAWAM – Behavioral Health Network has announced that its new Youth Community Crisis Stabilization program, The Village for Youth, became open to clients on Oct. 17, and is accepting referrals to its program.

In September, BHN held both a Community Open House for neighboring residents and a Ribbon Cutting for the new facility.

The newly-developed facility, located at 830 Silver St., is operated in partnership with The Gandara Center and provides on-site short-term crisis stabilization, therapeutic intervention, and specialized programming in a secure site for up to 22 children and adolescents experiencing mental health crises. The program operates specialized, physically separate and developmentally appropriate units for 6-12 years

and older 13-18 years youth.

Referrals to The Village for Youth program are accepted from any community or hospital Crisis Program, or from psychiatric hospitals seeking to transition a youth from hospitalization to a residential setting. The Village for Youth is a regional program, serving children referred from across Western Massachusetts.

The youth program provides a safe environment with 24/7 supervision, intensive therapy, medication assessment and treatment, and support for families around planning for the youth to return home.

For more information about The Village for Youth program and for referrals, call (413) 301-9355. To watch a video tour of the new facility, visit www.bhninc.org/yccs-open.

All welcome to community and vendor fair hosted on Nov. 16

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 hand-made 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.

Photography submissions needed for library virtual show

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 submissions 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.agawamlibrary.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.

Opinion

Guest Column



Social Security Disability vs. Spouse Benefits vs. Survivor Benefits and COLA

Dear Rusty

I retired from working in June but will not sign up for Social Security until age 70 and, to do that, I plan to draw from my IRA for the next three years. My wife is receiving Social Security disability benefits and will reach her full retirement age in March of next year.

I know that my wife simply reaching her full retirement age will not mean an increase to her benefit except for Cost Of Living Allowance. What I'm wondering is, can my wife get spousal benefits of any sort based on my Social Security benefits either before I draw or after I am drawing apart from her benefits at my death? Her Social Security disability amount is only a fraction of my maximum benefit.

Signed Baffled Husband

Dear Baffled

Looks like you're confused about your wife's Social Security disability benefits, retirement benefits, spousal benefits, and survivor benefits. Here's what you need to know:

When your wife reaches her Full Retirement Age next year, her current Social Security Disability Insurance benefit will automatically convert to become her regular SS retirement benefit at the same amount she was receiving on SSDI (disability). The amount stays the same because your wife's SSDI amount is based on her FRA entitlement.

Your wife cannot get any spousal benefits from you until you claim your own Social Security retirement benefit. Since you plan to delay claiming until you are 70 several years from now, after your wife's SSDI converts to become her regular retirement benefit at her FRA next year, she will continue to receive her own SS retirement benefit until you claim. At that point your wife will get a "spousal boost" added to her own SS retirement benefit. The amount of her spousal boost will be the difference between her FRA entitlement (same as her SSDI amount) and 50% of your FRA entitlement (not half of your age 70 amount - spouse benefits are always calculated using FRA amounts, regardless of when Social Security is actually claimed).

Your wife cannot get a spousal benefit from you until you start your Social Security, but after you claim she will receive her higher spousal benefit, her own SS retirement benefit plus a spousal boost, for the rest of her life or until you predecease her. If you die first, your wife will get 100% of the amount you were receiving at your death (e.g., your age 70 amount), instead of the smaller amount she was receiving as your spouse while you are both living.

Regarding COLA, after becoming eligible for benefits, everyone gets the annually awarded COLA increase whether they are already collecting SS benefits or not. The next annual COLA increase will be added to your wife's SSDI at the end of this year and added to her SS retirement amount each year thereafter, and then to her higher amount as your spouse after you claim.

And even though you are waiting until age 70 to claim, the annual COLA will still be added to your Primary Insurance Amount each year, and you will receive that past COLA in your monthly pay-



Letter to the Editor

Councilor grateful to be re-elected

I would like to thank all the people of Agawam and Feeding Hills for going out and taking their time to vote on Election Day. My special thanks to those who voted for me and those who put up my political signs in their yards. I am deeply grateful again for your trust and support in re-electing me to our City Council.

It's an honor to serve you and I pledge to contin-

ue working with professionalism, integrity, competence and common sense for the betterment of our City. Your confidence inspires my dedication to our community.

Thank you again very much.

Sincerely,

George Bitzas
Agawam City Councilor

Guest Column

Thanksgiving thoughts



My dad has been gone a long time. I sometimes feel badly that he is not in my thoughts as much as he used to be. A lot has happened since his death - marriage and children, a new (old) house.

Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the day to day, but today, as I write, I think of him. Holidays at my childhood home were always a lot of fun.

I reflect on that now, as we make plans for our Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. I can still picture him standing at the counter by the sink, carving the turkey and later in the day enjoying a whopping piece of apple pie (with American cheese?) from his recliner.

My mom still keeps some of the traditions alive as do other family members. Read on to learn about some of the favorite vegetables, fruits and even herbs that make an appearance at the table.

I am not exactly sure where my mom's stuffing recipe originally came from, but it is always a big hit. My Illinois based brother loves it so much that my sister-in-law asked for a copy and now makes it for him on Thanksgiving.

I guess if you can't be at home, having mom's stuffing is the next best thing! Her recipe wouldn't be the same without sage and I doubt yours would either.

Common garden sage (*Salvia officinalis*) is a shrubby perennial plant native to the Mediterranean.

Its leaves start out lime-green in color, but at maturity end up more grey than green. They are somewhat "pebbly" in texture and are very aromatic.

For the most pungency, sage leaves should be

harvested just prior to flowering. Hang the leaves and stem tips in loose bunches upside down in an airy, dark place to dry.

Once completely dry (crispy to the touch), leaves can be stripped from their stems and stored in an airtight container.

Remember, as with any herb, drying concentrates the oils in the foliage. Use only half the amount of dried herbs if you have to substitute them for fresh in any recipe.

Because sage is nearly evergreen (actually, "evergrey") I rarely dry any, but harvest it for immediate use even through the winter months - it is freeze-dried but still tasty! Cut back the plant hard in early spring- you will sacrifice a few flowers, but will be rewarded with a lush bushy plant, rather than one that is woody and sparse.

Another one of mom's cherished contributions to Thanksgiving dinner is her apple cranberry relish. This is a simple recipe in which fresh cranberries and peeled apples are chopped fine and mixed together with a little sugar.

So easy yet incredibly yummy! I tried growing cranberries only to be disappointed that voles chewed the roots and killed the plants.

Maybe I'll try again sometime in the future. They don't need a bog, but the water does help with harvesting.

My mom always bought a small turnip for my Dad to enjoy at Thanksgiving dinner. I have to say that I don't recall any other members of the family eagerly anticipating it, not the way he did anyway.

I remember mom carefully cutting away the hard outer skin and then cubing the flesh. It was then boiled and mashed as you would potatoes, with lots of butter.

Turnip must be one of those foods that you acquire a taste for, and as of yet I have not.

To produce the best-tasting, largest turnips time your plantings to grow and mature in cool weather. For Thanksgiving turnips sow seeds 90 days before the first fall frost is expected.

Simply make a shallow trench one-quarter to one-half inch deep and position seeds one to one and a half inches apart. Once germination occurs



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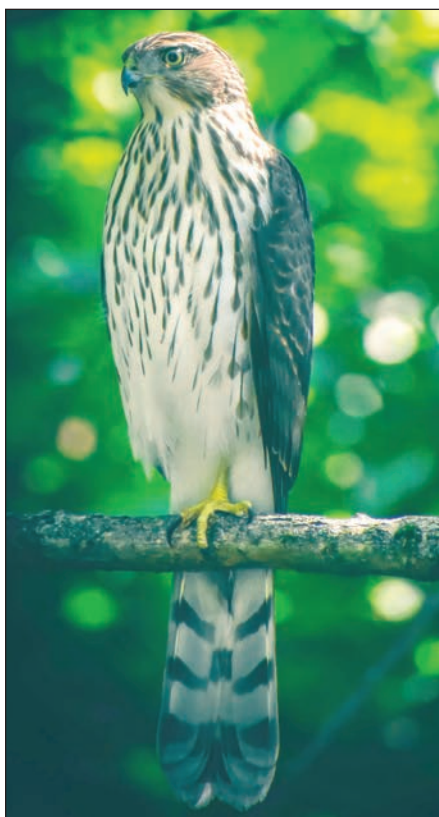
Opinion



I received an email from a reader, who had a Cooper's hawk in his yard for two days. He said, "The barred tail was distinctive flying through the yard ... and looked like a dart with the tail straight out. Many people don't realize they, like the Peregrine Falcon, were decimated by DDT and pesticides."

The Cooper's hawk is 16 inches long and as the reader said in his email they have a long tail with barring. They also have fine streaking on the breast. They are gray above with reddish brown barring. Their crown is darker than the back. The immature Cooper's hawk is dark brown above and light below with thin streaking. Immature plumage is kept for one year.

During the breeding season, these hawks have a regular feeding route where it hunts for common medium sized birds such as mourning doves, blue jays and starlings.



Cooper's hawk

The female lays three to six pale blue green eggs with dark marks in a platform nest of sticks place in a tree ten to 70 feet high.

Cooper's hawks may show up at bird feeders especially during the winter months, when it roams a wider area for food. Cooper's hawks inhabit mixed forests and open woodlands. They make a loud repeated "kek kek kek kek" call given during alarm or during pair interaction. As mentioned in the email above, the Cooper's hawks were decimated in the 1950s and 1960s due to the use of DDT.

Other birds by the lake

He lives on a lake and said, "There is an old pine the Bald Eagles love to fish from. There are two Red Shouldered Hawks' nests within three or four hundred feet of each other and when the young start yelling for food the other nest invariably starts and I have them in stereo. Last year a pair of Blue Heron nested, but this year there is only one who patrols the cove shoreline alone. The eagles seem to ignore the adult." He also sees Golden eagles as well.

Bird tally

I received an email from a reader, who

visits ponds in Warren. He sent a tally of bird observed on Nov. 2, 3 and 4. They included on Nov. 2 46 Canada geese and again the same number on Nov. 3 and six on Nov. 4; one pied-billed grebe on Nov. 3, four great blue herons on Nov. 2, two on Nov. 3 and 3 on Nov. 4; a red-tailed hawk on Nov. 2 and one bald eagle on Nov. 3.

He also reported seeing two American crows on Nov. 2, a yellow-bellied sapsucker on Nov. 2, two blue jays on Nov. 2, a titmouse on Nov. 2, one bluebird on Nov. 2 and two on Nov. 3, six robins on Nov. 2, two yellow-dumped warblers on Nov. 2 and again on Nov. 3 and three song sparrows on Nov. 2. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers, yellow-rumped warblers and bluebirds were eating poison ivy berries.

Canada geese

This weekend my granddaughter and I saw about two dozen Canada geese fly over her house. They were honking as they flew overhead. They headed for a beaver pond across the street.

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.

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ments after you later claim.

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and plants have developed their first set of true leaves, thin seedlings to three inches apart.

Deep, loose soil is best for root vegetables of any kind. Turnips benefit from extra water during droughty periods.

If an early frost threatens and your roots aren't yet mature you can cover turnip plants with a sheet or blanket on chilly nights to get through the cold spell and sneak out some additional growing time. Do watch out for frigid temps, however, since mercury that measures below the twenty-five degree mark can damage the crown of the plant.

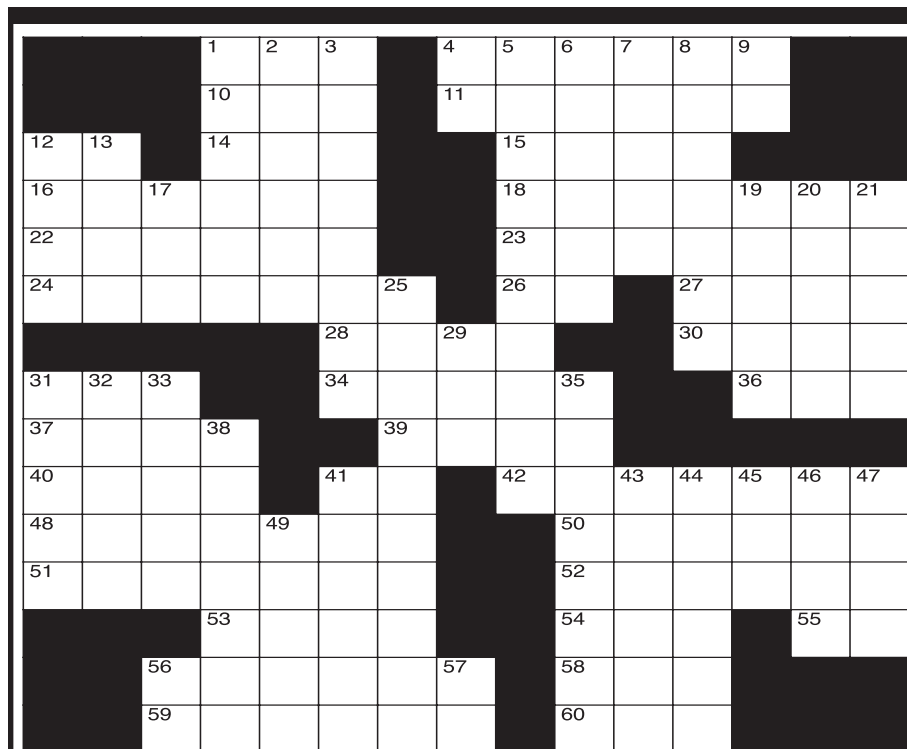
This type of injury can make turnips more susceptible to rot and reduce storage capabilities. Turnips are best stored at

temperatures around thirty-five degrees.

They can be packed in damp sand or leaves in a cold cellar and should keep for at least two or three months. Some books recommend wrapping individual roots in plastic wrap to hold in moisture as well as prevent the strong turnip odor from permeating other vegetables.

Commercial turnip growers use a food grade wax for this purpose, which makes cutting away the outer flesh all the more challenging.

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.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beats per minute
- 4. Hindu deity
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Not chained to
- 12. Metric ton
- 14. Tall, rounded vase
- 15. Musical composition
- 16. St. Francis of
- 18. Discover the location of
- 22. Compact group of mountains
- 23. Mend
- 24. Not current
- 26. Atomic #64
- 27. Young hawk
- 28. Or
- 30. Pouches
- 31. Southern Thailand isthmus
- 34. Mends with yarn

CLUES DOWN

- 36. Downwinds
- 37. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
- 39. Italian archaeological site
- 40. Cold appetizer
- 41. Yes
- 42. Peninsula
- 48. Of that
- 50. A way to divide
- 51. Relating to the physical senses
- 52. One who makes money
- 53. Spumante (Italian wine)
- 54. Inconvenience (abbr.)
- 55. South Dakota
- 56. Snow sport
- 58. The products of human creativity
- 59. Change mind
- 60. Born of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Similar to the color of a clear unclouded sky
- 2. Former name of Iran
- 3. Made smaller
- 4. Type of meter
- 5. Revolt
- 6. Killed with rocks
- 7. Gregory __, US dancer
- 8. Nullifies
- 9. Home to the Flyers
- 12. Female parent
- 13. Pre-1917 Russian emperor
- 17. Outsourcing (abbr.)
- 19. Regal
- 20. Line
- 21. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"

- 25. Clearing up
- 29. No seats available
- 31. Leaves of an Arabian shrub
- 32. Groove in organ or tissue
- 33. Not of this world
- 35. Cooking device
- 38. Forget
- 41. Operational flight
- 43. Actress Danes
- 44. Poke holes in
- 45. A way to discolor
- 46. Shouts of welcome or farewell
- 47. Pharrell's group
- 49. Red fluorescent dye
- 56. Jr.'s dad
- 57. Electronics firm

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Resident joins Park Square Realty

WEST SPRINGFIELD – Ted Caspell, president of Park Square Realty, is pleased to announce that Danielle Alves has joined Park Square Realty's West Springfield office as a Sales Associate.



Danielle Alves

Alves recently got her Real Estate license from Freedom Trail Realty School. Alves is also licensed in Cosmetology and has previous work experience in Customer Service.

A resident of Feeding Hills, Alves loves meeting people and is proud mom to four little ones. She is looking forward to helping people find their best way home on their real estate journey. Alves will be specializing in residential listings and sales. She can be reached at 413-330-7049.



Johnson is elated after learning he had garnered the most votes to become the next mayor of Agawam.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

MAYOR ■ from page 1

every step of the way. I could not have done it without them."

Johnson was proud of the campaign he ran and attributes his success in the election to his past experience as mayor as well as his current work on the city council.

"I think it was a combination of my experience, of being the mayor before, and also I've been on the council for about the last decade and I think people have seen what I've done there," he said. "Also, I think people believe that Agawam is on the right path and that they went with the candidate who could keep it on that path."

While Calabrese's campaign did not turn out the way she had hoped, she is grateful to everyone who helped her along the way. She was especially thankful to her family for all they have done to support her

in her efforts.

"I extend my heartfelt thanks to my family, Dr. Michael Calabrese, my son, Charlie, and my daughter, Michaela," Calabrese stated. "Without their love and support running for any elected office would be impossible."

Susan Dawson was the one candidate running for a position on the city council who was not elected to the position.

Dawson only received 1,989 votes, with the next closest candidate, Peter Smus, receiving 2,345.

Therefore, all eight incumbents running, George Bitzas, Thomas Hendrickson, Dino Mercadante, Robert Rossi, Anthony Russo, Rosemary Sandlin, Gerald Smith and Anthony Suffriti, were re-elected.

Challengers Edward Borgatti, Maria Velego and Smus will be joining the eight incumbents on the council.

Borgatti also received the most votes of any of those running for a position on the council. He received 4,255 votes total, with Russo as the next closest contender at 3,770.

Five incumbents of the school committee, Shelley Borgatti-Reed, Dawn DeMatteo, Michael Perry, AJ Christopher and Wendy Rua, were re-elected to their positions.

Challenger Catherine McDougal was elected to join the school committee, with 2,716 votes. Christopher Pass was not elected for a position, receiving only 2,436 votes.

The ballot question regarding a change in the preliminary election timing failed to pass, with 2,939 votes against it and 2,465 in its favor.

If voted favorably, this question would have made the preliminary election occur earlier, which would have allowed for mail-in early voting.

Fish dinner on Nov. 19

WESTFIELD – St. Joseph's National Catholic Church at 73 Main St., is hosting their baked fish dinner on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 12 noon. This community dinner will feature baked fresh fish, roasted potatoes, cole slaw, coffee, beverages and lemon cake for dessert.

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. Take-Out dinners are available for pick-up at 12:30 p.m.

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This plan will gather data regarding population and development trends, take into consideration locational constraints, set a housing production target, select specific sites for housing production and strategize ways to achieve these goals.

So far, they have been more focused on gathering background information, such as sending out the aforementioned survey in April 2023.

This gathering of information has helped to gather data on how many peo-

ple in Agawam are struggling with housing costs and on what people would like to see in their town.

Based on survey results, residents of Agawam feel there are enough apartments, condominiums and large single-family homes in town, but they would like to see more affordable housing, small "starter" homes, mixed use housing, senior housing and assisted living.

The housing plan will work to add more of the requested housing types within the town.

The next steps in the plan are to work

on identifying geographic areas to create housing units, identify specific sites that the town would encourage filing of 40B applications and to identify municipal or housing authority parcels to issue requests for proposals to develop housing.

Moving forward, there will be a community meeting for the Housing Production Plan from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at the Agawam Senior Center.

All community members are welcome to come learn more about the process and to contribute their thoughts and opinions on the matter.

"The more public input we can get for our plan, the better the plan will be to meet the needs of our town and the more likely it will be that we will be able to achieve the goals that we set," Wingard said.

Using information from this meeting, those involved with the plan will finalize their goals and strategies before asking for the planning board and the city council to approve the plan.

Finally, they will submit the plan for state approval under the MGL Chapter 40B "Housing Production Plan Program."

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SPORTS



Lucas Ritson heads the ball away.
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Adam Ross tries to send the ball away from Agawam's goal.



Goalie Benjamin Lang punts the ball away.



Nicholas Solitario makes his way up the middle of the field.



Vincent Rodier is pursued by a Scituate defender.

Brownies take down Scituate, Nashoba

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys soccer team made it through to the quarterfinals of the State Division 2 Tournament. To get to that point, Agawam defeated Scituate in the preliminary round 5-2, Nashoba in Round 1 1-0, and Marlborough 4-3 in the second round. Agawam would be defeated by Wakefield 1-0 in the quarterfinals of the tournament, ending their season. Agawam's season finishes 11-8-3 overall.

All-Star Showcase set for Nov. 21

HOLYOKE – The 11th IVHF All-Star Showcase will feature the top players in Western Massachusetts in two showcase matches. The event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Holyoke Community College Bartley Center located at 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke.

The event will start with a 3-set Second team all-star match at 6 p.m. followed by the award presentation and a 3-set First team match at 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10, Seniors 65-and-over are \$5 and Students/Children are free of charge. Admission to the All-Star Game also includes a free of charge future admission pass to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Museum.

"The IVHF is very proud to have its home in Western Massachusetts and we are very excited to again recognize the top players in our area," said IVHF Executive Director George Mulry.

Selected players are chosen by vote of the Western Massachusetts girls high school coaches.

For more information on the Hall of Fame Girls All-Star Volleyball Showcase, contact events@volleyhall.org.

Agawam-West Springfield to meet for 98th time

By Gregory A. Scibelli
gscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – While the season is essentially over for both Agawam and West Springfield football, the holiday tradition continues and the neighboring rivals will meet next Thursday morning at Clark Field in West Springfield.

The meeting will mark the 98th time the two teams have faced each other. Unfortunately, while Agawam has a large lead in the all-time series 63-31-3, they have not won a matchup in for the last five seasons, which dates back six years with the COVID-19 pandemic thrown in there taking away the 2020 matchup.

This year, Agawam enters the game with a 5-5 record. The season started out pretty strong for the Brownies as they defeated Chicopee Comprehensive and Holyoke. But they ran into trouble with Westfield High School in their final independent matchup losing 41-6.

The Brownies were realigned in to the Suburban South Conference last year and started their conference schedule by meeting their holiday rivals West Springfield. Agawam had no answer for the Terriers, falling 29-0 at home.

Agawam would come back in Week 5 to beat Northampton, but lost to Wahconah. They continued to flip-flop with a win over Amherst and then a loss to East Longmeadow and finished the regular season 4-4, keeping Agawam out of the Top 16 in Division 4 in the state tournament rankings. Agawam split their nonplayoff games in Week's 9 and 10, losing to Longmeadow but defeating Pittsfield.

West Springfield had an outstanding regular season, going

a perfect 7-0. They should have played eight games in the regular season, but their first game of the season against Minnechaug was called off due to thunderstorms. The teams attempted on a couple of occasions to make up the game, but were unable to.

Following their undefeated regular season, West Springfield qualified for the state tournament, scoring a home game against North Attleboro in Division 3. The Terriers were ousted from the tournament by

being handed their first loss 22-14. One week later, the Terriers lost in nonplayoff action, losing 21-18 to Minnechaug, the team they should have faced in Week 1.

In last year's holiday matchup, the Brownies were nearly able to tie the score late. Trailing by just five points late in the fourth quarter, Agawam got the ball back on a punt. They started driving up the field, looking

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Three Agawam defenders combine to make a tackle during last year's Thanksgiving Day game held at Agawam High School
FILE PHOTO

Sports

Springfield Thunderbirds fall in overtime to Islanders

BRIDGEPORT, CT – The Springfield Thunderbirds (7-6-1-0) got a terrific net-minding performance, but the offense went cold in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Bridgeport Islanders (4-6-1-0) on Saturday night at Total Mortgage Arena in Bridgeport.

The starting goaltenders were the best performers in the opening period. Malcolm Subban got the nod for the T-Birds after a strong relief effort in Providence on Friday and helped Springfield kill off a pair of Islander power plays in the first, denying nine shots in the period. At the other end, Ken Appleby was far busier than he was last Sunday when he needed to make just 17 saves in 60 minutes against the T-Birds. He had an answer for all 11 Springfield

shots in the first frame.

The scoreless affair was broken at the 5:54 mark in the second period. After Springfield failed to generate a chance on an odd-man rush, it sprung the Islanders into the T-Birds zone on a 3-on-1, and Ruslan Iskhakov elected to take the shot himself from the right circle, slipping it between Subban's legs to give Bridgeport the 1-0 advantage and snap a streak of more than 75 minutes without a goal for the Isles.

Despite some shaky moments in the stanza, the T-Birds fought back to even the score at 15:28. Near the end of a shift, Will Bitten entered the offensive zone on the left wing, dropping a pass at the top of the

left circle for Joey Duszak. After stumbling slightly, Duszak regathered his footing and surprised Appleby with a low shot along the ice that sneaked home, equaling things at 1-1. Bitten picked up his first assist of the year, while Duszak's tally was his first goal as a Thunderbird.

Subban remained stout in between the pipes, as he shut down each of the other 13 shots he faced in the period, allowing just the Iskhakov wrister to beat him, taking the 1-1 tie into the final 20 minutes.

Shots and chances heavily favored the Islanders in the third period, as Springfield just a single shot on goal in the final 20 minutes. Subban, though, maintained his poise and nearly singlehandedly earned a

standings point for the T-Birds, forcing the 1-1 tie into overtime.

After winning their first two overtime games of the season, Springfield could not make it three straight, as Iskhakov stormed up the ice to create a 2-on-1 with Sam Asselin with under a minute left in overtime. Asselin hit Iskhakov in stride, and the skilled winger made no mistake in beating Subban on the stick side to seal the victory at 4:08 of extra time.

The T-Birds come back home next Friday, Nov. 17 for another Deuces Wild Friday at the Thunderdome, where the T-Birds will take on the Utica Comets for their first of four matchups on the season, with puck drop at 7:05 p.m.



Cole Ingham goes on a run. FILE PHOTOS

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for the game-winning touchdown, but fell short on a fourth down play as a pass that would have resulted in first down was bobbled by a receiver in double coverage. Agawam would go on to be defeated by rival 29. The Brownies trailed throughout much of the game, including a 14-10 third quarter deficit. West Springfield would score to make it 21-10, but Agawam would answer back with a touchdown to make it 21-16. Agawam got a big stop on West Springfield's next position to get the ball back late in the fourth, but could not turn it into points.

Kickoff at Clark Field is scheduled for 10 a.m.



Drew Scherban kicks off after Agawam scored a touchdown.



QB Niko Nuzzolilli makes a long throw under pressure.



Thomas Cascio makes a catch for the Brownies.



Nichoas Ugolini runs through traffic on a carry.



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Sports

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School, 617 Montgomery Street, Chicopee. All proceeds will benefit the Chicopee Comprehensive football team.

For more information, please contact Tammy Martin-Griffin at tmg811@yahoo.com.

UMass hosting Pioneer Valley Tip-Off

AMHERST – The Pioneer Valley Tip-Off is a student-run high school basketball showcase featuring some of the best talent in Central and Western Massachusetts. The PVTO was started in 2011 by Scott Moses and Pat Salle, both students at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and it continues to be entirely student-run by the McCormack Student Leaders Club today. The PVTO is

held each December on the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus, where we strive to create a professional environment for fans and players alike. This year's event will be held on Dec. 9 and 10 and will feature teams from throughout the region. A schedule is online at www.pioneervalleytip-off.com. All games will be held at the Mullins Center on the UMass-Amherst campus.

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Sign up now for Nov. 23 Wilbraham Turkey Trot

WILBRAHAM – Please join us on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23 for the Wilbraham Turkey Trot - a five-mile road race up Monson Road now in its 44th year. The annual tradition, started in 1980, has grown in recent years selling out at 500 runners the past several years. This year, the maximum has been increased to 550 participants.

The race returned successfully returned last Thanksgiving morning for the annual tradition benefitting the Community Survival Center.

There is no vaccination requirement this year. The course starts in Woodland Dell Cemetery just up from race headquarters at the Wilbraham United Church. Runners then make a left onto Main St. and head up Monson Road. Once summited, runners turn left and enjoy scenic views of the valley from atop Ridge Road and enjoy the downhill along Mountain Road before turning back on Main Street to the church. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. with bib pick-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the church.

The race focuses on providing a classic New England Turkey Trot with chip timing,

race swag, and one big hill. Awards will be given for the first male and female runners to the top of Monson Road.

Registration is only \$20 and available online at www.RunReg.com/wilbrahamturkeytrot

Residents are asked not to park on Woodland Dell or Main Street on Thanksgiving morning and to avoid driving on the route until after the race has concluded at 10 a.m. Any traffic will be detoured downhill from Monson Road to Main along Ridge and Mountain Roads.

Expected road closures are as follows:

Main Street: From Monson to Woodland Dell: 8:30-8:35 a.m.

Monson Road: Closed to downhill traffic from Ridge Road to Main Street: 8:30-8:50 a.m. (Traffic detoured down ridge road)

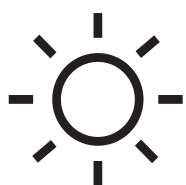
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The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.** in Veterans Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear an Ordinance to amend Chapter 103 and Chapter 180 of the Code of the Town of Agawam as sponsored by Councilors Calabrese and Russo) (TOR-2023-10). This public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TOR-2023-10 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
City Council President
11/16, 11/23/2023

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7:00pm** in Veterans Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear authorizing the amendment of Section 20 of Chapter 169 of the Code of the Town of Agawam with the establishment of a school zone at the Agawam High School as sponsored by Mayor Sapelli and Councilor Sandlin) (TOR-2023-9). This public hearing will be live-streamed on the Town of Agawam's website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15. TOR-2023-9 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic

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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 12/04/2023.**

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ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
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The Petitioner requests that: **Leslie J. Moore, III of North Stonington, CT and Judith A Moore of Springfield, 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 12/04/2023.**

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ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE
MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE
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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 06, 2023

Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
11/16/2023

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS PUBLIC HEARING Renaming of School Petition

According to the provisions of the Agawam Charter, Article 8, section 8-1 (b), a public hearing shall be held to act by taking a vote on the merits of every petition which is addressed to the School Committee and which is signed by at least 50 voters. The public hearing regarding the name change from Robinson Park School to the William P. Sapelli School is scheduled for **December 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Agawam Junior High School auditorium** located at **1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.**

11/16, 11/23, 11/30/2023

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 4, 2023, at 7:00pm**, in the Veterans' Hall of the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider TR-2023-84 which is the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on November 2, 2023.

TR-2023-84 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

BY ORDER OF:
Christopher C. Johnson
President of the City Council
11/16, 11/23/2023

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD23P2271EA**

**Estate of:
Rita G Moore
Date of Death: 12/19/2020
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
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Legal Notice Town of Agawam Planning Board

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of City Councilors Calabrese and Russo for a proposed amendment to sections 17(G) and 23(K) of the Code of the Town of Agawam Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the proposal can be obtained from the Office of Planning and Community Development between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM at the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

By Order Of:
Vi Baldwin,
Acting Chairperson
Agawam Planning Board
11/16, 11/23/2023

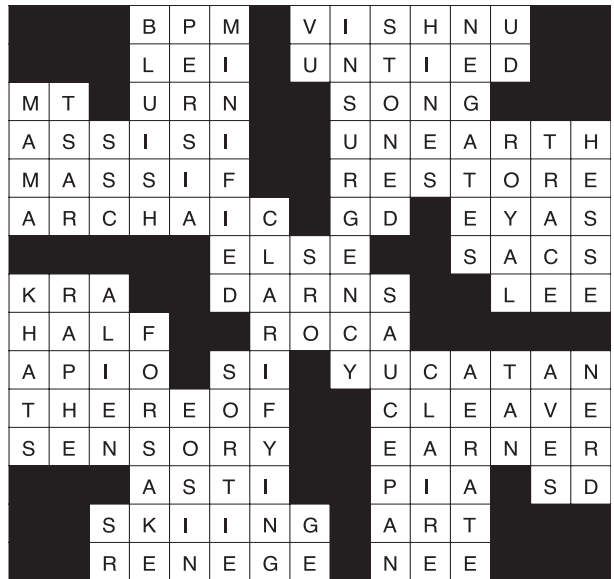
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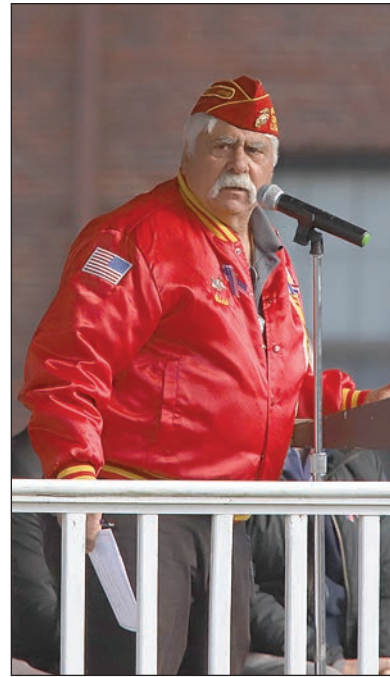
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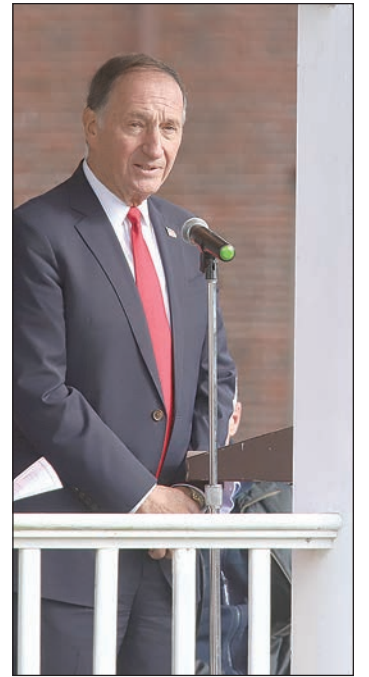
Darlene Davies checks on the names on one of the war memorials.



Ray Pond reads the names on the Civil War Memorial at the Veterans Green in front of Phelps Elementary School.



Veterans Council Chairman Aldo Mancini leads the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Mayor William Sapelli addresses the attendees.



The American Legion Legion Post 185 Honor Guard does a gun salute.



Shannon Newsome lays a wreath in front a war memorial.



Gabriel Rua performs the echo for Taps.



Nick Nguyen performs Taps.