Where the sewer pipes end in Agawam

By Peter Spotts aan@turley.com

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SCHOOLS

‘We just did our jobs’

Bus driver, monitor praised for keeping child safe in dispute

By Mike Lydick aan@turley.com

Quick actions by a school bus driver and a monitor kept a preschooler safe and calm this summer when a tense confrontation erupted between his parents as he was about to get off the bus.

Driver Sandra O’Neal and monitor Matt Picard had just stopped to drop off the student from a summer session at the Early Childhood Center. Instructed by the school to let the child off at the street instead of at the driveway, they were on alert that it might not be a routine stop. “It changed our normal routine. I sensed something was wrong when I saw the mother standing on the street corner,” recalled O’Neal. “She seemed a little stressed and immediately ran toward the bus when I put the signals on.”

Also witnessing the situation unfold through his windshield that mid-August morning was off-duty Agawam Police Sgt. Anthony Grasso. He had stopped-be...
Godfrey honored for club service

GFVC Agawam Junior Women’s Club member Susan Godfrey was the recipient of the GFVC Massachusetts Junior Membership Martha Michalewich Clubwoman of the Year Award presented at the statewide organization’s annual conference held in April.

Godfrey has been an active member of the Agawam Junior Women’s Club for 28 years. She has been a consistent supporter of the Holiday Basket Program, one of the Agawam club’s staple programs. The club collects food and gift cards annually to deliver to those in need. In 2017, when no one stepped forward to chair this annual project, Godfrey didn’t hesitate to take it on as a co-chairman. She solicited the help of other club members, local schools for food collection, and a Girl Scout troop to help sort all the food.

In addition, she implemented new processes in organizing the program and made sure all who were participating were taken care of. In 2017, 29 families, four sessions, and 67 children were recipients of the Holiday Basket Program.

For the past two years, Godfrey has served as club secretary. She has been a participant in Bingo for Books, the Safety Bug program for first-time bus riders, and the Thursday Night Therapy — Ladies Night Out fundraising event. Godfrey has also been a volunteer for the Springfield Boys and Girls Club Festival of Trees fundraiser, has volunteered at the Ice Cream Social held at the Holyoke Soldiers’ Home, and served as a judge for the club’s scholarship committee. Outside of club, she has been a Girl Scout troop leader, summer camp counselor, a PTO member at her children’s elementary schools, team mom of various children’s sports teams, a regular participant in the Rays of Hope Breast Cancer Walk, and a member of a Relay for Life team.

She and her husband John have two children and three grandchildren. After retiring, Godfrey went back to work in a local elementary school as lunch and recess monitor.

Grief counselor to offer workshop at St. David

The Rev. Domenic Ciannella, a certified grief recovery specialist and pastoral care specialist, will present “Encountering Transition: The Journey of Loss, Grief and Renewal” at St. David’s Episcopal Church. This four-week exploration of the dynamics of grief will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 11 and 18.

Ciannella, certified by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, has a practice offering individual counseling stressing in all dynamics of grief and loss. He has presented workshops on death and dying, designed and led bereavement support groups, and has authored articles on grief for publications in local newspapers. He is also an instructor with the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Baystate Hospital. For more information, visit accompas-toncare.com or contact him at therevdomenic@comcast.net.

The workshops are free and open to the public. Registration is not required. The church is at 699 Springfield St, Feeding Hills.

Sign up for supper at Catholic Women’s Club

The annual Communion Supper of the Catholic Women’s Club of Agawam will be held Monday, Nov. 12. A Mass for the deceased members of the club will begin at 5:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St, Agawam. Dinner will follow immediately at St. John the Evangelist Church. This after at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Entrée choices are chicken fricassee or Boston baked stuffed. The meal will also include chicken and crackers, garden tossed salad, rolls, baked potato, butternut squash, warm apple crisp and tea or coffee. The price of the meal is $35. Checks made out to CWC should be mailed to Patricia Lalancette, 15 Canterbury Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, by Oct. 29. Please include choice of entrée and with whom you wish to sit.

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October is National Parents' Month, so we sat down for a chat with the Agawam's newest school principal, Thomas Schnepp, who took over the top job at the high school just last year. But Schnepp isn’t exactly a newcomer to Aga- waam — he’s been a school adminis- trator in town for over a decade, and has lived and raised children here for 20 years.

Q: You started here as the assistant principal, now you’re the principal. What’s the biggest difference bet- ween the two?
A: As assistant principal, you’re dealing more directly with students and sometimes students with discipline. As principal, you’re dealing with the direction of the school, looking at the big picture of the program itself.

Q: What has been your favorite part of the job so far?
A: I guess just dealing with the staff and running alongside them. Hopefully, I’m helping get them what they need to deal directly with the students. As Al’m not deal- ing with students much now, I’m dealing with the staff so I’m trying to help them with their role.

Q: What’s the most challenging as- pect?
A: There’s just so many differ- ent aspects to a school this size — close to 1,200 students and close to 120 staff — there’s just so much going on. To try and manage the different pieces that make this program run.

Q: Has anything surprised you since taking this role?
A: Getting a handle on all the different aspects of the school, like the sports, the science, the arts. Even here, I understood the school culture and both the teachers and students. It made it easy to make that step. I didn’t have to come in and learn about school culture or the staff. I had a pretty good handle on things here. I guess what surprised me is having to have my hand in so many different aspects of what makes the total program run.

Q: Why did you go into education?
A: I went back and forth when it was time to pick a major. From physical education to special edu- cation, I landed on special edu- cation. My mom was a teacher, so I guess that was a driving force just to see her as we were growing up, in education. I’ve always just had a heart to try and help young people and have an impact on their lives.

Q: If you weren’t in education, is there another field you could see yourself in?
A: At one point I was thinking about being clinical psychologist or counselor. Again, dealing with people, but in a different realm outside of education.

Q: How did you end up in Agwaam from your time at Springfield Chris- tian School?
A: Besides being an adminis- trator there, I was also the vari- ous basketball coach for 20 years. The school was a smaller school and it closed due to lack of en- rollment. I [then] started at the Hoosick School in 2005, where I completed my master’s in administration, and then the position opened up [at the high school]. Before I came, there were only two assistants, they added a third and I became the third. It continues to be three now. I was very fortunate I was able to find a position at the Hoosick School, and again fortunate that the timing was right when the position opened up here.

Q: Is basketball your favorite sport?
A: I’ve always enjoyed basketball. I was a big basketball fan as a kid, my kids were going to school on my son graduated, so I coached him. When I came to Agwaam, I just didn’t have the same opportunities. One thing I enjoy here is just being in and supporting the students — be it the athletic teams, or the dra- ma. If I’m still to have contact with the kids just by supporting them at the games and events. That’s important for me, to support the students in those areas. One of the dangers of this job is getting stuck in your office dealing with administrative stuff.

Q: What do you like to do when you’re not on the clock?
A: I like to golf, go on hikes with my wife and kids. And then we can be able to spend some time with grandparents.

Q: What’s your best golf score?
A: For the amount of golf I play, I should be a low handicap. My competitive level is higher than my skill level.

Q: Do you have a favorite hiking spot?
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Q: What’s it like being an adminis- trator and disciplining the kids in the school and then going home and hav- ing to flip the “dad” switch for your own kids?
A: My kids came through the Christian School while I was there. It was fine here. [in Agwaam], when I was assistant to my youngest son, Andy. Pret- ty much while they were going through school, I was either teaching or administering. Luckily, they were good kids and I didn’t have to deal with them on that end. Going home, it’s just like. They have a job to do and they keep their kids in line.

Q: So, you never had an instance where your kids brought something to your office for getting in trouble at school?
A: Yeah, lucky. Luckily, they didn’t get caught, I guess.

Whom should we interview next? What is the interesting job, hobby, or story to tell in Agwaam and Feeding Hills? Suggest a ‘Q & AGAWAM’ only by emailing mbalway@tusarly.com.

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**Newest principal chats about family, career in education**

By Peter Spotts
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Tommy Schnepp
Joe: Principal, Agawam High School
Family: Married to Cheryl Schnepp, 37 years; children Mike, Springfield Christian School Class of 2002; Sara, AHS Class of 2004; Andy, AHS Class of 2009.
Favorite thing about Agwaam: Like the small- town feel. They have a lot going on, but it’s not over- whelming. It’s a good balance. I love the town, the City Council and School Committee are all very supportive of what’s happening here.

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**Paranormal talk is on Halloween**

Dark Angel Paranormal Investigators will be at the Agawam Public Library at 7 on Halloween night, Wednesday, Oct. 31. Psychic medium Ray Sawyer and his group of investigators will discuss their findings and present actual evidence dis- covered during investigations. Attendees will hear actual ghost voices, see ghost photos and learn about the paranormal. This is an open and affirming congregation, an open and welcoming place.

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**Veterans sought for school program**

To help show veterans how much their service is appreciated, the Roberta Do- ering School will again par- ticipate in the National Take A Veteran to School program on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The program was developed by the History Channel and is endorsed by the National Ed- ucation Association.

Veterans who wish to be part of this program are asked to email Kathleen Gyotte-Kjeldan at kjyotte-kjeldanagawam@gmail.com. The program will be open to veterans who served in the military or had a related job.

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For more information, contact Lisa Bruno at lbrunogawa- mamed.org or 413-821-0542, or Nicole Martins at nmartins@ agawamaged.org.

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It’s gotten too big to ignore, right around the windows open, so we hear complaints on their way north out of town don’t have to worry about the smell, at least until the spring. What else don’t we have to worry about? Cholera outbreaks. Tainted rivers. Sewage in open ditches by the side of every street.

Without Bondi’s Island, there’s no city of Springfield and no sewer service in the surrounding towns that hook into the system: Agawam, naturally, but also West Side and several other suburbs. However, it’s hard to imagine the world of Feeding Hills would readily, if ruefully, explain how lucky most of Agawam is to forget it’s there — but if it weren’t there, it’s no exaggeration to say that our entire way of life would break down.

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Fifty-five is a significant number to most Brownsies. It was 1955 when the new state-of-the-art high school opened on Cooper Street. In January of that year, a huge flood that broke the dam at the top of the hill on Elm Street, and Mill Pond ceased to exist. Houses there no longer had a waterfront in their back yard, and it was the last year that hockey teams would use the ice for free practice time. With the creation of the Knightsbridge and the Littleville dam on the branches of the Westfield River, Agawam may never again see a flood like the one in 1955.

For classes that have reunions, the 55th is a big question mark. Maybe you had classmates come from California for the 50th. Do they want to spend a lot of money to come to the 55th, knowing that maybe many classmates won’t have time to wait for the 60th? That’s a good theory, waiting, but what if you aren’t here for the 60th, and I hope you know what I mean by that.

The class of 1963 held their 55th reunion on Columbus Day, choosing to have it at the Agawam Country Club. Classmate Joan (Allen) Cavallo had been there with her husband, City Councilor Paul Cavallo. She was pleased with how Tom DiRico and his staff had made everyone welcome. It turned out to be a great party.

One of the 63s who came the furthest was Randy Kruger, who was great with a plaque by the ‘63 for Best Class Spirit. Randy drove up from Virginia twice a year for the biennial ‘55 mini-reunions. Like most 55s, Randy is retired, having served in the Air Force from 1979 to 1985 and then having worked as a traffic manager from 1981 to 2013.

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The $2 million and $1.8 million budget increases to account for possible salary increases to account for possible salary increases for administrators from each school.

The city councilors also attended the “draft” budget proposal during a meeting. Sapelli gave an overview of the budget proposal and attended Agawam schools even though they live out of town.

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Meet the Candidates

Mike Franco
Independent from Agawam
Candidate for governor's council, 8th District

Age: 35
Occupation: Sales and marketing professional
Previous public service: U.S. fore service officer, statewide chairman of a 501c3 non profit

1. What are the three most important qualities you look for in a district or superior court judge? And how do you rate yourself on these qualities?

First and foremost, a judge shall have an allegiance to the Constitution and the law, with a confident belief in a higher moral authority. He/she must also have the courage of conviction to uphold these principles, standards, and ethical codes that are exemplified in the oath of office. Furthermore, to secure a conviction, a judge must have an extensive curriculum vitae (CV), showcasing academic, research and professional milestones with specific areas of knowledge and expertise in the law and Constitution. Yet even of the strict adherents above, judges must exhibit common sense, and prove to the Governor's Council that they possess an all-encompassing journey in "courses of my life." Judges must not be politically connected to, have family members or friends government jobs and perks.

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I’m a hands-on candidate. I believe in doing the research, listening to the voters, and getting things done. I’m a problem-solver. I approach issues logically and systematically. I value facts and data, and I make decisions based on those facts and data.

Mary Hurley
City clerk, 5 terms; mayor of Springfield, 2 terms; district court judge, 19 years

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Trunk or treat at St. David’s Saturday

St. David’s Episcopal Church will host “Trunk or Treat” 3-5 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 20. This free event will take place in the parking lot of the church at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, next to the police station. Children are encouraged to come in costume to enjoy trick-or-treating from car to car trunk to car trunk instead of going door to door. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-6133.

Free Halloween fun at Heritage Hall

The Heritage Hall Campus in Agawam is offering free Halloween fun for children ages 12 and under. On Saturday, Oct. 20, Heritage Woods will open up its annual Haunted House from 1 to 3 p.m. The other four buildings at Heritage Hall (North, South, East and West) will also offer trick-or-treating from 1 to 4 p.m. Extravagances to the campus are at 462 Main St. and 55 Cooper St. in Agawam. For more information call 413-789-8332.

Carnival entices Granger families out to visit school

The Granger School PTO held a fall carnival for families of kindergart- ten through grade 4 students at the school last week. A new PTO event, similar to a back-to-school night, but with a carnival theme, it was a way to entice families to come to the school with their kids for an evening of fun and information. Kids got to play some skill games in the hallways and get their faces painted in the cafeteria while parents could talk with PTO members and walk around the school. The free event offered fall-inspired food and drinks, including apple cider and cider doughnuts. Families could also help kids make bookmarks in a classroom or join in activities in the gymnasium. There was even a carnival fortune teller to give students a glimpse into their future in school.

Students and their families also joined in a school-wide scavenger hunt. PTO members and volunteers filled cars with candy and treats and families would drive from car to car in costume to enjoy trick-or-treating from car to car trunk to car trunk instead of going door to door. The kids had the opportunity to play games and find clues while parents walked around the school. The free event was also a great way to introduce families to the school and its programs.

All lunches served with fresh and chilied fruit.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL


Tuesday, Oct. 23: Chicken Caesar salad bowl (me- llave lettuce, croutons, parmesan cheese, grilled chicken), honey breadstick.

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Chicken breast wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad.

Thursday, Oct. 25: Half day, No lunch.

Friday, Oct. 26: Barbecue ribs on a hongo roll, onion rings, baby carrots and ranch, combined.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA DOERING SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Oct. 22: Mediterranean style with dipping sauce, whole-grain dinner roll, side salad.

Tuesday, Oct. 23: Oven fried drumsticks, baked corn, rice, vegetable bread, beans.

School Lunch

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Junior High — Pasta with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned broccoli. Deering and elementary — Pasta with meatballs, garlic bread, seasoned green beans.

Thursday, Oct. 25: Half day. No lunch.

Friday, Oct. 26: Ultra-grilled stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.

Breakfast

All breakfasts include assorted cold cereal, muffins and pastries, cheese sticks, fresh fruit and orange juice.

Serving times: High school, 7 a.m.; junior high, 7:15 a.m.; Granger, 7:30 a.m.; Doering, 8:10 a.m.; Phelps, 8:30 a.m.; Robinson Park, 8:30 a.m.; Clark 8:35 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24: Pancakes with syrup.

Thursday, Oct. 25: Waffles.


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October 23rd, 2018 - 6 to 8pm
High School Gym, 27 Bartlett St., Westfield | $1,000 scholarship | $200 registration fee waived.

President Sarah White said the scavenger hunt not only gave families a chance to get to know each other better, but it also helped to orient them to the school and its classrooms.

Teachers, parents, and AHS students (including some Granger alumni) who are members of the National Honor Society assisted with many of the activities. Designed as a “fun evening for all,” it also served as a way for families to learn what the PTO can do for them and their school community.

White, who recently took over as PTO president, said the event was an open invitation for families to experience the PTO and decide how they want to participate in the organization. White said the 90-minute event attracted more than 150 families — exceeding the 100 that she had expected to attend.
Top right, Matt Nolen-Parkhouse, a lab technician at Bondi’s Island, explains the functions that bacteria — including the nematode pictured on the screen — perform in the water treatment process.

Above, wastewater that has been cleaned spills out of the treatment tanks, rushing to the disinfecting tank before being released into the Connecticut River.

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“Odor that occasionally emanate from the facility are a result of whatever is in the water when it arrives there. Also, during drier weather when water flow is slower, the wastewater can sit in the tank longer, leading to more odor as the tanks are not aerated.” — Matt Nowak, a project manager at Bondi’s Island who led about 20 people on the tour last week.

“When wastewater arrives at the facility it goes through several treatment phases before coming out clean on the other side. First, it goes through the bar rack and grit room to filter out all the large objects in the water such as rags, bottles, cans or similar items. The water is sent through tanks that remove the ‘grit’ — heavy sand and asphalt — from the water by letting it settle at the bottom of the tank. This is the primary, or physical, treatment.

The secondary treatment is where the bacteria comes in. The water is delivered to the tanks outside the main facility, where the bacteria in the water chews through the sewage and dissolved solids in the wastewater, producing sludge. Nowak explained that each incoming load of wastewater brings with it more bacteria, replenishing the ones in the tank that die, so there’s always enough to keep the process moving.

“You add the correct organisms to your septic systems every day,” Nowak said.
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FOOTBALL

When Holyoke scored a touchdown early in the first quarter, it appeared it was going to be another tough game for Agawam High School's defense.

But the Knights offense struggled just a bit from there, and Agawam made the game interesting in a 16-12 victory for Holyoke last Friday evening at Harmon A. Smith Field at Agawam High School.

The win was much needed for Holyoke after dropping two straight games in the AA Conference to Longmeadow and Central.

Agawam was in desperate need of a win after dropping games against Westfield and Longmeadow during the past two weeks.

Agawam deferred on the opening kickoff, and then allowed first-drive touchdown on a 38-yard run to the far left side by Jaeden Alejandro.

Up 6-0, Agawam was not able to do much with the ball once they had possession, and gave up two touchdowns as the game wore on.

Later in the game, as Holyoke held on to a 14-6 lead, Vinny Castro made a great fake that fooled the Holyoke defense. It was a pass play that became an eight-yard touchdown run. Agawam failed on a two-point attempt and the Brownies trailed 14-12 not long into the third quarter.

Holyoke got the ball back and started driving once again, but a fumbled recovery by Agawam's Nick Stacy would give the Brownies another opportunity to take the lead.

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Brownies can’t hold early lead vs. Knights

Above, Tomasso DeCaro tries to pass the ball forward with a header.

At right, Paulo Naver tries to head off a West Springfield player for possession of the ball in Agawam’s matchup with West Springfield last Wednesday, Oct. 10.

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had some opportunities on Sam Saloio. In the second minute, Chapin Jeanotte had her 25-yard blast caught by Saloio and then in the ninth, Molly Roy was on goal from 15 yards. The Falcons had a corner kick in the 12th and a through ball did get to Saloio in the 20th. In the 13th, Gabrielle Williams was on goal from 15 yards and in the 20th, Saloio came out 20 yards to stop Williams.

With 15:43 to go in the half, Saloio could not make it three in a row, as Williams, breaking from midfield, finished off the rush getting the ball by Saloio for a 1-0 Minnechaug lead. The Falcons added a second goal with 1:14 left in the half, as Elizabeth Christian drove one into the right corner from 15 yards on the left. She somehow hooked it just inside the right post. Saloio made one last save off Ryan Kuhn with 30 seconds left.

As they had dominated possession the first half, the Falcons were just as relentless in the second. Williams was on goal in the fourth minute and Katie Shea was there in the fifth. Rianni Ryan was wide left in the seventh and Williams sent one over in the eighth. Brooke McDonald headed one from eight yards off the cross in the 13th minute and a shot by Emily Howard in the 15th was stopped by Taylor DeGeorge, when Saloio could not get back.

Santaniello was on goal from Agawam in the 16th, their first shot since the break. The Falcons got three shots in four minutes after that. DeGeorge stopped another of Shea in the 19th; Kuhn was over from 15 in the 23rd and in the 25th, Howard had two shots in succession on Saloio. With 10:54, Howard got one on a pass from Shea. She was 15 yards out.

Each team had a shot on goal in the final five minutes. A through ball was stopped by Saloio in the 35th minute and second later, Russell got to a 40-yard blast by May Kate Wysocki.

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the end zone, Agawam could not manage to get the big play. The Knights would turn Agawam away on a fourth and goal from six yards out, and Holyoke would take over.

Holyoke would drive down the field, but eventually give the ball back to Agawam. Except this time, the Brownies were pinned inside their own end very deep. Holyoke would then call a tackle in Agawam’s end zone for a safety to make the score 16-12. That was the only scoring of the fourth quarter and would end up being the final nail for Holyoke to get the win.

Neither quarterback lit up the passing game, with Holyoke’s Gabriel Fernandez going 3-for-7 for 53 yards, and Vinny Castro, who has been Agawam’s new starter, going 4-for-10 for 71 yards.

On the ground, Leesandro Colon led Holyoke with 96 yards, while Fernandez ran 10 times for 90 yards. Alejandro had two carries for 51 yards.

Agawam got 49 yards from Castro, and 25 yards from Dan Dobrowski.

Holyoke is now 4-2 this season, while Agawam dropped to 1-5.

The Agawam Little League board of directors will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, at Take 5 Restaurant. All who have an interest in making 2019 another successful season for baseball and softball players are invited.

This meeting will provide information about the organization and conduct the 2019 board elections. The ALL is a privately run, non-profit organization that couldn’t operate without the help and support of board members, volunteers and sponsors.

To show appreciation for a parent’s attendance, the league will deduct $10 from one of their child’s 2019 Little League registration fees. For more information, visit agawamlittleleague.com.

Take 5 Restaurant is at 944 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.
In cross country, it's hard to feel the experience of the race or the progress during the season, as each course differs in distance and composition. You have to go through the course with your hands in your pockets to have her runners experience the course there really wasn’t a chance to have her runners experience the course prior to the State Invitational at Northampton. They entered both the boys and girls race at the same course in 2009, the only time under their observation in the early going, the second half. After a goal, stopping a number of shots by the Pacers. That would be their best performance. That would be their best performance. The last time the Pacers were in Agawam, they were in Agawam, they were in the middle of the second half. The last time, the Brownies had their running the course for the first time, sophomore Ben Mielnikowski was as impressive as any league opponent. He was wide left. Musa Jiana had a shot on goal by Vinnie Romeo drew the save. It would be their best performance. It would be their best performance. The last time, the Brownies had their running the course for the first time, sophomore Ben Mielnikowski was as impressive as any league opponent. He was wide left. Musa Jiana had a shot on goal by Vinnie Romeo drew the save. It would be their best performance. It would be their best performance. The last time, the Brownies had their running the course for the first time, sophomore Ben Mielnikowski was as impressive as any league opponent. He was wide left. Musa Jiana had a shot on goal by Vinnie Romeo drew the save. It would be their best performance. It would be their best performance.
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING
TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREDITARY INTEREST
IN THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND IN AGAWAM, MA:

LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED:

November 2, 2018 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the Tax Collector's Office of the Agawam City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of the general Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY DUTY AND DIRECTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Agawam the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with all the expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

To Avoid Tax Taking Please Call:
786-8040 for information on total amounts due including interest and expenses
Ext. 9712 Placeciz, Collector-Treasurer
Ext. 8100 Robert Hartmann, Assistant Collector

ADAMS, JOHN C,
NEW OWNER: BEAUCHANE GEORGE J,
FY-2018 $2,214.71.

BOBROWSKI THOMAS J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 57 FERNWOOD DR in AGAWAM, containing .461 acres shown on Assessor's Map J11020007, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 14862-581. Tax for FY-2018 $3,430.72.

BUONCONTO GINA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 2025 MASSACHUSETTS AV in AGAWAM, containing .46 acres shown on Assessor's Map F08010005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18599-48. Tax for FY-2018 $878.44.

BUONCONTO CHARLES J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 677 BURNHAM AV in AGAWAM, containing .290 acres shown on Assessor's Map E03005004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13892-582. Tax for FY-2018 $32.78.

BUONCONTO STEPHEN M,
NEW OWNER: BUONCONTO KEVIN,
FY-2018 $2,214.71.

BUYNICKI MATTHEW E.
LAND & BUILDING located at 166 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, containing 6.630 acres shown on Assessor's Map F13001001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 6227-1456. Tax for FY-2018 $754.61.

BUYNICKI MALIA E
LAND & BUILDING located at 67 EAST VILLAGE ST in AGAWAM, containing 347 acres shown on Assessor's Map J13001001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18353-439. Tax for FY-2018 $1,820.48.

BUYNICKI DAVID J.
LAND & BUILDING located at 35 RAMAH CIR SOUTH in AGAWAM, containing .585 acres shown on Assessor's Map J14001001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 13839-736. Tax for FY-2018 $9,773.80.

BUYNICKI MADINA V.
DADAYEVADILMAR V.
BUILDING located at 148 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, containing .461 acres shown on Assessor's Map J10060005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15381-66. Tax for FY-2018 $1,017.12.

BUCOZELLO, PAUL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 53 SOUTH ST in AGAWAM, containing 361 acres shown on Assessor's Map F07040005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 20145-230. Tax for FY-2018 $826.32.

BUCOZELLO, PAUL,
LAND & BUILDING located at 70 ALBANY ST in AGAWAM, containing 26 acres shown on Assessor's Map J13001004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15381-66. Tax for FY-2018 $1,133.69.

BUCOZELLO, PAUL
LAND & BUILDING located at 119 BEAUMONT ST in AGAWAM, containing 37 acres shown on Assessor's Map J14001004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15381-66. Tax for FY-2018 $1,133.69.

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REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18670-441. Tax for Map I16020020, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY AGAW AM, containing .250 ACRES shown on Assessor’s FY-2018 $1,325.71.

Map K01040006, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY AGAW AM, containing .200 ACRES shown on Assessor’s MONGEAU JESSICA L, MARZANO LINDA A TR, MARZANO REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST, 19752-582. Tax for FY-2018 $816.63.

HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18489-568. Tax for FY-2018 $1,133.44.

shown on Assessor’s Map L11060208, recorded at MCKENZIE CARL, MARGOSIAK CLAIRE A, LAND located at 533 SOUTHWICK ST in AGAW AM, containing .520 ACRES shown on Assessor’s FY-2018 $2,600.83.

NATALE ANNA L/T, CONNOR KRISTEN, LAND & BUILDING located at 136 BARRY ST in AGAW AM, containing .218 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map H13110001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 15443-143. Tax for FY-2018 $1,420.81.

NICOLI KEITH R, NICOLI HEATHER T, LAND & BUILDING located at 101 BURLINGTON DR in AGAW AM, containing .853 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K06060013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 55348. Tax for FY-2018 $4,180.60.

PAPPAS JOHN M, PAPPAS DALE C, LAND & BUILDING located at 28 CHARLES ST in AGAW AM, containing .344 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K08090002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5226-177. Tax for FY-2018 $278.50.

PARISIEN DONALD, PARISIEN CYNTHIA, LAND & BUILDING located at 61 HIGH ST in AGAW AM, containing .450 ACRES shown on Assessor’s FY-2018 $798.83.

LAND & BUILDING located at 140 FRANKLIN ST in AGAW AM, containing .395 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K00100001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 11605-194. Tax for FY-2018 $1,476.46.

LAND located at SOUTHWICK ST in AGAW AM, containing .470 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map A08010001, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5580-539. Tax for FY-2018 $344.99.

PAPANICHOLAS ANGELO P ZANOTTI IRREVOCABLE, ZANOTTI RONALD J TR, LAND & BUILDING located at 204 SUFFIELD ST in AGAW AM, containing .490 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K10050015, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 5218-240. Tax for FY-2018 $2,749.46.

RIDER GEORGE ANTHONY L/T, RICH LAURA ANN, LAND & BUILDING located at 533 SOUTHWICK ST in AGAW AM, containing .395 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map K08090002, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 11605-194. Tax for FY-2018 $1,476.46.

LAND located at 129 PARKER ST in AGAW AM, containing .333 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map L11630004, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 2942-277. Tax for FY-2018 $7,199.19.

WING ROBERT E JR, LAND & BUILDING located at 146 SCHOOL ST in AGAW AM, containing .980 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map L11001005, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 19685-17. Tax for FY-2018 $3,787.24.

WRIGHT PATRICIA D, LAND & BUILDING located at 444 COOPER ST in AGAW AM, containing .639 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map L11004013, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18367-63. Tax for FY-2018 $3,380.39.

ZANOTTI RONALD J TR, LAND & BUILDING located at 140 FRANKLIN ST in AGAW AM, containing .340 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050016, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18870-281. Tax for FY-2018 $1,885.32.

ZANOTTI RONALD J TR, LO ZANOTTI REVOCABLE T, LAND & BUILDING located at 152 FRANKLIN ST in AGAW AM, containing .795 ACRES shown on Assessor’s Map G11050017, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book/Page 18870-281. Tax for FY-2018 $1,885.32.
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The cost of the booklet (including data on a USB Flash Drive) is $30 for Valley Press Club members and $40 for non-members. Proceeds from the sale of the media guide benefit the club’s scholarship program for Western Massachusetts students who plan to study journalism.

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Whip history to be shared Weds.

The Agawam Historical Association will hold a member meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday Oct. 24, at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Carol Martin will present the history of the Westfield Whip Factory. She is a member of the founding family. The factory still makes whips to this day. All are welcome and encouraged to join the association.

The Agawam Historical Association, a non-profit organization, has been part of the Agawam community for many years with the mission to preserve the town’s history and artifacts and educate the citizens of Agawam. The Captain Leonard House is at 663 Main St., Agawam.

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