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I’ve made. From the moment I stepped into the ECC, I felt an immediate connection. The past few weeks in school have only reinforced that this is the right place for me. The warmth and support I received from the school administration, my colleagues, the families and of course my beautiful students have made me feel incredibly welcome and truly at home here. I genuinely am excited about the opportunity of growing alongside a dedicated team,” Sullivan said.

ABA Teacher Karen Carrier who wasn’t present had Principal Mithcell Taylor of James Clark Elementary School speak on her behalf. Taylor began, “Carrier has strong connections within the Clark School, her mom was a teacher there named

Donna taught third grade and Carrier remembers coming to visit her mom when she worked at the school. She officially began working at the school in 1993 as a one-to-one paraprofessional, later serving as a classroom paraprofessional until 1998. Currently works in the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program and I’ve been able to bring her on as the ABA teacher this year. Very fortunate to have Karen,” stated Taylor.

At the Clifford Granger Elementary School, three new staff members were introduced by Principal Stephanie Gendron who stated that although they are new their presence was immediately felt by all. Special Education Teachers in the Therapeutic Learning Classroom (TLC) program Katelyn Lentes and Christine Samuelsen, and

Math Coach and Interventionist Amanda Treon.

Lentes began, “I am originally from Holyoke and currently live in Chicopee. I have worked in education for the past 15 years, this is my twelfth year as either a teacher and or Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). I received my bachelor’s of education from Westfield State and received my master’s in severe special education from Bay Path University, as well as my educational specialist degree. Coming to Granger has been a great experience, the welcome here has been amazing and I look forward to working with the staff, students, and parents here in Agawam,” Lentes said.

Samuelsen followed, “I live here in Agawam with my husband and three children. Before working at Granger, I worked at the Junior High

in the connections program as a paraprofessional, where I gained a lot of valuable experience and had hands-on learning while I completed my bachelor’s degree at Bay Path in Child Psychology. Everyone at Granger has been amazing and so helpful, any questions I’ve had I’ve been welcome with open arms. I couldn’t have asked for a better staff and I look forward to getting to know everybody,” said Samuelsen.

Treon followed by introducing herself and sharing it is her 22 year working in education. “I am originally from Central Pennsylvania, I came to Western Massachusetts in 2006 after teaching overseas for two years. I’m a licensed elementary and English as a Second Education (ESL) teacher, my experience includes being a classroom and ESL teacher, and coach. I be-

lieve in building conceptual understanding for students in math, as well as a love for math,” said Treon.

Benjamin Phelps Elementary School has five new staff members who were introduced by Principal Andy Villamaino, only one could attend in-person.

The four introduced by Villamaino were First Grade Teacher Riley Kelley, Second Grade Teacher Anna Boucher, Special Education Teacher in the Connections Program Teah Garibian, and Second Grade Teacher Caitlin Brown. Present at the meeting was Adjustment Counselor Natasha Martin, “I am an Agawam resident and it fills me with great purpose to know that I have the opportunity to support the students that are living within my community. My children also attend the Agawam Public Schools

and as a parent, I’ve been impressed with the dedication and support my daughter received at the ECC and my son at the James Clark Elementary School. I worked in the mental health field for over 10 years; we have a really strong team and I feel very lucky,” stated Martin.

Roberta G. Doering Middle School introduced Teacher Lisa Albert and the Agawam Junior High School introduced Intensive Math Teacher Roman Tsipenyuk, School Adjustment Counselor Alexis Glynn, Science Teacher Alissa Himmelright, and Tom McCall. Agawam High School introduced four new staff members Technology Educator Matthew Boucher, English Teacher Kristin Faulkner, Special Education and Inclusion Teachers Emma Thompson and Vanessa Galluzzo.

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According to the funding proposal made by Mayor Christopher Johnson, \$158,700 of the funds needed would come from the golf course’s stabilization fund, while the remaining \$100,000 will come from the town’s Capital Stabilization Fund. However, that funding will be a loan which will be paid back by the Municipal Golf Course’s Revolving Fund at 4% interest. Payments are scheduled to take place with payments made

in the next two fiscal year budgets.

Johnson said in a memo to the city council the \$100,000 loan allows \$200,000 to remain in the golf course’s stabilization fund while also making sure the town benefits from the loan to the golf course. The golf course would also save substantial funds from not having to pay a traditional bond for the carts.

Previously, the golf cart fleet was done as more of a lease situation. Johnson stated commercial lease

rates have exceeded what is reasonable and it is more cost effective to purchase carts, which Johnson said are a substantial source of revenue for the course when users rent the carts for their rounds.

The funding request appeared as new business at the Monday, Oct. 6 meeting will be directed to the Finance Sub-committee for a recommendation. The soonest it could be voted on will at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 20.

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geared toward smaller projects. Among projects funded by the program are roofs and HVAC systems.

“The plan is to try and do a roof a year over the next four or five years for the elementary schools,” the mayor said. “But they’re unfortunately not going to be considered as one project.”

As a result, the town will have to submit separate applications for each of the four roofs, meaning they may not all receive funding from the state.

According to Johnson, the smaller roofs at Clark and Sapelli schools will cost an estimated \$800,000. The larger roofs at Phelps and Granger could cost about \$1.2 million. It is not clear what order the roofs would be repaired in.

According to Johnson, Phelps is the oldest building among the elementary schools, constructed in 1939. The latest built among them was Sapelli in 1959. It opened as Robinson Park School before being renamed in 2023 when the school committee agreed to change the name in

honor of the former principal, superintendent of schools, and former mayor.

The school committee voted unanimously to have Superintendent Sheila Martin submit the statements of interest to the MSBA. The deadline for this year’s round of funding was Friday, March 21.

There is not currently a specific timeline for the roof projects to take place. A major project in the school district is already underway as Phase 1 construction of a new Agawam High School is about six months into the process.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P2002EA
Estate of:
Andre Alexander Cobham
Date of Death: 03/16/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

The Petitioner requests that: **Hyacinth Jennifer Cobham 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 10/27/2025.** This is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 29, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
10/09/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No.
HD25P1892GD
In the interests of
Lindsey Renee Kluiko of Agawam, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time:
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **09/12/2025** by

Allison F Vosburgh of Agawam, MA
Alanna J D’Angelis of Agawam, MA
will be held **10/20/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing.** Located: **50 State St. 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103.**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:
File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested

parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

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

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

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

Date: September 12, 2025
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
10/09/2025

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court

50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD25P2032EA
Estate of:
Linda Marie Sypek
Date of Death: 01/11/2025
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 02, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani, Register of Probate
10/09/2025

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