

Sports

MIAA makes improvements to website

FRANKLIN – The MIAA, in conjunction with the web agency Gravity Works Design & Development, is excited to announce the addition of “Game Day” – featuring many new features and enhancements – to the MIAA website.

The new Game Day package takes scores and schedules data already entered by MIAA member schools into the Arbiter platform, and displays it across multiple views and filter-able options.

The MIAA and Gravity Works launched the new MIAA.net in July 2024. We heavily focused on improving the user experience for visitors through streamlined navigation, refreshed content, and a modern, engaging web design. Subsequent updates have included a new system for Tournament

Brackets, as well as Open Dates, Games Wanted and a revamped Members Only area for MIAA schools.

Now, the addition of Game Day – which combines the previous Tournament menu with the new features – will provide an enhanced user experience for administrators, student athletes, coaches and fans.

What’s New?
 • **SCHOOLS:** A new top menu item brings users to a search-able and filter-able landing page that allows access to individual pages for each MIAA member school.

• **Individual School pages:** Each member school page displays basic information, a filter-able school-specific schedule, and tabbed views of each school’s varsity sports (by season). Click on each sport to see team schedules and links to team

pages.

• **Team pages:** Provides additional team-specific views of schedules and results, including a ticker of Recent Scores. Schools also can enter Head Coach information and link to Facilities. ... For cooperative programs, Team pages will be linked across all approved Host and Guest schools.

• **Facilities:** Schools can enter and information on venues into a search-able/filter-able database, and link the facilities to be displayed on Team pages.

• **GAME DAY:** Combines the previous Tournament menu options (Tournament Central, Tournament Administration, Tournament Director Vacancies) with several new features:

• **Scores:** Displays scores/schedules data entered by schools into Arbi-

ter, with filters for Sport, School and Customizable data ranges (Note: “From” and “To” dates must be different for filters to work properly)

• **League Standings:** Powered by Arbiter data, league standings can be filtered by Sport, Gender (if applicable), League, Division Name (if applicable) and MIAA Division. (Note: League standings currently will be updated daily).

• **Rankings:** When available, Power Rankings data can be filtered by Sport, Gender (if applicable) and MIAA Division. (Note: Power Rankings documents will continue to be displayed in the Tournament Central section.)

• **COMMITTEES:** Link to Committees landing page now can be found inside the About MIAA menu.

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ence, which governs Western Mass. high school sports, and now organizes the sectional tournament.

Mayor Christopher Johnson, following a request from members of the school committee, ordered the city solicitor to file an injunction in Hampden County Superior Court to allow the softball team to play.

AHS had appeal to both the PVIAC and the MIAA seeking a simple waiver for the clerical oversight, and while they were denied access to the Western Mass. title game, they were allowed to participate in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. If they won in the semifinal round, their opponent would have been granted an opportunity to play in the final since Agawam would have been forced to forfeit that opportunity.

Unconfirmed sources say Westfield High School, Agawam’s semifinal opponent, would have likely refused to play in the game, but that was not publicly confirmed.

The injunction request was heard on Friday morning, May 22, in front of Justice Thomas Townsend. He issued a written ruling, granting the injunction, just a few hours later.

The defendant, the PVIAC, was ordered by Townsend to allow Agawam to participate in the championship game. The injunction, according

AHS Principal James Blain, was not allowed to be filed until after Agawam had won the semifinal matchup with Westfield.

In his decision, Townsend cited that the PVIAC did not identify how Agawam’s mistake could have inured to its own benefit.

“Nor has it identified how a penalty of exclusion in these circumstances advances the purpose of the rule,” Townsend stated in his decision. “Based on the record before the court, which the PVIAC was invited to supplement, the decision to exclude Agawam from the championship game ‘lacks any rational explanation that reasonable persons might support.’”

Following the decision, Agawam did participate in the championship game. Regardless of the result, Agawam would be charged with the a loss in the MIAA’s record-keeping for results that would determine Agawam’s ranking in the upcoming State Division 2 Tournament.

Agawam faced off with East Longmeadow on a rainy afternoon last Saturday at Westfield State University. Photos and more from that championship game will be in next week’s edition.

The PVIAC did not make any public comments on the decision to allow Agawam into the championship game.

The state tournament for softball was set to begin earlier this week. Seeds were announced on Tuesday afternoon.

T-Birds win Game 4 to force deciding fifth game

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds staved off elimination for a third time this postseason, picking up a 2-0 shutout win over the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins last Thursday night at the Mass-Mutual Center. Springfield win ties the series, 2-2, and forces a deciding Game 5 last Saturday at Mohegan Arena at Casey Plaza.

Early indications were that neither team’s red hot goaltender was going to give up anything easy, as the Penguins’ Sergei Murashov turned away 13 first period shot attempts from the T-Birds. In turn, Georgii Romanov went a perfect

7-for-7 in the opening period for Springfield.

The Penguins appeared to take a 1-0 lead just past the 6:00 mark of the game when Harrison Brunicke jumped into a rush on the right side and snapped a shot over Romanov into the top shelf. However, after officials gathered to converse, it was ruled that Romanov could not properly play his position, and the goal was disallowed.

The scoreless deadlock carried well past the midpoint of the game, with Springfield surviving a pair of Wilkes-Barre/Scranton power plays in the opening half of period two.

The T-Birds’ power play then made its presence known, snapping an 0-for-15 drought when Dillon Dube fielded a pass in the slot area and chipped a forehand shot over Murashov’s glove to make it a 1-0 Springfield lead at 16:14 of the middle stanza. It was Dube’s team-leading fifth goal of the postseason and third in the series.

The T-Birds continued to make life miserable for the Penguin offense as the game shifted into the third period. With Wilkes-Barre/Scranton unable to register more than seven shots in any period, Springfield took advantage to gain

some insurance at 6:48 of the third when Akil Thomas fired a pass in the slot to Thomas Bordeleau. Bordeleau’s shot deflected back to a trailing Marc-Andre Gaudet. The defenseman’s one-time attempt knocked a stick out of a defender’s hand, and the puck slowly elevated and trickled over the head of a perplexed Murashov, making it a 2-0 Springfield lead.

From there, Romanov took care of the rest, securing a Game 4 shutout for a second consecutive round and moving the T-Birds to a perfect 4-0 record following a loss in these playoffs.

Public Notices

Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Notice

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Joseph J Davis who is seeking a Variance from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180-27 to allow a buildable lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as Lot #0, North Street. Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals 05/21, 05/28/2026

Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Notice

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the request of Vadim Solokhin who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance, Ch.180-37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 32 Marlene Dr. Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals 05/21, 05/28/2026

Legal Notice Town of Agawam

The **Agawam Planning Board** will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00pm** and the **Agawam City Council** will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 15, 2026 at 7:00pm**, both in the Veterans Hall at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Chanda Care, Inc for a zone change request for **430 North West Street** from Business B to Residence A-2. City Council’s public hearing will be livestreamed on the Town of Agawam’s website at www.agawam.ma.us and will also be televised on Cable Access Channel 15 or Channel 1074. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Planning Department between the hours of 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Agawam DPW, 1000 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

By Order Of:
 Violet Baldwin, Chair Agawam Planning Board
 Anthony Russo, President Agawam City Council
 05/21, 05/28/2026

Obituary

Marcia Tangredi

1935 - 2026

Marcia Tangredi, 90, passed away peacefully on May 20, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. A longtime resident of Agawam, Marcia will be remembered for her beautiful smile, patient spirit, kind eyes, and gentle heart that made everyone feel welcome and cared for. With her beautiful red curly hair and charming disposition, she brought warmth, laughter, and comfort wherever she went.

Born in Springfield, Marcia was one of three daughters of the late Agnes (Darcy) Childs and Francis Childs. More than seventy-five years ago, she made her home in Agawam, where she lovingly raised her family and built a life rooted in kindness, faith, and community.

Marcia was known for her wonderful sense of humor, her love of animals, and the simple joys that brought her peace — feeding the birds outside her window,

tending to her gardens with her remarkable green thumb, and enjoying a glass of wine shared among family and friends. Her extraordinary caring nature made people gravitate toward her, and she had a gift for making others feel seen, heard, and valued.

A faithful member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Marcia formed many cherished friendships through the years. She began her professional career at the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, followed by a position at Farm Credit Bank, where she worked with dedication and grace. Later in life, she worked at Chez Joseph and Six Flags amusement park, found a second family at the Agawam Senior Center, where she became affectionately known as the chief greeter.

Whether offering guidance, organizing activities,



or simply sharing a cheerful smile and conversation, Marcia welcomed everyone as if they belonged. Her home and her heart were always open.

Above all else, Marcia’s greatest joy and proudest accomplishment was being a devoted mother to her six children. She was their guiding light, a compassionate listener, a steady source of encouragement, and a loving presence through every season of life. She celebrated each of her children for their individuality and carried endless pride in the people they became. Her constant concern for others, her sensitivity, and her unconditional love remain her legacy.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children: Dino Tangredi (Jamie), Mia Tangredi (Mark Rothbaum), Patrick Tangredi, and Bethany Tangredi; her adored grandchildren, Jaime and Manoj Patel Tangredi, Lilith Lee-Tangredi, Shane, Sophia and Shayla; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Aasha, Julian; nieces, nephews and extended family.

In addition to her parents, Marcia was predeceased by her beloved chil-

dren, Johnny Tangredi and Marissa Tangredi-Davis; her precious granddaughter, Avery; her sisters, Barbara Ferris and Judith Childs; and her former husband, John D. Tangredi.

Marcia leaves behind a family who adored her, friends who treasured her companionship, and a community made better by her kindness. Though her presence will be deeply missed, the love she gave so freely will continue to live on in all who knew her.

Marcia was grateful to be cared for by many loving community members, including but not limited to Kathy and Jim Paulin, Erin Shepherd, and Lynn Kelly Plasse.

To honor Marcia, friends and family are invited to gather on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation on 985 Main Street in Agawam; with a celebration of life ceremony at 6 p.m. A private burial will be held in St. Michael’s Cemetery in Springfield.

Donations may be made in Marcia’s honor to St. Jude’s: <https://www.stjude.org/donate> or to <https://www.nationalmssociety.org>. For more information or to share an online memory or condolence, please visit www.forastiere.com.

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