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that she had made it to the final round and, a few months after that, she learned that she had been selected.

“It was exciting for me because I had always wanted to write and this was my first real publication,” Kesecker said.

The news also came as a bright spot in an otherwise hard time of Kesecker’s life. Her dad had secondary brain cancer and Kesecker and her family weren’t sure if he was going to make it.

“I was able to tell him [that I was published],” Kesecker said. “I was able to bring a little bit of joy to him.”

Kesecker’s story was released to retailers on Sept. 29 and is available in stores. Additionally, the Agawam Public Library intends to

purchase the story.

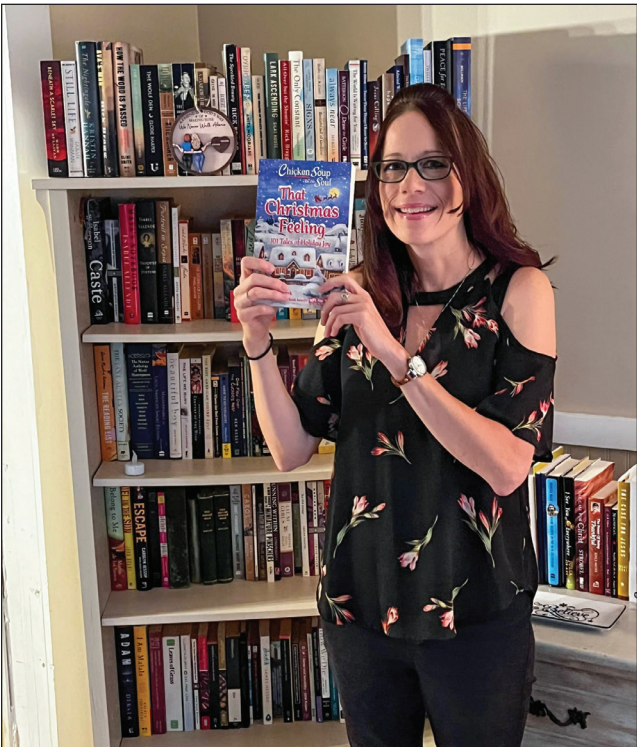
Agawam has also invited Kesecker to read her story at the annual Festival of Lights, which will take place on December 17.

She hopes that the story will inspire Agawam and others who read it to reach out and support people within their community.

Kesecker is grateful for the support Agawam has given her. Moreover, she is grateful to her mother, Karel Kesecker.

“She’s always encouraged me to pursue this dream of writing,” Kesecker said.

Due to the success of her story and support from her mother, Kesecker plans to continue writing. Already she is working on a book that features the story about her dad’s journey through cancer.



Stefanie Kesecker

Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat at Wistariahurst Museum

HOLYOKE – Wistariahurst Museum is delighted to bring back our spooky and spectacular Sensory-Friendly Trick or Treat event into our halls for the Halloween season! Our bewitching trick or treat event will let you and your little goblins enjoy an adventure in our haunted halls designed for families with sensory sensitivities. Monsters of all ages can collect spook-tacular items

through gentle exploration throughout the museum and choose from prizes ranging from candy to fidget toys. Guests are welcome and encouraged to wear their fun, festive costumes throughout their journey through the museum.

When signing up for the event on Eventbrite, please reserve one time slot per family. A staff member will reach out to registered guests with

questions about accessibility needs before the event to ensure that every ghost and ghouel feels comfortable and welcome during their time. Families are welcome to explore the museum and gardens at this event as well. Wistariahurst will also have yard games that the whole family can enjoy.

Families can sign up for ten-minute time slots between 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm

and will be limited to two families per time slot. This trick-or-treat exploration event will continue until 3:00 pm to allow children to explore at their own pace and enjoy a stress-free experience! Stay as long as you want, time slots are only meant to ensure a calm and seamless check-in process. Sign up for a time slot today, our Boo Crew can’t wait to meet you.

Vendors needed for fundraising event at Junior High School

AGAWAM – Agawam Junior High School is currently seeking vendors & crafters for an upcoming fundraising event.

AJHS Washington DC

2027 - Club will be hosting a Community Craft and Vendor Fair. This fundraising event is to help defer the cost of travel for students travelling to Washington DC

in June of 2027. The fair will be Thursday, Nov. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. in our cafeteria.

If you are a crafter or vendor please consider joining us. Please see Agawam Ju-

nior High School webpage for details and registration form!

If you are a shopper - save the date to kick off your holiday shopping.

Chamber holding next ‘Lunch with the Legislators’ on Oct. 20

AGAWAM – The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will hold its next

“Lunch with the Legislators” on Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The

event will be held at Latitude Restaurant at 1338 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Join us

for lunch with local senators and representatives for updates and a Q&A session.

Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
Docket No.
HD26P2139EA
Estate of:
June M. Matt
Date of Death: August 9, 2026
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Dennis A. Matt of Agawam, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Dennis A. Matt of Agawam, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings

and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
10/15/2026

**Agawam Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 6:05 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the application of Pine Creek Agawam Limited Partnership for the **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation** for property at 67 Hunt Street.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
10/15/2026

**AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30PM** for all parties interested in the request of Saad Yasir who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance,

Ch.180, Section 37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 88 Elmar Drive.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
10/15, 10/22/2026

**Agawam Conservation Commission
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Notice of Intent Application of Tirone Development Corp for work to be performed on 130 South Westfield Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
10/15/2026

**AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE**

The Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7PM** for all parties interested in the request of Kseniya Tsikhotskiy, who is seeking a Special Permit from the Town of Agawam’s Zoning Ordinance,

Ch.180, Section 37 (B) and 180-8.1 to allow for the keeping of hens at the premises identified as 432 South Westfield Street.

Doreen A. Prouty, Chairperson
Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals
10/15, 10/22/2026

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
C.A. No. 25-CV-11774-MGM
Nationstar Mortgage, LLC., v. Sheryann Stowell, Dustin Stowell, Jennifer Brunty, Taylor Stowell, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 42 North Private Bank f/k/a Admirals Bank, and Massachusetts Department of Revenue
ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **JENNIFER BRUNTY**
WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our United States District Court by **Nationstar Mortgage, LLC.** wherein it is seeking a disburse surplus funds from Foreclosure action for a Mortgage recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 17903, Page 282.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on December 21, 2026 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at the Unit-

Obituary

Nancy E. Modzelewski

Nancy E. (Crean) Modzelewski, passed away at Agawam Heritage East, on October 5 at the age of 85. Born in Springfield, Daughter of the late James R. and Florence E. (Allen) Crean, Nancy grew up in the tight knit community of North Agawam, where she made many lifelong friends and good memories. At a very early age, she began working at her Aunt & Uncle’s business, Keefe Florist, an experience that taught her a strong work ethic that benefited her throughout her entire life. Nancy graduated from Agawam High School in 1959, and then worked as a medical secretary before marrying her high school sweetheart, Edward Modzelewski, in 1968. Nancy & Ed moved to Miami after their wedding, and after being in attendance for many High School & College football games, Nancy always joked that the only NFL game she was in attendance for was one of the most famous, the New York Jets upset victory over the heavily favored Baltimore Colts at the Orange Bowl in Superbowl III. After moving back to Agawam and raising her family, Nancy became the long-time secretary in the Town of Agawam’s Health Department. Nancy was a long-time member of the Agawam Congregational Church, and served on several committee’s and volunteered for Loaves and Fishes for many years. One of Nancy’s greatest pleasures was cooking for family & friends at her home, especially the traditional Wigilia meal on Christmas Eve, even though



she was not of Polish decent. Nancy always remembered to prepare a meal or give assistance to friends or family that experienced an illness or loss. In Nancy’s retirement years, she enjoyed winter vacations in Florida to visit family & friends. Nancy leaves her husband of 58 years, Edward Modzelewski, son Edward, daughter Amy Szabla, and her Husband David, and her granddaughter, Kathryn Szabla, all of Agawam, and several nieces, nephews, and good friends. Besides her Parents, Nancy was predeceased by her sster Cathrine Hallaman, and Brother, James Crean. Nancy’s family would like to thank the staff at PACE Elder Care and the staff at Agawam Heritage East for the quality & compassionate care that was given to Nancy in her final days. Calling hours took place from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, 985 Main St., Agawam. This was followed by a Memorial Service at 12:30 p.m. in the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate a donation to: Shriners Children New England, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104. www.forastiere.com

DEATH NOTICE

Modzelewski, Nancy E.
Died: Oct. 5, 2026
Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation

**DEPARTMENT
HAMPDEN SUPERIOR
COURT
Hampden, ss.
Laura S. Gentile
Clerk of Courts
Docket No. 2479 CV 0792
Best Enclosed LLC,
Plaintiff
v.
Namik Mamedov
Defendant
MOTION FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION**

Now Comes the Plaintiff, who moves this Honorable Court pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. 5 to serve the defendant by publication numerous attempts have been made to serve the defendant Namik Mamedov at his residence in Agawam, MA since March of 2026 and no response to any pleadings has been received by Plaintiff’s Counsel. An Affidavit in Support is attached to this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Best Enclosed LLC.,
by and through his attorneys,
Peter T. Marano, Esq.
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Dated: July 27, 2026
10/01, 10/08, 10/15/2026

ed States District Court for the District of Massachusetts at 300 State Street, Springfield, MA 01105 at further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suite may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service and whose present whereabouts is unknown, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the **Boston Globe or a newspaper with general circulation in the City of Agawam**, once a week for two successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20 days before said return day.

Dated at this 6th day of December, 2026.

By Order of:
Christopher L. Morgan
U.S. Magistrate Judge
10/15, 10/22/2026

**THE COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUPERIOR COURT**

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