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### performs at Agawam's SummerFest

AGAWAM – Early on July 17 at School Street Park, Toe Jam Puppet Band performed. This performance is included in this year's Agawam SummerFest concert series.

The band is based in Massachusetts and is comprised of Tom Poitras, Jack Poitras, and Vinny Lovegrove. Tom Poitras plays ukelele and does vocals, Jack Poitras plays washboard and does vocals, and Vinny Lovegrove led the performance through vocals.

The band put on a fantastic performance for Perry Lane Summer Camp members as well as community members.

The program was free to attend and open to children of all ages and their families.

Upcoming concert days for Agawam's KidsFest include Airborne Comedians on Wednesday July 29 and Professor Paddy-Whack on

Wednesday August 12, both of these shows will be held at School Street Park at 10 a.m.

Toe Jam Puppet Band, including Tom Poitras, Jack Poitras, Vinny Lovegrove at Friday's KidsFest Show for Agawam's 2026 SummerFest.

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Melony and Callen at the Toe Jam Puppet Band show on July 17.



Katie Deren and Brady Deren at the Toe Jam Puppet Band show.

### Sultana duo performs at library

By Christina Gioscia  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – On July 16, Agawam Public Library hosted their program, "Popular Music and Veterans – A Program by Jon and Li Waterman, performing as 'Sultana'." The program consisted of songs performed by the musical duo with a corresponding slideshow to provide the audience with context for the lyrics, and in between songs Jon Waterman spoke about some of the history and inspiration behind each song. This performance was not just full of lovely singing and guitar playing, but also educational facts about the treatment of veterans throughout American history. The duo's name, "Sultana," comes from a steamboat that carried over 2,000 union soldiers during the Civil War. Unfortunately, the steamboat was overloaded, and it resulted in a disaster. As Jon shared during the performance, this piece of history is rarely spoken about.

The performance kicked off with a song combining music history with veteran history with the story of Elvis Presley's time in the army. From

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### Council agrees to amendment in fence ordinance

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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AGAWAM – Last week, the Agawam City Council voted to approve a change in the fence ordinance, allowing residence to build any fence a half-foot higher than is currently allowed.

Council President Anthony Russo brought the ordinance change forward.

In his proposal, he referenced the fact that fence heights of up to four feet are allowed on the setback portion of any property with the rest of the perimeter allowed to be up to 6 ½ feet.

Any higher fence, a resident must obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals if they looking to exceed the ordinance.

"The current town code has inhibited the construction of residential privacy

### APD, community partners host Agawam Night Out this Friday

AGAWAM – Though it is a little bit earlier than normal and on a different day of the week, one of the largest community events of the summer is set to take place on Friday, July 24.

The Agawam Police Department and its community public safety partners will host Agawam Night Out from 6 to 8 p.m. at School Street Park.

Agawam has hosted a Agawam Night Out for many years and is one of more than 16,000 communities in the United States to host the event.



FILE PHOTOS

Above, members of the Agawam Police Department were excited to welcome everyone to Agawam Night Out. Left, Agawam's Rosie Robotics brought some of their robots to Agawam Night Out for people to interact.

Holyoke and Chicopee are among the surrounding communities that host the event.

It has normally taken place on the first Tuesday in August, in line with the

tradition across the country, but the event was moved to a Friday in order to pave the way for more resources to the be available and poten-

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# SPORTS



Victoria Papova traps the ball.

## SOCCER

### Girls enter final week of summer season

AGAWAM – Earlier this week, Agawam girls summer soccer was scheduled to enter the final week of the PVSSL summer season. The Brownies are 2-6-1 after action ended last week with games for the regular season wrapping up this week. The playoffs, which Agawam is currently not in contention for, are set to begin next week.



Grace Curto sends a ball up the field during recent action.

Kaelynn Paquette eyes teammates up the field.

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## BASEBALL

### St. Joe's suffers late loss

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – In what might've been a preview of a TriCountry League playoff matchup, Teddy Bear Pools and Spas broke open the final meeting of the regular season against St. Joseph's by scoring nine runs across the fifth and sixth innings, rolling to an 11-1 victory at St. Joe's Field in Thorndike, last Friday night.

"We split with St. Joe's during the regular season, and we'll probably be seeing them again in the playoffs," said Teddy Bear Pools player/manager Ryan Magni. "The first three innings of tonight's game was almost like a playoff game. Then we were able to break it open

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## BASEBALL

### PeoplesBank defeats Teddy Bear Pools

WILBRAHAM – Last Thursday night at Spec Pond in Wilbraham, Jake Jachym pitched PeoplesBank to a 7-5 win over Teddy Bear Pools.

The Bankers got a save from Johnny Gegetska to

secure the win. The Bankers lead the Tri-County League with a 15-3-1 record and 31 points.

The regular season is about to wrap up with the playoffs beginning shortly after.



Alex Gochinski cleanly fields a grounder.



Robert Ninotti fires a throw across the diamond.

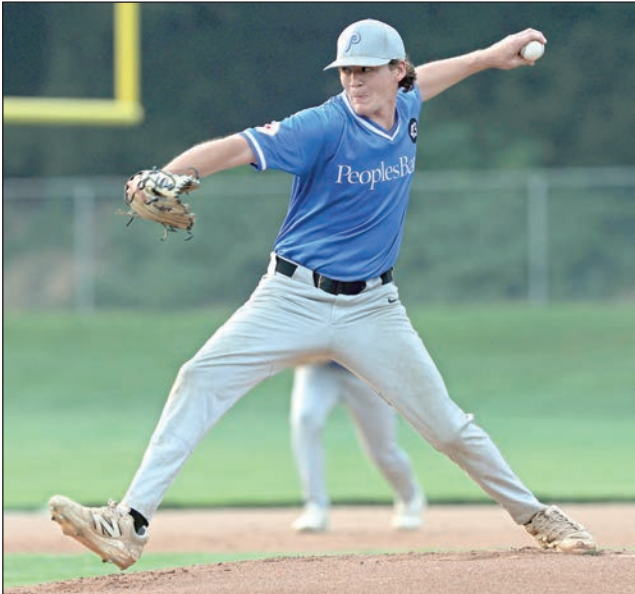
## SOCCER

### Mutiny finishes up first dual league season

LUDLOW – Earlier this month, the New England Mutiny, which features soccer players from all over the region as well as some players from out of state, finished up their season, unfortunately failing to reach any postseason play despite playing in two leagues this season. The Mutiny participated in both the USL as well as the UWS, nearly doubling its number of games this season. The Mutiny hope to have better luck next season with the added schedule.



Trinity Clark dribbles toward the goal.



Jake Jachym sends a pitch home.



Ray Toth gets the grounder to short.



Addyson Earl hustles after the loose ball.



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Darien Rosado is safe as he slides home.



Mason Barcomb pitches for Teddy Bear Pools.



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Laci Lewis fights to keep possession.