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der to gather the needed data. In fact, some teachers even shadowed students for an entire day in order to get a better perspective on what their daily lives were like. Through this they discovered that one of the main issues in instruction was that students did not feel engaged. They also felt there was inequity between different groups of students and their ability to succeed in the school. They then pulled data from a district-wide culture survey looking into what students are saying about AHS. This survey revealed that AHS was overall below target when it came to school climate, which includes concepts such as connectedness, social support and cultural acceptance. Benkert described that they had pulled all of this data together and came up with

three focus questions to help them begin to make improvements at AHS. The focus questions were: "How might we create a school culture of high quality teaching and learning that is equitable for all stakeholders?", "How might we personalize learning experiences/instruction so all students feel school is useful/relevant?" and "How might we define rigor as a staff/school?" "We had to let go of our own biases in order to really consider the root causes of what we're seeing," Benkert said. From there, they visited a variety of schools. First they went on an Inspirational Tour, which was organized by the BARR Foundation. During this tour they went to schools in California and Arizona. "This was an incredible opportunity to visit schools literally across the country," Hunter said.

This tour helped to learn what they wanted to look for and do when organizing their own tours of schools. "The team went through a process of organizing several local, regional and national school visits," Benkert said. "We used the defining questions to select the schools to visit." Over 32 of the AHS teachers participated in these school visits. After completing all of these school tours, the BARR foundation helped the team to put together an ideation map where they planned out what they wanted to see change at AHS. "This ideation map allowed us to put all the information together," Benkert said. The team convened in March where they discussed the future of AHS. "We had many intense conversations about the future of teaching and learning at AHS and how we might get there," Benkert

said. Moving forward the team plans to use all the data they gathered and their ideation map in order to begin planning out what changes they want to make to AHS. "We are having conversations around just beginning to plan ways to move forward and respond to all of this information but nothing has been decided yet," Hunter said. Both Benkert and Hunter mentioned that they want to take their time and sit with the data they gathered in order to make sure that the changes they make at AHS are truly what the school needs. "They [the BARR Foundation] actually encouraged us to take our time and not try to rush anything," Benkert said. The school committee was appreciative of all the work Benkert, Hunter and the other members of the team had done in order to gather all of this data. They look forward to seeing where this process goes next.

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into mechanical energy," Condon said. There is also a table with coloring pages of different fish that kids can fill out and then cut out and put on the river mural at the visitor's center. The hope is that through these activities people will learn more about the river and its inhabitants and come to appreciate all that they offer for Holyoke.

"One of our missions is to engage people in understanding and appreciating the history and the environment," Condon said. "We want to help them be aware of who Holyoke as a city is, where we have come from and where we are now." This year the Robert Barrett Fishway is closed to the public, so the Fishway Guides wanted to ensure the public still had an opportunity to learn about the canals and the Holyoke dam.

They felt that teaming up with the Visitor's Center at Heritage State Park would be a great way to continue to bring the public into it. "They decided to come and have a fish exhibit and a fishy program here at the visitors center," Condon said. Condon encourages anyone interested in the program to come and check it out. "It's important that residents and visitors are aware of our past, present and future," she said. "People always walk with the wonderful feeling of learning something else and having a lot of fun."

Already the program has been offered throughout the months of April and May. The remaining tour dates are on May 24, 25, 29 and 31 and June 1, 5, 7, 8, 12 and 15. To learn more about the program, go to <https://www.exploreholyokey.com/event/connecting-with-the-connecticut-river-canals-power-fish-and-you/2024-05-15/>.

Public Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, MA on **Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the request of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with the Town of Agawam Zoning Ordinances Ch. 180, Article XIV, Sections 90 through 103, to allow for the installation of a wireless facility at the premises identified as 1000 Suffield Street.

Doreen A. Prouty
Chairperson, ZBA
05/23, 05/30/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD21P1300EA Estate of: Lillian Etkin Date of Death: 04/05/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Laurie Rossi** of

Agawam, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that **Gabriela M. Perrault of Holliston MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 06/13/2024. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 16, 2024
Rosemary A. Saccomani
Register of Probate
05/23/2024

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. HD21P1300EA Estate of: Lillian Etkin Date of Death: 04/05/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Laurie Rossi** of Agawam, MA requesting that **James Goodhines of Springfield, MA** be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate, also requesting that: **Gabriela M. Perrault of Holliston, MA** be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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Notice of Private Sale

Notice is hereby given by USA Towing, 71 Garden St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030, sale of a motor vehicle pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 255, Section 39A, that on May 27, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., at USA Towing, said motor vehicle will be sold at a private sale to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and costs of sale.

1959 International B130
VIN: None
Serial #: SB21253B
No plates w/vehicle
Last known reg. owner: Unknow Onwer
Unknown Address
05/09, 05/16, 05/23/2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH WARRANT FOR 2024 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

SS.
To the Constables of the City/Town of Agawam

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the General Election to vote at:

Precinct 1: William P. Sapelli School, 65 Begley Street
Precinct 2: Clifford M. Granger School, 31 South Westfield Street
Precinct 3: Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street
Precinct 4: Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street
Precinct 5: Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main Street
Precinct 6: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street
Precinct 7: Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street
Precinct 8: James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street

On **TUESDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE 2024, from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special Municipal Election for the following question

QUESTION 1:

Shall the City known as the Town of Agawam be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new high school and the partial renovation of the existing high school which is located at 760 Cooper Street in Agawam, including the payment of any and all costs incidental or related thereto?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.
Given under our hand this 13th day of May 2024.
Vincent F. Gioscia,
City Clerk

05/23/2024

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Agawam Advertiser News

OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

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- 2 Access archives and digital tear sheets by newspaper title.
- 3 Find a quick link to the state of Massachusetts' public notice web site to search all notices in Massachusetts newspapers.

Public notice deadlines are Mondays at noon, Fridays noon for Monday holidays.

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