

Valley Opportunity Council offering free tax preparation

CHICOPEE – Valley Opportunity Council, which manages the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program that provides free tax preparation to those of low and moderate-income, began offering tax preparation and filing appointments on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

VITA tax preparation appointments are available through April 30, at three VOC locations: 20 Lathrop St., West Springfield, 516 Chicopee St., Chicopee; and 300 High St., Holyoke.

To schedule an appointment, call (413) 612-0206. Those eligible for the VITA program must live in Massachusetts or Connecticut with an income of up to \$67,000. Appointments are available on weekdays, evenings and weekends.

Certified volunteer tax professionals help qualified individuals prepare and file basic state and federal tax returns and prior year returns. VOC also offers free electronic filing of tax returns, allowing for individuals to receive their refunds much quicker than paper filings and save up to hundreds of dollars in filing fees.

The core mission and goal of VITA is to assist low- to moderate-income taxpayers in satisfying their tax responsibilities and minimize financial hardships, in turn saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in filing fees. The VITA program is sponsored by VOC and the Internal Revenue Service.

In 2024, VOC helped 861 individuals file their state and federal tax returns through the VITA program. VOC has been providing the VITA program for 25 years in the communities of Chicopee, Holyoke, and as of last year, Westfield.

The Valley Opportunity Council is the largest and most diverse Community Action Agency in Western Massachusetts with an annual budget of \$45 million. With this Federal designation, the VOC has established a powerful network of support and collaborative services intended to encourage community members to actively achieve self-sufficiency for themselves and their families. VOC employs over 250 staff members and has 150 local vendors, providing a significant economic investment in the community.

Artists needed for showcase event

HOLYOKE – All submissions must be submitted by Feb. 7. Wistariahurst Museum is seeking artist submissions for the Third Annual Women's History Month juried art showcase for the month of March. This year, the theme is Love, in all forms. Submissions are open to anyone who identifies as a woman and non-binary artists of any age. Submissions should include 3 to 4 quality images with

information (title, date, medium, and size), an artist statement (approximately 300 words about your art and its relationship to the theme), and an artist bio (approximately 150 words about you as an artist) in one PDF. All questions are welcome and encouraged. Five artists will be selected and awarded a \$100 stipend. Submissions are due Feb. 7, please send them to info@wistariahurst.org.

Public Notices

Legal Notice
Town of Agawam
The Agawam Planning Board will hold public hearings on **Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00pm** and 6:10pm and the **Agawam City Council** will hold its public hearings on **Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:00pm** at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of these hearings will be to hear the petition of Mayor Johnson for proposed zoning amendments for "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180 of the Code of the City of Agawam Regarding Zoning Enforcement Powers and Penalties" & "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 180 of the Code of the City of Agawam Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units." 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 zoning amendments can be obtained from the Office of Planning and Community Development between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm at the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing the Office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us.
Violet Baldwin, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Rosemary Sandlin
City Council President
02/06, 02/13/2025

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. HD25P0155EA
Estate of:
Eleanor W Cobleigh
Date of Death: 03/08/2024
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 **Nancy Cobleigh Fields of Manchester, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: **Nancy Cobleigh Fields of Manchester, NH** 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 02/24/2025. 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: January 27, 2025
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
02/06/2025

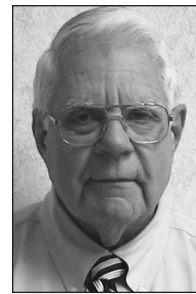
and protect fixtures along and across the property. This petition is available by contacting the City Council Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA or by emailing bbard@agawam.ma.us.
Robert E. Rossi, Chair
Administrative Sub-Committee
2/06, 02/13/2025

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
The Agawam City Council Administrative Sub-Committee will conduct a Public Hearing on **MONDAY, March 3, 2025 at 6:30PM**, at the Agawam Senior Center Hall Seminar Hall, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on an Eversource petition for permission to install a joint owned pole on or near 582 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA could and include installation of a new pole(s), manholes, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given by Langonet Towing pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.255, Section 39A, that on **February 24, 2025** at 63 Ramah Cir S, Agawam the following Motor Vehicles will be sold at private sale to satisfy the garagekeeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, and expenses of notices and sale of said vehicle.
2008 Mercury Mountaineer
VIN: 4M2EU47E48UJ04928
Corey Caride
52 Alhambra Circle North
Agawam, MA 01001
02/06, 02/13, 02/20/2025

Obituary

Dr. Gerald LaVerne Paist



Dr. Gerald LaVerne Paist ("Gerry") passed away peacefully at Harrisburg Hospital on January 24, 2025. He was a resident of Country Meadows Mechanicsburg since April 2024.

Born in Williamsport, PA, Gerry was the son of Thomas Holland Paist, Jr. and Ethel Ann (Hubbell) Paist. He grew up in Willow Grove, PA and attended the Upper Moreland School District, where he graduated Valedictorian of the class of 1957.

Gerry was very active in Scouting and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. During his senior year, Gerry was selected to tour Europe with the World Friendship Organization. While there, he visited 18 European countries and received the Queen's Scout Badge, the highest award in English Scouting.

Following high school graduation, Gerry earned a B.S. in Mathematics from Lafayette College and Masters and Doctoral Degrees in Educational Administration from Harvard University.

After teaching Mathematics at Stoneham and Framingham School Districts, Gerry served as Assistant Dean of Westfield

University in Massachusetts. He then became the Superintendent/Director of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School, where he served for 47 years. Currently he is the longest running School Superintendent in the United States.

Gerry will be remembered lovingly by his sister, Susan Hubbell Whyte (Howard) of Carlisle, niece, Kimberly Eshbach Barger (Chad) of Mechanicsburg and grand nephews, Alec Barger and Chase Barger. Burial will be private at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd, PA.

The family would like to thank Country Meadows Mechanicsburg and UPMC Harrisburg for the excellent care given to Gerry. Also, the family would like to express their gratitude to Greg Salois, Eric Duda, Jim Jyz, Dan Whaley, Scott Moynihan, Mark Moynihan and Tim Moriarty for their ongoing support and friendship.

Memorial donations can be sent to: Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School, 240 Sykes Street, Palmer, MA 01069.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

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DEATH NOTICE

Paist, Dr. Gerald LaVerne
Died Jan. 24, 2025
Services are private
Neill Funeral Home

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