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### Teen advisory board puts on **OREO** extravaganza

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AGAWAM – The teen advisory board at Agawam Public Library organized an Oreo extravaganza for their fellow teens.

During this event the teens gathered and got to decorate Oreos with different sugary treats.

They could dip the Oreos in chocolate and they could add mini M&M's, mini marshmallows, Swedish fish, sour patch kids, junior mints, gummy bears, butterfingers and pretzel sticks to their Oreos.

As the event carried on the teens bonded by asking each other a variety of questions, including "what would you do in the zombie apocalypse?" and "what would you do if you

were stuck in a Walmart for one night?"

The main goal of the event was for the teens to be able to come out and relax at the library while getting to know one another.

"I was looking forward to chilling out," TAB member Jack Weber said. "It's been fun just talking to

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The teens and Youth Associate Evan Delano had a fun time at the Oreo extravaganza. TURLEY PHOTO BY QUINN SUOMALA

### Johnson presents update on initiatives

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AGAWAM – Mayor Christopher Johnson came before the city council to present updates on legislative initiatives that were started by the council last year.

One of the main focuses is the work to begin a recodification of the zoning ordinances.

According to Johnson, the zoning ordinances have not been updated since the 1940s and 50s and have thus grown outdated.

"The recodification of the zoning ordinance is a mammoth undertaking," Johnson said. "I started working on it years ago but we need to modernize our zoning."

There are many types of buildings listed within the ordinances that people no longer build. The code also needs to be updated to include new types of buildings that people do build now. Additionally, the design of the codes overall is inconvenient for any who need to use and understand them.

"It's going to take a lot of work to remove stuff from our zoning that they don't build anymore, and...put things in there that are being constructed these days, update all of the definitions but more importantly, change the format of our code from a pyramid zone format to a table format," Johnson said.

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### Boy Scouts Troop 82 organize pancake breakfast at Lions Club

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AGAWAM – Troop 82 Scouts held their annual pancake breakfast at the Agawam Lions Club.

Throughout this breakfast, people were welcome to come in, enjoy some pancakes and take part in the raffle.

"It's just something fun we've always done," Troop Volunteer Christina Fleagle said.

Fleagle mentioned that they often have a large turnout from veterans in town, as many veterans were involved in the scouts when they were younger.

"We had a lot of our veterans come by," Fleagle said. "It's always been a good day for us to hold it on Veteran's Day weekend...the veterans are great supporters of us."

This annual breakfast works as a fundraiser for the troop as a whole and for individual members of the troop.

The kids in the troop act as servers for the day. They work hard to make all of the pancakes

served throughout the morning.

"The kids do the cooking, the serving and they clean up the tables," Fleagle said. "The kids always pre-sell tickets."

The scouts have a lot of fun working this event and interacting with everyone who comes in.

"The kids, even though they are working, they're having the best time," Fleagle said. "They like to see what kind of shapes they can make with the pancakes... and when we have a lull they sometimes try and see how high of a pancake they can make."

On top of this, the kids worked to pre-sell tickets to the breakfast so they could ensure a good turnout.

The funds raised throughout the event are split 50/50, with half going toward the troop as a whole and the other half going to the troop members who volunteered their time for the event.

"They earn more money the more hours they work," Fleagle said.

This funding helps to ensure that the troop can get equipment

they need for their different trainings and can help them go on different field trips to learn more skills.

Fleagle is proud of the scouts for their work throughout this fundraiser. She feels that this fundraiser helps them to learn a sense of responsibility.

"It's important for the kids to see that their hard work pays off," Fleagle said. "It teaches them that if they want something they have

to work for."

The scouts and Fleagle are also grateful for all of the adults who volunteer their time for this project.

"We have an amazing group of adults and leaders that always help," Fleagle said. "Our families in the troop are always amazing, they always come together to make sure these things happen for the kids."

They are also very grateful to

the Lions Club for volunteering their space for this breakfast each year.

Troop 82 and the other scouting programs in Agawam are always open to new members. The scouts can be a great way for young people to learn valuable skills and make connections with people around them.

"It's about having fun and

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Troop 82 Scouts came together to hold a pancake breakfast.

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# SPORTS



Noah Bushnik makes a block on the line.

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Dominick Andruss picks up the ball on a kickoff.



Joseph Kravitz fights to keep his opposing linemen in check.



Domenick Pisano gets ready to hand off the ball.



Caleb Phillips tries to run toward the right side as the line blocks for him.

## Brownies fall in nonplayoff game

AGAWAM – Last Friday night, Agawam High School football just managed one touchdown late in the game as the Brownies fell to Longmeadow in nonplayoff action. Agawam dropped to 4-5 on the season with the defeat after go-

ing 4-4 in the regular season. Agawam finishes nonplayoff action on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at Minnechaug Regional High School. Agawam faces West Springfield in their traditional Thanksgiving matchup on Nov. 28.

## Field hockey defeated in state tourney

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School field hockey team was defeated by Scituate High School in the Round of 32 in the Division 2 State Tournament.

On Monday, Nov. 4, the Brownies traveled to Eastern Massachusetts to face Scituate in the Round of 32 after a 9-5-1 regular season.

Agawam was unable to score in the matchup, falling 3-0. It was the second straight playoff shutout Agawam suffered after a penalty stroke loss at Longmeadow where they were not able to score a goal in the Western Mass. tournament.

Agawam's season finishes overall at 9-7-1.

## Unified basketball team action

AGAWAM – The Agawam Unified Basketball team is about to wrap up its regular season. The Brownies had six matchup this season against a much more crowded field of teams as several new programs joined this year. The Brownies will have their season-ending jamboree event on Nov. 14 at Holyoke High School.



Nicholas Albro goes for a one-hander.



Declan Eagen is focused as he sets to make a shot.



Jacob Morton fights for a layup.



Kevin Destin goes for a free throw.



Arianna Michaelis shoots from short range.



Dharbi Cooper extends on a shot.

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