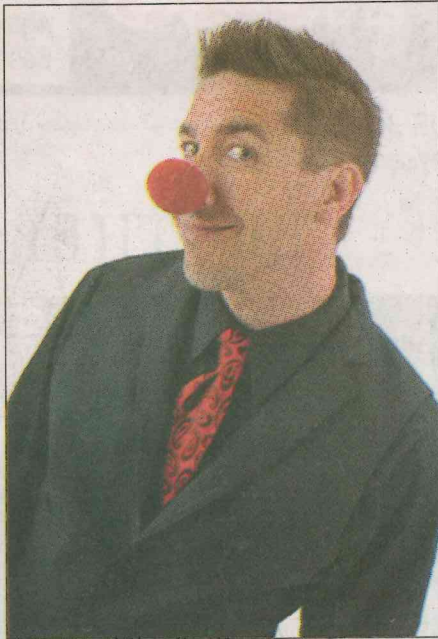


Best to host Bob' Aug. 7



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The next KidsFest performance is scheduled for Aug. 7 when LuckyBob adds his special blend of magic, juggling and comedy at Veterans Green in Agawam.

Olympic Manufacturing Group, Plex Sports Complex, Quality Auto, Reminder Publications, Sarat Ford, United Bank, Westfield Bank, and WMAS 94.7.

Businesses work together for Agawam



Mayor Richard A. Cohen, far right, was present at the "Cleaning up the Dirty Money" event held to support the creation of the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center.

AGAWAM – In the spirit of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the YMCA of Greater Springfield, United Bank and Six Flags are working together to provide greater opportunities for youth, teens, families and seniors in the Agawam region.

Recently, Six Flags New England presented buckets of dirty coins collected from a fountain in the park to the Y, in support of the creation of the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center. United Bank estimated the amount of money contained in the buckets Monday, July 29, and youth from the region assisted the bank staff in cleaning and counting the money.

Six Flags has been a strong advocate for the creation of the Agawam Y, hosting numerous informational and fundraising events to support the campaign to raise the \$500,000 needed to open the facility. A longtime sup-

porter of the Y, United Bank was among the first businesses in the region to commit support for this initiative.

"With support from great community partners like Six Flags, United Bank and many others, the creation of a Y facility in Agawam will help to address critical needs of the residents through innovative and needed programs," says Kirk Smith, president and CEO, YMCA of Greater Springfield. "Programming for teens, families, and active older adults will be our focus, as these populations have been identified by community leaders as underserved groups."

"We are incredibly grateful to the Six Flags and United Bank for their generous support and advocacy."

The Agawam YMCA Wellness and Program Family Center will have an anticipated impact on over 3,000 residents in the Agawam region.

Water restrictions announced

Lycott Environmental, Inc., of Spencer, will conduct an aquatic plant management program Friday, Aug. 9 at Silver Lake in Agawam. The use of the lake's water will be restricted as follows:

Swimming, fishing and boating until completion of the treatment on Aug. 9; livestock watering for one day or until Aug. 10; direct drinking for three days or until Aug. 12; irrigation for five days

Fitness First to host blood drive

Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating. weigh

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