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the Third time's the charm
Popular home-grown trio
returns for third series

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appearance

PHOTO CAPTION: Good Acoustics appears at the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main Street, Agawam on Friday, February 8, 2013 as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series. Vocalist/Musicians Dave Fazio, Bill DeSanty, and Mike Smith will perform classic acoustic favorites and vocal hits.

(Agawam, Mass.) The ninth season of the **Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series** continues at the **Agawam Senior Center on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM** when the popular local band **Good Acoustics** returns for their third

appearance since 2008. Comprised of local educators Mike Smith, Dave Fazio, and Bill DeSanty, Good Acoustics is a rock-solid trio of seasoned vocalist/musicians with the versatility to perform everything from vocal favorites by Crosby Stills & Nash to classics from Journey. Smith, a music teacher from Longmeadow, is a former member of the band Paris with high tenor vocals reminiscent of Steve Perry and Sting. Dave Fazio is a sixth grade classroom teacher in Agawam and handles bass. An accordion player by age six and bass guitarist by age 12, Fazio played in the band "Victory" for nearly 20 years. His edgy vocals bring to mind those of John Mellencamp and Van Morrison. Percussionist Bill DeSanty teaches music in Palmer and was part of well-known local groups Arabus, Paris, and Passport before helping form Good Acoustics. DeSanty's style of drumming combines the finesse of Phil Collins and the power of Steve Gadd while his vocal style recalls James Taylor. These three performers have been tearing it up with local bands up and down the east coast for more than 20 years. Now celebrating their sixth year together, Good Acoustics rocks like they've never been apart. This event is sponsored by Grimaldi & Burzduk Realtors. The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 821-0604. This event is free and open to the public. Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, www.agawamcc.org. The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Editor's note: We apologize for the misspelling of School Committee member Wendy Rua's name in the mid-January issue of Agawam Catalyst. She is serving on the advisory committee regarding possible repercussions from a proposed casino at the Big E.



Agawam Rotary is hosting a



Mohegan Sun Bus Trip

Sunday February 17th

Bus will leave from Agawam High School
at 11:00am and return at 7:00 pm.

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Cost includes a \$15.00 Buffet voucher and \$15.00 voucher for the Big
Wheel

**All proceeds will go to sponsor a Rotary
International Exchange Student.**

This coming school year 2013-2014 Agawam Rotary is
sponsoring Katelynn Nardi. She will be spending her
Senior Year of High School in Chile.

**For more information or to purchase
tickets please contact**

Rotary President George Bitzas 413-789-1464

Rotary Member/Parent Sue deVillier 413-427-7947

Rotary Member Chris Sparks 413-821-0514

Parent Gary Nardi 413-237-1319



Think Spring!!

You're Invited!!! A new Ladies Golf League is being formed at Crestview Country Club on Thursday afternoons between 3:30 and 5. To date we have twenty-five committed players and our goal is forty women who want to play in a friendly, fun filled league with a little competition thrown in. Please come to an informational and get acquainted meeting at Crestview Country Club on February 4, 2013 at 6p.m. This will be an opportunity to meet David Fleury, Club Owner and Rick Fleury, Club Pro who will explain the format of our league, special events, clinics, etc. Refreshments will be served. If you love golf and want to play in a relaxed fun filled atmosphere, on one of the finest courses and most beautiful clubs in the area, come join us at Crestview Country Club, 6 p.m. on February 4, 2013. This is an informational and get acquainted meeting only and our sign up date will be March 14, 2013 at 6 p.m. For more information contact Carmela Marzano- 250-4757 or Kay Soja at Sojacatherine54@comcast.net

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB CASINO TRIP MARCH 3, 2013

The Agawam Lioness Club is sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun on Sunday, March 3, 2013. We will leave the Agawam High School parking lot at 1:00pm and return by 8:30. We will spend 5 hours at Mohegan Sun. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person (which includes bus driver's tip) and Mohegan Sun will give you back a \$30.00 pkg. (\$15.00 food and a \$15.00 Free bet). The proceeds from this trip will be used for the various charities the Agawam Lioness Club supports. We hope you will be able to join us and support our worthy fundraiser. Please make your reservations early as we sold out our last trip. For reservations, please call Pat at 786-1782 or Rose at 786-5134. Hope to see you!!!

Senator Knapik to Hold Office Hours in Agawam

Westfield: State Senator Michael R. Knapik (R-Westfield) will be holding office hours in his district during the month of February in Agawam. Knapik or an aide will be available on Monday, February 4th, 2013, from 10:30-11:30 AM at the Agawam Senior Center (954 Main Street), and on Wednesday, February 20th, 2013, from 10:30-11:30 AM, at the Agawam Public Library (750 Cooper St). Office Hours offer an excellent opportunity to meet with my constituents in an informal setting," said Knapik. "I encourage anyone who has an issue involving state government to stop by," he concluded. Senator Knapik maintains a district office at 57 North Elm Street, in Westfield. The phone # is [413-562-6454](tel:413-562-6454), and can be reached via email @ Michael.knapik@masenate.gov. **Contact: Daniel O'Brien [413-562-6454](tel:413-562-6454)**



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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Agawam Cultural Council is meeting on **February 12, 2013, Tuesday, 7 pm** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The meeting is open to the public. If you have an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town, a great opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council (ACC). This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. Bob Kadis, Chair - Agawam Cultural Council Phone: [413-789-4814](tel:413-789-4814) Email: r.kadis@comcast.net ACC web site: www.agawamcc.org

Agawam and the Native American Displayed November 2012 through February 2013 at Agawam Public Library

For the months of November, December, January, and February the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum will present the exhibit, "Agawam and the Native American," in the Lower Level Glass Case. After a successful 2012 season, the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum have decided to extend the exhibit through 2013. Come and learn about Agawam's first residents. View simulations, displays and actual artifacts found in and around Agawam. They anticipate opening for the season on Sunday, March 10, 2013. For further information, please visit their website www.agawamhistoricalassociation.org. Contact: Joanne G. Szlag, Adult Services Librarian, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org



Contact: Danny Eaton, Producing Director, the Theater Project (413) 747-7797 Lee Chambers, Director of Public Relations [\(413\) 519-3767](tel:4135193767)

"ROBESON" COMING TO MAJESTIC THEATER

The life of legendary singer, athlete, scholar, actor and humanitarian Paul Robeson comes to life onstage at West Springfield's Majestic Theater on **February 11 at 7:00 p.m. for one performance only**. Acclaimed musician Floyd Patterson II, a longtime favorite among Pioneer Valley audiences, will portray Robeson. Nearly 15 years ago, when the Majestic had just been re-opened, Patterson gave an acclaimed performance in the same role. As he was in the first run of "Robeson," Patterson is joined by Marcus Pitts on the piano for the show. About Robeson, *The New York Times* wrote, "Of all the imposing figures who have strutted across the stage of American culture, none has been more invested with a superman mystique than Paul Robeson." Ironically, the singer lived in nearby Enfield, CT at the height of his popularity (1940-1953) where he entertained numerous guests. Danny Eaton, producing director and founder of The Theater Project, will direct the play, which was written by Philip Hayes Dean. Tickets are \$24 and \$27, and are available by visiting or calling the Majestic Theater Box Office at [\(413\) 747-7797](tel:4137477797) during its hours of operation (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 5pm, Wednesday 10am - 8pm, and Saturday 10am - 1pm). The Theater Project is a non-profit company that Eaton founded in 1991. Since March 1997 it has been in residence in West Springfield's historic Majestic Theater, a century-old venue that was recently named "Best Place to See Theater" in a reader's poll conducted by *The Valley Advocate*. The Theater Project was also named "Best Live Theatre Company" by readers of *The Republican*. In addition, Eaton's work at the Majestic was awarded with a Regional Award for Outstanding Achievement in the American Theatre by the New England Theatre Conference. For additional information, visit www.majestictheater.com.

**WESTFIELD HOMELESS CAT PROJECT,
1124 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD,
WESTFIELD, MA 01085**

Media Contact: Denise Sinico Phone: (413) 568-6964

Indoor Tag Sale Extravaganza

Westfield, MA – The Westfield Homeless Cat Project (WHCP) will hold a huge indoor tag at the Moose Lodge, 56 Washington St, Westfield, MA from Friday, February 22 to Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Items ranging from toys to tools and everything in between will be on sale at this bargain shopper's dream-come-true. All proceeds will benefit homeless cats and kittens that have been abandoned, abused and neglected. WHCP needs more donated items to make this event a success and encourages people in the community to start their Spring Cleaning early! Bring items to: 1124 East Mountain Road in Westfield any time. Email denisesinico@hotmail.com.

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124 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD
WESTFIELD, MA 01085**

Media Contact: Denise Sinico Phone: (413) 568-6964

Homeless Cat Wants to be Your Valentine

Westfield, MA – Many purrfectly adorable homeless cats are waiting for loving homes. The Westfield Homeless Cat project, a NO KILL rescue organization, will hold adoptions Thursdays from 5 to 7 PM and Saturdays from 11 AM to 3 PM during February at 1124 East Mountain Road in Westfield, MA. For further information, email denisesinico@hotmail.com.



Who says animals act on instinct only? Looks to me like they are capable of love. A lion is difficult to forget. The video clip at the link listed is brief but beautiful and you will want to watch it more than once..... visit <http://www.wimp.com/christianlion/>



Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on Saturday, January 12, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m. at Che Bella Salon located at 833 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Mayor Richard Cohen shown cutting ribbon with owner Anna Lisa Martino (right).

Chefs for Jimmy Aid Jimmy Fund in Fight against Cancer

Winer Levsky Group of UBS Financial Services presented Winning the Game of Life with Chefs for Jimmy in honor of Neal Webber to benefit The Jimmy Fund on Friday, January 25th 2013 at Chez Josef. The program for Winning the Game Of Life with Chefs for Jimmy said, "Since its founding in 1947 by the late Sidney Farber, M. D., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute has been committed to a single mission: providing cancer patients with the best treatments available today, while developing cures for tomorrow..The Jimmy Fund Councils of New England are ambassadors of the Jimmy Fund and aid in its overall mission to fight cancer through fundraisers, public relations, and volunteer activities..The Jimmy Fund solely supports Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



Chez Josef hosted Chefs for Jimmy. Left to right, Marcel Ouimet, Executive Chef, Lorie Orszulak, Sous Chef, and Greg Cantarini, Chef serving Peruvian Salmon Ceviche with Tostone Spoon and Braised Roots Focaccia

Partner's Restaurant served Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes with Beef Stroganoff and Goat Cheese Tapenade at Chefs for Jimmy. Shown are Mark and Jackson Tansey.



Lucy Mazza, Janet DalMolin and Maryann Whitehead brought Nina's Cookies to Chefs for Jimmy. Nina's Cookies went from baking at home to her store at 541 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to presenting her delicious cookies at Chefs for Jimmy.





Fun Freebies

Some of the web's best hidden gems

By Nova Bonzek

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Visit Salvation Army, Agawam

I know the items you buy at Salvation Army aren't technically "free," but sometimes the deals and unexpected finds *seem* free for the price being asked, compared with value. Sure, there are a few junk items, but there are far more rare and good finds you will never see elsewhere, maybe not in a lifetime. Aside from the rare and unusual, there are also lots of practical items you just can't get anywhere for less – brand new laptop bags, clothing, even quality dinnerware sets. I have a great set of dishes, complete with every part of the set as I checked it online, worth about \$70 – for under \$20 from Salvation Army. There are purses, shoes, and even new clothing items coming in all the time. And strangely enough, I had the hardest time finding a simple spice rack. I searched online and offline stores, never quite finding what I was looking for. I walked into Salvation Army last week – and PRESTO – spice rack, complete with old-style glass stopper jars, and even little swinging doors. It's made of quality wood too – not the typical pine or cheap wood you might find in the regular stores. When the new Salvation Army came to our town, I was pleasantly surprised. I had already been a fairly regular shopper at the one in Westfield, but sometimes it would seem too out of the way and I'd skip it. But having a Salvation Army right here in town is probably one of the best business additions we could have, especially in uncertain financial times. I asked a few times, and have heard here and there, that not quite enough of our townfolk are visiting the store often enough. I'm sure the odd little niche the store is located has somewhat to do with it – most of us simply are not in the habit of visiting there, as so many businesses didn't last and the lot has been fairly empty for years with a handful of exceptions. But each time we forget that we wanted to stop at our Salvation Army while out and about doing errands, shopping, what have you, we miss out on some potentially excellent and even high-end goods for extremely low prices. It's probably the most fun anyone could have while shopping, like a treasure hunt, because of the unexpected and unusual items. If you go to large department stores, you know that the inventory stays pretty much the same. Salvation Army is fun, and best of all it does something good and charitable. Agawam Catalyst wrote about the Agawam store about one year ago. "Not only is the Salvation Army Family Store a place to find great deals. The purchases made by our customers support programs and charitable work of the Salvation Army," said Captain Sanderson. Every Wednesday is Family Day. Four of the five colored tickets on clothes are priced 50% off. There are specials on shoes, too. Plus, every day of the week one of the five ticket colors is 50% off. Books are 90% off the price on the spine, or they are priced in the store. A different colored ticket is on sale every day, and many of the items are brand new or in phenomenal condition. Good luck and happy hunting!

Address: 65 Springfield St, Agawam, MA 01001 **Phone:**(413) 301-6013 [Directions - Links to Google Maps](#)



Paul Hotaling and Billy Bessette of Rosie Robotics were determined to get two doors cut through this hard plastic, so cats could enter for warmth and leave if an intruder should invade. Rosie Robotics donated the materials and their time to make several of these little homes for cats for the cold weather. Agawam Friends of Homeless Cats says Thank you and so do the cats!



A shelter made by Rosie Robotics is being used by a feral cat, Apollo. He came out of his nice warm hut to eat his dinner. Baby, it's cold outside!! Rosie Robotics donated the materials, design and labor for these shelters, with reinforced insulation, a soft rug inside, and a material that covers the doors and keeps the warmth inside.

Cinema Clips

By Peter Boadry

Anna Karenina---An epic love story powerfully explores the capacity for love that surges through the human heart. As Anna questions her happiness and her marriage, changes to love all around her. 3 Stars Good

Broken City---When disgraced cop turned private eye Billy Taggart is hired by NYC's mayor to tail his wife, he uncovers a city--wide conspiracy of corruption, sex, and murder. With his life threatened at every turn, Billy finds himself faced with an impossible choice, which could have disastrous repercussions for his career and family. 4 Stars Very Good****

Cirque du Soleil---Worlds away 3 D---A young couple who is seperated, must journey through the astonishing and dreamlike worlds of cirque du soleil to find each other. 2 Stars Fair**

Django Unchained---Set in the South two years before the civil war. Django, a slave where his brutal history with his former owner lands him face-to face with a German-born bounty hunter named Dr. King Shultz. Shultz is on the trail of the murderous Brittle Brothers, and only Django can lead him to his bounty. The unorthodox Shultz acquires Django with the promise to free him upon the capture of the Brittles dead or alive. Success leads Shultz to free Django, though the men choose not to go their separate ways. Instead, Shultz seeks out the South's most wanted criminals with Django by his side. Honing vital hunting skills, Django remains focused on one goal: finding and rescuing Broomhilda, the wife he lost to the slave trade long ago. Django and Shultz's search ultimately leads them to Calvin Candie the owner of "Candie-land" an infamous plantation. Exploring the compound under false pretenses Django and Shultz arouse suspicions of Stephen, Candie's most trusted house slave. Their moves are marked, and a treacherous organization closes in on them.If they are to escape with Broomhilda they must choose between independence and solidarity, between sacrifice and survival. 4 Stars Very Good****

Gangster Squad---Los Angeles, 1949. Ruthless, Brooklyn--born mob king Micky Cohen runs the show in this town, reaping the ill--gotten gains from drugs, guns, and the prostitutes and if he has his way--every wire bet placed west of Chicago. And he does it all with the protection of not only his own paid goons, but also the police and politicians who are under his control. It's enough to intimidate even the bravest, street hardened cop--except, perhaps, for the small crew of LAPD outsiders led by Sgt. John O'Mara and Jerry Wooters, who come together to try to tear Cohen's world apart. 4 Stars Very Good ****

Guilt Trip---Andy Brewster is about to embark on a road trip of his lifetime, and who better to accompany him than his overbearing mother Joyce. After deciding to start his adventure with a quick visit at Mom's, Andy is guilted into bringing her along for the ride. Across 3,000 miles of ever--changing landscape, he is constantly aggravated by her antics, but over time he comes to realize that their lives have more in common than he originally thought. His mother's advice might end up being exactly what he needs. 4 Stars Very Good****

Haunted House---A young couple Malcolm and Kisha have just moved in to their dream house.

As they settle in, they quickly find out they are not alone. But the house is haunted, it's Malcolm's girlfriend who is possessed by a demon. Malcolm hires everyone from a priest, to a modern day ghost buster to rid her of this unwelcomed intruder. He is determined to prevent this evil spirit from ruining his relationship or more importantly, his sex life. 3 Stars Good*** (Very Funny)

Hobbit: An unexpected Journey---The story that started the Lord of the rings trilogy.

A small hobbit named Bilbo Baggins is recruited by wizard Gandalf and a group of dwarfs to reclaim their treasure from a dragon. On the way, they face many adventures including a chance meeting with a creature named Gollum and discover a magical ring. Four stars Very Good ****

Jack Reacher---When a gunman takes five lives in what seems like an open and shut murder case, all evidence points to the suspect in custody. On interrogation, the suspect offers up a single note: "Get Jack Reacher!" So begins an extraordinary chase for the truth, pitting Reacher against an unexpected enemy with a skill for violence, a secret to keep and a target on Reacher's back. 4 Stars Very Good**** (also based on a book: "One Shot")

Last Stand---After leaving his LAPD narcotics post following a bungled operation that left him wracked with remorse and regret, Sheriff Ray Owens moved out of Los Angeles and settled into a life fighting what little crime takes place in sleepy border town Sommerton Junction. But that peaceful existence is shattered when Gabriel Cortez, the most notorious, wanted drug king pin in the western hemisphere, makes a deadly yet spectacular escape from FBI prisoner convoy. With the help of a fierce band of lawless mercenaries, Cortez begins racing towards the US--Mexico border with a hostage in tow, straight through Sommerton Junction. At first reluctant to become involved, and then counted out because of the perceived ineptitude of his small town force, Owens ultimately rallies his team and takes matters into his own hands, setting the stage for a classic showdown. 5 Stars Excellent *****

Les Miserables---Set against the backdrop of 19th century France, the film tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption---a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. Ex--prisoner Jean Valjean is hunted for decades by ruthless police man Javert after he breaks parole. When Valjean agrees to care for a factory worker's young daughter Cosette, their lives change forever. 3 Stars Good***

Mama---Is a supernatural thriller that tells the haunting tale of two little girls who disappeared into the woods the day that their parents were killed. When they are rescued years later and begin a new life, they find that someone still wants to come tuck them in at night. 4 Stars Very Good****

Parental Guidance---Artie and Diane Decker are called in by their daughter to help care for their grandkids. When their old-school parenting methods collide with their daughter's new-school ways, the once-orderly household spins out of control. 4 Stars Very Good**** (Very Funny) (Billy Crystal & Bette Midler)

Zero Dark Thirty---For a decade, an elite team of intelligence and military operatives, working in secret across the globe, devoted themselves to a single goal: to find and eliminate Osama Bin Laden. This is the story of history's greatest manhunt for the world's most dangerous man. 2 Stars Fair **



The Cabbage Patch Now playing at The Majestic

PHOTO CAPTION: Actors (from left) Jeannine Haas (of Goshen, MA), J. T. Waite (of Brooklyn, NY), Tom Dahl (of Blandford, MA) and Barry Press (of Providence, RI) are pictured in a scene from "The Cabbage Patch," which runs January 3 - February 10 at West Springfield's Majestic Theater. Tickets are \$19-\$28 and are available by calling the box office at [413.747.7797](tel:413.747.7797). For more information, please visit www.majestictheater.com.

Photo by Lee Chambers

Wednesday, January 30 - 7pm
 Thursday, January 31 - 7:30pm
 Friday, February 1 - 8pm
 Saturday, February 2 - 2 & 8pm
 Sunday, February 3 - 2pm

Wednesday, February 6 - 7pm
 Thursday, February 7 - 7:30pm
 Friday, February 8 - 8pm
 Saturday, February 9 - 8pm
 Sunday, February 10 - 2pm

West Springfield, MA (12/17/12) - "The Cabbage Patch," a black comedy and mystery by Canadian playwright Daniel Lillford, opens on January 3 at West Springfield's Majestic Theater and runs through February 10. The play's characters include Arthur, an ex-Canadian Army Captain who now spends his time as an inventor and gardener; May, his British-born wife; Roy, the town drunk who served in Korea with Arthur; and Jean, Arthur's sister-in-law, who has gone missing. In a forward to the script the author writes, "I am drawn to the soldiers' stories because of my grandfathers. Through their stories, and through others, comes this play. It's not a big play. It is merely like that poppy I buy each year, one small mark of respect and remembrance." The cast includes Barry Press (Arthur), Jeannine Haas (May), Jacinthe Connor (Jean), Sam Rush (Wilson McKay), Tom Dahl (Rory) and J. T. Waite (Roy). Kristen van Ginhoven is the director and Danny Eaton is the producing director. Lighting design is by Dan Rist, set design is by Greg Trochlil and Rachel Putnam is production stage manager. This presentation of "The Cabbage Patch" is the second since the play's recent debut at The Depot Theatre in Westport, New York. Majestic cast member J. T. Waite originated the role of Roy in that production. The Majestic's 16th season lineup also includes "Skin Deep" (comedy; February 21 - March 31, 2013) and "Lies & Legends: The Musical Stories of Harry Chapin" (musical; April 11 - May 26). Tickets for "The Cabbage Patch", and the other plays in the season lineup, are \$19-\$28 and are now available by calling the box office at [\(413\) 747-7797](tel:413.747.7797) or visiting during box office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am - 5pm, Wednesday 10am- 6pm, Saturday 10am - 1pm). Sponsors for "The Cabbage Patch" include Teddy Bear Pools & Spas, Hayden Corporation, Chicopee Savings, Regency Inn & Suites West Springfield, and ABC40 & Fox 6. The Theater Project is a non-profit company that Eaton founded in 1991. Since March 1997 it has been in residence in West Springfield's historic Majestic Theater, a century-old venue that was recently named "Best Place to See Theater" in a reader's poll conducted by The Valley Advocate. The Theater Project was also named "Best Live Theatre Company" by readers of The Republican. In addition, Eaton's work at the Majestic was awarded with a Regional Award for Outstanding Achievement in the American Theatre by the New England Theatre Conference. For additional information, visit www.majestictheater.com. This is only the second time this play has been staged following its recent debut at The Depot Theatre in New York, and actor J. T. Waite (a veteran of several Majestic shows including "Inherit the Wind," "The Porch" and "Greater Tuna") is reprising the role of Roy in our show.

Review of The Cabbage Patch: My friend Paula and I attended a showing of "The Cabbage Patch" and found it most delightful. The set design was amazing, with a kitchen with several cabinets filled with daily staples, down to the Cheerios. A sink, even with running water, afforded the actors the chance to make drinks, hot chocolate and several other beverages. In the forefront of the stage, of course, was the cabbage patch, where, for foreshadowing, we learn Arthur has buried the family cat. When Jean, former girlfriend of Arthur and now wife of Roy goes missing, it doesn't take long for the audience to wonder if Jean, too, is in the cabbage patch. This is a dark comedy-mystery that is really about characters and relationships. In the final scene, we see a side to Arthur's wife, May McKay, that is softer and sexier than in prior scenes. Arthur McKay is played by Barry M. Press, May McKay by Jennine Haas, and Jean McKay by Jacinthe Connor. Rory O'Rourke is played by Tom Dahl, Wilson McKay by Sam Rush, and Roy McGillicuddy by John Thomas Waite. The McKay dwelling is in rural small-town Nova Scotia, Canada. It takes place in the late 1980's with flashbacks to 10 years earlier. From overalls to a dress, from a wheelbarrow to a trumpet, you will enjoy and be entertained by this play. And one of the best parts about The Majestic is its welcoming atmosphere, where friends are likely to run into each other while enjoying sandwiches, drinks, popcorn, and other favorites. Danny Eaton always introduces the plays, giving the productions an intimate feeling, and he reminds the audience that it's okay to bring refreshments into the theater as long as nothing is left behind. Editor – Agawam Catalyst



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Unit Level: 1

Grade School:

Middle School:

High School:

Outdoor Space Avail:

Handicap Access/Features: No

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Bathrooms: 2f 1h

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On Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

The uNi Coffeehouse Concert Series presents an *Almost Valentines Day* concert with the fun-loving Chicago-based duo: *SMALL POTATOES*. The concert will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Society Meetinghouse, 245 Porter Lake Drive, Springfield, MA 01106. for

Information/Reservations [\(413\) 562-3990](tel:4135623990)

Website: uNicoffeehouse.org - **\$15 at the door** (doors open 6:45)

SMALL POTATOES is the fun-loving, "Celtic to Cowboy", Chicago-based duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso. They will do an *Almost Valentines Day* concert on Feb. 9 for the uNi Coffeehouse Concert Series. When you see SMALL POTATOES perform, you hear two great voices, some fine guitar playing, and a touch of tin whistle, flute, mandolin, bodhran, and other percussion toys. They even yodel. They call themselves eclectic-maniacs. They say it has taken them "years of careful indecision" to come up with a mix of music that ranges from country, blues, and swing to Irish, with songwriting that touches on all of those styles and more. Together they present a truly rare blend of vocal and instrumental abilities, award-winning songwriting, and arranging talents. They have the unique ability to adapt to the style of music they happen to be playing. They seem comfortably at home whether playing an upbeat cowboy swing tune or a tender, traditional ballad--though there are no rules here either, sometimes the traditional sounds contemporary, sometimes the contemporary sounds traditional. And they pay attention to the little things, the warmth, the humor and a rapport with the audience that makes for a memorable performance. Touring together on the folk circuit since 1993, they've traveled a million miles, becoming sought-after regulars at many clubs, coffeehouses and house concerts across the U.S. They also have seven recordings currently available.

uNi Coffeehouse Concerts feature:

- **lovely wooded location** bordering on Longmeadow and the Forest Park woodlands; **easy access** from anywhere via Interstate Route 91. Parking lot, plus space along road for later arrivals; **acoustic music** (not electric, not excessively loud), some very old songs and tunes, some very new; **experienced performers** from across the United States, Canada, and Great Britain; **coffeehouse style atmosphere** relaxed, informal, low stage, candlelight, but no alcohol, no smoke; **lively concert hall sound** in an intimate setting; performers often mingle with audience during breaks; **refreshments available** home baked goodies, hot spiced cider, coffee, teas, & just popped popcorn
- **handicapped accessible** - phone ahead for directions to the no-stairs entrance and arrange preferred seating



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Come celebrate Library Lovers Month at the Agawam Public Library!

Monday, February 4th at 7:00

AuthorTalk with Loretta Kapinos ~ Springfield Tornado: Stories from the Heart

Loretta Kapinos did not suffer any personal damage by the tornado, but was personally affected by what happened to others. The stories online and on television kept haunting her. When www.springfieldtornados.com website, created by Shawn Morse, put out a request for help in creating a book, Loretta responded right away. They gathered stories and edited pictures, creating a heartwarming chronicle of the people who lived through it. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. Please call 789-1550 x4 or go online at www.agawamlibrary.org to register.

Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30

eReaders and Libraries with Cynthia Laino of CW/MARS

Cynthia Laino returns again by popular demand to answer your questions about eReaders and electronic borrowing from your library. She will explain how to download the proper software, how to transfer items to an eReader, how to browse the digital books website and more! Bring your device if you have one, or just come to learn. Please call 789-1550 x4 or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

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Agawam Friends of Homeless Cats will once again hold a cat food drive at Pet Supplies Plus, 175 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield on Saturday, February 2nd, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Agawam Friends of Homeless Cats will be trying to bring cats for adoption at this time, also. The generosity and support we have been receiving from people have helped us bring food and water to over 50 outdoor cats during some challenging times with weather and finances. We thank you all for your help!

Open Juried Photography Show slated for February 4th to 28th, 2013

Friends of the Agawam Public Library will sponsor the 3rd Open Juried Photography Show, to be held at Agawam Public Library from February 4 – 28, 2013. Start of two week drop off of photo: Sat. Jan.19, 2013 10am to 5pm and then afterward during Library Hours, Mon-Thu 9-9, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5 except on Sat. Feb. 2, 2013 when the hours are from 10-1. The last Day to Enter & last Day to Drop off photo at Library: Sat. Feb. 2, 2013 10 AM – 1 PM. Judging will be on Sat. Feb. 2, 2013 2pm and will be closed to public. Pick up of photos is not accepted in the Show: Mon., Tue. Feb. 4 & 5, 2013 10 AM - 8 PM. Reception and awards will be Fri. Feb. 15, 2013 7 PM – 9 PM. Photo pick up will be at the end of the show, Fri. Mar. 1, 2013 1 PM – 6 PM. If unable to make that time, call 413-789-1550 x8855 or email r.kadis@comcast.net Fees: Early-bird registration fee \$25 per entry, if mail entry form & check by Sat. Jan.19, 2013; \$30 after Jan. 19. Entry: One Entry per Category Allowed. All images must be original and made by the photographer. Categories: Creative, Nature, Photojournalism, Pictorial
Awards: Best in Show \$ 300, 1st Place \$ 200, 2nd Place \$ 150, 3rd Place \$ 100, Best in Creative \$ 75, Best in Nature \$ 75, Best in Photojournalism \$ 75, Best in Pictorial \$ 75, 8 Honorable Mentions
A category must have five or more submitted and accepted entries to qualify for awards. Friends of the Agawam Public Library reserves the right to eliminate a category, if there are not at least five entries submitted and accepted. Photo entry fee will be refunded. Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam MA, 01001
Download Prospectus/Entry form: <http://www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm> If you have problems downloading the entry form contact Bob Kadis -Contact email: r.kadis@comcast.net Contact phone: 413-789-4814
More Information: All images must be captured with light sensitive material (either film or digital). Jury selections will be based on the review of the original images, not digital files. Wired for hanging with frame; No saw-tooth/clip hangers. Wired Frame edge-to-edge max 16x20 5% contribution from photographer for photo sold. (Photo may be marked NFS.) Non-refundable entry fee unless category does not have sufficient entries. All images must be original and made by the photographer. No Download images are allowed. CREATIVE - This category is where the photographer can go wild. Digital manipulation is allowed. NATURE - This category is restricted to natural subjects. Wild animals, flowers, birds etc. The hand of man may not be visible (fences, barns, homes, roads etc). No domestic flowers or animals (hybrid flowers, pets) are permitted. Digital manipulation is not allowed. PHOTOJOURNALISM - The story telling qualities in this venue is the most important. Technical qualities still apply, but the purpose of this venue is story telling. Digital manipulation is not allowed. PICTORIAL - This category can be most any photograph: Landscapes, People, Pets, Travel, Seascapes, etc. This is a pretty broad area. Digital manipulation is allowed.
Selection & Awards Jurors: Frederick J. LeBlanc and Paul Deegan Benefits: The Photography Show is to benefit the Agawam Public Library and to help recognize and encourage photographers.

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM OFFERS WINTER VACATION PROGRAM

Storrowton Village Museum will open its historic buildings and homes to youngsters for “A Day Away in the Past,” a popular winter vacation program, February 20 or 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass. Children ages 7 - 12 will don cloth caps, pullover shirts, dresses and bonnets for the day and experience Early American village life at the historic site. Clothing isn't the only tradition they will experience as they travel through the Village's building and learn about history, crafts and traditions of yesteryear. The day begins with a step back in time in the 1834 Meetinghouse, originally located at Salisbury, New Hampshire's Smith's Corner. This is where the transformation begins as the children dress in period-inspired clothing (supplied by Storrowton Village). The Schoolhouse, originally the North Center School built in 1810 in Whately, Mass., is where slates, chalk, ink wells and quill pens were the tools used to teach youngsters their ABCs. The potbelly stove warms the charming brick structure and the convenient attached outhouse was not only the envy of other schools, it was the talk of the town. Potter Mansion was originally built by Captain John Potter as his family home in 1776 and was located in North Brookfield, Mass. The Gilbert Farmstead was built in West Brookfield, Mass., by Levi Gilbert and his brother, Peletiah. Today, youngsters in this fascinating program will learn crafts and play games of the period. Crafts include candle dipping, quill pen calligraphy and more as well as indoor games of skill. All youngsters in the program will have the chance to participate in all activities. At the end of the day, each will return to the 21st century with their creations to show family and friends. The cost for the one-day program is \$40. Registration must be received by February 15. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storrowton Village Museum office at [413-205-5051](tel:413-205-5051).

Today with Jay - Too much Lawn!

(Agawam Catalyst is thrilled to run articles by Jay Berger again. We ran several chapters from his book in the past.)

A group of retired and semi retired men (including me) gather for coffee seven days a week from 6:00 AM until 8:30 AM. Other than solving the world's problems in that period of time, we also discuss sports, finance, history, politics, travel, food, and seasonal topics. The topic this season is gardening, plants, and of course lawns. Under the lawn topic comes mowing, edging, reseeding, weeds, fertilizing, liming, raking and mulching. When was my turn to pitch in, I commented that living in a condominium community, I could leave all those problems to our management company; however that was not the case. I serve on the condo board, and am involved in all the complexities of a vast expanse of lawn. I went on to say, "If we ever move from a condo to a single family home, I will not have a lawn." There were gasps all around!. No lawn... it makes the home more attractive. It will not be saleable without a lawn. What will you do if you don't have to work on the lawn? The questions gave me an opportunity to tell my experience with a pair of brothers who did not believe in lawns. Before moving to our present condo complex, we lived in a colonial style home in the Forest Park area of Springfield. The home had a long concrete driveway that spread out in front of the garage. Over time, with freezing winters, sweltering summers, the concrete contracted and swelled, developed cracks, humps and bumps, and needed serious patch work or replacing. Suggestions ranged from switching to macadam, ignoring it and parking on the street, patching and painting it green, to getting quotes on a new concrete driveway. We elected to talk to some concrete driveway contractors. The first company to arrive came armed with an arsenal of tape measures, soil testing kits, x-ray machine to look at the steel mesh under the driveway. They measured front to back, side to side; looked to see how much room they had to work with on the edges; And calculated how much concrete they would need, and how much time it would take to do the job. After the first hour, I went to the group leader and said, "Sir, we are not building a landing strip for the C5A's at Westover. This is a home driveway." The response was not heartening. "This is a big job. We will need several trips from the concrete mixing trucks: a large crew to level it out; possibly new steel mesh: and I'm thinking 5 days to do the job. You're looking at upwards of \$15,000 dollars. I said<"Don't call me, I'll call you. The second company was not much better. They were not planning on doing a runway for 747's ...but they were planning for an interstate highway over the Appalachians. I thanked them and assured them I would recommend them to the Montana Highway department. We had abandoned the idea until one day while Kitty was at school, she mentioned the driveway dilemma to a fellow teacher, and he said he knew a pair of brothers who recently emigrated from Portugal and were doing concrete work. If she wanted, he would bring them over to talk to us. A few days later, they were at the door. They looked at the driveway. Walked from one end to the other, talking to each other as they went along. Kitty and I wandered over and asked them if they could handle the work. "No problem. Easy job." We asked, "How long to do the work?" Two days, three the most." "Do you have the equipment to handle it' (thinking of what the two big firms were saying)) "Yes, we have what we need. " The only question they asked was "Do you have an outside water connection?" We asked the fatal question. "How much do you think it will cost us"? \$1,500 Tops. "When can you start?" Several days later they showed up with a pick-up truck, two wheel barrels, some sledgehammers, some forms for the concrete. Later on, some supply trucks showed up with sacks of concrete, sand and whatever else they needed. The brothers worked tirelessly breaking up the old concrete and carted it away. The steel mesh seemed to meet with their approval and they soothed it out. They did not use the big cement mixer trucks but mixed their own as they went along. At the end of the second day, it looked as though they would finish on the third day, but it did extend until the fourth day for the job to be complete. As we were settling up with the brothers, we asked them of their experiences in the U.S. One of them responded, "You Americans are crazy about your lawns. In Portugal if we had the room around our homes, we would have vegetable gardens and fruit trees. You spend too much time and money on stupid lawns!!!" We are not moving out of the condo anytime soon. But their comments about lawns give one pause to reflect.



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Cleaning Company Leaves Wet Floor; Condo Owner Falls

The plaintiff alleged that she slipped and fell at her condominium due to a slippery floor. She claimed that the defendant cleaning company left the floor wet and failed to provide any warning of the dangerous conditions. The defendant claimed that it had not yet arrived at the plaintiff's quad until after she had fallen. The company said that even if it had washed the floor that day, the process that is used always left floors dry. The plaintiff alleged that the fall caused three herniated lumbar discs requiring two surgical procedures. The plaintiff's expert opined that the fall was the proximate cause of the treatment. The defendant's orthopedic expert argued that the plaintiff's condition pre-dated the accident and that the fall did not change her condition in any significant fashion. He opined that none of the plaintiff's treatment was causally related to the slip and fall. The plaintiff was found 25% comparatively at fault.

Plaintiff's settlement: \$550,000.00