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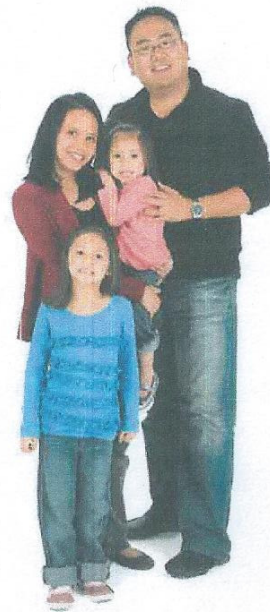
Please join us for our
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Jpirnie@springfieldy.org or 413.206.5699.



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Mayor Richard Cohen presented Stephen Steinbock on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 with a special Scouting award called the Dr. Charles Townes Super Nova Award, a medallion and a citation from the Mayor. Dr. Charles Townes Super Nova Award is given to Scouts that have achievements in STEM related activities. Pictured - Stephen Steinbock is shown with Award, his Parents, Mayor Richard Cohen and friends who came to watch him receive his award.

Chris Sparks, Director of Parks and Recreation Announces 2013 Summer Concerts

Town of Agawam

Parks & Recreation Department

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Agawam, MA 01001

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July 3	The Diamond Collection	diamondcollectionrocks.com
July 10	Lindsey LaBelle	lindseylabelle.com
July 17	Enter the Haggis	enterthehaggis.com
July 24	Ball in the House	ballinthehouse.com
July 31	Eight to the Bar	eighttothebar.com
August 7	Dave Colucci	davecolucci.com
August 14	Kix Country Night Tracy Lawrence & Tyler Farr	mykix1009.com

KidsFest

July 10	John Higby Yo-Yo Guy	johnhigby.com
July 24	Hey Dango	facebook.com/HeyDango
August 7	Lucky Bob	getluckybob.com

At the Storrowtown Tavern in West Springfield , George Bitzas, the President of the Agawam Rotary Club, was presented The International Presidential Citation for the club by the District Governor Eileen Rau. The citation was signed by The Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka of Japan and by District Governor Eileen Rau. The Citation was awarded to the Agawam Rotary club for "actively working to achieve Peace Through Service. In the picture the District Governor is presenting the award to Agawam Rotary Club President George Bitzas. On the right is the Rotary past President Robert Magovern .



Benefit for Catie Chaffee

A benefit for Catie Chaffee will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on July 19th, 2013 from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Please note new location of Springfield Turnverein in the former Alexander's Restaurant), 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. The benefit will include a buffet supper, raffle prizes, a D. J., and an Elvis Presley impersonator. Tickets are \$20 and are available through Susan Owen at 413-786-9955 or through Wilma Gillan at 413-786-4671.



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The Y is planning to come to Agawam. With their philosophy of spirit, mind and body, this will be a healthy place for people of all ages to socialize and have fun. Now is the time to help us raise money for this wonderful facility to be located in our town's center. We need to raise money so plan ahead for your children and grandchildren: buy a family membership now for Christmas and help the Y get started. Your Christmas shopping will be done. For \$600 for a family membership, you will be giving a gift that gives all year long. There will be rooms with computers, workout equipment, showers, and places to meet with friends. Call Betty Grimaldi now at 413-789-0310



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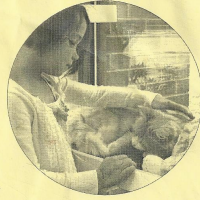
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Fee is \$275 with nonrefundable deposit of \$100. Please make checks payable to: Dakin Humane Society. Payment must be received in FULL prior to start of the program. Downloadable registration form is available online at www.dpvhs.org.

For more information or to register call 413 781-4000 x112 or email lswanston@dpvhs.org

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Editor's Note: Readers will remember Scarlett, a cat probably born in 1995, whose efforts to save her kittens from a fire, at serious harm to herself, attracted worldwide media attention and has been related in a number of non-fiction books, TV shows, and magazine articles. On March 30th, 1996, Scarlett was in an abandoned garage allegedly used as a crack house in Brooklyn, New York, with her five kittens. A fire started and the New York Fire Department responded and quickly extinguished it. One of the firefighters on the scene, David Giannelli, noticed a few of the month-old kittens outside of the garage. Their mother (Scarlett) was nowhere to be found. Eventually he found her, barely clinging to life. She was severely burned in the process of pulling each kitten from the fire. Her eyes were blistered shut, her ears were severely burned, as were her paws and her fur. The hair on her face was almost completely burned away. Giannelli carefully put them in a box he had found and raced them to the veterinary clinic of the North Shore Animal League in Port Washington. The story of this feline

mother's heroic efforts to save her kittens attracted worldwide media attention, and the League received countless phone calls and **7,000 letters offering to adopt Scarlett and her kittens. Does it really take such dramatic actions for a cat to be adopted?** The North Shore Animal League has created an award named "The Scarlett Award for Animal Heroism" in her honor. This award is presented to animals that have engaged in heroic acts to benefit others, whether humans or animals. We also learned that Scarlett passed away a few years ago but has been remembered several times in a Facebook celebration of her heroism. Please adopt a cat!! Westfield Homeless Cat Project has several adult cats, including several from a woman who recently passed away. Please make room for one of these special animals! Email denisesinico@hotmail.com for more information

On Monday, June 24, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will be hosting a READLocal group book signing event. READLocal is the kick-off event for the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program "GROUNDBREAKING READS." There will be fifteen local authors present. Participants are: Oliver Akamnonu, T. J. Bank, Michele Barker, Cyndie Degnan, David Ewen, Nancy Greenwood, Laura Hayden, Judith Kappenman, George Kingston, Lucy Lewis, Cynthia Montanaro, John Sheirer, Richard Smith, Shawn Thomas, and Mark Vincze. Information about the upcoming events in the library's Adult Summer Reading program will be provided. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the Atrium. "**Groundbreaking READS**" and this event are sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865 wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org and Joanne Szelag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '83 ~ 30TH REUNION

Agawam High School Class of '83 will be holding their 30th reunion on Saturday, July 27th from 3:00 to midnight, at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. There will be food, a DJ from 5:00-10:00, cash bar, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and an ice cream truck! Reservations are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 10th. Checks should be made out to **Agawam Class of '83** and mailed to: Wendy Cripps McAnanama, c/o Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Agawam, MA 01001 (If married, please include maiden name in check memo.) Look for more information on FaceBook at "Class of 83" group, "Class of 83 Reunion" or email Al Fenney at nk1617@msn.com.

The "Travel the Watershed" suitcase project was born from a desire to celebrate the Wild & Scenic Westfield River and to inspire others to become active river stewards. Meredyth Babcock, the volunteer coordinator for the Wild & Scenic Westfield River, believes that through the arts one can reach community members and visitors in a way that moves them to action. She hopes that this is the first of many collaborations with local arts organizations and talented artists. Through the summer the adorned cases will travel to three towns within the Wild & Scenic designated areas simply inspiring all who see them to take a second look and to soak in the beauty and sounds of the Westfield River. Artists selected were: Rosemary Wessel, Annette Rubino, Anthony Verano, Steven Hamlin, Katrina Majkut and Nelena Soro. Exhibition dates and locations: June 6th - 30th Open Thursday through Sunday, call for times. Artist Reception & Summer Solstice Bash, Friday, June 21, 5-7 & 7-10pm Becket Arts Center, 7 Brooker Hill Road, Becket (413) 623-6635 www.becketartscenter.org July 6th (Festival) through the 28th

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August 2nd. - 25th. - NORTH HALL 40 Searle Road, Huntington (off Rte 66) www.northhallhuntington.org
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Following the summer exhibit the suitcases will display information about river health and upcoming events offered by the Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee and the Westfield River Watershed Assoc. Traveling separately to Libraries, town halls and community events for many years to come.

Their purpose is to make information easily available to the communities we serve through awareness, education and an open invitation to join the Wild & Scenic volunteers. The Wild & Scenic Westfield River committee is made up of representatives from each of the ten towns with W&S designation: Becket, Chester, Chesterfield,

Cummington, Huntington, Middlefield, Savoy, Washington, Windsor & Worthington.

Our mission: "...to preserve, protect and enhance the special qualities and outstanding resources of the Westfield River Watershed in concert with local communities." The Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee, the Westfield River Watershed Association and the Becket Art Center sponsored the exhibit. The suitcases were designed by Meredyth Babcock & Michele Beemer and built at the beautiful Heartwood school in Washington MA. To reach Meredyth Babcock call 413 623-2070 or visit <http://westfieldriverwildscenic.org/>




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The Town of Agawam has announced it will host a FREE Document Shredding Event for Agawam Businesses on Saturday, June 29th from 8am – 4pm at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield Street. Pre-registration is required by calling 821-0624. Mayor Richard Cohen is pleased to offer this event to the Businesses in Agawam as it is not only environmentally beneficial but also provides a safe place for the disposal of confidential papers to prevent identity theft in our community. Valley Green Shredding will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred documents at no charge to the businesses. Businesses are required to pre-register and limit their document volume to 25 standard size boxes or 15 legal size boxes. Items to include: Payroll files, tax files, legal records, business files, financial records, employee records, customer records, credit card receipts, etc. All 3 ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, and spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable.

The Agawam Public Library will be holding a six week workshop entitled "Old Bones Genealogy." The presenter will be Dave Robison. All sessions are on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., and the dates are July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 15. Participants should plan on attending all six sessions. Attendees will have the opportunity to dig into their past and add branches to their family tree. A different topic with questions and answers will be presented each week. The topic of week one will be the basics of researching. The presentation of week two will be research tools. Becoming a genealogy detective will be the discussion of week three. On week four the topic will be refining skills. The presentation of week five will be interview-jogging memories-fill gaps, and the sixth discussion will be breaking down brick walls. This program is for adults only. Please register at (413)-789-1550 x4 or www.agawamlibrary.org. This event is part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program "Ground Breaking Reads" and is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865, wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org or Joanne Szlag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org "Groundbreaking READS" and this event are sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865 wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org and Joanne Szlag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org

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Registration deadline is July 13.



Beginning in July, the library will be hosting folk artist Corlene Roberts for “Lunchtime Lyrics” concerts. All concerts are from 12:30-1:30 p.m. There are five concerts in all: Monday, July 8; Tuesday, July 16; Wednesday, July 24; Thursday, August 1; and Friday, August 9. People are invited to bring their lunches and listen to folk, country, rock, oldies, and some original compositions. Returning to the Agawam Public Library’s Adult Summer Reading Program for her third year is local folk artist Corlene Roberts. Corlene is a guitar instructor at Performance Music in Westfield. She is a regular at the Daily Grind Coffee Shop and has played at Louie B’s and the Red Riding Hood’s Basket, all in Southwick. No registration is needed for these events. These events are part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program “Ground Breaking Reads” and are sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865, wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org or Joanne Szelag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org

Beginning Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7 p.m., an eight week program entitled “Couch to 5K” will be held at the Agawam Public Library. This program is being conducted by the Agawam YMCA and is in conjunction with the Let’s Move Campaign. The program will meet once a week for a group “workout” and information session for eight weeks, culminating in a 5K race. Participants may choose to run or walk. The program is self-paced and welcomes any level of fitness. The information sessions will cover stretching, nutrition, injury prevention to name a few. This event is part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program “Ground Breaking Reads” and is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. This program is for adults only. Registration is required. Please register at (413)-789-1550 x4 or at www.agawamlibrary.org. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865, wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org, or Joanne Szelag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszelag@agawamlibrary.org.

Why cats....? An editorial

Sunday, June 9th 2013. As the summer days lengthen, the air turned mellow as did many people. I guess it affects other creatures, too. There is a white cat with calico markings I call Ginger. I have taken care of her for many years, even though she is feral and runs as soon as she sees me approach. I had a few bad weeks trying to find her; a mother cat with three kittens had taken over her usual spot under a hedge. I went to great lengths to find her, making and covering a shelter in the middle of a torrential rain storm. I am sure she was aware of my concern for her. The mother cat and kittens have disappeared temporarily, and today, Ginger was back, luxuriating in the soft summer air. When I got out of the car, she stayed in one place, with her paws tucked under her. I walked closer to her than usual before she hobbled away (Ginger is crippled but gets along quite well, thank you). I went to feed in a few other places, and Ginger had placed herself even closer where I park my car. I stepped out just to spend time with her. We sat about twenty feet away from each other, just basking in the quiet warmth. After about fifteen minutes, I began walking toward her, stopping when I noticed the reflexes in her hind legs signaling that I had come close enough. I backed away, but to acknowledge her enjoyment of the company, she bowed, in the way cats do that really means they like you. She has never done that to me before and I regard it as a sort of honor.



The Rockville Rocket: Gene Pitney By Martin McMahon

Rockville, Connecticut, about 25 miles southeast of Agawam, was home to a pop singer from the Sixties whose voice has been compared to opera singer Enrico Caruso. Gene Pitney's fabulous tenor voice startled the pop music world. His career began in the late Fifties while still a teenager. By the Sixties he was famous. Gene Pitney was not only a singer but also a composer of songs recorded by many stars. He was well known in Europe where he recorded songs in English, Italian, Spanish, and German. Like an opera singer, he had a strong, [emotionally moving](#) voice. Some songs that ranked high on the charts were "Every Breath I Take," "Town Without Pity," "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," "Only Love Can Break a Heart," "Half Heaven, Half Heartache," "Twenty-Four Hours From Tulsa," "It Hurts to be in Love," and "She's a Heartbreaker." Other songs placed high on the pop music charts in Europe. The hit songs he wrote for other performers included Bobby Vee's "Rubber Ball," Ricky Nelson's "Hello Mary Lou," and The Crystals' "He's a Rebel." Not only was Gene Pitney a composer, but he also played several instruments. In his early years at Rockville High, he had his own band, "Gene and the Genials." His nickname, "The Rockville Rocket," stayed with him all through life. Stardom came at an early age when he wrote and performed the title song of the film "Town Without Pity." Gene sang it at the Academy Awards, nationally televised. Next, he became famous for singing a Burt Bacharach song, "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance," inspired by a John Wayne movie of the same name. In his career, Gene Pitney has performed at Carnegie Hall and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He never retired but passed away of heart disease in his early sixties while performing to standing ovations in England. He was married and had three sons. A plaque commemorating his achievements can be found at Rockville Town Hall. Each year Rockville High School awards a Gene Pitney music scholarship in honor of "The Rockville Rocket."

On Tuesday, July 9, 2013, the library will be holding a program entitled "eReaders and Libraries: What You Need to Know." The presenter will be Cynthia Laino of the CW/MARS library consortium. There are two sessions: 2:00 or 6:30 p.m. Participants may only register for one session. The program will highlight: browsing the digital books website, OverDrive products and compatible eReaders, and downloading the proper software and transferring to an eReader, and questions and answers. Participants may bring their eReader devices and questions to the program. This program is for adults only. Please register for this event by calling (413)-789-1550 x4 or at www.agawamlibrary.org. This event is part of the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program "Ground Breaking Reads" and is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and CSLP. Contact: Wendy McAnanama, (413)-789-1550 x8865, wmcnanama@agawamlibrary.org or Joanne Szlag, (413)-789-1550 x8851, jszlag@agawamlibrary.org.

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A List of all the events follows:

1. June 24, 2013, 6:30 pm: READLocal –SRP Kick-Off Event! Refreshments provided by the Atrium. 15 local authors will participate in a group book event. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
2. July 8, 16, 24, August 1, August 9, 12:30-1:30 pm: Lunchtime Lyrics with Corlene Roberts (bring your lunch & enjoy a concert).
3. July 8, 7:00 pm: Couch to 5K—Informational session only with Agawam YMCA & Let’s Move Campaign
4. July 9, 2:00 or 6:30 pm (choose 1): eReaders and Libraries: What You Need to Know presented by Cynthia Laino of CW/MARS
5. July 11, 18, & 25, August 1, 8, 15, 10 am (6 week program) Old Bones Genealogy with Dave Robison
6. July 15, 6:00 pm: Learn to Create Zenatagle Art presented by Molly Hollibaugh, CZT
7. July 23, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm (choose 1) – Memory Journaling Presented by Maureen Shepard. Bring 3 photos and your memories. Learn to share your heart stories through journaling. Materials included.
8. July 30, 7:00 pm: 82nd Airborne Division’s 505th Regiment. Living historians will reenact the past! Explore a WWII display, including artifacts, equipment, radio broadcasts, and GI items.
9. August 5, 6:00 pm: Monet’s Mirror – Pastel Workshop presented by Artist Gregory Maichack. A workshop for beginners to advanced, learn how to produce your own unique pastel painting. Materials are included.
10. August 7, 7:00 pm, Rot to Riches – 5 Easy Steps to Composting with Bernadette with Bernadette Giblin and the Agawam DPW Learn to compost organically! The first 25 people (1 per family) who sign receive a free composting bin at the event!
11. August 16, 3:00 pm: Adult Summer Reading Program Raffle – Names will be drawn for 20 raffle prizes. You don’t need to be present to win, (but you will get a free book). Winners will be called to come and choose a prize.

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Legal Memo by Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno

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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



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Dr. Tami Nelson asks her patients a particular question each month and shares the results. Last month the question was “What is your favorite eating place?” We share the answers with our readers: “My grill; Tami’s Patio; My Deck; On any beach (Misquamicutt, preferably); The Beach with the bottle of wine; Hammock in the backyard; Berries on James St., Chicopee; Esselon Café, Hadley; Skipper’s at the Cape; On the Riverbank in Hadley; Coppers, Main St Agawam; Storowton; Maine Fish, Warehouse Point; Local Burger, Simsbury, CT; Cape Neddick Lobster House, Maine; Café, San Diego; Park Street Inn,; Quechee, CT; Burtons Grill CT; Northampton Brewery; Ditto to that; East Bay Grille, Plymouth, MA; Tosca’s, CT; Louie B’s, Southwick; A small café in Paris; Screened in porch!; My back deck!; The Hub North Adams **And there’s always Parthenon!!!**

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MAJESTIC THEATER ANNOUNCES SUMMER LINEUP CONTACT: Danny Eaton, Producing Director,
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West Springfield, MA (5/25/13) – Danny Eaton, producing director of the Theater Project in West Springfield, has announced the summer lineup of concerts and events at the Majestic Theater. Tickets for all concerts are currently on sale at the box office at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield, or may be purchased by calling [\(413\) 747-7797](tel:4137477797). The Majestic Theater Café will open one hour before performances, and will feature a variety of items on its summer menu, as well as beer, wine and soda. In addition to the concert series, the Majestic will also hold its popular Open Mic Nights, hosted by Floyd Patterson, on Tuesday nights at 7pm from July 9 - August 27. Singers, musicians, comedians, magicians and other performers must call the Majestic Theater at [\(413\) 747-7797](tel:4137477797) to book a spot during one of the weekly shows. Audience members will be able to vote for their favorite performers. Weekly prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to the acts that earn the most ballots, then each top act will face off for grand prizes (\$200, \$150 and \$100) at the Grand Finale Show on August 27. Tickets will be \$5 for both performers and audience members during the regular Open Mic Nights. Also returning will be Improvisational Comedy with The Majesters, which features a troupe of the best improv comics from across the Pioneer Valley for an evening of unscripted comic mayhem. The program begins with improv scenes similar to "Whose Line is it Anyway," and is followed by a storyline that's developed with help from the audience. Improvisational Comedy with The Majesters takes place Wednesday nights at 7pm July 10-August 21. Tickets are \$7. The Majestic will also present children's theater this summer. "Alice in Wonderland," "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "Tiny Thumbelina" will be presented in July and August. Admission is \$9 per person. Those who purchase tickets to all three plays at the same time join "The Snack Club," which entitles them to get free snack at each play. 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.

The complete lineup of summer shows at the Majestic Theater is as follows:

DOCS WHO ROCK - Friday, June 21st @ 7:00 p.m. - Back for a second year, the United Way of Pioneer Valley hosts DOCS WHO ROCK in a battle of the bands rock show like no other. Musical acts, which are required to have at least one member who is a doctor, will be judged by area music experts for the ultimate bragging rights as DOCS WHO ROCK. Reigning champs Suture Self will face off against other local bands including Dicey Riley, Plan B and Dr. Linda Canty. All proceeds will benefit the United Way of Pioneer Valley Community Fund. Tickets \$23 & \$25

COMEDY a la CARTE by Steve Henderson -Saturday, June 22nd @ 8:00 p.m. & Sunday, June 23rd @ 2:00 p.m. WLLZ RADIO THEATER & SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION are a pair of delectable, laugh out loud, short plays – kindly limited by their author to one act each for your protection! WLLZ promises a roller coaster ride of mishaps and mayhem while SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION is a twisty and award winning love story – well, maybe. Tickets \$15 & \$17

MIDSUMMER NIGHT SONGFEST -Thursday, July 11th @ 7:30 p.m. - GREG ALEXANDER is a multi award winning songwriter and guitarist, and Majestic Theater actor (Blues In The Night, The Ride, John & Paul) has put together an evening of soulful and exquisite acoustic folk rock music. He's joined by local favorite MOONLIGHT DAVIS (Buddy Holly) performing a short set to open the show. Tickets \$15 & \$17

RAY GUILLEMETTE, KING COUNTRY- Friday, July 12th @ 8:00 p.m.- By popular demand, and with a new Stetson hat, RAY GUILLEMETTE brings his country show back to the Majestic. He's one of the area's most popular entertainers, and whether you're a fan of "new" country or "old" this show will make a fan of you! Tickets \$19 & \$21

DONNA LEE & LANDSLIDE - Saturday, July 13th @ 8:00 p.m. - The always wonderful MS. DONNA LEE with her band, LANDSLIDE, returns to the Majestic for an encore performance of their tribute to FLEETWOOD MAC. It's a musical homage to the rock n' roll icons featuring the rhythms, guitar solos, and close in harmonies that we have always identified as FLEETWOOD MAC. Tickets \$16 & \$18

RICK LARRIMORE, ROD STEWART TRIBUTE - Thursday, July 18th @ 7:30 p.m. "Blondes Have More Fun" is the ultimate ROD STEWART tribute show by RICK LARRIMORE that packed the theater last summer! Backed by a six piece band, Rick covers Rod Stewart's entire career from the early years, through the disco era, to the singer's most recent musical venture into the great American classics. This is a show you don't want to miss! Tickets \$18 & \$20

AJ JANSEN & THE COUNTRY MIDNIGHT RENEGADES - Friday, July 19th @ 8:00 p.m. -So popular last Summer, AJ JANSEN's "Outlaw Women Of Country Music" returns to the Majestic for one special night. The show chronicles the legendary women who influenced country music over the decades. It's also a CD Release Party for this Nashville and nationally recognized singer/songwriter's most recently recorded album of country originals, "Get Countified." -Tickets \$18 & \$20

FRANKIE & DEAN: ONE FOR THE ROAD - Saturday, July 20th @ 8:00 p.m. -Jimmy Mazz and Patrick Tobin join forces to bring you the ultra cool personalities of "The Chairman of the Board" and "The King of Kool," Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin, and together bring back old Vegas while paying homage to these two stars of a bygone era. They are joined by a very special guest – Marilyn Monroe! You'll relive the memories of those great past years. Tickets \$22 & \$24

Celtic Rock with DICEY RILEY - Thursday, July 25th @ 7:30 p.m. - Imagine if The Pogues and U2 had a baby, and Dropkick Murphys raised it! You'd have McRock and O'Roll with the DICEY RILEY BAND, a rollicking brand of fiercely re-imagined Irish traditional and original music that delves deeply into the Celtic experience. The show features their recently released CD "Rows of Pints and Walking Dead" which is now grabbing national airplay. Tickets \$17 & \$19

THE MEMORIES - Friday, July 26th @ 8:00 p.m. -Celebrating 40 years of great 50's & 60's music, THE MEMORIES have become a summer tradition here at the Majestic, performing those great doo-wop hits of yesteryear. Joining

them again this year are the lovely DREAMTONES, who'll be covering all of the great girl group songs of the era. Tickets \$21 & \$23

A MOODY BLUES Tribute - Saturday, July 27th @ 8:00 p.m. - Russ Brooks, also sometimes known by Pioneer Valley fans as Lord Russ, returns with his band to the Majestic stage to celebrate the groundbreaking songs that span the MOODY BLUES career like "Nights In White Satin," "Tuesday Afternoon," "Your Wildest Dreams," and many others. Last year's audience wouldn't let Russ leave the stage which makes this show even more exciting! Tickets \$21 & \$23

BRAD SHEPARD - Thursday, August 1st @ 7:30 p.m.-Many of us know him as the resonant voice on the radio early in the morning but, when BRAD teams up with RITCHIE MITNICK they form a dynamic American pop music duo delivering an evening of great songs. It's all in the key of fun as they slide seamlessly from one great song to the next. Tickets \$16 & \$18

LISA LANNO - Friday, August 2nd @ 8:00 p.m. "MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER SIDE" is an evening of spirit connections in an emotionally charged and astounding interactive program that is devoted to connecting actual audience members with friends and family members from the Other Side. This show has sold out the last two years and has amazed those who have been a part of it. Tickets \$16 & \$18

ALIVE SHE CRIED - Saturday, August 3rd @ 8:00 p.m. - The DOORS tribute show from Moose & The Hightops back for a not to be missed encore performance. The music and poetry of the late Jim Morrison and The Doors is so faithfully performed that if you close your eyes it will take you back in time and you'll swear you're at a classic DOORS event! Tickets \$17 & \$19

JOHN & PAUL - Thursday, August 8th @ 7:30 p.m, Friday, August 9th @ 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 10th @ 8:00 p.m. THE MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY OF A FRIENDSHIP THAT CHANGED THE WORLD returns to the Majestic Stage with the original cast for a special encore weekend. Written by Producing Director Danny Eaton, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schecter, and with a band fronted by Mitch Chakour, JOHN & PAUL is a celebration of the lives of John Lennon and Paul McCartney that was one of the biggest hit shows here at the Majestic. Tickets \$23 & \$25

CASH IS KING - Thursday, August 15th @ 7:30 p.m. CASH IS KING is the area's newest and only tribute show to the late JOHNNY CASH and the TENNESSEE THREE. Singer Brian Chicoine, whose voice is uncanny in its similarity to the Man In Black, takes us back to the early days at Sun Records and later the prison concert era. He and the band are joined later by Vicky St. Pierre as June Carter Cash to sing some of their most famous duets. CASH IS KING will be a truly one of a kind experience. Tickets \$19 & \$21

A RAY OF ELVIS - Friday, August 16th @ 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17th @ 8:00 p.m.- It's a special memorial weekend and Ray Guillemette Jr. and the Memphis Jam once again bring their award winning, high energy, ultimate tribute to the King of Rock n' Roll, Elvis Presley, back to the Majestic. Even Graceland has acknowledged Ray as one of the best of the Elvis tribute artists. It promises to be an inspirational show of memory and great music. Tickets \$19 & \$21

BEETHOVEN, BROADWAY & BEYOND - Sunday, August 18th @ 2:00 p.m. It's a classical Sunday afternoon with the Page One Performers, a group of concert pianists, operatic vocalists, a flutist and cellist, all of whom will dazzle the audience with jaw-dropping performances including Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and "Pathetique," Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in G Minor," Hammerstein's "Old Man River," and Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Music Of The Night," along with other selections from Bizet, Debussy, and more. The good folks at Falcetti Music provided the acoustic piano for this special show. Tickets \$21 & \$23

LINDSEY LA BELLE - Thursday, August 22nd @ 7:30- LINDSEY LA BELLE has, in the past couple of years, earned a solid reputation in the Valley and beyond as one of the most popular performers around. Backed by a great band, her vocals are a blend of country flavored pop while still keeping her roots firmly grounded in rock n' roll. Tickets \$15 & \$17

THE DIAMOND COLLECTION -Friday, August 23rd @ 8:00 p.m. Saturday, August 24th @ 8:00 p.m. We missed him last year but we knew he couldn't stay away from music! KENNY LA BELLE returns to the Majestic Stage with his amazing tribute to the great Neil Diamond. He did his very first show here, and except for last year, has been a Summer tradition. THE DIAMOND COLLECTION is a sure-fire crowd pleaser! Tickets \$18 & \$20

FREDDIE MARION & FRIENDS - Sunday, August 25th @ 2:00 p.m. He has one of the most spectacular voices in the Valley whose array of show, sacred, and sentimental songs, has thrilled audiences in small clubs and cocktail lounges to Symphony Hall and the Mass Mutual Center. Freddie's show, BROADWAY & BEYOND, will feature both show tunes from the Great White Way as well as pop favorites. Tickets \$18 & \$20

PAUL ROBESON - Wednesday, August 28th @ 7:00 p.m. Floyd Patterson II and Marcus Pitts return to the Majestic Stage after triumphant shows in New Palz, New York, and Boston for an encore performance of Philip Hays Dean's play, PAUL ROBESON, the moving and dramatic story of an iconic American scholar, athlete, actor, concert artist, and activist. Tickets \$23 & \$25

MAJESTIC THEATER SUMMER CHILDREN'S THEATER SCHEDULE: ALL TICKETS: \$9

"Alice in Wonderland" Monday, July 8 - 10am, 1pm & 6:30pm; Tuesday, July 9 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, July 10 - 10am, 1pm; Sunday July 28 - 2pm & 6:30pm; Monday, July 29 - 10am, 1pm & 6:30pm; Tuesday, July 30 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, July 31 - 10am, 1pm

"The Emperor's New Clothes" Monday, July 15 - 10am, 1pm & 6:30pm; Tuesday, July 16 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, July 17 - 10am, 1pm; Sunday August 4 - 2pm & 6:30pm; Monday, August 5, 10am, 1 & 6:30pm; Tuesday, August 6 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, August 7 - 10am, 1pm

"Tiny Thumbelina"- Monday, July 22 - 10am, 1pm & 6:30pm; Tuesday, July 23 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, July 24 - 10am, 1pm; Sunday August 11 - 2pm & 6:30pm; Monday, August 12 - 10am, 1pm & 6:30pm ; Tuesday, August 13 - 10am, 1pm; Wednesday, August 14 - 10am, 1pm

2013 SUMMER EVENING CONCERT/OPEN MIC/ IMPROV SCHEDULE

Friday, June 21st @ 8:00 p.m..... Docs Who Rock
 Saturday, June 22nd @ 8:00 p.m..... Steve Henderson/Comedy a la Carte.....\$15 & \$17
 Sunday, June 23rd @ 2:00 p.m..... Steve Henderson/Comedy a la Carte.....\$15 & \$17
 Tuesday, July 9th @ 7:00 p.m..... Open Mic
 Wednesday, July 10th @ 7:00 p.m..... Improv
 Thursday, July 11th @ 7:30 p.m..... Greg Alexander, \$15 & \$17
 Friday, July 12th @ 8:00 p.m.....King Kountry, \$19 & \$21
 Saturday, July 13th @ 8:00 p.m.....Donna Lee, \$16 & \$18

Tuesday, July 16th @ 7:00 p.m.....Open Mic
 Wednesday, July 17th @ 7:00 p.m.....Improv
 Thursday, July 18th @ 7:30 p.m.....Rick Larrimore, \$18 & \$20
 Friday, July 19th @ 8:00 p.m.....A J Jansen, \$18 & \$20
 Saturday, July 20th @ 8:00 p.m.....Jimmy Mazz, \$22 & \$24
 Tuesday, July 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.....Open Mic
 Wednesday, July 24th @ 7:00 p.m.....Improv
 Thursday, July 25th @ 7:30 p.m.....Dicey Riley, \$17 & \$19
 Friday, July 26th @ 8:00 p.m.....The Memories, \$21 & \$23
 Saturday, July 27th @ 8:00 p.m.....Moody Blues Show, \$21 & \$23
 Tuesday, July 30th @ 7:00 p.m.....Open Mic
 Wednesday, July 31st @ 7:00 p.m.....Improv



Father John "Jack" Brennan was honored recently for over ten years serving as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church. Father Brennan served as Pastor in Westfield and Chaplain for Sons of Erin. He served as Chaplain for the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee and this past March he was Parade Marshal in the Agawam unit in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade. He will continue to serve as Chaplain for the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee and will serve in the near future at St. Patrick's Church in Monson.



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Left Picture: Elm Belcher spaghetti suppers will start up in September. What wonderful meals with a nice family atmosphere they put on. Left to right, Don Fogg, Bob Theroux, Tessa Chambers, Vinna Cicalla, Bill Bessette, Pete Bushell



Right Picture: Bob Hagger, Carol Hagger, Dave Yeager, Sharon Bessette,



Unusual Novel, Unexpected Author

By Kathy Shepard

Still Water is a novel by William F. Weld, Governor of Massachusetts from 1991 to 1997. He also wrote *Mackerel by Moonlight* and *Big Ugly*. *Still Water* is about the five towns in Western Massachusetts that were flooded to create the huge reservoir, the Quabbin. But this book, unexpectedly enjoyable, is an imagined narrative by one of the young people who lives in one of the five doomed towns. Jamieson, the narrator,

falls in love with Hannah, his dream girl from a nearby farm, who enriches his senses of what is being lost by recalling lives lived. In the Valley during the French and Indian war, the insurrection of Daniel Shays and the War Between the States became a theme in this Valley. "When I was fifteen years old, I fell in love for the first and hardest time, I had my first tastes of inhumanity, and I watched every person I knew lose everything...In a brief time, I had the good fortune to see it all: the life that was lived in the five towns when we thought it would go on forever, the rumor of the plan to flood the valley, the foreboding that grew like a fog around us, and the aftermath. I could have lived ten lives and I would not have learned so much about endings and beginnings. They say in a country town, a man who dies today is buried in the earth where he's lain many times before; the man who marries today takes the same wife he's taken for generations. Perhaps that made the powerful folks in Boston feel it didn't matter if they buried our homes."

The reader learn details about the girls who worked at the hat factory in Dana, who were given a free palm leaf hat for summer every year...and about those who would stop at the soda fountain to say hello to the boys who could occasionally afford to buy a white cow (vanilla iced cream and ginger ale). The reader experiences the feelings of the people, who saw that once word got out about the talk about putting the towns under water, people would not settle in the valley... The reader finds that children played Daniel Shays and General Benjamin Lincoln the way other boys played cowboys and Indians. Shays, a decorated officer of the American Revolution, had led the farmers' insurgency against the new government of the United States in 1787.

"Our town had need of Captain Shays a century and a half later. That was when the Governor of Massachusetts announced a plan to send more men west from Boston, this time to flood the Valley to create a reservoir sixteen miles long, better to assuage the thirst of the patriotic citizens of Boston.

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