



Holiday Wishes to all!

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*George and Jane Schmidt
at St. John the Evangelist
Church Bazaar*



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SOME ENCHANTED EVENING

Majestic Open Mic Night winners to present pop, jazz, and show tunes.

(Agawam, Mass.) The eighth season of the Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 7:30 PM at the Agawam Public Library when Ashley Armitage and Bryan Austermann present an evening of pop, jazz, and show tunes. In the summer of 2010 the talented duo took home first prize after competing in The Majestic Theater's Open Mic Night. They later went to the Finale and won second place for the season. Armitage and Austermann have been friends since elementary school and have sung together at many high school performances and Relay for Life events. They are both 2010 graduates of Southwick-Tolland Regional High School; Armitage is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Media Arts at Emerson College in Boston and Austermann is attending the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University studying to earn in Bachelor's Degree in Musical Theater. The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper Street in Agawam, Massachusetts and can be reached by phone at (413) 789-1550. 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.agawamccc.org.

Third Annual Winter Bands Concert to showcase talent of Agawam High School Band students

Pre-performance book signing by local history author and Agawam band parent David Cecchi to benefit band program
(AGAWAM) Mr. William M. Hueglin, Agawam High School Band Director, and the Agawam High School Bands cordially invite you to their third annual Winter Bands Concert on **Friday, December 16, 2011** in the Agawam High School Auditorium, 760 Cooper Street in Agawam. A book signing by local history author and Agawam band parent David Cecchi will take place before the concert from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Copies of his latest book, *Riverside Park*, and his two previous works, *Agawam and Feeding Hills*, and *Agawam and Feeding Hills Revisited* will be available for purchase in time for holiday gift-giving, with a portion of the evening's proceeds to be donated to the band program. The concert gets underway at 7:00 pm with stirring performances by the school's talented Symphony Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. An exciting evening of music is in store by composers such as Bach, Count Basie, Grainger, and others, culminating in their traditional closing; Leroy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival." A reception will follow the concert. Concert admission is free; donations will be gladly accepted at the door.

Agawam Sends Eight to District Concert Festival

Six of the eight also recommended for All-State auditions.

(AGAWAM) The Agawam High School Music Department will be sending eight students to the Western Massachusetts Music Educators Annual Concert Festival to be held at the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center on January 7 and 14, 2012. The eight students were selected from recent auditions held at Westfield State University. High schools from across Westerns Massachusetts sent upwards of twenty students each to the tryouts. Students were required to perform a specific solo, scales and sight-read at the audition. From the 1,000 students who audition, a district concert band, jazz ensemble, orchestra, and chorus are selected. Those students selected represent the best high school musicians in Western Massachusetts. From the students chosen for districts, the top 50% of them were recommended for an all-state audition to be held in late January. Of the eight Agawam students selected, six were also recommended for all-state auditions. The students will spend two days in rehearsal culminating in a concert at the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 3:00 PM. Selected to the district Concert band and receiving an all-state recommendation were: Alyssa Febo – Flute (Senior); Molly Mittler – Clarinet (Sophomore); Nick Taliceo – Tenor Saxophone (Senior)*First chair; Emily Walters – Euphonium (Senior) *First chair; Andrew Tang – Mallet Percussion (Junior) Also selected to the district concert band was: Christian Mickey – Mallet Percussion (Senior). Selected to the district jazz band and receiving an all-state recommendation was: Greg Carleton – Tenor Saxophone (Junior). Selected to the district chorus was: Lucy D'Angelo – Alto (Senior). Congratulations, students!



Photo caption: Representing the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks following the 2011 MICCA State Marching Band Finals at Cawley Stadium in Lowell, Massachusetts are, from left: Christian Mickey, Percussion Captain; ; Jackie Zabik, Color Guard Captain; Molly Febo, Drum Major; Brianna Hurley, Drum Major; Katy Leathem, Woodwind Captain; and Joseph Cecchi, Brass Captain 28 November 2011

AHS Marching Mohawks Earn Bronze Medal at State Marching Band Festival Finals

(AGAWAM) The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks traveled to Lowell, MA on October 23 to participate in the Massachusetts Instrumental & Choral Conductors Association (MICCA) State Marching Band Festival. MICCA is a state-wide music education organization whose purpose is dedicated to the study of music through performance. They focus on providing opportunities for students to be evaluated and receive expert feedback in a non-competitive setting. Because of this mission, no one band "wins", but instead all groups are evaluated against a standard. Competing in Division III, for bands consisting of 56-70 playing members, the Marching Mohawks dazzled the audience with their field show, "New Orleans: From Sinners to Saints." The show began with full band renditions of "Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans" followed by "Little Liza Jane." Senior trumpet soloist Vicki Bortolussi sang out the soulful melody in "House of the Rising Sun" while the entire percussion section was featured in "Voodoo." The show wrapped up with a Dixieland combo taking us down the streets of New Orleans while playing "When the Saints Go Marchin' In." Combo members Vicki Bortolussi, Danielle Marcoullier, Chris Rumprik, Stacey Coogan, Kayla Quinn, Christian Mickey and Lauryn Winiarski laid the foundation for the show's grand finale. The students gave an excellent performance and were awarded three stars in the categories of music, visuals, general effect, percussion and color guard for an overall Bronze Medal. Drum Majors Brianna Hurley and Molly Febo accepted the award on behalf of the Marching Mohawks, the only band from Western Massachusetts in attendance at the competition. The Marching Mohawks recently completed an outstanding season with their half-time performance at the Agawam/West Springfield Thanksgiving Day football game.

STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM OFFERS SCHOOLPROGRAMS DURING WINTER VACATION WEEK

Storowton Village Museum, in response to winter vacation changes, will make its regular school programs, "Little Red Schoolhouse," "Storowton Sampler" and "Look Back" available during the week February 20 for those schools that are in session. "Little Red Schoolhouse" and "Storowton Sampler" will be offered Tuesday through Friday, February 21 – 24 and "Look Back" will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 & 22. Classes will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Each program is designed to offer children unique, hands-on, educational experience as they explore the history of the 19th century. "Little Red Schoolhouse" offers a day of challenging and fun activities similar to those in the life of a 19th century student. Led by a Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress in period dress, children will practice quill pen writing, spelling bees, math drills, and old-fashioned games. In "Look Back," children will learn about the different roles for boys and girls through daily activities such as cooking, blacksmith skills and calligraphy. Four dynamic activities make up the "Storowton Sampler," which may include quill pen writing in a copybook, a scavenger hunt on the Village grounds, dipping candles, or cooking over an open hearth. For those schools holding their regular vacation week, the Village will present its annual scheduled school vacation program, "A Day Away in the Past," Wednesday, Feb. 22 and Thursday, Feb. 23. "A Day Away in the Past" gives children a chance to step into the 19th century and learn about Early American Village life. Children ages 7 – 12 dress in period costumes and try their hands at early American crafts such as candle dipping, play games and experience every aspect of a blacksmith's shop, including pumping the bellows at a coal-fired forge, working a hand-crank drill press, filing white work and more. Reservations are required for all programs, and "Little Red Schoolhouse," "Look Back" and "Storowton Sampler" must be reserved by teachers for their classes in advance. Prices vary by program and are available by calling Storowton Village Museum. "A Day Away in the Past" is \$35 and children must bring their own lunch. Space is limited for this popular program and reservations must be received by Friday, February 15. For times, more information on any of the programs, or to register a child or your class, call the Storowton Village Museum office at 413-205-5051, or visit our website at TheBigE.com/sv



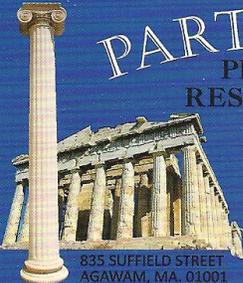
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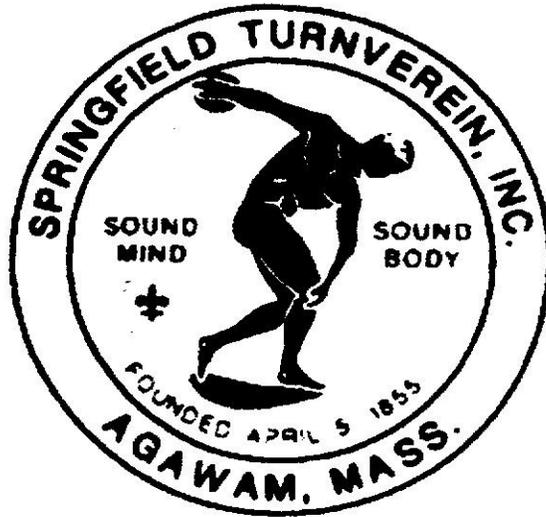
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December 17th

Live Entertainment

December 23^d

Club Open House with Karaoke

December 31st

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"Is it a box of cigars?" Jackie quipped.

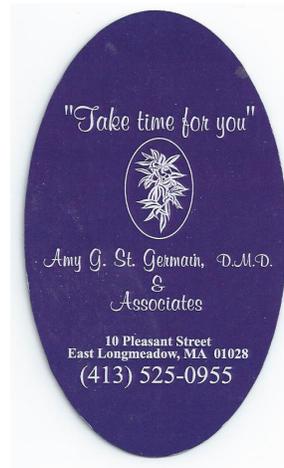


Roberta Doering and Susan Dawson at Jackie's retirement party

Jacqueline Bouley Hayes Toussaint was honored with a retirement party coordinated by Leeann McKeever on December 1st 2011. Friends, family and co-workers enjoyed a sumptuous meal and the classic surroundings of Crestview Country Club. At least ten people spoke following the meal, and in one case a clever skit was done by two women holding the podium. Jackie's thanks was highlighted by her performance a cappella of "Joy To The World." No tiny little voice for Jackie – her throaty, guttural deliverance of the lyrics, "Jeremiah was a bullfrog," would knock out competition in any singing contest! Pleasant music was provided by a family friend. Naturally after all the speeches, guess which song was played first for dancing? Joy To The World! Several people took to the floor including the guest of honor. Youth everlasting!



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WESTFIELD HOMELESS CAT PROJECT, 1124 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD, WESTFIELD, MA 01085 announces Kitty's Winter Wish List

Westfield, MA – While many lucky cats curl up in front of the fireplace for a nice winter nap, homeless cats suffer great hardship in the cold weather. To help care for these suffering animals the Westfield Homeless Cat Project (WHCP), a NO KILL cat/kitten rescue, needs the following supplies: Canned kitten and cat food, towels, blankets, laundry detergent, bleach, heavy duty 33 gallon trash bags, disposable gloves, cat litter, masking tape and paper towels. WHCP is a private non-profit organization and does not receive any city or state funding, but instead relies on private contributions. Donations can be dropped off at any time at 1124 East Mountain Road, Westfield, MA 01085. Cash contributions are urgently needed for spaying/neutering and vet care. Checks payable to Westfield Homeless Cat Project can be mailed to this address. For information email denisesinico@hotmail.com. Or call 413-568-6964. Please help.



**Attorney Offers Strategies for People Suffering Financial Hardship
(re-printed from Agawam Catalyst July 2011)**

Attorney Justin H. Dion is a general practitioner with the law firm of Bacon Wilson in Springfield. He is a graduate of Western New England College School of Law, magna Cum Laude, 2000 and holds a Master of Arts in Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University, 1997, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, also from Southern Connecticut State University, Cum Laude, 1996. Dion specializes in business and financial matters in addition to handling Chapter 7, Chapter 11 and 13 bankruptcies. For people who have become victims of predatory lending practices, it has become vital to work with an attorney knowledgeable in the financial field, and Attorney Dion brings abundant qualifications. But education is just part of working with people who could lose their homes or have been under financial duress, and Attorney Dion has that compassionate quality. He said, "Sometimes things happen to good people, and they get in over their heads unintentionally. My psychology background helps me counsel my clients and provides a basis for me to guide people who are acting on an emotional rather than the logical level. My goal is to provide rational and reasonable solutions, calm unreasonable fears and put my clients at ease so that I can help them overcome difficult times." Dion's areas of practice include bankruptcy and reorganization, business and corporate, real estate and zoning, and domestic relations and family. His bar and court admissions extend to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State of Connecticut, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Attorney Dion serves as Chair, Hampden County Bar Association Bankruptcy Committee and his teaching profile includes Bankruptcy, 2008, Bay Path College; Non-Profit Business Law, 2008, Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, MA; Introduction to Law, 2004 to present, Bay Path College, Longmeadow MA; Real Estate Law, 2003-present, Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA and several other courses. Attorney Dion was designated SuperLawyer Rising Star in Boston Magazine, 2010 and has been the recipient of the SuperLawyers Rising Stars Awards from 2006 through 2009. He has served as Editor in Chief of the Western New England Law Review, 1999-2000 and has received several CALI Awards for Excellence: one in Civil Procedure, one in Trusts and Estates, and one in Jurisprudence. He has been the recipient of numerous other awards and is credited with several videos on topics such as Credit Card Pitfalls, The Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Process, Preparing for bankruptcy, You Own Property You Can't Afford - What can you do?, Homestead Declaration: How to get one and what protection it offers Massachusetts homeowners, Preventing Foreclosure – quick action can stop the bank from foreclosure on your home, Land Bankruptcy Types Explained. In addition to a long list of published articles, Attorney Dion presented a seminar in November 2010 for the Ninth Annual Western Massachusetts Conference and has contributed frequently to a variety of conferences, publications, and articles on financial concerns. When experiencing financial difficulties, people are best advised to seek counsel from someone with extensive knowledge in the field. Attorney Dion can be reached at 413-781-0560.

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