Council Defeats Plan For Charter Review; To Be Aired Again

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At their Monday, November 21st meeting, Town Council unanimously rejected a resolution to appoint a charter review committee. But the councilors sponsoring the measure, Nancy Thompson and Vivian Dzialdziel, say they will rewrite the proposal and bring it back to the council. "Hopefully, before Christmas," Ms. Thompson said.

Mrs. Dzialdziel had asked to withdraw the resolution with the passing of civic leader Raymond E. Charest, who had been named as a member of the proposed committee. Charest was a member of the original charter commission which wrote the town's charter. Charest died on November 20th after a brief illness. However, Mrs. Dzialdziel's attempt to withdraw the resolution was blocked when Councilor Edward A. Caba said the item was on the agenda and the council should take action by voting on it. Caba made a motion to approve the resolution "with the hopes it will be defeated." Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr., said charter review is an issue taken up by Massachusetts General Laws. Ennis said it was wrong to form a charter review committee with the members already in place before the council vote. "It's not up to elected officials to tinker with the charter," Ennis said. "We should take this down already In place before the council vote.

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The resolution called for a committee to gather information through a series of public hearings and to aggressively seek input from the public before making its recommendations to the council no later than June 30, 1995.

Despite opposition from four town councilors, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presented his proposal to split the Building Maintenance Department and Parks & Recreation Department into two separate departments at the Monday, November 21st Town Council meeting. In a 5-4 vote, councilors approved a parliamentary procedure that allows a speaker (in this case, Johnson) to address the council and engage in a dialogue with the councilors. Councilor Robert Danie, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Gary Suffriti, and Edward A. Caba voted against allowing Johnson to speak before the council.

Kunasek To Retire

Johnson told councilors that the upcoming retirement of Jack Kunasek, the present director of Municipal Buildings/Recreation, prompted the move to reorganize the department into separate entities.

The reorganization must be approved by a majority vote of the council after a public hearing scheduled for Monday, December 5th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Middle School auditorium. Johnson said his reorganization plan will save the town $6,806 in 1995 because three of the positions proposed have been downgraded to a lower pay scale.
Gino Rossi Was Longtime Civic & Political Leader

The Town of Agawam will sorely miss Gino R. Rossi. The longtime civic and political leader, who often was described as having a heart of gold, died Saturday in Baystate Medical Center.

Rossi was the former longtime owner of Gino's Liquors on Walnut Street Extension. Throughout his life, Rossi was an active supporter of local civic groups and charities over the years. He was well-known as a strong supporter of his church and a strong advocate of turning the Walnut Street Extension business district into a thriving area.

Rossi owned the package store from 1961 until his retirement in 1989. Born in Springfield, he graduated from the High School of Commerce and lived in Agawam for 40 years. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as an aviation mechanic aboard the original USS Hornet in the Pacific theater.

Rossi was a communicant of St. John's Church and was involved in many of the church's social functions. He was a founding member of Agawam UNICO and also served as past president of that club. He was also a former member of the Agawam Lions Club. He had promoted both of these clubs and their many good works at his business while devoting countless hours over the years to their missions.

Rossi was a longtime member of the Democratic Town Committee. He served as a town meeting member and served as a town councilor under the former manager/council form of government during the 1970s. He also ran for the Democratic nominating committee in the 1970s.

He leaves his wife, the former Diamma D. Mottetti; four sons, Mark C. of West Springfield, Raymond F. of Agawam, Christopher M. of Nashua, New Hampshire, and Douglas P. of Suffield, Connecticut.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning in Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church's Parish House, Donations Department, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01105.
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To The Editor:

As the 1995 Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the very successful 1994 season. The Agawam Little League is able to provide the children of Agawam with an opportunity to play baseball only because of the dedication of a number of volunteers and the tremendous financial support of the business community.

I would like to thank all members of the 1994 Board of Directors for their efforts to make the difficult task of running the league less cumbersome. The parents who volunteered their time to staff the concession stand during the season, helped to raise $5,542.75, which helped offset the cost of umpires and operating expenses. The league could not continue without the help of these parent volunteers.

The Agawam Little League is extremely indebted to Michael Piccinni of the Department of Public Works. No matter what the Little League has needed, Mr. Piccinni has always been there to insure that the fields will be in the best possible condition for the children of Agawam.

Mark Yacavone of Mark's Landscaping has provided the league with hours of field maintenance service. Both of these men gave many hours of their time to prepare and maintain the playing fields. Their work may go unnoticed because they performed their services before the fans arrive and remain long after all of the players have gone home. However, the league would not be able to maintain the field quality that we take for granted without these men.

As always, the league is indebted to the coaches and players of the league. It's a symbol of what's to come, and I truly believe that the dedication of a few hours of your time can make "parenthood" one chore I don't mind doing every day.

I'd be very remiss if I didn't make an honorable mention. My job as PTO President would have been 10 times harder, to say the least, without all of your understanding. Thank you, thank you!

It's a symbol of what's to come, and I truly believe that our children will reap the benefits. Speaking of children, I'd like to say I love you and I'm so very proud of you. I'm going to miss that smile, the sound of your voices when you finally retire. Best wishes to one of Clark's finest "ladies."

Now, to a most generous, concerned, committed, loyal group of parent-teacher, the PTO. How can I ever thank you all? I can't. But please allow me to acknowledge you in this small way for the marvelous work you do on behalf of our children. The dedication, loyalty, and support you have given our league is beyond measure.

In conclusion, I'd like to say that whether change is good or whether it's bad, it's progress. It's a symbol of what's to come, and I truly believe that what we do for the Agawam Little League will benefit you and me. We'll never forget the dedication, loyalty, and support you have given our league. And I pray that we can continue to serve the children of Agawam.

The dedication of a few hours of your time can make the difference between a successful and an unsuccessful season.

Very truly yours,
James Donovan, President
Agawam Little League

Please Support The Harlem Wizards' Performance At AHS

To The Editor:

I would like to tell the community about what is going on at the high school on December 8th. The Harlem Wizards will be in town!

They are like the Harlem Globetrotters; however, this team will be playing OUR team! That should be a laugh in itself.

Some of the players are like our Mayor, myself, faculty, I have met, even our school, and members of the P.T.S.O. We are not currently basketball players, yet others are from the varsity high school team.

This should be a great time for us to share together. The event all the high school is sure to be a fun evening.

The date is December 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam High School gym. Ticket prices are $5 for students, $6 for adults, and $7 at the door. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 786-1982.

Sincerely,
Joann McGeough
Feeding Hills

Young Musicians Soc. Thanks Public For Fundraiser Support

To The Editor:

The Young Musicians Society wishes to publicly thank all the people who donated to their fundraiser on Saturday, November 28th, to help them reach North America's largest music competition held in Novi, Michigan.

The Great Lakes Regional Music Competition, sponsored by the Michigan Suzuki Association, will be held in April of 1995. There are 13 area students traveling to Novi to compete with other students from all over North America. Without the love and support from family, friends, and the community, it might be an unattainable goal.

To the Agawam Post Office, a HUGE THANK YOU for all your efforts to collect donations at your door.

Sincerely,
Grace L. Tilden, President
Young Musicians Society

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sponsored By COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Friday, December 2nd
Free mime performance at Agawam Public Library

Saturday, December 3rd
Annual Christmas Bazaar at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6th
Annual Winter Concert Junior High School Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

Donation: $2 at the door
(Reservation tickets are also available for Open Pantry)

Wednesday, December 7th
Feeding Hills Women's Club At Orange Hall, North West St.
7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 9th
Annual meeting of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center
At the Agawam Senior Center
1:00 p.m.

Agawam Little League Reflects
Upon Successful 1994 Season

To The Editor:

As the 1995 Board of Directors of the Agawam Little League begins to prepare for the 1995 baseball season, I am filled with pride that they have given me the opportunity to share with you some of the highlights of this year's success.

The dedication of a few hours of your time can make "parenthood" one chore I don't mind doing every day.

We're all blessed to have the people and things in our lives that make us happy, make us think, and make us love. Let's keep working together so that our children will reap the benefits. Speaking of children, I'd like to say I love you and I'm so very proud of you, Ian, Greg, and Doug. You guys make "parenthood" one chore I don't mind doing every day.

Also, my love, and thanks to a very dear and special supporter, "friend," David. Maybe Thanksgiving should come around more than once a year.

Sincerely,
Debra Currie
PTO President 94-95
OBITUARIES - from Page 2...

Laddy Bisson

Laddy (Guay) Bisson, 95, of 52 Maple Street, Agawam, a retired assembler for the former American Bosch Corp., died in Providence Hospital, Holyoke.

Born in Westfield, she lived most of her life in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1989. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband, Samuel Bisson, died in 1969. She leaves a son, Donald R. of Windsor, Connecticut; two daughters, Barbara J. Hansen and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

John F. Cassidy

John “Jack” F. Cassidy, 65, of 227 Mill Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center. John was a self-employed crane operator for the John F. Cassidy Company, Inc. His son, Steven, began running the business in 1981 when John retired.

He was born in Springfield and graduated in 1968 from Agawam High School. He is a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

In his spare time, John was involved in many local clubs including West Springfield Fish and Game Club, Dante Club of West Springfield, and Western Mass Model “A” Club. He is a retired member of the Operating Engineers Local 98.

John leaves his wife of 44 years, the former Barbara J. Hansen. Other survivors include three sons, Michael L. Cassidy of Indian Orchard, Steven P. Cassidy of Feeding Hills, and Thomas E. Cassidy of West Springfield; two daughters, Laurie A. Miaschka of West Springfield, and Virginia E. Flannery of Burlington, CT; one brother, James J. Cassidy of San Antonio, TX; several nieces and nephews, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home, 915 Main Street, Agawam, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040.

Rita A. Culverhouse

Rita A. (Shea) Culverhouse, 62, of 722 South West Street, Feeding Hills, a 12-year cafeteria worker at Agawam High School, died at home.

She was born in Westfield, and graduated in 1976.

She leaves her husband, Robert P. Culverhouse; two sons, Michael L. Culverhouse of Southwick, and James J. Culverhouse of South Hadley; three sisters, Virginia E. Flannery of Burlington, VT; one brother, James J. Cassidy of San Antonio, TX; several nieces and nephews, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Michael’s Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040.
Springfield. Neighborhood Residents on the spirit of giving, a donation of food, clothes, or money would be greatly appreciated by the Springfield Rescue Mission.

To The Editor

Lisa Gero, had the opportunity to serve the Springfield Rescue Mission. There is a major traffic light. The other end of the intersection of Silver and Suffield, where prudently, accident involving children to date. However, look for increased traffic. Those are the intersections the neighborhood actually live in the neighborhood.

Let's stop the tragedy before it happens. It doesn't take a genius to see that tractor trailers at the intersection or on Shoemaker Lane would further impede other drivers, pedestrians, or animals' vision. One only has to stand at the smashed in guardrail at Silver and Shoemaker to understand the patience and the smashes at the smashed in guardrail at Silver and Shoemaker to understand the need for Shoemaker Lane. You can only see 50 feet without hitting a blind curve. Please take a minute to see that tractor trailers at the intersection or on Shoemaker Lane would create other drivers, pedestrians, or animals' vision. Let's stop the tragedy before it happens.

Jackie Medeiros, Losito Lane
Anthony Meloni, Losito Lane
Phil Beele, Losito Lane
Lee Medeiros, Losito Lane

Politics In Agawam Is One Of Town's True Traditions

To The Editor

Politics in Agawam are abusing our overtaxed intelligence. The recent election proved a political reality as Agawam residents was a victim of a massacre and I feel Custer had a better chance. We were supposed to keep the Representative of Third Hampden District a resident of Agawam. This system did not prevail and it has been the practice of our local political to hire or promote Agawam residents, for city positions. Someone should find the courtroom where they left their heart and decisions.

Being a tradition, politics remains one of our enduring industries. We do not have natural resources such as oil, wheat, coal, iron ore. We have the sport of politics. Like revenge and sports, politics remains our favorite pastime here in Agawam. We participate in five sports and politics is the most popular sport. We even have an 11-member council similar to an American football team.

I can say the coaches of our football teams would be so congratulated. I just remembered that we have nine members on the United States Supreme Court.

All for a better Agawam.

Den Courtney
Feeding Hills

Gettysy Station Attendant A Hero To Town Residents

To The Editor

An incident that took place early one morning on November 28th could have turned into a tragedy if it weren't for Robinson Park, who was at the Gettysy Station in Feeding Hills. He was quick to act and literally saved me and my children.

I want to thank him and feel he is a dedicated employee and a hero in my book.

Sandra Hayeslett
Feeding Hills

Agawam Should Consider Banning Smoking

To The Editor

Since the last national smokeout a year ago, more and more communities in Western Massachusetts have banned smoking from restaurants and public buildings. West Springfield, Amherst, Greenfield, and Easthampton have banned smoking from restaurants and public buildings.

New regulations will take effect within a few months in Wilbraham, Westfield, Longmeadow, and Agawam. The regulations ban smoking in restaurants.

Can the City of Agawam be next? Well, City Council, it's up to you!!!

Mrs. Mary Bradway
Regency Park Dr.
Agawam

Redistricting Has Been Harmful To Local School

To The Editor

Why are the classes at Granger School more crowded with students than at Robinson Park? Politics?

Redistricting has made Granger School classes more crowded and Robinson Park less crowded to the point that Granger's fourth grade classes run 25 to 26 students, and I understand that Robinson Park's classes are running less than 20 students.

I hope politics weren't played with Agawam students in the process. Are Granger students paying the price of larger classes and less individual attention?

Fred Montesi
Concerned Feeding Hills resident and teacher

Sandra Hayeslett
Feeding Hills

The Agawam Advertiser-News

Muscular Dystrophy Gives Gagliarducci Award

To The Editor

I am writing on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Recently we had our awards night, at the Delaney House, and a local gentleman was presented our highest individual honor.

Al Gagliarducci of Hampden Lane in Agawam received our individual spirit award. This award is given yearly to an individual who shows true dedication to MDA.

Al has been a volunteer for MDA for 10 plus years, masterminding, coordinating, and running his own events and donating the proceeds to MDA. This year, Al served on the Executive Committee. Al has also brought on new volunteers this year to help MDA and the contributions total more than $10,000.

The Ted "Pa" Rockwell awards were dedicated after Ted Rockwell, who was a lifelong volunteer for MDA. Mr. Rockwell committed his life to serving as an MDA volunteer. After passing away, MDA instituted these awards to give to people who show this true spirit, and as you can see, Al fits the bill.

If you need additional information, you can contact Al Gagliarducci at 786-3554.

Thank you,
Dyne Dullinger
MDA Executive Committee Secretary

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Town Council Charged With Changing Tune On Casino

To The Editor

Monday night, October 17, 1994, at a City Council meeting, under "Any Other Business," Agawam Town Councilor Robert Danie said, "We've been taken to task a couple of different times at public speak time for not taking a public stand on the referendum issue regarding casino gambling."

"I just want to state my feelings. I don't think it's appropriate to be making a political statement from the Council table here as to how people should vote on a particular issue. I will gladly meet any opponent or proponent of the casino and tell them personally my stand, but I don't think we, as elected officials, should be trying to sway the vote one way or the other."

"The reason we voted on a referendum was so the people could get information, form their own opinion, and make their own decision and that is why I will not be making any statements on casino gambling unless that issue is properly before the Council," (end quote).


It only took Councilor Danie 10 days to change his mind!!

Very truly yours,
Loren J. Montagna

LETTERS - from Page 4...

Dr. Tami Nelson & Staff Help Feed The Homeless

To The Editor

Dr. Tami Nelson and her staff, Parm Paro and Lisa Gene, had the opportunity to serve the homeless Thanksgiving dinner on November 23rd at the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Approximately 100 hot dinners were served to the needy and homeless. It was a memorable experience. We suggest that this holiday season, in the spirit of giving, a donation of food, clothes, or money would be greatly appreciated by the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Hampden County Chiropractic Feeding Hills
Parthenon Restaurant

The Town Hall will be brighter this Christmas season thanks to Leonidas Panidas, the owner of the Tarrant. A donation of $100 to Council President George Bitzas and members of the Beautification Committee in Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 7:00 P.M.

"When I mentioned to him that I was interested in raising money from local businesses so we could replace the decorations that were damaged by the storm, he was very interested and donated the full amount," Bitzas said.

"The $100 donation has enabled us to purchase wreaths to be placed on the front door of the Town Hall. They will also be placed on the front door of the Parthenon Restaurant, who donated $100 to the Beautification Committee," said Mayor Johnson.

"Both communities cooperated to make this happen. I hope we can continue this tradition in the future," Bitzas concluded.

Legal Notice

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam High School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BARBARA A. CUMMINGS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Sections 18C and 18G of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the substantial improvement of a building in an area of town which has been found to be a flood plain. The premises are identified as 270 LEONARD STREET.

Any individual or business interested in contributing to the municipal efforts to decorate our community for Christmas can contact Bitzas, the City Planner, Deborah Ochoa, or the Mayor's office.

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DECEMBER 4th - MINI-CITIES PROPOSED FOR BOND'S ISLAND, WESTOVER

Hampden County Register of Deeds John P. Lynch proposed Monday that mini-cities be built on Bond's Island and Westover Air Force Base, each to support a population of 15,000 residents. Lynch said he was making the proposal as a private citizen and possible developer of the two sites.

The Bond's Island proposal involves a monorail that would run over the Connecticut River to Baystate West in downtown Springfield. Lynch said the mini-city would include the dump or sewage treatment plant.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The banking institutions have agreed to pay all costs of installing utilities and paving the streets, according to the 1949 contract, Agawam received treatment plant on Bondi's Island is signed. Town Manager Westman said.

The request for town takeover of Hunt Street for new headquarters on Hunt Street. Lynch said he was making the proposal as a private citizen and possible developer of the two sites.

The Planning Board Tuesday gave the green light to Farm Credit Bank to proceed with new headquarters on Hunt Street. Groundbreaking is set for next spring.

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 PM in the Facil Peice Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for General Health Ventures of Agawam, Inc. for property located at 464 Main Street.

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Melconian Files New Bills For The 1995 Legislative Session

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced plans to file, before the December 7th deadline, her new legislative initiatives for 1995. "My legislative agenda for next year will move forward on many fronts. I will bring bills before the legislature that address many of the issues of utmost concern to Western Massachusetts residents—economic development, crime, welfare, and consumer protection."

The highlights of Senator Melconian's legislative package for 1995 include:

1. Creation of the Paul Revere Partnership, a public-private partnership that will establish five regional centers throughout the state to provide additional sources of capital to Massachusetts businesses and one-stop shopping for business services, industrial extension services, applied research and development projects, and environmental permitting.

2. A comprehensive crime package that would combat gang violence in and around courthouses; subject juvenile offenders to treatment as adults for certain crimes; and establish curriculum in schools aimed at preventing teen dating violence and sexual assault and implement school-based services and interventions for victims.

3. A comprehensive welfare reform package that would return the welfare system to its original mandate: a system of transitional assistance for the truly needy.

4. Economic Development

   a. 1995 legislative session which address specific issues brought to my attention by constituents. I look forward to continuing the dialogue on the issues during the coming year," concluded Senator Melconian.

5. Consumer Protection

   a. Provides consumers who lease new automobiles with the same protections against defective or damaged vehicles afforded to purchasers of new cars under the state's lemon law.

6. Provides the elderly with adequate safe housing, including benefits for custodial and at-home care.

   "I will be introducing many other bills for the 1995 legislative session which address specific issues brought to my attention by constituents. I look forward to continuing the dialogue on the issues during the coming year," concluded Senator Melconian.

Agawam Republicans To Meet Dec. 3rd

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at 8:30 a.m., in the 19th Hole at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

Chris Quatrone, chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming an associate member to attend this meeting.

Check our classified

We at Curran-Jones invite you and your family to attend our Holiday Service of Remembrance on Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 P.M. Curran-Jones Funeral Home 109 Main Street West Springfield, Massachusetts

To allow us to plan for this special Holiday Service, reservations are required.

Please call 781-7766
Dick and Joe Curran

One of the nicest things about the Holiday Season is letting friends know we care and Remember!

In memory of your loved one, we are placing a personalized Brightside Angel on our Remembrance Tree.
Families

National Competition No Problem For Agawam Dollmaker Janet Cook

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

An 18-inch heirloom bride doll named Monique has won "First in Show" or first place in a national doll-making competition for Janet Cook of Hodge Podge Farm, South Street, Agawam. Lillian, a 22-inch creation Janet calls a "Princess Fantasy," took third place in the same competition. Janet received a framed letter for "First in Show" and a blue ribbon and a yellow ribbon for third place.

Last year, Janet took second place, a yellow ribbon, for her doll, Hilda, a reproduction of a doll manufactured by a German company in the 1880's. The competition requires that the entrant purchase the porcelain frame of the doll from Create an Heirloom, a doll company from Berlin, Massachusetts said to have 30,000 customers. They sponsor the contest. The entrant must assemble the doll; hair, eyes, lashes, etc.; design, and make the patterns and clothing. It took Janet seven months to make Monique.

Reproduction Of Actual People

Heirloom bride dolls are reproductions of actual people, Janet said, made for the purpose of preserving a memory. Monique is a duplicate image of a young woman who married a year ago, and turned her wedding attire over to Janet for the purpose.

The skirt is full, floor length net with billowing leg of mutton sleeves that are tight in the forearm. Seed pears and lace adornments were sewn by hand. The headpiece and veil were made from the original. Even the flowers and streamers are exact copies and the doll is made to look as much as possible like the original.

In Hodge Podge Farm dining room, there is a portrait of a bride, a woman married 31 years ago. Standing on the table next to it are four heirloom bride dolls, about 19 inches high with looks and dress exactly like the portrait. All the clothing and trim was made from the bride's wedding attire of 31 years ago. The woman intends to give these dolls to her four children. "Again, to perpetuate a memory," Janet says. "A happy time in one's life that they want remembered."

The letter from the judges announcing her awards in referring to Monique says in part: "This bride created by Janet Cook of Agawam won "Best In Show" in a national competition. Is the finest finished doll we have ever seen using this frame. You had the only perfect score in the competition. The bead work is wonderful and the flared skirt is divine. Your doll is just stunning and you should be proud of your outstanding work."

The Princess Fantasy doll, Lillian, wears a floor-length lace gown with satin rose appliques. Her veil is placed across the head and over the shoulders reminiscent of the princess in the film "Aladdin." She has dark hair and eyelashes made by Janet from human hair. Hilda wears white lace trimmed pantaloons, a bright blue satin and white lace dress with full skirt, and a large brimmed matching hat.

Grandmother's Influence

Janet learned to sew as a child watching her grandmother. Her creativity grew with her skills over the years. She made an heirloom bride doll for Wilhelmina Cagney, her mother. "My mindset with the dolls is that something so precious as a wedding cannot be done again, so we try to keep the memory in the form of an heirloom." The dolls are named by Janet after the brides they represent.

SEE JANET COOK - Page 12...
This bride won third place for dollmaker Janet Cook in a competition this year.

Janet Cook - from Page 11...

In addition to dolls she creates for people, Janet has 500-600 dolls in her collections. They include clowns (some made, some purchased), historical dolls, including Hilda, teddy bears (that she made and some of them she dressed), and dolls by famous doll-makers such as Annette Furnier and Marie Demont.

Janet cuts up old fur coats to make animals for children. There are musical dolls, including a clown in white face and silver knickers that sits on a half moon atop a musical box that plays "Bring on the Clown."

Janet was always a physically active person, she says, working on the farm and with horses until serious illness curtailed her mobility. Her activities were then directed into more creative, sedentary channels, thus the dolls.

She radiates enthusiasm as she speaks of the pleasure she gets from her hobby, and of her collection, she adds, "I wouldn't part with them."

Christmas ornaments have arrived for 1994

The 1994 ornaments are here! This year's ornaments feature the Anne Sullivan Memorial entitled "Water" by Mic Kaufman. The style is very similar to last year's ornament. This ornament is the fourth one in a series.

Ornaments can be purchased for $5. The proceeds go toward community service projects. They can be purchased at The Corner Deli, Surprised! Card & Gift, Feeding Hills Public Market, and the Agawam Public Market. You could also contact Pam at 789-3274 or Betty at 786-4357 to purchase one.

We do have a limited supply of previous ornaments of the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Library on Main Street (which now houses the Head Start program), and the Middle School. Please call Betty at 786-4357 if you're interested in purchasing one of those.

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Best local news...

Would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season

Sandwich platter available for your holiday party

(Free hour notice, please)

SWEDISH PAN BREADS

Fresh baked daily - from scratch

Walnut street shopping center

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Agawam, MA 786-3343

Fax No. 786-6844

- Free sandwich up to $3.00 value
- With purchase of any other sandwich of equal or greater value. Coupon cannot be combined with any other special. Exp. 12/31/94

Curran family slates holiday service of remembrance in Dec.

The holiday season is a time for remembering and a time for recapturing the joy of our fondest memories. Inspired by our own recollections of Christmas, we reflect upon age-old messages of love, hope, and peace.

We at Curran-Jones know this may be a very difficult time for those who are spending the holidays without the presence of a loved one. With this in mind, Richard J. Curran and Joseph D. Curran, owners and operators of the Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam, and the Edward F. Day Funeral Home of Holyoke, announce their "Holiday Service of Remembrance."

They, along with their staff, have organized a Remembrance Tree and Service to be held at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home located at 109 Main Street in West Springfield on Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

Following with tradition, the Curran family has made a donation to Brightside in memory of all we have served. Our commitment to Brightside and belief that children are the bright side of Christmas, has inspired us to render you and your loved ones at this special time at year. All that respond to the Curran's invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel.

A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergy as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath. Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area, will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, and to bring the serenity of Christmas that we forever seek not only in presence, but in spirit.

The Curran family and staff are very proud of their "Holiday Service of Remembrance" and hope you will join us for this special ceremony.

Professional secretaries international is selling "entertainment book"

The Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International, is raising funds by selling the "Entertainment Book."

Each book contains hundreds of "two-for-one" discounts for fine dining, family dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions, and hotels...50 percent savings on almost everything! The "Entertainment Book" is now being sold by the Springfield Chapter of Professional Secretaries International for $30. To order your "Entertainment Book," contact Kelly Higgins of Professional Secretaries International at (413) 744-8991.

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Ashley Marie Boyle of Feeding Hills was recently cast in the major motion picture "Little Women" starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon.

The scene Ashley is part of was shot last week in Deerfield, MA. It consists of the scene where soldiers came home from war. Ashley is a professional model with Dynasty International and a local model for High Performance. Her parents are Curt and Lori (Andruss) Boyle.

Friends of senior ctr. schedule annual mtg.

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will hold its annual meeting on Friday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. As determined by the bylaws, the directors of the "Friends" shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year to start on January 1st and to end on December 31st. Members of "Friends" are urged to attend.
Melissa L. Martin
Bride Of Mr. Colfer

On Saturday, November 8th, Melissa L. Martin and Peter M. Colfer were united in marriage at the Agawam Congregational Church during a candlelight ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Martin of Agawam. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Colfer of Bath, Maine are parents of the groom. Robert Colfer also served as the son’s best man. Announcing the couple as Mr. & Mrs. Peter M. Colfer of Bath, Maine are parents of the groom. Robert Colfer also served as the son’s best man.

Attending her sister as maid-of-honor was Meg Gallant, Bath, Maine. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Delaney House, Holyoke.

The groom graduated from Morse High School, Bath, Maine and is employed by Robert Baker Companies, West Suffield, Connecticut. After a honeymoon trip to Vermont, the couple will reside in Southwick.

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Dec. 3rd & 4th

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Tami Nelson D.C.
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Feeding Hills, MA 01030

SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Special notice on services at the Agawam Senior Center is as follows. (As of December 1st, phones at each site may be disconnected. All appointments must be made by the individual using them.)

• Dr. Salem, Podiatrist: 737-2360.
• Dr. M. Haynes, Podiatry: 786-7522.
• Mercy Hospital Hearing Unit: 748-6840.
• Foot Care Nurse: 567-0128 (after 4:00 p.m.)
• Attorney Teryl Deegan: 789-2028.

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E.B.’s Restaurant  
To Co-Sponsor Benefit  
For Easter Seals

Nationally-known Elvis impersonator, Ray Guillemette, Jr., A-Ray of Elvis, will be performing two shows on Monday, December 5th, at 5:30 and 7:45 p.m. at E.B.’s Restaurant, 385 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam, to benefit Easter Seals programs and services for people with disabilities.  
Both shows are being sponsored by E.B.’s Restaurant and WWLP-TV22.  
Tickets are priced at $22 per person (includes a full buffet). A cash bar will also be available. Reservations are required and may be obtained by calling E.B.’s Restaurant in Agawam at (413) 789-3525.

Join us on Monday, December 5th, for an evening of good food, great music, and fun galore, and help Easter Seals empower people with disabilities.

Dominic DiTomaso  
On Duty In Hawaii

Army Spec. Dominic C. DiTomaso has arrived for duty at Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii.  
DiTomaso, a military security specialist, is the son of Dominic P. and Alice L. DiTomaso of 21 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills.  
He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.

Check our classified

Glen-Gary Christmas Tree Farm  
Choose & Cut

OPEN:  
Sunday - Saturday  
9:00 AM - Dusk  
(Closed December 23rd)

539 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam, MA  
786-1558

West Sider Tappers Visit Heritage Hall

MEMBERS OF THE POPULAR WEST SIDE TAPPERS paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home (West Building) on November 17th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Class Of 1989 To Hold 5-Year Reunion

The five-year reunion for the Agawam High School class of 1989 will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.  
There will be a cocktail hour beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner. The choices for dinner include prime rib, baked stuffed breast of capon, and baked stuffed shrimp.  
Live entertainment will be provided by “Breezin’,” one of the area’s most popular bands. The cost of the reunion is $25 per person. Watch for your invitation in the mail; see you there!

West Side/Agawam Elks To Hold Memorial Service

The West Springfield-Agawam Elks Lodge No. 526 will hold their annual Memorial Service on December 4th at 1:00 p.m.  
The service will be held at the Elks facility at 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield. Memorial services are held annually on the first Sunday of December throughout Elkdom.  
An invitation is extended to anyone wishing to attend.

FLUTE PLAYER Megan Kartwright and organist Carolyn Holstein will be the guest artists at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Sunday, December 4th.

Flute Player, Organist  
Guest Artists At  
Leonard House

The Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House will be conducting a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 4th, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the town’s most historic home located on Main Street, Agawam Center.  
Besides enjoying good holiday cheer and viewing the beautiful holiday decorations at the Leonard House, fluteist Megan Kartwright and organist Carolyn Holstein will be the guest artists at the Christmas Open House.

Megan Kartwright is an undergraduate flute major at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. In high school she studied with flutists Anne Weaver and Susan Keerian. She attended Indiana University where she specialized in early baroque music.  
Currently, she is studying with Joanne Tanner of the UMass music department.  
Carolyn Holstein is the organist at the Unitarian Society in Amherst. She is a research fellow in psychology at UMass and is a member of the Amherst Select Board.

Check our classified

PARTNERS

Friday Night Specials  
Yippee!!!

Fish & Chips, Chicken Broccoli & Pasta Alfredo, Stuffed Pork Chop, Chicken Marsala, Baked Meatloaf, Chicken Francaise, Scrod Francaise

Still Only ... $13.95  
- Twin Lobsters  
(Hard Shell)

Hurry—Now That Winter Weather Is Coming, This Will Make It More Difficult For Lobstermen, Which In Turn Will Soon Make For Higher Prices!
AAA Offers Holiday Travel Tips For Kids Flying Alone

The first time a child flies alone can generate excitement for the youngster, but anxious moments for parents. Unless you know how to prepare and what to expect, says AAA Travel Agency, collecting food and toys for Christmas Holiday Baskets.

For the Christmas baskets, toys for the children are often included. If you wish to donate a toy, you may leave it in the same drop-off box at one of the places listed above for food. Also, every year, the Club looks for caring individuals to sponsor a child (or children) of one of these needy families. Sponsors are asked to purchase one item of clothing for that child (or children), which is wrapped and added to that family's holiday basket. To sponsor a child, call Eileen at 789-2616.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Check our classified pages every week - AAN!!!
**Pancake Breakfast With Santa** Slated For This Sunday, Dec. 4th

Start your holiday season with some good, old-fashioned family fun! Bring your children and come visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the annual "Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus." The breakfast will be held Sunday, December 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street, and is sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an Elf will all be available for visits. Each child will receive a candy cane and Santa coloring page. Children can bring letters to Santa to put in Santa's Mailbox; those including a return address will receive a reply from Santa in the mail. Photos with Santa will be available for only $2 each.

Tickets for the breakfast are $3.50 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12, and are available from any club member or by calling Ann at 786-1675 or Stephanie at 786-4578. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Come and bring the whole family for some good holiday fun.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the club's community projects and donations. Canned goods will also be collected for Holiday Baskets for needy Agawam families.

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**Fire Wise**

by Fire Chief David Pisano

In A Fire, Seconds Count!

"It started out as a small fire. I was too embarrassed to call the fire department."

Each year, many fires that start out small end up causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages because someone was afraid or too embarrassed to call the fire department. During the early stages of a fire, your actions play a crucial role in the safety of your family and the amount of damage that occurs.

Upon discovering a fire, you should sound an alarm, let the other people in the area know that there's the potential for danger, and that they should evacuate. Call the fire department at 911, even if the fire is small.

For every minute a fire burns, it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

The Agawam Fire Department is here to help you! Don't be afraid to call if we can help in any way, because, in a fire, seconds count!

For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.
BABY AMBER ROSE STEPANIK

Amber Rose Stepanik
Born October 23rd

Alan & Karol Stepanik of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Amber Rose. She was born on October 23rd and weighed eight pounds, seven ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Karl & Barbara Goehlert of Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Edward & Eleanor Stepanik of Feeding Hills. Great-grandparents are Roman & Rose Jurczak of Ware.

Genealogical Society
To Meet Dec. 7th

Meetings of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

The December meeting will be on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Quadrangle in Blake House, adjacent to the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., members may pursue their genealogical research at the Museum, prior to the meeting.

Al Roy, president, promises a surprise program for this pre-Christmas meeting and there will be refreshments.

For further information, please call 534-7406 or 567-6566. Newcomers are always welcome.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of BARBARA A. CUMMINGS, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 (B) (2) of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the alteration of a building identified as 270 LEONARD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals, Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman

Published: December 1, 1994

Paradise Restaurant
In The Twin Silos Complex
1409 Suffield Street, Agawam

A New Family Restaurant — New Owners

“Great Food Is Our Business”

Italian * Greek * French * American

Pizza — Eat In Or To Go

Daily Lunch Specials
From $3.00 To $5.95

Senior Citizen Discount
Each Day From 3:00 To 5:00 P.M.

Christmas Trees
$5 - $15

Great Trees, Great Price
“Cut Your Own”

589 River Road
Agawam
Open Daily Noon—Dusk

Hail, Hail Agawam High Class Of 1959

THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959 held its 35-year reunion at Storrowton Carriage House on Saturday, November 26th. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Feeding Hills Women’s Club To View Slide Show Of Famous European Sites

The December meeting of the Feeding Hills Women’s Club will be held on Wednesday evening, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Walter Balboni will show slides of Norway or Rhine River cruise, including Amsterdam and Paris.

Members are reminded to bring items for the annual Christmas Bazaar and the Mitten Tree. Please price bazaar items. Avon purchases will be available for pick up. Please try to be present if you have made a purchase.

Betty Bava and her committee will serve refreshments. New members and guests are always welcome. Join us for an interesting evening.
**The Jeanne Carnevaie Story**

Jeanne Carnevaie, a 44-year-old resident of Heritage Hall East Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Agawam, had a dream she thought would never come true. Jeanne, a resident of Heritage Hall for three years, was a very depressed and isolated lady due to being institutionalized at such a young age.

After some time, Jeanne became very involved with the oil painting class offered at the home by Ted Crowley (along with many other activity programs). She soon found a purpose in oil painting; it gave her something to focus on and look forward to.

Jeanne has a great interest in our President, Bill Clinton, and wanted to paint his portrait. While she was in the making, people complimented Jeanne on the portrait. When she was asked, “Where will you hang it?”, she had only one answer—“I have a dream to have this portrait reach the White House and Bill Clinton.”

Assistant Activity Director Fayne Bagdonas took this on to help make Jeanne’s dream come true. Fayne Bagdonas spent a year working on Jeanne’s dream. Thanks to an Agawam mother and her son (Kathy and Joe Easton), Fayne made Jeanne’s dream come true. Joe Easton, born and raised in Agawam, understands about making dreams become a reality; he serves in the Clinton-Gore Administration as a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Energy, and also serves on the Vice-President’s Advance Staff. (He has worked for Al Gore in numerous roles since 1988.)

On November 4, 1994, Jeanne’s dream came true when she met Vice-President Al Gore and presented him with her portrait that she painted for President Bill Clinton. Jeanne, Fayne, and Kathy Easton met the Vice-Presidential Advance Staff and members of the United States Secret Service at the Air International Guard Base at Bradley Field.

Jeanne was escorted to United States Air Force II by the Vice-Presidential Advance Staff while the Vice-President stepped off the plane. It was the greatest day of Jeanne Carnevaie’s life. Joe Easton took the time to work all this out for Jeanne.

Thank-you, Joe Easton, for making Jeanne’s dream come true!

**Community Grange Has Business Meeting & Card Party Scheduled In December**

Things are quieting down within the Grange Home in December as compared to the rush of November. A card party on day one was hosted by Caroline Aimiquist and Hannah Birns, who will serve again on a card party scheduled for Thursday, December 15th.

A regular business meeting December 6th will be followed by a program devoted to making homemade ornaments to trim the Christmas tree. A second meeting, December 20th, will be a party to entertain children and grandchildren of Grange members and our Junior Grangers. This will start at 7:00 p.m.—please note the change in time.

Before the party, a regular Junior Grange meeting on December 12th will prepare a skill to present at the party. Also, each member is asked to bring a can or package of food to be given to Open Pantry.

**Pat’s Hair Affair**

209 Suffield Village
Suffield
668-8858

**Holiday Specials**

- Manicures - $5.00
- Sculptured Nails -$20.00
- Glamour Photography - $19.00

Includes Sitting, Hair, & Make-Up

**Santa Claus Will Accept Christmas Letters From Children**

Once again, the Agawam Junior Women’s Club is asking all good girls and boys to send their letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole. Make sure you send a stamped, addressed envelope along with your letter so that Santa can reply.

Santa’s elves enjoy delivering your letters to Santa and Mrs. Claus, as it brings them good cheer on this joyous holiday season. To get your letter to the North Pole in time, address your envelope to:

**SANTA**

c/o 24 Tanglewood Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030-1527

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**United Co-Op Bank Has New Mortgages**

United Cooperative Bank announced recently the introduction of two new mortgage loan plans, which enable low to moderate income families to purchase a home with as little as three percent down payment.

United has committed up to $5 million to these new plans for eligible homeowners. Both plans will be available Monday, November 28th.

The first plan is a fixed rate mortgage with a term up to 30 years. The second plan has a fixed rate for the first five years and becomes a one-year adjustable rate mortgage for the remaining 25 years.

The interest rates available for both plans include loans with and without points.

The prospective homebuyer must not be first-time homebuyers to be eligible. In either case, the property must be owner-occupied.

For more information, contact the Mortgage Department at United Cooperative Bank at 413-787-1700.

**Dr. Tami Nelson Still Collecting For Hungry Children**

Just a reminder, that Dr. Tami Nelson and the staff of Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, are still collecting for their “Holiday Food Match” to benefit the homeless at the Springfield Rescue Mission until December 15th. Suggested food items include tuna, soups, peanut butter, dry cereals, coffee, tea, beans, canned meats; toiletries (travel size, if possible): shaving cream, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, and soaps.

“We will match what you donate,” said Dr. Nelson. “Our thanks to those of you that have already given to this worthy cause.”

If you have any questions, call 786-4820.

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- **Sparkling Diamond and Ruby Ring**: in 14K yellow gold, with 14 diamonds, 1.35 total carat weight. Only $245.
- **Beautiful Diamond Earrings**: priced at only $995.

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- **Sparkling ‘S’ Link Diamond Tennis Bracelet**: 35 diamonds, 5.0 total carat weight. Priced at only $1995.
- **Gorgeous Diamond Pyramid Style Anniversary Band**: 14 diamonds, totaling 1.30 carat weight. Priced at only $1200.

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Sacred Heart Church Holds Annual Christmas Bazaar

TINA STEVENS and NICOLE FONTAINE were two of the craftspeople at the Annual Christmas Bazaar held November 19th at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Upcoming Events At Ag. United Methodist

The ceremony of Lighting the Advent Candle continues on Sunday, December 4th, as the second Advent Candle is lit during the morning worship.

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An Advent workshop will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Persons from the congregation will bake cookies, etc.

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Arrival of the Advent Calendar continues on Sunday, December 4th, during worship. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be administered during worship. Nursery care will be provided.

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A song and prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Check our classified pages

SANTA CLAUS arrives at Sacred Heart Church in time for the Christmas Bazaar on November 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Valley Community Church announces its weekly services of Christmas celebration for the month of December:

**Sunday, December 4th:**
Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.
Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 10th:**
Monthly church supper featuring baked chicken with all the fixin's. Continuous seating from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 11th:**
Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.
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**VERY IMPORTANT TOWN MEETING FOR CHURCH MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

**Sunday, December 18th:**
The excitement of the forthcoming birth of Christ continues. Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Advent candle by a family in the congregation.
Sunday School for children also begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 24th:**
The traditional candlelight service begins at 11:00 p.m. Come and — REJOICE, for there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Sunday, December 25th:**
The Christmas Day service begins at 10:00 a.m. Join us in the celebration of the birth of Christ. Put aside the frantic shopping and holiday baking to renew your faith in the true meaning of Christmas.

The doors of Valley Community Church are open to everyone. We are located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield St.

Catholic Women's Club Holds Communion Supper
The annual Communion Supper of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam was held on Monday evening, November 14th, in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church. Mass, celebrated by Rev. Howard McCormack, Administrator, preceded the dinner.
Sr. Elizabeth Oleksak, administrator of Genesis Spiritual Life Center spoke to the 130 members and guests present on religious life today and the reality of environmental issues. She also spoke about Genesis Spiritual Life Center and the variety of programs offered there, including days of prayer, spiritual counseling or direction, as well as programs on stress reduction and "clutter" workshops. These programs are open to people of all faiths.
Further information on what Genesis offers can be obtained by calling the center at 662-3627.

Check our classified pages each week!!!
Christmas Bazaar At St. John’s Church

Set For Dec. 3rd

On December 3rd, the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street Agawam will be transformed into a “Winter Wonderland” for the annual Christmas Bazaar, which runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar has gained the reputation of being one of the best in the area, and the members of the Catholic Women’s Club, in conjunction with St. John’s Guild, use all their expertise to maintain that reputation, making it a wonderful experience for all who come.

As you enter the “Winter Wonderland,” you are assailed by the tempting aroma of fresh, home-baked foods. Knowing that “the who hesitates is lost,” Bake Booth chairwoman Gloria Colby will hold your purchase until you are through shopping.

A group of women, and two men who prefer to remain anonymous, have been knitting under the expert supervision of Barbara Gingras for months, turning out hats, mittens, scarves, and sweaters for all ages, for your Christmas giving. An eagerly sought-after handknit afghan will be raffled. Mickey Morn, and their merry elves continue to amaze us with their creativity every year, and they have done it again this year with their handmade decorations, door hangings, centerpieces, and yes, they will have those full, live wreaths again for you. If you are feeling lucky, Bea Hamel, Alwyn Shepard, or Fran Dugan want you to take a chance on their Bountiful Basket and Holiday decorations, door hangings, centerpieces, and cemetery logs. Kay Capitanio, Mickey Morin, and their associates will be happy to show their pieces to you. Some of them are truly exquisite. Mickey Adelman has spent countless hours fixing and making jewelry for you. And be sure to stop by our new and used Jewelry Boutique, where Jackie Morgan, Claire Kaczmarczyk, and their associates will be happy to show their pieces to you. Some of them are truly exquisite. Mickey Adelman has spent countless hours fixing and making jewelry for you.

As you wend your way through our wonderland, you can see the magic of Christmas in the eyes of the young and young-at-heart surrounding Angela Beaudry’s New and Used Game and Toy Booth, which also features used sports equipment. A plant from Judy Shrader’s booth will add a festive touch to your holiday. She will have Christmas cactus, pointsettias, artificial arrangements, and cemetery logs. Kay Capitanio, Mickey Morin, and their merry elves continue to amaze us with their creativity every year, and they have done it again this year with their handmade decorations, door hangings, centerpieces, and yes, they will have those full, live wreaths again for you. If you are feeling lucky, Bea Hamel, Alwyn Shepard, or Fran Dugan want you to take a chance on their Bountiful Basket and Holiday decorations, door hangings, centerpieces, and cemetery logs. Kay Capitanio, Mickey Morin, and their associates will be happy to show their pieces to you. Some of them are truly exquisite. Mickey Adelman has spent countless hours fixing and making jewelry for you. And be sure to stop by our new and used Jewelry Boutique, where Jackie Morgan, Claire Kaczmarczyk, and their associates will be happy to show their pieces to you. Some of them are truly exquisite. Mickey Adelman has spent countless hours fixing and making jewelry for you.

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If you have a sweet tooth, Alice Pietroniro, Jane Doyle, will have a tremendous display of homemade fudge, chocolate lollipops, hard candy, popcorn balls, and many other goodies. Right about now, you should be ready to visit the Snack Bar, chaired by Mary Turner, where coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sandwiches, hot dogs, and desserts will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Or just drop in for coffee.

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**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday, December 4th, is the Second Sunday of Advent and Communion Sunday. The Rev. Bascom, former Pastor of Faith Congregational Church of Springfield, will be our Guest Preacher at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Midweek Service continues Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Returnable Bottle Drive—December 4th through 10th, sponsored by the Jr. High Youth Group. A large bin will be located in the church parking lot during the week for the bottles.

On Saturday, December 10th, the Jr. High youth will host a Project Hope Rummage Sale in front of Dave’s Soda & Pet Food City collecting bottles from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This drive is to benefit the Open Pantry of Agawam/Ag. Congregational Church.

On Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m., celebrate the music of Christmas with a service of piano and organ music. "The Music of Christmas," performed by Bryan Kirby, organist/choir director of the Agawam Congregational Church.

An offering will be collected to benefit the church choral program. Refreshments will be served.

The Jr. High Youth are meeting this Saturday, December 3rd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We are going to Shriners.

The 3-2-1-K group (all kindergarteners through third graders) will celebrate Advent with a brief talk by a member of the clergy, singing of Christmas carols, and games.

An offering will be collected to benefit the church choral program. Refreshments will be served.

The next New Member Class begins Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:35 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the church may attend.

There will be three Christmas Eve services held Saturday evening, December 24th, to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas Pageant (with the children and youth) at 5:00 p.m.; a Carol & Candle Service at 11:00 p.m.; and the traditional Candelighting Service at 11:00 p.m.

On Sunday, Christmas Day, the Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m.

**Open Pantry To Hold Kids’ Christmas Party**

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will be holding its annual Children’s Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th at the First United Methodist Church in West Springfield.

Last year, Open Pantry fed and entertained over 200 children from our community who otherwise might not have been able to enjoy the holiday, and we are aiming at least that number will attend this year.

Highlights of the party include the appearances of Mrs. & Mrs. Santa Claus and Peppermint Patty, a brief talk by a member of the clergy, singing of Christmas carols, face painting, balloons, and lunch.

Each child receives a bag which includes a large gift, a small gift, a stuffed animal, mittens, a hat, and some stocking items. If you would like to help by donating Christmas gifts for the children, the following is a list of suggestions:

- Baby dolls, Barbie dolls, trolls, cars & trucks
- Mailbox, Tonka, etc., stuffed animals (medium-sized), infant & toddler gifts, balls of all kinds, coloring books and crayons, toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs, hats & mittens.

Donations may be brought to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of the week during office hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please call Diane Crowell or Pat Lyman at the church office, 786-7111.

**St. John’s Church Baptizes Nine Into Catholic Community**

Father Howard W. McCormick, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, baptized nine members into the church on Sunday, November 27th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Those baptized included: Christiana Maria Antico, daughter of Joseph & Jill Antico; Tyler Christopher Butt, son of Michael & Laurie Butt; Matthew Ray Chaban, son of James & Emmi Chaban; Erica Taylor Hayden, daughter of Joel & Rita Hayden; and Isabella Maria Isotti, daughter of Dino & Tina Isotti.

Also, Kayla Rose Sirard, daughter of Timothy & Lisa Sirard; Alyssa Brianne Slaimen, daughter of Joseph & Carrie Slaimen; Amber Rose Stapanik, daughter of Alan & Carol Stapanik; and Matthew Frank Wilk, son of Peter & Laura Wilk.

**Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. Congregational On December 8th**

Hear ye, hear ye! A ham and bean supper will be held at Agawam Congregational Church on Thursday, December 8th, at 6:00 and 6:15 p.m.

The donation is $7 for adults, and $3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

The menu will be ham, beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, rolls and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and dessert.

For reservations, call Clint Warren, 786-7231, or the church office, 786-7111.

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News & Notes From F.H. Congregational Church

Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week will be "Oh, Oily Oxen Free!" Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

Children are invited to attend church with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided.

The 21-Plus Club is organizing a banquet to honor those members who have been a vital part of our church for 25 or 50 years and more. A ham dinner is planned, so save January 8th for a great celebration.

If you can help out by providing old photographs or other memorabilia to help us bring back the spirit of the old days, please contact the office at 788-0011.

The Mitten Tree is set up in Griswold Hall during the month of Advent. Please bring mittens, scarves, and gloves to be given to the Open Pantry. Help share the warmth of Christmas!

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be December 11th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. We will have a potluck supper followed by a special holiday craft project.

Please bring a gift wrapped in white paper with a tag indicating age and gender for distribution by the Open Pantry to a child in the area.

Operation Friendship will hold a Roast Beef Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church on Saturday, December 10th. Operation Friendship is an organization that helps young people travel and meet new friends from around the world.

On the calendar this week:

December 4th: 4th Communion Sunday, 10-Plus Youth Group, 2:00 p.m.; Operation Friendship, 6:30 p.m.

December 5th: Christian Ed, 6:30 p.m.; Council, 7:00 p.m.

December 7th: Girl Scouts, 2:45 p.m.; Choir, 7:00 p.m.; A.A., 8:00 p.m.

December 8th: Girl Scouts, 6:00 p.m.; Deacons, 7:30 p.m.

December 10th: Operation Friendship Roast Beef Dinner, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"Parents' Morning Out" Offered By St. David's Church

A "Parents' Morning Out" will be offered to the community at-large on Saturday, December 17th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, by St. David's Episcopal Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Consisting of a Christian program, snack, and childcare for infants up to eight year-old children, the program will be not only fun for the children, but also a relief for parents looking for time to shop, rest, or otherwise to prepare for the holidays.

The ratio of adult caregivers to children will be one to four, with aides assisting at all age levels. The charge for one child will be $10, with $8 for each additional child in the same family.

The proceeds will go to support the St. David's Building Fund. For registration or further information, please call St. David's Church at 788-6133.

Big Sale Coming To Trading Post At Ag. Baptist Church

Come to the big sale at the Agawam Baptist Church Trading Post (corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam), December 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Upstairs, save 50 percent off, downstairs, save 20 percent off.

The sale will feature outstanding buys on stylish suits, misses, clothing, baby apparel, women's apparel, baby items, fashionable holiday attire, household items, shoes, boots & skates, jeans, coats, jackets, sweaters, blouses, slacks, skirts, and knick-knacks.

Come check out the bargains!

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon-time. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy or classifed ads on Monday.

Chicken Supper Back At Valley Community

Valley Community Church is happy to spread the news of the return of its Chicken Suppers. The supper will be held on Saturday, December 10th, with continuous seatings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Featured on the menu is baked chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salad, and ice cream for children.

The charge for one child will be $12, with $8 for each additional child in the same family.

For registration or further information, call 732-3411.

Polish Church Plans Westfield Craft Fair

Last minute shoppers, don't miss this chance to buy beautiful hand-crafted gifts for the holidays.

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, 732 Westfield Street, Westfield will have a great variety of crafts, plus baked goods and Pierogis for sale at a Craft Fair on December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The proceeds will go to support the St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church, 732 Main Street, Westfield. For registration or further information, call 734-9268 mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Grace Lutheran Church To Hold Holiday Fair

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 16th Annual Holiday Fair on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

You will find holiday gifts such as traditional church shops, interesting crafts, soaps, jewelry, a wide variety of crafts, baked goods, including their popular kolacky, and attic treasures. Coffee and refreshments will be available and there is ample free, off-street parking.

Adoration Society To Meet At Church In West Springfield

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray The Paschal Sacrament, Friday, December 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Adoration Society To Meet At Church In West Springfield

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray The Paschal Sacrament, Friday, December 2nd, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noon-time. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy or classified ads.
Dear Customer,

I'm most pleased to report 1994 has been a good year for our bank.

As in past good years, our Board of Trustees has again declared a bonus interest payment for our depositors. If your bonus is $5.00 or more, a check is enclosed. Otherwise your bonus has been added to your account.

You'll find the amount of your bonus check to be the average monthly interest your account has earned during the first ten months of 1994. For example, if your accumulated interest January through October was $900, your bonus check would be $90.

We believe this method to be fairest for our depositors because it considers interest activity during the course of the year. In the past, the check amount was simply a duplication of interest for the month just prior to receipt of the check.

As a mutual savings bank, we're structured differently from other savings banks. We do not have owner/stockholders. In the earliest charters that established mutual banks in Scotland in 1810 - and including our own Massachusetts charter in 1852 - wording was imprecise. However, the spirit of meaning was clear. The depositors of a mutual savings bank were considered as owners and were to share in the bank's net earnings. Statutes soon established this as requirement.

Through the years those statutes and requirements changed. But Hampden Savings - along with just two other mutual savings banks in the state - continues the tradition.

But more than continuing a tradition popular with our customers, our management and Board firmly believe sharing bank earnings with its depositors is a sound and proper business practice, a practice we plan to continue in the future.

Cordially,

Thank you for being a key part of the success of Hampden Savings.

Last week some 9,000 of our depositors received this letter. It is our way of acknowledging a good year for our bank - and at the same time thanking our customers who made it possible.
Spotlight On Business

Tae Kwon-Do School Opens In Feeding Hills In Galleria Shops

Todd Gordner and Mark Walachy, both of West Springfield, have opened Die Hard Tae Kwon-Do at 360 North Westfield Street (Galleria Plaza), where they are offering classes in the martial art of Tae Kwon-Do on beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels.

There are classes for just children, adults, and a special class now offered for women only. Both Gordner and Walachy are Black Belts and members of the U.S. Tae Kwon-Do Federation, and attend classes in West Hartford, Connecticut, at J. Palais Martial Arts Center. They learned the Korean form of unarmed combat designed for self-defense and practiced now in competitions throughout the world.

"Tae Kwon-Do is the scientific use of the body in method of self-defense," says Mr. Walachy. "Its discipline, technique, and mental training are the mortar for building a strong sense of justice, fortitude, humility, and reserve." Walachy is a computer systems coordinator for Aetna Life Insurance and also an art broker, representing Bryson Gwinnell, a Vermont sculptor.

Gordner is a computer graphic artist for Die Graphics in Ludlow and also attends Westfield State College, where he majors in art. In 1990, Gordner was a member of the U.S. team which competed in the First Oriental Single Combats Tournament in Tashkent, USSR, winning a Gold Medal by taking first place for high jump board breaking, in addition to setting the unofficial world record at a height of 10 feet, two inches. In addition to the Gold, he also took home a silver in his weight class for free sparring. In 1992, he competed along with 66 other countries, in the eighth World Tae Kwon-Do Championships in Pyongyang, North Korea. He broke five boards with a knife hand in the Men's Team Power Breaking Competition to win the Gold Medal and help the team to a Silver Medal.

Walachy is an eight-year veteran of the art of Tae Kwon-Do, competed in many tournaments and won several medals in free sparring, board breaking, and pattern. He was named 1992 Most Valuable Black Belt and instructor of the year. He recently completed an umpire training course, which he will be using in upcoming tournaments.

"Most people probably get the wrong idea about our name, 'Die Hard,'" said Gordner. "'Die Hard' is a name attributed to the martial artist who strives to be the best they can be. It is a person who trains and teaches from the heart, and to consider feelings of others. Once you find yourself dedicating your life to the art and living by the tenets of Tae Kwon-Do, courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit, then you become a 'Die Hard.'"

"We don't by any means have a school that is packed full of students, but I tell you what we do have is a school of 'Die Harders,'" said Gordner. "Some of these students have also competed in tournaments and have been on our special demonstration teams, including the Eastern States Expo and one coming up December 7th for the Non-users Club at the Agawam Junior High School. We owe thanks to our instructor for his support since and before the opening of Die Hard Tae Kwon-Do and look forward to becoming involved in Agawam and helping people become all they can be," concluded Gordner.

Best local news...

Theatre Arts Department
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**Spotlight On Business - continued...**

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**How To Become A Power Talker**

Power talkers speak the language of success. They transmit positive expectations both to themselves and to others. Used mostly in the business world, it can be used to better communicate with your children, friends, and acquaintances.

What's an example of power talking? Think about how you feel when a hotel clerk tells you, "You won't have your room before 1:00 o'clock," rather than, "We'll have the room ready for you at 1:00 o'clock." Both messages convey the same information but they give the listener totally different impressions of the attitude of the clerk and the hotel.

To become an effective power talker, you must work at it phrase by phrase... day by day. List each night the expressions that you use during the day that can help you project the positive thinking that's the key to positive talking. You must become aware of your phrases that should be replaced with more positive expressions.

Instead of saying, "I'll try to do it," say, "I will do it." The reason? "I'll try" means I'm not sure if I'm going to succeed... but when you say, "I will," both you and the person that you are speaking to can be more confident the job will get done.

You'll find these basic traits as you work on your power talking.

- **Project positive expectations...** Don't say, "I have to..." say, "I'll be glad to." Don't say, "I'm no good..." say, "I'm getting better."
- **Give credit whenever it's due...** When someone gives you a compliment, don't excuse yourself or say it's just your control of your own fate. Don't say, "I can't do anything about it..." say, "It's my responsibility to change things."
- **Encourage cooperation and reduce conflict...** Eliminate conflict producing words from your vocabulary. Don't say, "It's a good product, but it's expensive." Say, "It's a good product and it's expensive."
- **Always tell the truth...** Power talking is not a way to communicate effectively... and effective communication must be consistently credible. When you're asked to do something that you cannot do, or should not do, or don't want to do, simply say "No." Also, don't use phrases like, "Well, to be perfectly honest with you..." the listener will get the idea that you're not always honest when you speak.
- **Get back to the basics...** Don't forget the words "please" & "thank you." Also, when you make a mistake, don't say, "It's not my fault, I couldn't help it..." say, "I'm sorry," it's your responsibility.

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**Gail Butler To Staff To Hold Benefit**

December 1, 1994

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Colonial Funeral Home Receives “Excellence Award” At National Meeting

Colonial Fostarello Funeral Home of Agawam received the Pursuit of Excellence Award at the 111th annual convention of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) held October 28th through November 1st in New Orleans. The award honors funeral service excellence including outstanding accomplishment, unique programming, activity and innovative achievement.

To qualify, a funeral home must meet the criteria for outreach programs in seven different categories: education, compassionate service, community relations, professional service, library/media resources, special in-house activities, individual funeral home service and public relations, and consumer education. Winners are selected by a committee of national funeral service professionals.

Achieving the Pursuit of Excellence Award means that a funeral home has excelled above and beyond in providing quality service to its community,” states Summer Brashear, NFDA president. “My congratulations to Colonial Fostarello Funeral Home for their outstanding accomplishments.”

Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, NFDA is the oldest and largest funeral service association in the world.

Colonial Funeral Home
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“Merry Christmas” Can Be Said A Lot At Surprise! Card & Gift

Procrastination was the mother of invention when Henry Cole created the first Christmas card 1844. Cole decided to write the customary personal holiday letters.

For even the simplest messages, Bob McElligott of Surprise! Card & Gift Shop recommends a Recorders Greeting Card, which lets you record a 10-second message in your own voice.

A new trend is giftable cards. Some have attachments such as pins or charms. Also new are Long Distance Greetings Christmas cards that include 800-number phone cards, good for 10 minutes of free long-distance talking on any phone.

Even the simplest gift becomes a conversation piece when it’s one of Hallmark’s new die-cut handle bags, shaped to look like a Christmas tree, snowman, or teddy bear.

Perhaps the hottest gifts for jigss puzzle lovers, stereogram enthusiasts, and collectors are Hallmark’s "O" Sensations puzzles. After assembly, these stereogram jigsaws appear three-dimensional. This year’s Star Tree® Keepsake Ornament series (past years plus a 1995 ornament) seem to float in space.

In another new edition of the Merry Olde Santa Keepsake Ornament series, including a 1995 design, a pair of stereo glasses that cause the stereogram to come alive. A good real estate broker can help you do all those things.

If you’re not comfortable with risk but are comfortable with the fixed rate available at the time you buy your house, you might be better off with a somewhat higher rate that will stay constant throughout the life of the mortgage.

Semi-fixed mortgages are an interesting alternative. With them, your interest rate is adjusted only once, usually after five or seven years. Then the rate remains constant for the remaining life of the mortgage. Usually you can save half a point of interest on a semi-fixed mortgage, and the risks are minimal if you expect to be selling your house before resetting time comes around.

The most important thing is to acquaint yourself with all the alternatives, work out the numbers that apply in your case, and take the trouble to shop around. A good real estate broker can help you do all those things.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschuri Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413] 789-1177.)

Spotlight On Business - continued...

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First Federal Bank’s Ray Rose Of Feeding Hills Planning Mortgage Seminar On December 6th

If you, or someone you know, has always had the dream to someday own your own house, but you’ve always thought that you wouldn’t qualify for a mortgage because of no money for a down payment, poor credit, or that you could not afford the monthly payments, you’ll want to attend this upcoming public service seminar titled, “Stop Renting And Start Owning Now!”

The purpose of the seminar is to make everyone aware of the many changes that the U.S. Federal Government is making with the FHA, FmHA, VA loan programs. These changes now make it easier than ever for just about everyone to buy a house with very little or no money down...and to have a mortgage payment lower than their rental payment.

Sponsoring the seminar is First Federal Bank. Their special guest speaker is Raymond Rose, Regional Sales Manager for Bristol Mortgage Corporation, one of the largest lenders in New England and a member of the First Federal Bank System.

“I guarantee you that the information I will review with you can change your life,” Rose said. “I’ll talk about every aspect of homebuying. You’ll learn more during this seminar than you have during your entire lifetime...in fact, if you’re not 100 percent satisfied with the seminar, I will give you two free tickets to my local movie theatre to see the movie of your choice...that’s how sure I am that you’ll be impressed. You have absolutely nothing to lose!”

In addition, Rose will give you the answers to the four most critical questions that you absolutely must know about before starting your home search and signing any contracts. Also, everyone that attends will have the opportunity to have a free credit analysis completed within 48 hours of the seminar.

If you, or someone you know, has always had poor credit, or that you could not afford a mortgage for a down payment because of no money for a down payment, you’ll want to attend this seminar...Otherwise, they may never understand the power of how to intelligently purchase a house...and save thousands of dollars.”

Also, ask along several of your friends! You’ll learn a bunch...we’ll have some fun...there will be plenty of time for questions...and be sure to dress casually.

The seminar takes place Tuesday evening, December 6th, at the branch office of First Federal Bank, 66 North Main Street, Suffield, located in the center of town, at the intersection of Routes 76 and 168.

Reservations are requested...though walk-ins are welcome. Please call 1-800-331-0880 to register. As a special bonus, everyone that pre-registers will receive two free passes to the local movie theatre.

Patti Berube, the Regional Mortgage Officer for this area, commented that “Everyone should take two hours out of their busy schedule and attend this seminar...Otherwise, they may never understand the power of how to intelligently purchase a house...and save thousands of dollars.”

Raymond Gendron
Acting Chairman
Published: December 1, 1994

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Foods To Lift Your Mood

With the dark days of winter, an estimated 35 million Americans fall into depression. Researchers believe the foods you eat can lift your mood and help you overcome the blues.

When children cry, we give them a candy, and they feel better. Part of the reason candy makes us feel better is all in our head — really in our personality. If you need to beat the blues, start by eating just carbohydrate foods — have dry cereal and fruit, a bagel and jam, pancakes and syrup.

Don’t eat it with protein like milk and eggs, yogurt, and breakfast meats or the boost in serotonin will be lost.

So how food affects your mood varies with your personality. If you need to beat the blues, start by eating just carbohydrate foods — have dry cereal and fruit, a bagel and jam, pancakes and syrup.

Nutritionist Nancy Dell will be speaking at Fitness First on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Her topic will be “Bake To Your Heart’s Delight.”

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Chronic Pain Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

A Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends will be monthly at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The next meeting will be held on December 7th from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the Delisi Conference Center. This community service is offered free of charge.

The group will be led by William Planagan, M.A., M.Ed., Co-Founder of Pain and Stress Management Associates of West Springfield. Planagan and his partner, Gerard Steinberg, M.D., specialize in the use of surface EMG biofeedback to treat chronic or acute soft tissue pain disorders. Planagan will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain.

For more information, call Peg Valley, group coordinator, at (413) 748-7486.

Mobile Hearing Center To Visit Ag. Senior Center December 2nd

Free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks provided by Mercy Hospital’s Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will be conducted at the Agawam Senior Center on December 2nd, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales, and service of hearing aids and assistive listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van’s audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For more information, or to order your kit, please call the Marketing Department at Noble Hospital, (413) 588-2311.

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Noted Nutritionist Nancy Dell will be speaking at Fitness First on Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Her topic will be “Bake To Your Heart’s Delight.”

People who attend this informative seminar will learn one dozen tips to cut the fat and boost the nutrients in favorite cookies, cakes, and quick breads for the holidays and always.

All participants are encouraged to bring with them a favorite recipe. Nancy will show how to substitute healthy fats, eliminate the fat in recipes while still enjoying superior flavor and presentation.

Please call Fitness First at 786-1460 to register for this seminar. Fee is $2 per person.
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Dr. Sobel Schedules Customer Service Prog.

On Friday, December 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Dr. Steve Sobel will be presenting the full-day program "Prolific Customer Service: How To Delight, Attract, and Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success."

Registration fee is $40 for Community CPR or Infant/Child CPR, and $35 for Adult CPR.

Registration is required. For further information or to receive a schedule, please call the American Red Cross Health and Safety Office at 737-4306.

Noble Hospital To Hold Respiratory Support Group

Noble Hospital’s Better Breather’s Support Group will have its annual holiday get-together on Monday, December 12th, at 2:00 p.m. in Audito-
rium A, located on the ground floor of the Westfield hospital.

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- December 7th: "Prolific Customer Service: How To Delight, Attract, and Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success."
- December 9th: "What You Want Out of Life."
- December 16th: "Delight, Attract, And Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success."
- December 23rd: "How To Live Your Greatest Dream and Get What You Want Out of Life."

Dr. Sobel’s four-tape audio album, "Prolific Customer Service," is included in the price, as well as all surveys and materials that will be used.

Baystate Medical Ctr.

Schedules Classes

Methadone Exercise Class - Monday and Wednesday mornings, November 29th-December 1st, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Executive Officers Meeting Room, for pregnant women and those who recently delivered, $30. Pre-registration required by calling Parent Education at 784-BABY (2226).

Diabetes Teaching Class - December 12th-15th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Auditorium 1 on the third floor of the Centennial Building, physician’s prescription required, for patients and family members, $69.50. Pre-registration required by calling 784-2222, or for more information, call 784-4364.

Baystate Medical Center will sponsor the following classes throughout the month of December:

- Maternity Exercise Class - Monday and Wednesday evenings, November 21st-December 23rd, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Executive Officers Meeting Room, for pregnant women and those who recently delivered, $30. Pre-registration required by calling Parent Education at 784-BABY (2226).

Dealing With People Who Are Difficult

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For further information about specific class dates or to receive a schedule, please call the American Red Cross Health and Safety Office at 737-4306.

CPR Classes Being Offered At American Red Cross Office

Applications are now being accepted for the winter CPR classes offered at the American Red Cross at 225 Chestnut Street in Springfield.

This course trains individuals in adult skills for rescue breathing, obstructed airway, CPR, and first aid for broken bones, bleeding, burns, poisoning, stroke, and seizures. Each participant receives a textbook, pocket mask, and bandage kit for use during and after training. Registration fee is $45.

Morning (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and evening (6:00 to 10:00 p.m.) classes are available. Interested persons are asked to register early, as each class size is limited.

American Red Cross Offering Winter First Aid Classes

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Stress Seminars By Dr. Steven Sobel

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- December 13th: "How To Delight, Attract, And Retain Customers For Increased Profitability And Long-Term Success."
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Local Kids Dancing With Albany Ballet

The Albany Berkshire Ballet will be bringing its family classic, "The Nutcracker," to the Paramount Theatre in Springfield for two performances on Friday, December 16th. Performances will be at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Paramount Theatre Box Office at (413) 734-5874 or through the Pro-Tix Outlets. Ticket prices are $15, $18, and $21. Discounts are available for seniors, children, and under 12 and groups.

A newly completed backdrop for the "Kingdom of the Sweets" in Act II will be unveiled in this year's presentation. The company is continuing its plan to refurbish this holiday favorite. New costumes, props, and a spectacular Christmas tree are planned for next year's production.

Robert Boland, the company's Resident Scenic Designer, is already working on these new projects for 1995.

Again this year, a large number of area children will join the dancers in the professional company as reindeer, clowns, angels, soldiers, and mice. The professional dancers who are with the company for this year's production are from around the country and the world.

Agawam students who will be performing include Marcie Coogan, Courtney Megatulski, Adam Witte, Jodie Pfau, Jennifer Gledesleeve, Tara Witte, Scott Harris, and Jocelyn Desrochers.

Antique Dolls To Be Displayed Dec. 4th At Capt. Leonard House

Porcelain replicas of antique dolls by dollmaker Dorothy Mendrala will be on display during the open house at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Sunday afternoon, December 4th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Doll making is an age-old craft ranging from very simple handmade and painted wooden or cloth dolls of early America to the elaborate china and wax dolls of Victorian-era Europe. Many of Mendrala's dolls are reproductions of famous makers such as Leon Buv or Emil Jumeau, who were producing dolls during the golden era of dollmaking from the 1870's to the 1920's. The doll display will be accompanied by several of Mendrala's doll-associated antique toys.

The Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House cordially invites the public to attend the open house and enjoy the hospitality of this historic Agawam landmark on December 4th.
**MEET THE MASTER**

by Dick Mastroianni

**ACROSS**
1. Mali event
5. "I smell —"...
9. City on the Tiber
13. Truth stretcher
14. Persian sprite
15. "Rara —"
16. Comic Johnson
17. Untouchable
18. Air opening
19. Holy woman
20. Tusker
21. Skillet's partner
23. Kentucky Derby luminary
25. Bezel of burden
27. Greek partio
28. Sawyer or Watson
31. Move aside
34. —" —pray"
35. "We — not amused"
36. Orson Welles' citil
29. French Impressionist painter
30. Musial of baseball
39. Gary's state
40. Forbidden things
41. Mix together
42. ETO commander
43. Sioux
44. Constructor
45. Scoop to some
51. Mid-East ruler
52. Currier's partner
53. Arabian Nights' Baba
54. Seed covering
55. Expert
56. Picnic pests
58. Type of china

**DOWN**
1. Cut with a knife
2. "air missile"
3. "Not now but —"
4. Before
5. "... partridge in — tree"
6. Agents
7. "You — my sunshine"
8. Pooped
9. Unintelligible one
10. Proclaim vehemently
11. Coin factory
12. Educated guess for short
17. Thaws underhand
20. Author Edna
22. Actress Arthur et al
23. Of sound mind
33. Work against
34. "pray"
35. "We — not amused"
36. Orson Welles' city
37. French impressionist painter
38. Musial of baseball
39. Gary's state
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Music School Students To Entertain DAR
Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its Tuesday, December 6th meeting in the Guild Rooms of Faith United Church, 52 Summer Avenue, at 1:00 p.m., preceded by a tea at 12:15 p.m.

The day’s program will be “Lani Bortfield and the Suzuki Musicians,” the remarkable young students from the Community Music School of Springfield, who will delight all with their talent. The annual fundraiser will feature the Silent Auction—Christmas Boutique, Bake and Book Sale. American Heritage Corner will display Christmas for Children Memorabilia.

Persons interested in membership are welcome or should contact Mrs. William Roan, Registrar, of Longmeadow (567-5771), or Mrs. Lewis M. Gentry of West Springfield, State DAR Registrar, (733-5484).

Johnston’s Bookstore Has Kids’ Storytime On Saturday, Dec. 3rd
Johnson’s Bookstore at 1379 Main Street in Springfield will offer a storytime in its children’s book section this Saturday, December 3rd at 11:00 a.m. for children ages three to six.
Youngsters of all ages are welcome to visit the Toy Shop, where games demonstrations will be taking place at the same time. So, bring the whole family to Johnston’s on Saturday, December 3rd for an enjoyable morning of read-alouds, playing with games and toys, free balloons, and other special surprises.

Johnson’s is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and you may call 732-6222 for further information on Johnson’s Storytime.

Acclaimed Mime To Perform For “First Friday Series”
Mark Friday, December 2nd, on your calendar as the evening to watch acclaimed mime Robert Rivest at the Agawam Public Library. He will be presented as part of the “First Friday Series,” sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Robert Rivest will present an Informal Theater Performance. A lighthearted performance of sketches that are comic and entertaining with optional audience participation and improvisation.

Rivest is well-known and highly acclaimed in the New England area. The Collegian Review stated, “He combines a dancer’s strength, grace, and balance with the emotional range and believability of a schooled actor and the mime’s ability to define space.”

Through a series of visual, silent theater pieces, Rivest explores the comedy and tragedy of everyday life. He is known for his infusion of strong technical virtuosity with compassionate storytelling and rich character development.

An evening with Robert Rivest moves, delights, and captivates all.

Golden Bell Choir To Perform At Agawam Public Library
The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce a Christmas concert by the Golden Bell Choir scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 6th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library.

The Golden Bell Choir is made up of eight residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills and has made numerous area concert appearances including Storrowton, various nursing homes, and area civic club meetings.

Handbell ringing is performed by sets of bells that make up the complete musical scale. Each member of the choir has four or five bells in their charge, and has to pick up and ring a specific bell at the moment when its particular note is needed to make the tune. The Golden Bell Choir has a three-octave range produced by bells made in Holland.

Join us for this interesting program! If you are interested in attending this free program, please call the library at 789-1550.

Agawam Repertory To Hold Auditions
Agawam Repertory Theater will hold auditions for their February production, “Murder at the Agawam Public Library,” directed by Pat Marziano.

The play calls for two men and one woman. Auditions are scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7th at the Agawam Public Library.

For more information, call Pat at 788-3196 or 788-3212.

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St. Martha Players To Hold Auditions For "She Loves Me"

St. Martha Players, Inc., will hold auditions for their spring production of "She Loves Me" on Sunday, December 4th, at 1:00 p.m. They will take place at Goulet Hall at St. Martha's Church on Brainard Road in Enfield, CT. Please by prompt.

Everyone auditioning should be prepared to sing. Auditioners may either bring their own sheet music or sing a selection from the show. Performing "Audition O"s are slated for April 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, May 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th.

Principal roles include a mature male over 40 years-old; four males 25-35 years-old; one young-looking male under 30 years-old; and two females between the ages of 25-35. (Ages are approximate.) Female and male chorus members are also needed.

Directing this delightful musical is Lee Legrine of Springfield, MA. The choreographer will be Colleen Bartlet-Taylor, and musical direction will be headed by Steven D. Cirillo of Agawam.

For further information regarding the auditions, please call (203) 745-6368 or (413) 538-6119.

Suff. Players Slate Auditions For Winter & Spring Productions

Suffield: The Suffield Players will be holding auditions for their mid-winter production of three one-act plays on December 9th and 10th from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Mapleton Hall in Suffield. The show dates for these productions are February 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th, March 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. The plays to be performed are "Chores," "The Temp," and "Zoo Story."

Performers (both men and women) are welcome to audition for "Zoo Story." Copies of these plays will be available at the Kent Library in Suffield Center.

Auditions for the May production of The Suffield Players' "Amnesia" will be held on December 11th and 13th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Auditions will be held at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield. Call is for five women, ages early 20's to 60's.

Be prepared to perform at least one music dance routine (and Dance is acceptable), a song of your choice for which you will need music, and a song from the show and readings (which will be made available at the audition).

Show dates are May 4th, 5th, 6th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, and 20th.

For information, call John Howland at (203) 684-4546.

Friends In Harmony Plans Christmas Show For Dec. 9th & 16th

Riverside's "Friends in Harmony" Christmas Show will be held on December 9th and 16th at the Red Door Theater in Agawam at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The chorus will perform a selection of traditional and new Christmas songs.

Tickets are $1. Donations to be made to various local charities.

Tickets may be purchased from chorus members or reserved by calling Riverside Park, 786-9300, ext. 3400 (Judy or Patti).

Create Christmas Cards At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three and up are invited to Agawam Library to create Christmas cards to brighten the holidays of family and friends and a nursing home resident by making one to leave behind.

Those registered can check out a book and pick up their kit anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10th. Register by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.
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The Memorial Education Fund Fellowships of $2,000 are for graduate study in veterinary medicine and medical research. To qualify, a woman must be a legal resident in the state of Massachusetts at least five years.

A $500 International scholarship will be awarded for a college student for undergraduate or graduate study abroad. The student will be a legal resident of Massachusetts.

A $500 scholarship for study in Communication Disorder will be awarded for tuition only, and will be sent to the college of your choice.

A $500 fellowship for Education-Teaching will be given to a high school senior enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university in teacher training.

$500 Music Scholarships will be awarded to a senior in a Massachusetts high school who will enroll in a four-year accredited college or university, majoring in voice.

$500 Music Scholarships will be awarded for piano, instrumental, music education, and music therapy to high school seniors and will be sent to the college of your choice.

All of the above awards require filling out a completed application form, a letter of endorsement from the president of your local club, a personal letter, a letter of reference from your college or high school, transcript of grades, and a personal interview.

To obtain an application form and more information regarding any or all of these awards, contact Donna Shibley of the Agawam Junior Women's Club at 786-3888.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the GFWC.

Jr. High Band Has Annual Winter Concert On December 6th

The Agawam Junior High School Band will present its annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High School auditorium.

The group, under the direction of Tammy Watson, will perform concert band and jazz band selections, including several holiday favorites.

A $2 donation will be collected at the door. Concert-goers are also asked to bring a canned food item to be collected for donation to the Open Pantry.

As they do every year, the Agawam High School Peer Leaders teamed up with the American Cancer Society for the Great American Smokeout on November 17th.

In an effort to get their friends and fellow students to "butt out" of the cigarette habit, the Peer Leaders organized the smokeout at AHS and at the Junior High School.

The day before the event, smokers signed up with coaches who agreed to help them stop smoking for the day.

Adoption papers were signed with the responsibilities of both the smokers and the coaches spelled out in contract form.

Smokers pledged to hide cigarettes and smoking paraphernalia, tell their friends not to smoke during the smokeout; call their coach whenever they felt an irresistible urge to smoke; stay away from smoke-filled rooms; and to remember they were leaving the pack behind for the day.

Willpower To Give up Nicotine

Coaches promised to praise their adoptee for having the willpower to give up the nicotine for the day; remind them there are only 24 hours in a day; offer bribes of food, money, and timeshare vacations and to be there when needed.

O. the day of the smokeout, Peer Leaders pass ed out information on the dangers of smoking, tips on how to help a friend stop smoking, and stickers proclaiming, "Kiss Me - I Don't Smoke" and "We Really Healthy." Coaches were also given candy to pass out to smokers when the urge to smoke was getting the best of them.

Junior Adrienne O'Quin said about the event, "We're trying to get people to stop smoking for one day. If they can do that, they can do it for the rest of their lives."

At lunchtime, sophomore Jessica Przybyla said the event was going well for the smoker she had adopted.

Keep Mind Off Smoking

"I'm trying to keep her mind off smoking," Jessica told us. "We're going to the Top 40 tonight and that should help."

Jessica said one of her strategies to help her friend put out the cigarette was to remind her, "Just don't do it. You promised."

In her first year as a Peer Leader, Jessica was drawn to the group partly because she shares their commitment to a drug-free lifestyle and also because of the comradery of the group.

"Everybody is so nice to each other. It's like a big family. We work together on the projects," Jessica said.

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Brad Tilden Joins Longmeadow’s Tues. Morning Music Club

Brad Tilden, a ninth grade student at the Agawam High School, recently joined the Junior Extension of the Tuesday Morning Music Club of Longmeadow, MA.

Brad auditioned on the piano and cello for the Advisor Board, and he was accepted into membership by a majority vote. Membership is open to all persons up to 20 years of age who are currently studying with a qualified teacher.

The object of the club is to encourage young people in the study of the arts of music and drama, to give them the opportunity to appear before an audience; and to establish friendly relations among themselves as artists.

There are eight performances a year; all are open to the public and are free. To obtain a schedule of performances, contact the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, MA.

Saturday Nights At Fitness First Being Held Twice In Dec.

Fitness First’s weekly Saturday “High School Night” will be held twice only during December and all proceeds will be donated to Open Pantry for the holidays.

The two Saturdays that the Health Club will be open to high school students will be December 3rd and December 10th. Both nights, Fitness First has decided to accept two cans of non-perishable foods per student in lieu of an admission fee. The canned goods will be donated to Open Pantry.

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The Agawam High School Guidance Department will sponsor their Annual Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Our featured speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, Director of Financial Aid at A.I.C. Dr. Sirois will direct his presentation to the many changes in the filing process which occurred last year and any changes this year.

The Higher Education Amendment of 1992 requires implementation of a separate federal application that applicants can submit to any multi- use data entry processor without a fee. The new law also provides for the collection of supplementary data through a companion form, such as the F.A.F. and the simultaneous reporting of federal and non-federal data to institutions and agencies.

The two forms - the Free Federal Application and the F.A.F., will be available on Thursday. Both forms cannot be filed until after January 1, 1995. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please arrive on time for the meeting, since a great deal of material is covered during the two hours.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Seniors should give their college applications to their guidance counselor by the first week of December. Since many applications require detailed processing, it is important that this date be honored.

Our office staff is on vacation December 26th until January 2nd. No applications will be processed during this time. Also, college application deadline dates should be honored.

If students bring applications in on Friday, December 23, 1994, there is no guarantee they will be processed in time by the guidance office.

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“JAMMIN’ JAY” Will Juice Up AHS Crowd For Harlem Wizards

He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, the birthplace of basketball, but with regards to sports, Jay Griffin grew up with football as his number-one sport. He was a blue chip prospect who was a two-time, all-state defensive back.

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Jr. High Book Fair Need Volunteers

The Agawam Junior High PTO will sponsor its Second Annual Book Fair on December 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, and 13th. The group is requesting parental assistance to monitor the six-day event, which will take place in the school's main lobby from 10:00 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time for a portion of the fundraiser should contact Susan Federico at 786-8848.

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Boy Scout Troop 78
At Turnverein Earning
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The Boy Scouts of Troop 78 at the Springfield Turnverein have been busy. They have spent their meetings teaching, learning, and practicing map and compass work, first aid, knots, menu making and cooking for their camps. Each patrol has been demonstrating these skills to the other scouts to prepare for their November camping, which they did at the Horace A. Moses Scout Reservation.

At the campout, the patrols set up their tents and cooking areas, stored their food in "bear bags" hung from branches (so that the animals would not share their meals).

On Saturday, the patrols were given directions to three different areas of the reservation where they faced a pre-planned "emergency" situation, such as an injured person in the path of a fire, a hunter lost for three days, and rescue and first aid of a person in rugged terrain.

There were also three events where teamwork played the most important role. This included swinging on a rope to a small island, tying a knot on a tree from 10 feet away, and the "humpty dumpty" - lifting a can of water by ropes without spilling it on a volunteer under it.

The scouts also spent the next weekend cleaning up the grounds of their sponsoring organization, the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street, Feeding Hills, as a service project.

Congratulations to Mark Urrea and Brian LaBorde for earning their fishing merit badges. Also, Greg Pajak earned his geology merit badge. Three boys also earned rank advancements - Mark Urrea and Eric Hogan, Second Class Scouts, and Greg Pajak worked hard for his First Class rank. The troop thanks those who supported the troop by buying candy or sweatshirts, or by generous donations of time or materials of many in the community. Scouting cannot exist without this support.

Civil War Comes
To Granger School

PORTRAYING CIVIL WAR soldiers from the federal army are corporal Robert J. Robitaille and Sergeant Jeffrey J. Duquette. The two visited Granger School last month to speak to grade three and four students who were studying the Civil War. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Cub Scout Pack 85 Meet Mayor Johnson

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON attended Cub Scout Pack 85's Thanksgiving pack meeting to speak to the scouts and their parents. The second year Webelos are working towards earning their Citizenship Pin and Mayor Johnson was a great help.

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Terriers Spoil Turkey Day For AHS, 14-6
by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This year's Agawam High-West Springfield High Thanksgiving Day football game started out at West Side's Clarke Field. But the way it quickly deteriorated, it left many Agawam faithful in the huge throng walking back to their cars in disbelief.

Yes, the Terriers won this renewal of the region's oldest football rivalry, 14-6. It was a stinker all the same for both teams, if the Terriers had anything going for them, it was the lust for avenging last year's 22-0 Turkey Day humiliation at the hands of the Brownies. They weren't playing much on skill. Neither was AHS, for that matter.

Both teams combined for six second half turnovers. Unfortunately, Agawam's miscues proved more costly, considering the Terriers seemed to have lady luck patrolling their sideline.

Things Began Upbeat For AHS

Actually, the bigger and faster Brownies started things out in an upbeat fashion. They took the opening kickoff on their own 31 and behind the power running of tailback Jason Votzakis and fullback Dom Pisano, methodically worked the ball downfield.

Out of the 12 AHS plays on that drive, 11 of them were overland. Pisano's 14-yard run to the West Side two yard line set-up Votzakis' two-yard score on the next play. En route, both backs got some great blocks by linemen Jason Rossi and Matt Disco. Disco sprung Votzakis for a 15-yard scamper midway through the drive. With four minutes left in the quarter, AHS led, 6-0.

Then the wheels seemed to come off the Brownie offense. AHS Coach Dean Vecchiarelli told us, "They adjusted. They started to send eight men on just about every play when they were on defense."

That strategy paid dividends for West Side because its offense was being stuffed in the first half by the always-dangerous AHS defense. One of the perks - they all but stopped Votzakis. He would only get 53 yards on 13 carries in the first half. He finished with a game-high 87 yards on 26 carries.

The Terrier pass rush also bothered quarterback Mike Lauro. He hadn't seen that much pressure since the Central game. And it showed, in the first half he went 1-2 for 22 yards. Two pass interference calls on West Side helped out, netting AHS 35 yards. But the Brownies didn't dent the scoreboard again before the half.

Lauro ended 2-6 for 46 yards and three sacks. The AHS offense was continually frustrated and denied after that opening drive. The Brownies tried a 34-yard field goal midway thru the second period, but it was blocked nicely by West Side's Alvin Keough, a senior linebacker. Later on, Keough would also block a punt and this figured greatly into a wild fourth quarter finish.

After a first half that stood at 6-0 AHS, both teams came out as grim as they'd been when the contest started on this sunny but windy and cold holiday morning.

Fumbled It Away To Open Half

West Side accepted the kickoff and began on a sour note as running back Randy Miller tried to do too much with the ball. He coughed it up and the Brownies recovered. AHS now had possession at its own 42 and they proceeded to move the ball with gusto again.

Votzakis hit for nine yards. Laura sneaked it up the middle for two. Pisano, with another of his bone crushing blocks, buried the Terriers' defensive end and broke Votzakis left for 19 yards to the 28.

And Brownie guard Matt Christy was blocking on this drive like there was no tomorrow (as was Derek Parker). West Side was called for a pass interference again and the Brownies found themselves at the 10 with a first and goal staring them in the face.

This was another of the game's most crucial points. Votzakis, behind Christy and Parker, bulldozed for five. Then he lost four yards to make it third and goal from the nine. The Brownie bench had the ball and Lauro had Bryan Menard all alone in the flat. But they couldn't connect.

The Brownies then decided they had nothing to lose and went for it on fourth and goal from the nine. This time star wide receiver Dan Bodman was so wide open on the left side, he could have
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used a cellular phone to call for fast food. But the play was missed and the best AHS scoring opportunity since the first quarter went by the boards. At this point, the AHS defense was still playing fairly solid football, even as the offense was laboring. Votzakis fumbled towards the end of the third quarter which took some added wind out of the Brownies' sails. But even then, the Brownies defenders doggedly got the ball back. The third quarter ended with AHS still up, 6-0.

Then came the final 10 minutes and the stop began. Four of the game's six turnovers were committed in the last four minutes. The Brownies had two of them. And the Brownie faithful could only watch in disbelief and horror.

Early on in the quarter, the Terriers did manage to move the ball to the AHS eight yard line. It was first and goal. Randy Miller suffered his second fumble of the day. The ever-alert Brian Colby jumped on it with 4:12 left to play. The Brownie offense, still walking on its heels, could do nothing and ended up with a fourth and four at their own nine yard line. There were two minutes and some change left. And in a nice piece of strategy, Vecchiarelli remembered that earlier blocked punt and was very aware that his offense had been backed up most of the quarter near their own goal line.

Drowned It For A Safety
He had Pisano down the ball in the end zone for a safety. But it was ruled a fumble and 52 Brownies, with five minutes remaining. It also gave his boys a free kick and some much needed breathing room.

West Side got the kick at its own 35 and Randy Miller ran it back to the AHS 47. Once again, Vecchiarelli missed his defenders to suck it up. West Side checked the clock and knew time was quickly running out.

Two Josh Blizzard passes brought the ball to the AHS 38. An incompletion made it fourth and one. Lauro decided, after a long talk with Murphy, to go for it. But the Brownie defense had been asked to go at the AHS 2. It was now first and goal, West Side, with 1:09 left. On the next play, Miller broke off left tackle for seven yards and paydirt. West Side had an 8-6 lead. The Brownie defense had been asked to go for the win one too many times. The two-point conversion failed.

There were 59 seconds left when AHS took the ball after the fumble. It was obvious what had to be done - hit the air lanes. Lauro did just that. He was met by defensive end Sam Hoffman. Lauro struggled and the ball popped out. Only one player on the field was close to the ball as it bounded towards the AHS 46. And then there was West Side linebacker Shawn Lyman. The sophomore scooped it up and in a shining moment he'll never forget, returned the fumble for a touchdown that cooked the Brownies for good. The final was 14-6.

Had its Revenge
West Side had its revenge and despite finishing at 4-5, it was now a successful season because of this game's importance. AHS, despite a share of the AA Conference title and a 6-4 final record, could find little solace when it all went into the record books.

This game also marked the end of Votzakis' great career. The 5'11, 205-pound senior broke into the varsity lineup as a sophomore and was one of six captains this season. He had 1,405 rushing yards and scored 43 touchdowns. He will be considered one of the school's all-time great runners.

West Side now found itself with a first and 10 at the 20. Blizzard threw two balls incomplete. But on third and 10, he dropped to pass again. It let it fly into the left flat. And what followed will be remembered for years to come.

The ball went incomplete but the yellow flag flew and a pass interference was called on Jeff Harlin, a fine defensive back. It was a bad call. But the pass interference penalty. AHS found itself with a first and 10 on the AHS 21. It was a tense time for that penalty could have just as easily not have been called. But Brownie tempers flared; things were said in the heat of the battle. And once again AHS found itself deep in its own territory at the seven yard line. The personal foul penalty was tacked onto the tail of the pass interference penalty. (A total of 155 penalty yards were called in this one.)

It was now first and goal, West Side, with one yard to go. Lauro immediately coughed it right back (by Allen Keough) and West Side had it at its own one. They were still facing a desperate West Side defense that had to be done - hit the air lanes. Lauro did just that. He was met by defensive end Sam Hoffman. Lauro struggled and the ball popped out. Only one player on the field was close to the ball as it bounded towards the AHS 46. And then there was West Side linebacker Shawn Lyman. The sophomore scooped it up and in a shining moment he'll never forget, returned the fumble for a touchdown that cooked the Brownies for good. The final was 14-6.

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Brownie Backs Find Tough Going Vs. West Side

AGAWAM HIGH junior fullback Dom Pisano is tackled by two West Side defenders in first half action at Clarke Field on Thanksgiving morning. West Side won, 14-6. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

JASON VOTZAKIS rushed well early for Agawam High before West Side stacked the line with eight men. Votzakis scored the Brownies' only TD in the first quarter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.
Piranhas Swim Team Loses Close Meet To Belchertown

The Agawam AA Piranhas swim team lost to a tough Belchertown team, 456-427, on November 18th at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

**Girls 8 & under**
- The team of Johannah Kos, Genevieve Wojcik, Angela Vinton, and Julia Weisgerber placed first in the 100-yard freestyle relay; and the team of Kristen Wojcik, Marissa Wynne, Julie Gorman, and Tammy Gorman placed third.
- The team of Lauren Fox, Bethany Reid, Jillian Kos, and Katie Gorman placed second.

**Boys 8 & under**
- The team of Shaun Bruso, Seamus Moran, Joseph McGeoghan, and Doug Duquette placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay; the team of Erik Deliefde, Ben Bruso, Jamie Lewin, and Jeffrey Lagasse placed first in the 100-yard medley relay.
- Ben Bruso, first in 100-yard individual medley; Doug Duquette, second, and Shaun Bruso, third in 25-yard freestyle; Jamie Lewin, first in 25-yard butterfly; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Doug Duquette, second in 50-yard freestyle; Jeffrey Lagasse, first, and Doug Duquette, second in 25-yard breaststroke.

**Girls 9-10**
- The team of Hilary Golas, Kara Gilhooly, Christina O’Brien, and Amanda Fox place first in the 200-yard freestyle relay; the team of Allison Morris, Ashley King, Kyleigh Egan, and Leigh Stepanian placed second in the 200-yard medley relay.
- Christina O’Brien, second, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 100-yard individual medley; Hilary Golas, first, and Kara Gilhooly, third in 50-yard freestyle; Amanda Fox, first, and Kyleigh Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly; Amanda Fox, first, and Christina O’Brien, third in 100-yard freestyle; Hilary Golas, first, and Kara Gilhooly, second in 50-yard backstroke; Ashley King, second, and Allison Morris, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

**Boys 9-10**
- The team of Paul Lagasse, Ryan Sullivan, Brian McGuire, and Daniel Adamski placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.
- Brian McGuire, second in 100-yard individual medley; Daniel Adamski, first, and Paul Lagasse, second in 25-yard freestyle; Brian McGuire, second in 25-yard butterfly; Paul Lagasse, first in 25-yard breaststroke.

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Personal Perspective On Sports...
Hunting - Is It Necessary? Is It A Sport?
by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It's that slack time in high school sports; the period between the end of football and the start of the winter athletic season. It's a time when one lets their mind run a little loose and cast around for something sportsworthy and maybe a little different to talk about. This week I'm going to talk about hunting, since it is the opening of deer season.

First, we must ask ourselves if hunting is indeed a sport. I know my share of hunters, many of them are good friends. They tell me it is. They tell me they are not only sportsmen, but in their own way, athletes.

I suppose they have a point. After all, hunters do have to slog down backwoods' dirt roads clogged with semi-frozen fall mud. On occasion, they have to make their way over rusty barb-wire fences and crumbling stone walls. They have to stagger over dangerous deadfalls and slip and slide down slick, leaf-covered slopes.

And then there's the pure competition of trying to blow the brains out of bigger game than your hunting companions, then dragging it for miles to get it out of the woods. I don't believe you need to be a Drew Bledsoe to engage in such semi-stressful endeavors. But I'll give them the benefit of the doubt. There must be some draw to it, because even in this age of pseudo gun control, more folks are taking up the "sport" all the time.

On occasion, as I watch one of my hunting friends cleaning up his rifle or shotgun in preparation for a sporting day in the woods, I ask why? I usually get about as many answers as there are pellets in a 20-gauge shell. They like the exercise. And I admit things can get a bit strenuous in the wild, especially that wild sprint through the trees if you happen to miss that big black bear and he decides you wouldn't make a bad meal yourself.

I suppose under those circumstances, many hunters have developed a faster than normal heart rate. It's just like climbing a mountain. That rationalize, I offer up the idea of fitness for a nice, brisk walk in the wild, the wild, the wild.

So, you ask, if they've ever heard of cameras? They shoot things, too, only it's not as messy. And you can also do that in the forest primeval among the murmuring pines and the hemlocks. Nope, they can't do that, either.

The other guy seemed to be intent on the "Ancient Tradition"... That "Sacred Tradition"... Then it must be for the meat; that ancient tradition of putting sustenance in the larder. All I know is that the big money some of these guys spend on a hunting license alone, could get you quite a cache down at the local market's meat counter. Heck, you could even go to the specialty butcher shop and pick out enough exotic meat to last you most of the year.

Remember, many hunters return to the campfire (or these fries, it could be the RV) with little more to show for their efforts than a bunch of blisters, maybe a slight sprain or two, and perhaps a bad case of hangover.

Another reason could be the conservationist theme, culling the beard and all. After all, they strive if we don't harvest them, Animals in the wild have been starving since before humans were Neanderthals. I guess in a God's eye, a man doesn't interfere, can take care of itself nicely.

There's always the question of what can happen when a bunch of excited people—people armed with deadly weapons—get into the close cover of the woods. Many years ago, I had a friend (who was a dedicated hunter) once tell me a frightening story.

He was hunting deer in some thick woods in the town of Grafton, Massachusetts. He'd pulled up by a big tree beside a thick grove of pines. He was standing there stone still in the sunlight, when he saw another hunter about a hundred yards away, heading in his direction.

"Sound shot," the guy replied. "He'd heard something in the thick stand and decided to shoot at it, thinking perhaps it might be a deer.

"Because that's where they like to hide," he explained. My friend got out of there in a hurry. The other guy seemed to be intent on the... I've never yet been given a legitimate reason for the...
The big news is good news—salmon have spawned in the Westfield River at the dam located in North Agawam. On November 14th, several spawning "redds," with at least one and perhaps two adult salmon, were observed by John D. Theroux, project leader for the Department of Fish and Game, en route to the dam. Pough and Don Pough of the Cooperative Fisheries Research Unit at the University of Massachusetts.

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Tara Rikin, second in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Cash

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Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard individual medley; Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first, and Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Hanley, second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yard breaststroke; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yardbreaststroke.

**Girls 11-12:**

Kelli Kunkel, Sarah Nacewicz, Alloyn Siano, and Kimberly Theroux, first in 200-yard freestyle; Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first, and Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Hanley, second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yard breaststroke; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yardbreaststroke.

**Girls 13-14:**

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Kelli Kunkel, Sarah Nacewicz, Alloyn Siano, and Kimberly Theroux, first in 200-yard freestyle; Joseph Santaniello, second in 200-yard freestyle; Ryan Hanley, first, and Thomas Graveline, third in 50-yard freestyle; Nathan Adamski, second in 50-yard butterfly; Ryan Hanley, second in 100-yard freestyle; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yard breaststroke; Thomas Casiollo, first in 50-yardbreaststroke.

**Girls 15-18:**

Nicolas Duquette, third in 50-yard freestyle, and third in 100-yard freestyle.

Tara Rikin, second in 50-yard freestyle, and second in 100-yard freestyle.
Girls’ 12-Under ASA Soccer Champs

The UNDER-12 GIRLS’ Soccer Champs from the Agawam Soccer Association. Back row, from left - Coaches Tony Feato and Marty Davilli. Middle row - Katie Feato, Jessica Coelho, Lauren Kida, Brittany Shields, Carrie Baum, and Monica Davilli. Front row - Shawnee Demers, Amanda Merola, Megan Landry, Elizabeth Stieg, Rebekah Adams, and Natalie Wayte.

ASA’s Under-10 Girls 1994 Champs

The AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION’s champions in the under-10 girls’ division. Front row - Kelly Borkosky, Taryn Albano, Amanda Trujillo, Elizabeth Gottardi, and Mary Gottardi. Middle row - Amber Paro, Ashley Niquette, Sarah Leydon, Lindsay Francis, Kelly Reilly, Katelyn Bergeron, and Katie Baum. Back row - Coaches Raymond Francis and Gall Borkosky.

NASCAR Truck Racing Is Thriving At Riverside Speedway

“NASCAR has done a brilliant job of promoting, creating, and marketing truck racing,” said Riverside Park Speedway’s Promoter/Director Ben Dodge, Jr. “It’s the future—America’s love for trucks. We will sell tickets to a new generation of fans.

To show that Riverside Speedway has always been a premiere NASCAR facility, the creative promotional team of Ben Dodge has had a half-ton truck division since 1991. That’s right—a line entry, half-ton truck division with races on all Sunday events at the quarter-mile facility in Agawam. Limited fields of as many as 20 trucks have competed for three successful years at Riverside.

“In 1991, I was just looking for something to spark some new interest in my Sunday Marathon Madness events,” said Dodge, adding, “These events feature Pro 4 Modifieds, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Strictly Stocks, Endurance racing, and amateur 4x4 Monster Trucks.

“So,” he continued, “I decided that the trucks seemed to create the most interest in the surveys from the fans. These Sunday events draw 7,000-plus fans, 12 times a year. So trucks it was!”

The 1991 Riverside half-ton truck division was basic and simple. More of an Enduro, Super Stock chassis with a safe, NASCAR-approved cage, the trucks were only American-made, half-ton truck bodies with pick-up beds and covered. The field included Chevys, GMCs, Fords, and one Dodge half-ton truck. A woman driver has driven the Dodge to top-five finishes in the event.

For 1995, Ben Dodge is taking the Riverside half-ton truck division to a new dimension. With the television and NASCAR exposure, it’s time to grow as a leader. Dodge is revising the half-ton trucks, and the division will be competing in 1995 for all 12 Sunday events.

And that’s not all. Tentatively, the half-ton trucks will run a Friday night program called “High Five Fridays.” This proposed summer heat series at Riverside will feature a variety of line entry racing in June, July, and August.

The half-ton truck division is really a simple class; any existing Riverside Super Stock car can compete if it conforms to the 1995 rules, has a full NASCAR cage inside the half-ton truck cab, and has support posts to bed. All trucks must have a complete bed with tail gate and fender walls, and the bed must be covered.

Trucks are suggested to resemble the general appearance of the NASCAR truck series or the existing low trucks used since 1991. All existing trucks that have raced since 1991 will have to be changed for 1995. Rules will be available on December 15th.

For a free color schedule, color brochure, and full color poster, write today with your exact request: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn: Mary.

Remember, half-ton trucks run in all Sunday events, with a limited proposed Saturday fall series. A tentative, proposed “High Five Friday” series is scheduled to be announced for June, July, and August. (Note: these events will not be on the first draft 1995 Riverside schedule.)

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The division starts as many as 30 cars in the feature, and this may also include a B feature. The feature distance is 20 laps and may pay as much as $300 to win. All cars running in the feature receive money, and the winning team is tentatively created from the Mini Stocks in every week.

For the first time in 1995, Riverside Speedway will offer Firemen's Fundraisers. A special "Firemen's Fundraiser" will be run directly from the Speedway. If you have competed in the Mini Stocks in 1993 and 1994, then these rules apply exactly as to the rules for Riverside's Mini Stocks and are now available by written request. Send to Riverside Park Speedway, Mini Stock Rules 1995, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Mary. Remember, please be exact when requesting rules. A free schedule, color brochure, or color poster is also available by writing to Riverside, or call today—(413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

Riverside Speedway Has Fundraising Prog. For Fire Departments

Riverside Park Speedway's Race Director, Ben Dodge, Jr., has established a unique program that will support the local community in an effort to raise money in a fundraiser fashion. Fact is, any fire department (volunteer or full-time) in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, New York, or New Jersey is eligible to have a team.

These teams will compete in a giant six- to 20-car team "Firemen's Fundraiser Team Demo Derby." The best news is that this is a great way to raise the funds needed to purchase a new truck, ambulance, building fund, jaws of life, or to go to the cause of your choice.

There is no special entry; it counts the town and its fire department nothing to enter. Each fire department must have the chief or person in charge send a letter of commitment listing the car number, driver's name of each car. Also list the address of the fire station office, phone number, the department contact, and (most importantly) the date of the event your team wishes to attend. These events will be run on the following Sundays only: May 29th, June 11th, July 2nd, July 22nd, and August 26th.

Send your entry to: Riverside Park Speedway, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001, Attn.: Ben Dodge (Firemen's Fundraisers). Remember, this is a chance to win a $2,000 event. (Note; All contestants will have a pit-insurance pass on race day for $15.)

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