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Members of the Woodbridge Fire Department transport the casket to its final resting place.

A Town Mourns the Passing of Its Leader

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Former Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy towered over everyone, but the words that most people used in remembering him was "humble". In his homily at Assumption Church, Father Gene Gianelli called him "a man of grace, a man of humility, a man of kindness. Everything he did, he did quietly, humbly and with sincerity."

The news of the sudden passing of the long-serving town official shocked a whole community into the realization how precious life is, and how quickly it can be snuffed out. First Selectman Ed Sheehy, 73, served the town right up to the last evening. He went home from the budget hearing, Monday, April 22, when he felt pain and passed out. He was taken to Saint Raphael's hospital where he died around 1 a.m. in the morning.

Matt Giglietti, Board of Finance chairman, remembered talking to Sheehy after the budget hearing. He said he saw Sheehy drive by on his way home.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MUNICIPAL ELECTION GOING FORWARD ON MONDAY

By Bettina Thiel, Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The municipal election is going forward on Monday, May 6, even though the sudden and unexpected death of former First Selectman Ed Sheehy imposed a hiatus on the campaigns. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Center Building gym. Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio said new ballots will be printed to reflect the name change on the Democrat line.

On Thursday, April 25, the Democratic Town Committee had a brief meeting and with acclamation nominated Ellen Scalettar as its candidate for first selectman, making the ballot whole again. People who had already returned absentee ballots will need to start over again, Ciarleglio said. A form can be downloaded from the Town website, www.woodbridge.org.

First Selectman

Scalettar will be facing off with Cathy Wick for the position of First Selectman. A lawyer by profession, Scalettar currently is the director of policy, research and legislation for the state Senate president. In that position, she manages the policy department and researches the data requested by caucus members. In an interview at Democratic headquarters last week she said if elected she would give up her position in Hartford to devote herself full-time to the business of the town.

Scalettar moved to Woodbridge in 1990. She served on the Woodbridge Plan and Zoning Commission and for three terms as state representative from the 114th District. She also had a stint on the Board of Selectmen from 2006-2008, but had to resign at that time because the Senate work took too much time.

State Sen. Joseph Crisco, who was at Democratic headquarters when the nomination was made, said with the state budget currently is in such difficult straights, it is important for the town to have an official who understands the complexity of state budgeting. "We could do no better than with Ellen Scalettar," he said.

Scalettar vowed to uphold Ed Sheehy's legacy. She wants to win this election "for Ed and for the Sheehys. We're the Sheehy legacy," she told fellow

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Beth Heller Appointed First Selectman

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The Woodbridge Board of Selectmen Thursday, April 25, unanimously appointed Beth Heller to be the acting first selectman until June 30. The action became necessary after Ed Sheehy, the town's first selectman, died unexpectedly earlier that week.

With emotions very close to the surface, a teary-eyed board, many town employees and residents attended the brief appointment and swearing-in in the Town Hall main meeting room. "The town has an obligation to its residents — the town needs a first selectman," said Democrat Laurence Groother in nominating Heller to finish out Sheehy's term.



Beth Heller

Woodbridge has municipal elections on May 6, with a new board being seated in July. Heller has served on the board since December 2008, after having served on many town commissions, including chairman of the Fire Commission. The vote was unanimous and was met with applause from the audience.

The two outgoing Republicans on the board, Tom Kenefick and Greg Coyne, thanked Heller for stepping up to the plate in a time of need. Heller in turn thanked her fellow selectmen, saying "it is with a heavy heart that I agreed to assume the position," and pledging to follow Ed Sheehy's legacy "of wise and steady leadership".

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Ellie Sheehy, supported by her children, friends, family members and hundreds of townspeople, bid farewell to her husband, the late First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy.

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Little did I know that this was the last time I would see the license plate Woodbridge 477," Giglietti said.

Democrat or Republican, the town was shaken up by the news, which came at a crucial time leading up to the municipal elections. Both parties suspended campaigning for the rest of the week, the Republicans removed the lawn signs and covered the oversized ones with a black cloth. The Vote for Ed lawn signs stayed up out of respect for the family, and three of the candidates, Karen Kravetz, Christianne Jaffe and Lisa Connor decorated them with a black ribbon. "He did enjoy the rough and tumble of being in the political arena," Sheehy's wife, Ellie, said in her eulogy. "He didn't have a hobby. His hobby was politics."

The life-long Democrat grew up in Ansonia in a Catholic home of Irish ancestry. The middle name, Maum, was that of his paternal grandmother, Ellie Sheehy explained. He was a proud son of the Valley, she said, adding that background creates a strong bond.

Even those who opposed him politically came to pay their respects this week. "Ed was a good man with many friends who served Woodbridge selflessly for many years," wrote Cathy Wick, his opponent in this campaign. "He will be deeply missed."

At the emergency selectmen meeting Thursday, April 25, at which the board appointed Beth Heller to take the reigns as First Selectman until the end of the term June 30. Republican Selectman Tom Kenefick paid tribute to Sheehy, calling him his mentor. "Sometimes it felt like talking to my father," Kenefick said, his voice thick with emotion. "He was a great man." Even though they represented different parties on the board, Kenefick said he could always talk to Sheehy. "We wouldn't always agree, but he would listen to me, I will miss Ed tremendously."

Hundreds lined up for the wake at Assumption Church, among them US Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. There were people who knew him from the baseball field, personal friends from the Valley, and colleagues from the different Bar Associations he belonged to.

Baseball was his passion, Ellie said, calling him "a long-suffering Mets fan. I could not get him on a plane to go to Europe," she said. "But he'd jump on a plane anywhere for a baseball game."

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Woodbridge Rotary Club Installs New Member

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently installed Jason Beffert as a new member. Jason is the General Manager of the Country Club of Woodbridge. He started in that position in 2012 and is looking forward to bringing more excitement to the Club in 2013. Jason grew up in Montana and holds a degree in marketing from the University of Idaho. He became a PGA member in 2007.

While moving to Connecticut was a big change, Jason enjoys Woodbridge tremendously; specifically he likes working with the town residents to help them enjoy some time away from work at the golf course or at the pool. Jason is looking to bring energy and support to the Woodbridge Rotary Club and the community of Woodbridge. Jason and his wife live in Stratford.



Jason Beffert

The Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The Woodbridge Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Rd., Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday for the month at 12:15 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Ave., New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email annadickerson@yahoo.com.

Woodbridge Rotary Club Fundraiser

The Woodbridge Rotary Club is planning a fundraiser an "Evening of Wine, Beer and Horses" on Thursday, May 23rd, 5:30 p.m.-7:30p.m. at the Country Club of Woodbridge, 50 Woodfield Road, Woodbridge. The event will also feature a Silent Auction.

Proceeds will benefit Blackhorse 4 Heroes and the various other Woodbridge Rotary Community Projects. Blackhorse 4 Heroes works with military veterans through the unique discipline of driven equine sport. A veteran's problems seem to disappear when they're driving a carriage and communicating with the horse. Whether physically impaired or able-bodied, once a veteran has reins in hand, the horse and the veteran become equal partners; horses don't notice handicaps. Veterans who have physical disabilities can use a carriage specially adapted to accept a wheelchair. In addition, those with PTSD learn to reduce stress and relax through the physical exercise of carriage driving.

The Woodbridge Rotary Club sponsors several other community projects such as sponsoring the DARE graduation lunch for 6th graders of Beecher Road School, providing dictionaries to third grade students and Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need in Bethany, Woodbridge and Westville, sponsoring a Christmas holiday party for a cottage at Southbury Training School, a holiday party for members of the Woodbridge Senior Center, providing poinsettias to those who are homebound and several clean-up projects in the community.

Tickets for the event are \$30 and can be reserved by calling Carol Yingling at 203-208-6272 or email: carolyingling@gmail.com.

JCL's Volunteer Appreciation Reception Planned

Volunteers are the cornerstone of the Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) and the annual Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Reception, scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd, 9:30 A.M., at the JCC in Woodbridge, is just one way JCL can show thanks. This year, the volunteer appreciation reception, which is open to everyone, not just volunteers, will feature keynote speaker Mary Ann Hoberman, Children's Poet Laureate and the critically acclaimed author of more than forty books for children, including *A House is a House for Me*, winner of a National Book Award. Hoberman, who lives in Greenwich, Conn., is the 2003 recipient of the Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children, given by the National Council of Teachers of English.

There are more than 165 JCL reading partners – a diverse group of volunteers from different faiths, educational backgrounds and experiences who commit one hour a week to read one-on-one with assigned students. JCL pairs volunteers and students to share the pleasures of reading and conversation with each other to form nurturing relationships. JCL is an award winning-project of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

Educators from JCL's seven partner New Haven public schools and other local children's literacy advocates are invited to attend the reception to honor JCL reading partners for donating their precious time and for sharing their love of reading and learning with students who, in turn, have the opportunity to practice expressing their opinion to an interested adult. JCL's programs are open to the community without charge.

For more information about becoming a JCL reading partner or about the reception, contact Brenda Brenner at bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org or (203)387-2424x308.

Garden Club to Meet

The Garden Club of Woodbridge meeting, Tuesday, May 7th. Please join us for "Underutilized and Exceptional Native Trees and Shrub" presented by Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. The meeting will be held at the First Church of Christ at 5 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge. It will begin at 11:45am with some light refreshments and the lecture to follow at about 12:30pm. The meeting is open to the public and admission is \$5.00.

The Garden Club of Woodbridge will be holding a **Spring Plant Sale** just in time for Mother's Day. Come to our "Celebrate Spring" event on Saturday, May 11th, 10:00am-3pm, at Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road in Woodbridge. We will have a huge selection of plants from our members' gardens as well as a variety of annuals in flats, containers, and hanging baskets that you can purchase to spruce up your gardens or give for Mother's Day gifts.

Cub Scout Pack 18 Earth Day Cleanup Event

On Sunday, April 21, Cub Scout Pack 18 picked up trash along Racebrook Road and in the woods between Wedgewood Drive and just past the Orange line. (Much of the trash is in the woods.)

The young scouts made signs to place alongside the road to raise awareness of the blight of litter in the community and the need to keep our Home clean. In December they cleaned up the grounds and adjacent woods of a school many of them attend. They hope their activities on Sunday, April 21st, in honor of Earth Day will inspire others to share their concern for the environment and pitch in, not pitch garbage out the window.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Safety Course

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-11 is offering a safe boating and personal watercraft course from 8 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday, May 4, 2013. In a one-day classroom format, attendees will learn general information about boats and maintenance, navigation rules and aids to navigation, what to do in case of boating emergencies and Connecticut-specific law and regulations. Individuals who successfully complete this course will qualify for the Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The class will be held at the West Haven Flotilla facility, 1 Kimberly Avenue, West Haven, CT. The course fee is \$60. For further information contact Charlie Phippen at (860) 828-5438 or (860) 916-3379, or visit www.a0142411.uscgaux.info. Walk-in registration on the day of training is also welcome.



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Former First Selectman Amey Marella and Republican First Selectman Candidate Cathy Wick.

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Democrats. What that entails is fiscal stewardship and inclusiveness, she said later. Like Sheehy, whom she considers a friend and a mentor, she would welcome all points of view. She would also work to maintain a high standard in the schools, she said. Scalettar said environmental protection is important to her. Like Wick, she is a member of Massaro Farm, which she considers a treasure for this town. There are so many state grants available for energy conservation, she would like to take full advantage of that, she said.

The Republican Party and its candidate, Cathy Wick, suspended campaigning last week out of respect for the deceased and his family. They removed lawn signs and covered the oversized ones with black cloth. Although she is facing a different opponent, Wick said the central campaign message has not changed. “We maintain that it’s time for the town to control spending,” she wrote in an email. In the campaign materials sent to townspeople, she points out how the town’s budget has grown since Ed Sheehy became first selectman, increasing from \$14.9 million in 2007 by \$4.8 million to \$19.7 million in 2013. The town needs to develop and implement a long-range plan for the

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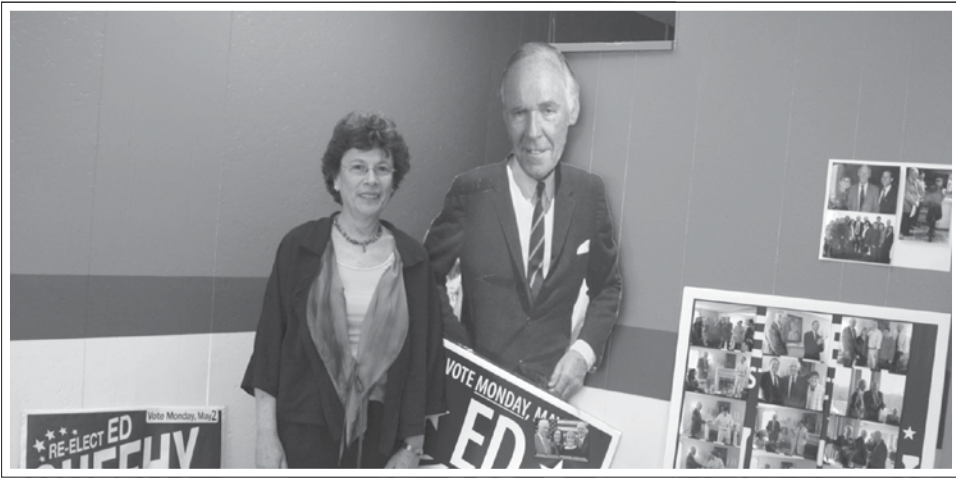
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Democratic Candidate Ellen Scalettar stands next to cut-out of First Selectman Ed Sheehy.

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Town-owned Country Club of Woodbridge, she said. If elected, she would strive to raise the standard of oversight and accountability in Town government at all levels, she said.

Scalettar would not comment on the future of the Country Club, saying she would have to research the data first. “That’s what I do, that’s what I’m really good at,” she said.

Board of Selectmen

As to the other members of the Board of Selectmen, there are six candidates — three of each party — for five available seats. The Democrats, represented by Laurence Grotheer, Susan Jacobs and Beth Heller, are all incumbents. The Republicans fielded challengers George Giering, Joseph Dey and Anthony Anastasio Jr. Voters can vote for three of the six candidates.

Woodbridge Board of Education

The Woodbridge Board of Education also will see significant turnover. As it is for the Board of Selectmen, there are six names on the ballot, of which the five highest vote getters will be seated. Voters will vote for three of the six names. Only one of the six candidates is an incumbent, Steven Fleischman. Not running again are Sheila McCreven, David Barkin, Clotilde Smith and Yan Wu. Four current board members are not up for re-election until 2015.

Amity Board of Education

Two of the four Woodbridge delegates to the Regional Board of Education are up for election this year. There are four candidates on the ballot for the two positions. Democrats Rita Gedansky and Pat Cardozo have served on the board for many years and are running again. Challenging them are Robert Wiznia and Paul Testa. Voters can vote for two of the four candidates.

Zoning Board of Appeals

For the Zoning Board of Appeals, the parties have three candidates each for five available seats. Incumbents are the three Democrats, Henry Nusbaum, current chairman; Mark Levine and John Santucci. The two Republicans on the board, Lynn Piascyk and David Speranzini, are not running for re-election. Instead, Cynthia Gibbons, Chris Dickerson and Garrett Luciani are running for this board.

The vote will also be for one of three alternates. Two candidates are running for alternate, Pat Madden (R) and Aldon Hynes (D).

Board of Assessment Appeals

The Board of Assessment Appeals receives residents’ appeal of their property assessment. The board typically meets in September and March. There are only three people seated on this board, and two of them are up for re-election. Both parties have one candidate, incumbent Scott Zavatkay on the Republican ticket and Sheila McCreven on the Democratic line. The third person on the board is Henry Nusbaum. His term is not up until 2015.

Polls Open from 6a.m. to 8 p.m.

Polls are open at the Center gym from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Unlike for the state Legislature, there will only be one district and one voting machine. Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio said the town is a test site for computer-generated reporting of election results.

In the past, the moderator had to fill out paperwork with all the election results after a 16-hour day at the polls. The Town Clerk would then take the hand-written report to the State Police barracks in Bethany. They would, in turn, take the paperwork to Hartford. All of that will now be done electronically, Ciarleglio said.

Orange Selectman Mitch Goldblatt, who attended Friday’s wake, said he had known Ed Sheehy for over 30 years. When Sheehy became first selectman in 2006, “it was a culmination of a long, distinguished career,” Goldblatt said. “He was always a gentleman, always thoughtful and will be missed not only in Woodbridge but all Amity towns and the entire greater New Haven area.

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June 7th	June 14th
June 25th	<i>Independence Day Issue - July 2nd</i>

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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

I saw Sweeney Todd in Boston years ago with Angela Lansbury and was repulsed by it, it's 'message' lost to my sensitivities. The fact that it's "one of the most produced shows in high schools across the country" suggests that was an influence in the decision. When given the chance to make an independent choice, perhaps The Amity Regional High School drama program would reconsider producing this bloody and repulsive tale of repeated and methodical murder, and consider performing something uplifting and positive, which I personally feel would better provide an evening of entertainment.

Other wonderful and challenging possibilities they may consider: Carousel, South Pacific, Damn Yankees, Mamma Mia, Oklahoma, Brigadoon to name a few.

Corrine Schlessel

To the Editor

My wife, Jill, and the founder of Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson, have more in common than being from Wisconsin. You may see my wife walking the streets of Woodbridge almost on a daily basis. She loves exercising and doing yoga, but walking around Woodbridge is a favorite activity.

I was born Woodbridge, and I grew up here riding my bike, playing in the woods and fields in town. Jill often comes home and tells me about the abundance of trash she sees along our Woodbridge streets. This year, like Gaylord Nelson, she decided she would do something about taking care of the earth.

She went to see First Selectman Sheehy and explained her concerns. He immediately responded and invited her to take action by becoming involved in Rid Litter Day on April 20, 2013. The town has donated 500 trash bags and Jill worked with local Boy Scouts and others to place bright yellow stickers on the bags. Earth Day was Monday, April 22 and the town Public Works picked up bags of trash collected during that weekend of 4/20-22 on that Monday.

This past winter we had a snowfall of greater than 3' in one day. Can you remember being trapped in your house? How wonderful that we can all now get out and enjoy our beautiful town. Can you help us clean up Woodbridge by cleaning up your own property and neighborhood? Then we can all enjoy Spring and Summer, outdoors in our trash-free community.

Bruce D. Schaefer

To the Editor

I have known Cathy for more than 12 years and know she will be a terrific First Selectman. She will bring much-needed energy, focus, and inclusiveness to the job. Cathy will engage all residents in a long-overdue discussion of our Town's priorities. Her fresh perspective will help her identify all options for achieving the proper balance between top-quality community life and fiscal prudence. Please join me in voting for Cathy on Monday, May 6th.

Amy Marrella; Woodbridge First Selectman 2001-2006

I have worked on a number of open space protection issues with Cathy Wick in recent years. She strikes me as someone who works intelligently and thoroughly to bring about the protection and preservation of values which I believe the Woodbridge community holds dear. She would be a good leader, with vision, and work hard to bring the people of Woodbridge together.

*Peter B. Cooper; Partner, Cooper, Whitney, Cochran & Francois
Co-Founder, Yale Environmental Law Clinic
Nature Conservancy Environmental Hero for Connecticut*

Cathy Wick is an excellent choice for Woodbridge First Selectman. The Independent Party is about bringing honest, open, non-partisan problem solving to government; these are Cathy's goals for Woodbridge. As a registered Unaffiliated voter, she has what more towns in our state need, a fresh perspective on government, energy and a willingness to serve all the residents of her town. I endorse Cathy Wick and her platform for the town of Woodbridge and urge all Independent Party members, Unaffiliated voters and every voter of Woodbridge to give her your support in her efforts to bring you open and honest town government.

Mike Telesca; State Chairman, Independent Party of CT

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EDUCATION

Glusac Named "Student of the Month"

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Amity High School student Christina Glusac as Student of the Month. Ms. Glusac, a resident of Woodbridge, is a junior at Amity High School. Ms. Glusac was presented with a certificate of recognition signed by Woodbridge Rotary President Anna Dickerson.

"Ms. Glusac is a well-rounded and kind young woman," stated Alison Stack, the Guidance Counselor who nominated her. She is at the top of her class academically and takes a rigorous curriculum at Amity. She is a member of the International Thespian Honor Society, National French Honor Society, Vice President-Elect of the Girls Helping Girls Club of Amity, Link Crew member, and a member of the Student Government. Her academic interests are Math and Science.



Tina Glusac

Christina volunteers her time as a peer tutor helping underclassman in their academics. In addition, Christina is a long time member of Amity's varsity field hockey team.

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I have worked with Cathy for the past 9 years on the Beecher Road School facilities committee and together we have collaborated to provide expertise and advice to the Board of Education and the Administration to greatly improve the buildings and grounds. Cathy's dedication to Woodbridge is evidenced by her tireless volunteerism, her level headed approach to controversial town issues and her tenacity to get things done right! Cathy puts the collective interests of Woodbridge first and that is why I whole-heartedly endorse her for the office of First Selectman.

*David Barkin; Woodbridge Board of Education 2005-2013
Chairman, WBOE facilities committee*

I am honored to be Cathy's campaign Treasurer because I believe that her ideas will provide real leadership for Woodbridge. We need a more open, transparent government so residents can feel confident that decision-making is not a closed process made by a select few. Cathy believes as I do that high taxes are not a potential problem but a current problem that is harming property values and forcing longtime residents to leave town. Finally, Cathy is frustrated with the lack of planning on major issues like the Country Club, which is experiencing significant operating losses. We can no longer afford to be this far off course. I hope you will join me and vote for Cathy Wick on May 6th.

Greg Coyne; Woodbridge Board of Selectmen, 2011-13

Cathy Wick has shown an unfailing commitment to supporting conservation and preservation in Woodbridge. Her work is thorough and hands-on; she has a sharp intelligence, yet she is both fair and kind. Recently, I have witnessed Cathy's common-sense approach and diplomacy while serving with her on the board of directors of the Massaro Community Farm. Cathy is a natural-born leader with a fresh vision for Woodbridge; that is why I wholeheartedly endorse her for First Selectman.

Maria Kayne; Chair, Woodbridge Conservation Commission

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First Selectman

Catherine L. Wick (U)*

A leader for ALL of Woodbridge, Registered Unaffiliated Voter
Woodbridge Resident since 1997

FAMILY

Married to Robert McLean, M.D.
Two sons, Beecher graduates

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.A., Williams College; English and History
Career in academic publishing; Editor, college textbooks in Economics and Psychology

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- UConn Master Gardener, 2001
- Owner, Second Nature Garden Design, 2001-present
- Woodbridge Board of Ed Facilities Committee, 2002-2011, PTO representative, 2011-present, at large member
- Woodbridge Superintendent's Cafeteria Committee, 2005
- Woodbridge Watershed Protection Advisory Committee, 2006
- Woodbridge Garden Club Board of Directors, 2000-present
- Massaro Community Farm Board of Directors, 2011-present
- Woodbridge Park Association Board of Directors, 2011-present
- Woodbridge Land Trust Board of Directors, 2011-present
- Woodbridge Soccer Club; Coach, Manager, Division Coordinator, 2000-2009
- Sleeping Giant Pony Club, 2003-2011; Secretary, VP and President
- Boy Scout Troop 907; Adult Leader 2010-present



Cathy L. Wick

Board of Selectmen

Anthony F. Anastasio, Jr.

Lifelong area resident; 1983 graduate of Amity High School

FAMILY

Married to Lisa Oak
Two Sons; Beecher graduates and Amity students

EDUCATION AND CAREER

1987 ~ Graduated Niagara University with BS degree in business
Experienced investment broker for John Hancock

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Longtime Member of the Board of Directors, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southwestern Connecticut
- For over 10 years, volunteered in community programs as a baseball coach and Youth Services Program participant
- 2011 ~ Volunteer of the year, Woodbridge Connecticut
- WFBL Coach; 2002-Present
- Woodbridge Justice of the Peace



Anthony F. Anastasio, Jr.

Board of Selectmen

Joseph S. Dey III, J.D.

Woodbridge resident since 1968; Beecher and Amity graduate

FAMILY

Married to Deirdre Gremmy Dey
Three daughters; Beecher and Amity graduates

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., University of Connecticut Business Administration
J.D., University of Bridgeport School of Law
Private Practice ~ Attorney / Partner with several area firms, 1985 - 2006

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- George J. Smith & Son Insurance Vice President
- United Way of Milford Board of Directors
- Amity Board of Education; 2003 - 2007; Chairman, Building Committee for \$90M renovation



Joseph S. Dey III, J.D.

Board of Selectmen

George F. Giering

Woodbridge resident since 1969

FAMILY

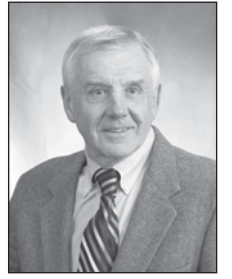
Married to Geraldine Giering
One son; Beecher and Amity graduate

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., Norwich University ~ Business Administration
U.S. Army Officer; 1965-1969 Reserve Officer 1969 - 1973
Principal, Giering Metal Finishing; Hamden and Waterbury

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Woodbridge Board of Selectmen; 1981 - 1991
- Woodbridge Board of Finance, 2002 - 2007
- Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League; Coach 1987 - 1989
- Woodbridge Inland Wetlands Agency; 1974 - 1981, Chair 1978 - 1981



George F. Giering

Woodbridge Board of Education

Steven J. Fleischman, M.D.

Woodbridge resident since 2004

FAMILY

Married to Woodbridge native Andrea Fleischman
Four children; 3 at Beecher, 1 at Amity Regional Middle School-Bethany

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.A., Washington University, St. Louis
M.D., Albany Medical College
Yale University School of Medicine; Residency in OB/GYN, currently Associate Clinical Professor
Yale New Haven Hospital; Associate Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Connecticut State Medical Society; Chairman, Board of Directors
- New Haven County Medical Association; Past President
- Woodbridge Board of Education; 2009-present, current Board Vice-Chair and Chairman, Finance Committee



Steven J. Fleischman, M.D.

Woodbridge Board of Education

Timothy M. Kelley (U)*

Woodbridge resident since 2004

FAMILY

Married to Patricia Kelley
Two children currently at Beecher

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., WPI, Mechanical Engineering
MBA, Babson College, Marketing and Finance
Prior Career in Manufacturing Engineering, Product Manager for semiconductor test equipment

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Executive Board Member Beecher PTO; Vice President of Community Support, & Chairman of Annual Ice Cream Social
- Woodbridge Club Board of Directors 2008-2011; Vice President 2009-2010



Timothy M. Kelley

WTN ELECTION 2013 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Woodbridge Board of Education

Keri Adams Matthews

Lifelong Woodbridge resident

FAMILY

Married to Jason Matthews, J.D.
Two children currently at Beecher
Beecher Road School, Hopkins School graduate

EDUCATION AND CAREER

- B.S. Tufts University; Clinical Psychology
- Yale University, Research Systems Programmer
- Professor of Computer Science, Sacred Heart University; 2001 – present



*Keri Adams
Matthews*

Woodbridge Board of Education

Paul A. Testa, J.D.

Lifelong Woodbridge resident
Beecher and Amity Graduate

FAMILY

Married to Stephanie Testa
One daughter, Beecher graduate, graduating from Amity this year. Two sons, current Beecher students

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., Quinnipiac University, Business Management
J.D., Quinnipiac University School of Law
Attorney, Littler Mendelson, P.C.

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- BethWood Baseball League, Coach 2010 – present
- BethWood Softball League, previous Coach and Board member



*Paul A. Testa,
J.D.*

Woodbridge Board of Education

Robert A. Wiznia, M.D.

Woodbridge resident since 1980

FAMILY

Married to Carolann Wiznia
Three children; Beecher and Amity graduates

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.A., Yale University
M.D., New York University School of Medicine
Physician specializing in Ophthalmology; vitreoretinal diseases and surgery

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Yale University School of Medicine; Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Science
- Yale-New Haven Hospital; Attending Ophthalmologist
- New York University School of Medicine Alumni Association; President



*Robert A.
Wiznia, M.D.*

Zoning Board of Appeals

Bernard (Pat) Madden

Woodbridge Resident 1970 to 1982, 2006 to present

FAMILY

Married to Deborah Madden

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.A., Yale University
MBA, University of New Haven
Advest Trust Company, President and CEO (retired)

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- State Senator representing Woodbridge,
- Board Member, Tennis Foundation of Connecticut
- Board Member, Yale Club of New Haven
- Treasurer, Woodbridge First Church of Christ



*Bernard (Pat)
Madden*

Board Of Assessment Appeals

Scott J. Zavatkey

Woodbridge resident since 2007

FAMILY

Married to Rima Aouad
One son; Beecher student

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., Central Connecticut State University; Marketing
Partner, RetirementPlus Financial Solutions, LLC.

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Woodbridge Board of Assessment Appeals; 2011-present



Scott J. Zavatkey

Zoning Board Of Appeals

Christopher R. Dickerson

Lifelong Woodbridge resident
Center School, Beecher School & Amity Graduate

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.A., Trinity College
Owner, The Woodbridge Running Company, 1999-present

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Quinnipiac University, Assistant Cross Country & Track Coach, 2009-present
- Woodbridge Board of Selectmen, 2005-2007
- Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission, 2007-2009
- Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals, 1995-2005 and 2011-present, including two years as Chairman 2004-2005
- Woodbridge Government Access Television Commission, 2010-present
- Woodbridge Park Association, Director, past President 2007-2009, currently serving as Treasurer – 2011-present
- Chairman, Woodbridge Traffic Committee (ad hoc committee reporting to Police Commission) 2010-present



*Christopher R.
Dickerson*

Zoning Board of Appeals

Cynthia L. Gibbons

Lifelong Woodbridge resident; Beecher and Amity graduate

EDUCATION AND CAREER

B.S., Quinnipiac University; Accounting
MBA, Quinnipiac University; concentration in Healthcare Administration
Masonicare, Inc.; Finance Director

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Town of Prospect CT; Chairman of the Town Council, Treasurer and member of the Board of Assessment Appeals
- Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals; 2007-2011



*Cynthia L.
Gibbons*

Zoning Board of Appeals

Garett Luciani (U)*

Lifelong Woodbridge resident

FAMILY

Married to Amy Luciani
Two children currently at Beecher

EDUCATION AND CAREER

Graduate of Quinnipiac College
Peoples United Bank; 1999-present, currently VP, Financial Service Manager

WORK AND AFFILIATIONS

- Woodbridge Economic Development Commission, 2009-present
- New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Woodbridge Business Council
- Graduate, New Haven Chamber of Commerce Leadership Center
- Awarded "40 under 40" by Business Times Magazine
- Volunteer for United Way through Peoples United Bank sponsored events



Garett Luciani

WTN ELECTION 2013 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

First Selectman

Ellen Scalettar

Ellen Scalettar, an experienced local leader and budget specialist, is the new Democratic candidate for First Selectman in Woodbridge. She is currently the Director of Policy, Research and Legislation for the president of the Connecticut state Senate; she was a member of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen from 2006 until 2008.

Scalettar is widely known and highly regarded for her tenure as a state Representative, advocating for residents of Woodbridge and the rest of the 114th District from 1993 through 1998. Prior to her current responsibilities, Ellen was a Senior Policy Fellow for Connecticut Voices for Children, and she was an Assistant State Treasurer.

Scalettar is an attorney and has been a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School. She also worked as an attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency.

Past volunteer commitments include board of director positions at Griffin Hospital, Planned Parenthood of Connecticut's Public Policy Fund, and the Anti-Defamation League. Ellen and her husband Robert Scalettar, M.D., have been Woodbridge residents since 1990 - they have two grown children.



Ellen Scalettar

Board of Selectman

Susan Jacobs

Susan L. Jacobs is running for re-election to the Board of Selectmen, after many years of service to the town in a variety of elected and appointed positions. Previous to her election to the BOS in 2011, Susan served for four years on the Amity Regional Board of Education where she had been Chair of the Amity Finance Committee from 2009-11.

Previously, Susan served as an appointed member of the town's Inland Wetlands Commission from 1992-93, and was an elected member of the Woodbridge Board of Education from 1993-96, serving as Chair of both its Facilities Committee and its Ad Hoc Regional Education Committee. During her time on the WBOE, she was also an appointed member of the Building Committee for the Kindergarten Wing addition to Beecher Road School.

Susan was a co-founder of the Woodbridge Child Center and served as its General Counsel from 1990-92. From 1998-2000, she was Chair of the Town Library Building Committee, and was the Democratic candidate for First Selectman of Woodbridge in 2001.

She and her husband Stephen Skowronek have lived in Woodbridge since 1986, and have raised two sons who have graduated from the Amity school system. Susan maintains a solo law practice specializing in all aspects of domestic law, as well as residential and commercial land use, including zoning, administrative law and environmental law. She is also a Certified Mediator, and a member of the Connecticut Bar Association as well as the association's Family Law Section.

Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UCLA, attended the College of William & Mary's Marshall Wyeth School of Law summer program at the University of Exeter in England, and graduated with her Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, CA.

Since 1992, Susan has also been a performer with B'nai Jacob Players Community Theater, where she has played leading and supporting roles in numerous musical and non-musical productions. She also enjoys tennis, gardening and cooking.



Susan Jacobs

Board of Selectman

Beth Heller

Incumbent candidate Beth Heller has been a member of the Board of Selectmen since 2008. She is currently the First Selectman of Woodbridge, having been appointed on April 25 to fill out the term of recently deceased First Selectman Edward Sheehy, which will end June 30, 2013.

She is also a member of the Woodbridge Firehouse Building and Restoration Committee (since 2000), and a member of the Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF). Prior to joining the Board of Selectmen, she served for a decade as the elected Democratic Registrar of Voters.

Ms. Heller was a member of the Woodbridge Board of Fire Commissioners (1998-2008), and served as its Chair from 1999 until her appointment as a Selectman. She was a member of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association Auxiliary (2002-2008), and also served as Chair of the Woodbridge Community Council, Secretary of the Woodbridge Library Commission, and a member of the Woodbridge Siting Council. She is a member of the Amity League of Women Voters (since 1992).

Ms. Heller also served as Treasurer of the Beecher Road School PTO and the Amity Middle School - Bethany PTO, and was active in the Amity High School PTSA. She has been married for 36 years to Dr. Allen Heller. Their three adult sons are graduates of the Woodbridge and Amity Regional School districts.

In addition to her civic responsibilities, Ms. Heller is an active member of Congregation Mishkan Israel, serving on its Board of Trustees, its Executive Committee, and chairing its Membership Committee. Ms. Heller is a graduate of the Roger Williams School of Nursing (R.N.) and previously worked as a Charge Nurse and Patient Educator at Roger Williams General Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, and as a Charge Nurse in the Telemetry Unit at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.



Beth Heller

Board of Selectman

Laurence Grotheer

Incumbent candidate Laurence C. Grotheer has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen since March 2010. He is currently the Selectmen's liaison to the Recreation and the Library commissions. Previously, he was appointed to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission in 2005, and then became a member of the Board of Finance in 2006.

Mr. Grotheer is employed as a Press Secretary for members of the Connecticut State Senate. With a thorough understanding of key issues around our state, Laurence also keeps himself apprised of issues important to the town of Woodbridge.

He has been a resident of Woodbridge with his wife, Jeanette, since 1996. Together, they have two children who graduated from Beecher Road School and now attend Amity High School. Laurence is involved with various community groups including the Regional Cable Advisory Council, and formerly was a member of the Woodbridge Land Trust where he served on the board of directors. Laurence also volunteered as a grade level Coordinator for the Woodbridge Soccer Club and was a devoted soccer coach to both his son's team as well as his daughter's. He has also sung with the Greater New Haven Community Chorus.

Prior to his employment with the State Senate, Laurence was a reporter with News Channel 12, Connecticut, and he helped establish the Bridgeport Bluefish professional baseball team. Laurence received his BA in English from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.



Laurence Grotheer

Board of Education

Karen Baldwin Kravetz

Karen Baldwin Kravetz is an attorney running for a seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education after many years of involvement as a parent at Beecher Road School. She is a partner, since 2007, in the New Haven law firm Susman, Duffy & Segaloff, P.C. where she has worked from 2001 to the present, after previously working for the firm from 1998 to 2000. She specializes in municipal and professional liability defense.

Karen and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Kravetz, moved to Woodbridge in 2006 and their two daughters attend Beecher Road School, in the 5th and 2nd grades. Karen has been active as a parent at Beecher and also volunteers her time as a Girl Scout Leader for Troop 61009 where she is also a Service Unit Delegate for Girl Scouts of Connecticut. She has also been a volunteer with the American Heart Association and was a member of its Executive Committee for the New Haven Area Heartwalk in 2012. Karen is also a Past President of the Woodbridge Child Center Board of Directors.

Karen received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law. She is a member of the American, Connecticut, and New Haven County Bar Associations.

Karen is pleased with the quality of education her children are receiving at Beecher and says, "I want to give back by serving the Beecher Road School and Woodbridge community, and by doing what I can to ensure that the great things that are happening are supported and continued. I also want to be part of the effort to tackle the difficult issues facing our community, and all communities in the coming years, including budgetary challenges, curriculum changes and safety and security."



Karen Baldwin Kravetz

Board of Education

Chris Jaffe

Christianne Dimassis Jaffe is running for a seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education after years of involvement as a parent of students at Beecher Road School. She has been very active in the Beecher Road School PTO where she has served as Co-Chair of the Halloween HOOT, a popular fundraiser and community-building event, for the past three years (2010-2012).

Chris is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse currently employed with Gastroenterology Center of Connecticut as a Nurse Practitioner. Her previous employment experience includes working with several artificial heart companies as a Research Consultant, as Study Coordinator for the Medical Research Center of Connecticut, and Heart and Lung Transplant Coordinator at University Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona.

Chris and her husband Dr. Philip Jaffe moved to Woodbridge in 2007 and have a son in 6th grade at Beecher as well as daughter who is an Amity High School Sophomore. Chris studied at the University of Arizona where she received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology with Distinction, and her Master of Science in Nursing with Highest Distinction.

Her hobbies and interests include classical piano, photography, and skiing. She is also an active member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and the Women's Professional Group of New Haven. In addition, she volunteers her time with the American Liver Foundation, where she served on the organizing committee for their "Flavors" fundraising event in 2010 and 2011. Also in 2011, she volunteered as Fundraising Co-Chair for the Kate Foundation.

Chris says that quality of education has been an important factor in her own professional success. She is running for Woodbridge Board of Education because she believes Beecher is "a wonderful school that provides our children not only with state of the art education but also motivation and love for learning. I want to support that environment and help to provide our children with a solid foundation with which to pursue their future endeavors."



Chris Jaffe

WTN ELECTION 2013 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Board of Education

Lisa Giglio Connor

Lisa is running for a seat on the Woodbridge Board of Education. She is an attorney specializing in corporate law, having worked for Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City. She and her family moved to Woodbridge in 2009.

Lisa and her husband J.D. have two children; their son is an 8th grader at Amity Middle School-Bethany, and their daughter is now a 5th grader at Beecher Road School after participating in Beecher's MultiAge Group (MAG) program.

In addition to volunteering in the classroom at Beecher, Lisa has been actively involved in the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Troop 61099 where she has served in the role of outdoor leader since 2009.

Lisa earned her undergraduate (Artium Baccalaureus) degree at Harvard College and her Juris Doctor at Georgetown University Law Center.

Lisa is running for public office out of a desire to contribute to her local community, saying "I believe educating our children well is deeply important not only to them and their future but to our communities and country as well. I'm eager to support the school administration in continuing to provide the high-quality educational experience that first drew my family to Woodbridge and in fostering thoughtful and energized learning spaces while meeting the challenges of an ever-changing world."



Lisa Giglio
Connor

Board of Education

Rita Gedansky

Rita is running for a fourth term on the Amity Board of Education. She was first appointed to fill a vacancy in 1999 and has been elected three times, serving a total of 14 years already. She is a retired 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, having been with the Amity System for 15 years after more than 10 years of teaching in other schools in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

She and her husband Stanley moved to Woodbridge in 1972 and their four children, Steven, Susan, Matthew and Beth, are all graduates of Amity High School. While her children were Amity students, Rita was an active member of PTA at Amity Junior High - Bethany campus, where she served as President.

Rita earned her bachelors degree in English and her masters in education from Syracuse University. She is currently taking piano lessons and is the long-standing Co-Treasurer of the Amity Athletics Booster Club. She is also an active member of the Association of Retired School Teachers.

Rita and Stan have volunteered for the past 35 years to run a Middle School Basketball Tournament as a fund raiser to support Amity Athletics, and the couple has shared in the honor of being inducted into the Amity Booster Club Hall of Fame.

Rita is running for Amity Board of Education to continue her service to the community. She says, "As a former school teacher in the Amity System, and other schools, I am able to understand and relate to Administrators, Teachers, and Students from a unique perspective and work with them to better our schools."



Rita Gedansky

Board of Education

Pat Cardozo

Patricia Cardozo is running for a second term on the Amity Board of Education to which she was first elected in 2009. She serves as a member of the ABOE Personnel Committee and as Chair of its Facility Committee.

Pat has been a Realtor with Coldwell Banker since 2003, after a previous career in corporate training, including independent employment with Northeast Utilities, US West, Media One and Continental Cablevision. Pat previously worked as national training director for Century Communications, and as a manager of consumer services training with SNET. As a real estate agent, Pat has been awarded numerous accolades for her work on behalf of clients, including CT Magazine's Five Star Professional award, and is a member of the Coldwell Banker Sterling Society. She is also a certified negotiation expert, and accredited buyer representative.

Pat and her husband Mica Cardozo moved to Woodbridge in 1994 and have both been very active in the community. Mica serves on the Town's Economic Development Commission and, previous to her election to the Amity Board of Ed, Pat served on the Woodbridge Library Commission from 2007 to 2009. The couple have two daughters; Rachel, an Amity graduate and current sophomore at Bryant University, and Micaela, a freshman at Amity High School.

Pat received her Bachelors in communications from Southern CT State University and an MBA in marketing from the University of New Haven. Her hobbies include gardening and reading "anything not on a computer!" She is a dedicated book club member and ardent fan of the Woodbridge Library. She is also a past Habitat for Humanity volunteer and was a founding member of the Amity Cares chapter of this non-profit organization. She has also been active with the Garden Club of Woodbridge junior gardeners and served as publicity chair.

Pat describes excellence in education as the number one factor in her decision to move to Woodbridge nearly 20 years ago and says, "As an Amity Board member, I am committed to ensuring we provide the best public education experience possible for all of our children and to uphold the fine Amity tradition of excellence in academics, arts and athletics through unwavering focus on our district goals and mindful budget development."



Pat Cardozo

Board of Assessment Appeals

Sheila McCreven

Sheila McCreven is running for the Board of Assessment Appeals after completing two terms on the Woodbridge Board of Education to which she was first elected in 2005. While a member of the WBOE, she served as board Secretary from 2005-07 and Chairman from 2007-09. She led the negotiating team for several union contracts, was instrumental in the hiring of the current Superintendent, Special Education Director, Business Director, and Principal, and has been a member of three separate Building Committees to upgrade the Beecher facilities. Her term will conclude June 30, 2013.

She and her husband have lived in Woodbridge since 1997 and have three children who graduated from Beecher; the two youngest currently attend Amity High School and the eldest is a freshman at Syracuse University. In her spare time, she enjoys genealogy research and has traced her maternal lines back to several of the families who settled the town of Woodbridge in the 1660s

She brings a professional background in communications and public relations, as well as wide-ranging experience serving on the Board of Directors for several local non-profits, including the Amity Teen Center and the East Side Burying Ground Association. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Media Arts and Advertising from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.



Sheila McCreven

Zoning Board of Appeals

John Santucci

John P. Santucci is running for a third term on the Zoning Board of Appeals after many years of service on various boards and commissions in Woodbridge. He was a Hearing Officer from 2003 to 2007, a member of the Woodbridge Charter Revision Commission in 2004, and has served on the Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals since 2010.

John is a lawyer in private practice having earned his BSFS and his JD from Georgetown. His community involvement includes membership on the CBA Committee for Professional Responsibility from 1992 to 1996 and again from 2001 to 2010. In his spare time he also enjoys fly fishing.

John and his wife Sandra have lived in Woodbridge for 24 years and have two sons, Jack and Nick.



John Santucci

Zoning Board of Appeals

Harry Nusbaum

Incumbent candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals Henry J. Nusbaum, a physician at Bristol Hospital, is running for re-election in order to continue "to participate in making Woodbridge a better place to live by providing good governance," he says.

Dr. Nusbaum has lived in Woodbridge since 1999 with his wife, Judith Mambler, and their daughter, Gabrielle, a fourth grader at Beecher Road School. He also has two grown children, Josh and Juliet.

He received his BS from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, his MS from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, his PhD from MIT, and his MD from Albany Medical College. Dr. Nusbaum brings discerning analytical skills and great integrity to his volunteer work on the Zoning Board of Appeals.



Harry Nusbaum

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mark Levine

Mark Levine has many years of service to the town, including on the Zoning Board of Appeals where he is currently serving after being elected in 2011. He also serves as the Woodbridge representative to the Regional Water Authority Policy Board, to which he was appointed in 2012. Mark is a graduate of Providence College in Rhode Island.



Mark Levine

Zoning Board of Appeals

Aldon Hynes

Aldon Hynes has been very active in the Woodbridge community since moving here in 2007 with his wife Kim and their daughter Fiona. He currently serves on the Government Access Television Commission and in 2012 ran for State Representative in the 114th Assembly District which includes all of Woodbridge.

Aldon is the social media manager for the Community Health Center headquartered in Middletown, CT and is a member of the Connecticut Health Foundation's 2013 Health Leaders Fellowship Program.

Aldon continuously seeks to find new ways to promote civic engagement in all parts of government, including local zoning discussions.



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With Ray Spaziani

Wines for Mother's Day



A neighbor recently asked me to recommend a wine for his mom who was a devoted White Zin drinker. He is into good wines and he found an embarrassment to purchase such poor quality and poorly made wine. It pained him to serve the stuff, but he did so to make his mom happy. I told him to buy a Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and force her to try it. It is not a sweet wine but it is among the most exotic, vibrant, intensely flavored wines in the world! It is one my favorites. Sure enough she loved it. He is into big red wines, Bordeaux, Pino Noirs and Cabernet's. He tried it and he loved it as well!

Until recently, few wine drinkers, other than New Zealanders themselves, had ever tried a New Zealand wine. That changed abruptly in the mid-1980s, when a single wine, sauvignon blanc, put New Zealand on the international wine map-and deservedly so. The remote island of New Zealand was unknown to the western world until Abel Tasman, the Dutch sea captain after whom Tasmania was named, landed on the northern tip of the South Island in 1642. More than a century would pass before the next westerner ventured onto New Zealand's shores. In 1769 the English explorer Captain James Cook circumnavigated the islands. His explorations resulted in the British colonization of New Zealand and in the bond between the two countries that still exists today.

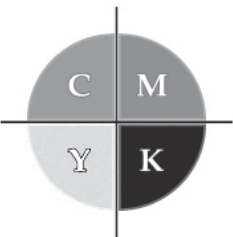
In 1819, almost 50 years later, an Anglican missionary named Samuel Marsden, planted the first grape vines. In 1839 Scotsman James Busby successfully made the country's first wines. Both men had written of the potential of a wine industry. There were many obstacles to the New Zealand wine industry. Inexperience, temperance movements, and various grape diseases all were hurdles the New Zealand wine industry needed to overcome. Finally, between 1994 and 1998 New Zealand's wine industry grew so much that the number of winemakers in the country jumped from 31 to 293!

Great New Zealand wines include Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Riesling. The grape that focused world attention on New Zealand wines is Sauvignon Blanc. Reds include Cabernet, Merlot and Pinot Noir. Some of my favorite Sauvignon Blancs include Cloudy Bay at about \$15.00, Oyster Bay and Monkey Bay both about \$10.00 are a great Mother's day treat! Bear and Grill on the post Road in Orange has a great wine Mother's Day special with Oyster Bay New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and Orach South African Shiraz at \$6.00 per glass and some great Spanish Cabs priced the same with some great food specials as well. See Nick the Owner- manager who makes sure your wining and dining will be a memorable event! So treat Mom to some great New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. You will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.

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AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 SCHOOL BUDGET

On Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Presentation Room at the District Offices, the Amity Board of Education (the "Board") will hold a District Meeting on its proposed 2013-2014 budget. The agenda for the evening will consist of the Board presentation explaining the increases and decreases to the budget. No vote will be taken at this meeting. A budget referendum will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, and voters are encouraged to participate.

The budget development process began in August. The Superintendent worked with his staff over a seven-month period. The Amity Finance Committee and Board of Education then worked on the budget during the months of January, February, March and April.

The total budget request of \$44,478,455 is an increase of \$865,293, or 1.98 percent above the current \$43,613,162 budget. The increase in the budget is due primarily to an increase of \$589,983 in salaries and \$127,362 in medical and dental insurance. All other accounts are increased by a total of \$147,948. The Board of Education has developed its budget with consideration of both current economic conditions and the District's "Missions-Goals-Objectives".

Salaries are based on 313.30 full-time equivalent positions (FTE). Contractual salary increases total \$721,436. The budget adds 1.6 full-time equivalent positions, including mandated special education staff and one-half security guard for the high school for \$71,476. The budget eliminates 3.2 FTE teaching positions at a savings of \$234,323. Overall, salaries will increase by \$589,983.

Medical, dental and prescription drug expenditures will be higher by \$127,362. The District has a self-funded insurance program. Medical inflation is the primary reason for the higher costs.

Past budgets have postponed the purchase of technology equipment. The proposed budget includes an increase of \$229,358 for replacement computers and laptops, and other technology equipment.

Improvements to building and sites will increase by \$97,006, which includes sidewalk repairs; asphalt sealing and crack repairs of parking lot; and re-sodding crown of football field.

The new Common Core State Standards and Teacher and Administrator Evaluations will require the District to spend funds. Federal and State unfunded or underfunded mandates will impact the budget by \$250,400.

Debt service is principal and interest payments on the approved construction projects at the high school and middle schools. Based on the financial health of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, and the financial management in Amity, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. kept the District's bond rating at Aa2. This had a favorable impact on the District's last three bond issues. The savings on the interest costs are reflected in the budget. Debt Service will decrease by \$451,179.



Explanatory Text

Member Town Allocations

Revenues are derived from taxation, State grants and other revenues. The primary source comes from the taxpayers. The budget allocations are as follows:

	2012-2013	2013-2014
Bethany	\$ 8,591,647	\$ 8,670,180
Orange	\$20,687,700	\$21,602,772
Woodbridge	\$12,385,204	\$12,987,101
Other Sources	\$ 1,948,611	\$ 1,218,402
Total	\$43,613,162	\$44,478,455

Budget Summary: Expenditures by Category

Category	2013-2014
Salaries	\$ 23,516,038
Benefits	\$ 5,256,101
Purchased Services	\$ 6,974,367
Debt Service	\$ 4,913,679
Supplies	\$ 3,096,685
Equipment	\$ 324,479
Building & Site Improvements	\$ 97,006
Contingency	\$ 150,000
Dues & Fees	\$ 150,100
Total Budget	\$ 44,478,455

Increase of 1.98 %

Average Daily Membership (Enrollment of each town)

Percentage of budget (allocations) paid by each town is based on Average Daily Membership.

	Students	% Allocation
Bethany	474	20.042 %
Orange	1,181	49.937 %
Woodbridge	710	30.021 %
Totals	2,365	100.000 %

Key School District Goals

The proposed budget:

- Provides services consistent with the District's "Missions-Goals-Objectives" while attempting to minimize the monetary impact on Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge;
- Meets contractual obligations including debt service and mandated special education services; and
- Meets unfunded or underfunded Federal and State mandates. District Educational Scorecard
- District rated #5 in State out of 165 districts;
- High school rated #4 in State out of 191 high schools;
- Advance Placement results #5 in State and #2 in District Reference Group. Participation in testing increased by 22 percent;
- Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT) for grades 7 and 8 were higher in Reading, Writing and Mathematics;
- Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) student scores for grade 10 in Mathematics were #6 and #3 in Reading and #6 in Writing and #4 in Science in the District Reference Group;
- 95% of the class of 2012 continued to higher education. Students were offered 586 acceptances to the Most Selective or Highly Competitive colleges; and
- Many high awards in Fine and Performing Arts and Athletics.

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 Board of Education 2013-2014 Approved Budget with detailed information can be found on the Amity website: www.amityregionS.org



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Senior Professional Care Council

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The symposium showcases services available to older adults. In addition to health exhibits with information, various agencies will be providing services and screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks and balance screenings, and hearing screenings, etc. Gift bags with snacks, free giveaways and raffles will be available. Shingle shots will be available thru Walgreen’s in Hamden. Participants receiving a shot should bring their insurance cards.

The Senior Professional Council is a consortium of agencies serving our elders in New Haven, Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and Hamden area and represents the continuum of care to these individuals. This event is sponsored by Arden House Care and Rehab, AMR, and the Eye Center. All are welcome to attend.

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Who says you can't have your cake and eat it too? Erica Saldamarco found a recipe for success by parlaying her passion for baking into a successful home business.



Laura Fantarella

The owner of "Sweet E's Confections," which she operates from a commercial kitchen in her parent's Old Farms Road home, Saldamarco is no ordinary baker. She describes herself as a "builder," although "artist" may best describe the one-of-a-kind cakes and desserts she creates for her clients. Whether it's a turn-table cake for a DJ's birthday, a cake in the shape of a pregnant woman's belly in a bikini for a baby shower, or even the risqué replica of human anatomy for a bachelorette party, Saldamarco is up for any off-the-wall design challenge a customer throws her way. "When they call me with their crazy ideas I head for the computer and use the internet to research what they want me to make," she said.

The 24-year old Amity High School graduate tried college and hairdressing school before enrolling in an International Baking and Pastry course at Lincoln Culinary Institute in Hartford. "I loved it immediately, I thought, 'this is it,'" she said. "I don't know why it took me so long to figure it out - I was the kid who was always baking cakes for my favorite teachers in high school; my favorite class was Culinary Arts!"



Erica Saldamarco

Saldamarco takes no short-cuts and uses no mixes, her desserts are made with shortening, sugar and butter, and lots of it - ensuring her desserts are as delectable as they are artistic. Delicate modeling tools and molds enable her to tend to every last detail, no matter how small. "I'm from an old Italian family, we do everything ourselves," Saldamarco said. "When you eat a cake from Sweet E's it's not like any other cake you've eaten." Her prices range from \$2 cupcakes to about \$700 depending on how large and how involved the order is. She routinely scours the internet, cookbooks and magazines to find new twists on popular desserts. Some of her recent confections, which she also sells to a local restaurant, include a coconut bomb, caramel mousse served in a chocolate bowl and "crazy" cheesecakes.

Owning her own business is a dream come true for Saldamarco who always expected to be an entrepreneur. Being her own boss has many perks, among them, going to work whenever she wants. "Sometimes I'm in the kitchen in my pajamas at 3 a.m.," she said. By posting regular photos of her works on Facebook her clientele has been steadily growing. "My Facebook friends have really helped my business take off," she said.

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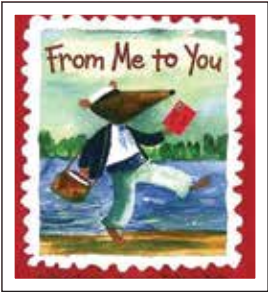
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Programs for Children

To register for children's programs, or for more information, please call 203.389.3439, or email childrensprogram@lioninc.org.

Be a Dessert Designer! (for grades 3-9)

Saturday, May 11th @ 2:00 pm - Meet author Dana Meachen Rau and learn to create desserts that are treats for the eyes! Our special hands-on class will show you how to design and decorate like a pro. You may decide that your creations are just too awesome to eat! Space is limited – advance registration is required. This program is NOT recommended for children with any food allergies.



Eager Readers K-2 Book Group for grades K-2

From Me to You by Anthony France - Monday, May 13th @ 6:30 pm - Join us for our Eager Readers K-2 Book Group! This program is designed especially for children in grades K-2. We'll read From Me to You by Anthony France, discuss the story, and make a cool craft! Books are available for you to borrow at the Children's Desk. Please register in advance.

Ten Plus Art (for ages 10 and older)

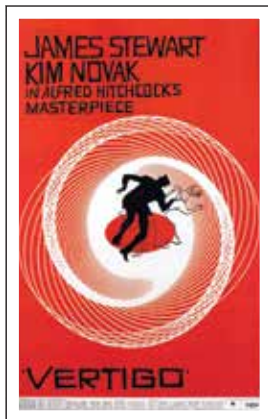
Wednesday, May 22nd @ 6:30pm - At this month's session of 10+ Art, you'll make a photo frame using recycled items. Don't wear your favorite clothes, we'll be painting! Space is limited – advance registration is required.

Programs for Adults

To register for adult programs, or for more information, please call 203.389.3433, or email pvalsecchi@woodbridget.org.

FILM DISCUSSION SERIES with Mark Schenker: "The Films of Alfred Hitchcock"

Vertigo - Wednesday, May 8th @ 7:00 pm - In a continuation of his 2012 series How to Read a Film, Mark Schenker will present four lectures on The Films of Alfred Hitchcock. Notorious (1946), with Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman in what is perhaps the director's most fully realized love story; Strangers on a Train (1951), with Robert Walker as one of Hitchcock's most impressive villains; Vertigo (1958), with James Stewart and Kim Novak in what many people consider the director's greatest film; and North by Northwest (1959), with Cary Grant as another of Hitchcock's innocent men on the run in a movie that is a sophisticated blend of thriller, romance, and comedy. This is a free program, and all are welcome to join. Registration is required. Copies of all films are available on DVD at the Woodbridge Library - please inquire at the Circulation Desk. To register or for more information: please call 203.389.3433, stop by our Circulation Desk, or email pvalsecchi@woodbridget.org.

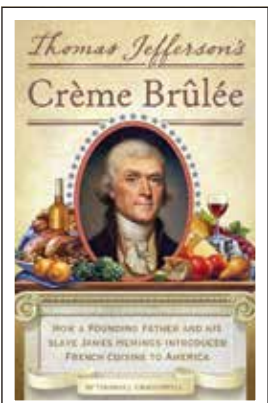


In Praise of Peas Cooking Class with Robin Glowa

Wednesday, May 15th @ 7:00pm - Delicate, sweet and oh, so delicious, fresh peas are a delightful and versatile ingredient. Full of essential nutrients, peas can bring healthy benefits to your spring meals. Come discover new ways to prepare this happy, healthy vegetable! Samples and recipes will be provided. This free program is open to the public. Space is limited, and registration is required.

Thomas Jefferson's Crème Brûlée: How a Founding Father and His Slave James Hemings Introduced French Cuisine to America with author Thomas J. Craughwell

Wednesday, May 22nd @ 7:00 pm - In 1784, Thomas Jefferson struck a deal with one of his slaves, 19-year-old James Hemings. The Founding Father was traveling to Paris and wanted to bring James along "for a particular purpose" — to master the art of French cooking. In exchange for James's cooperation, Jefferson would grant his freedom. Thus began one of the strangest partnerships in U.S. history. As James apprenticed under master French chefs, Jefferson studied the cultivation of French crops (especially grapes for winemaking) so they might be replicated in American agriculture. The two men returned home with such marvels as pasta, French fries, champagne, macaroni and cheese, crème brûlée, and a host of other treats. In a lively and informative narrative, author Thomas J. Craughwell will tell us more about the fascinating



story behind their remarkable adventure. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing the evening of the presentation. Registration is requested for this event.

Verdant Succulents Floral Class with Michael Derouin

Tuesday, May 28th @ 7:00pm - Award-winning floral designer Michael Derouin returns with another hands-on floral class, this month featuring succulents. Students will create a modern design using these trendy and effective botanicals. The succulents' color and texture, in addition to their durability, make for an extraordinary display. Students will use additional botanicals making it both a creative and unique cutting-edge arrangement. Class size is limited to 20, and registration is required. A \$20 materials fee is payable to Michael at the program. Please bring wire cutters, scissors and a sense of humor to the class.

Programs for Teens

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Teen Book Discussion Group (for high school students, ages 12 and older)

Saturday, May 4th @ 3:00pm - Did you know that we have a new Teen Book Discussion Group? High school students can join us for a light-hearted chat, sprinkled with snacks, to share thoughts about books that they have been reading. Come join us and bring a friend to hear what others have on their to read list. This book discussion group is limited to high school students.

Slap Art: Teen Workshop (for high school students, ages 12 and older)

Wednesday, May 15th @ 3:30 pm - Whether you're going off to college or settling into your high school years, a message board is a must. At this session of Slap Art we will make useful yet decorative corkboards. Assorted colors and painters tape will be available for design work. Space and supplies are limited - registration is required.



Film Screenings

All film screenings begin @ 7:00pm in our Meeting Room. Screenings are free, open to the public, and seating is on a first come, first served basis. In case of inclement weather, screenings may be canceled.

- May 2nd – Vertigo [rated PG]
- May 9th – Silver Linings Playbook [rated R]
- May 16th – Skyfall [rated PG-13]
- May 23rd – Cloud Atlas [rated R]
- May 30th – Anna Karenina [rated R]



Art Exhibit

The Woodbridge Town Library is proud to present the work of Amity High School's National Art Honor Society (NAHS) in our Meeting Room during the month of May. The NAHS was established to inspire and recognize students in grades 10-12 who demonstrate outstanding artistic abilities. An opening reception will be held on Tuesday, May 7th from 5:30pm—7:30pm in the Library Meeting Room.

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The camp's focus is based on the mission of Massaro Community Farm: Keep farming; Feed people; Build community. Campers will actively explore the farm's 57 acres of woods, fields and wetlands, including 7.5 acres of crops in active production. Campers participate in structured activities that encourage learning about nature, the daily operations of a working organic farm, healthy food and nutrition, and the interconnectedness of all living things.

The farm camp incorporates our walking trail through the woods and wetlands of the farm, our Learning Garden, our honeybee apiary, a resident flock of ducks and chickens and our dairy barn (providing indoor space for rainy days). Each day's activities will include stories, exploration of the farm and nature trail, natural crafts and a healthy snack.

Registration is now open for this year's camp and registration forms can be found on our website, www.massarofarm.org, or campers can call us at (203) 736-8618. Registration forms are also available through the Woodbridge Recreation Department. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. A discount of \$10 off per camper/session is offered to those who registered on or before May 11, 2013.

Massaro Community Farm is a non-profit farm on a 57-acre parcel of land in Woodbridge, Connecticut, 15 minutes northwest of New Haven. Our mission is to keep farming, feed people, and build community. Our vision is to enhance the quality of life for our community for generations to come.



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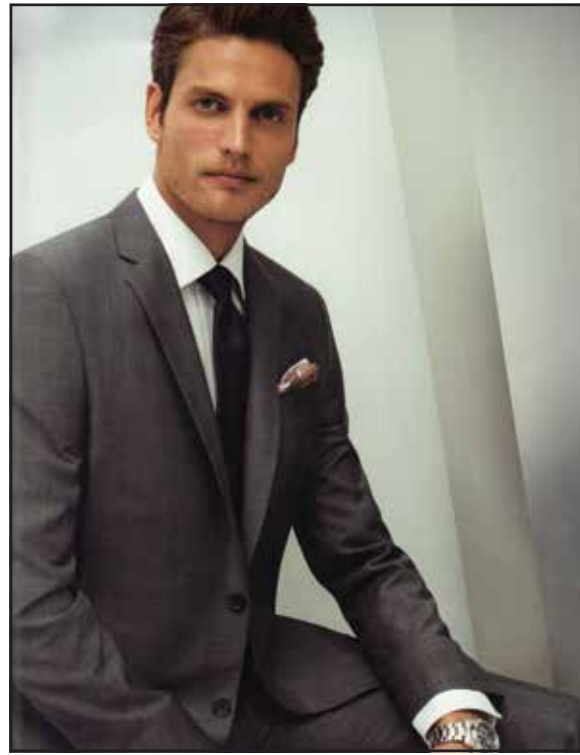
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Being more conscious about how we use our resources, as well as what chemicals we use in our homes is a positive thing. But you need to be careful not to let the marketing movement cloud your judgment. Have you really looked at the products that claim to be “green” on their label? Do you know what is in them? Are they really more environmentally-sound? Are they worth the money they cost? Don’t let marketing strategies use your desire to be part of the solution for a better environment through deceit. There are no laws governing the use of these “green” claims, so a manufacturer can call anything “green”. Therefore, you need to find out if what you think is a good thing really is.

Rather than purchase “green” cleaners, you can create non-toxic or less harmful cleaning alternatives yourself, although they may require a little more “elbow-grease”. The CT DEEP (Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) has excellent resources about household alternatives for the home on its website: <http://www.ct.gov/deep>, key words “household alternatives”. The suggestions that are offered cover every room of your house as well as the lawn and garden. There are also links to other websites for additional information. There are too many suggestions and “recipes” to cite in this column. A few examples from the website are presented below:

All Purpose Cleanser: Pour 3 tablespoons of vinegar, 1 teaspoon of borax, and 2 cups of water into a spray bottle. Shake to dissolve. Then add 1 teaspoon of liquid soap (or dishwashing liquid) to the bottle and shake again. Spray on surface and then wipe clean. For tough dirt, leave cleaner on for a few minutes and then wipe off.

Drain Cleaner: Pour ½ cup baking soda, followed by a cup of white vinegar down the drain. Let it sit for about 20 minutes and then rinse it down with boiling water. To clear a badly clogged drain, use a plunger or metal snake.

Air Fresheners: Find the source of the odor and deal with it instead of just covering it up. If you want to scent the air, use herbal or floral potpourri or try essential oil (scent of your choice) on a cotton ball or simmer cinnamon and cloves. Set out vinegar in an open dish. Use baking soda on rugs (vacuum afterwards).

Furniture polish: Mix 2 teaspoons olive oil, ¼ cup distilled vinegar and 20 drops of pure essential lemon oil in a 16 ounce spray bottle. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and shake well. Spray onto furniture and wipe dry immediately with a clean cloth.

You should use the same caution with homemade products that you use with commercial products. Be sure to label all products and list the ingredients of products you create. Use caution, know what you are mixing and keep out to the reach of children.

There are commercial products that you can buy that are environmentally-friendly. However, you need to know what makes a product truly less harmful and “green” other than by the marketing claims. The CT DEEP list two types of certification stamps that appear on products that are truly more “green”. They are “Green Seal” (<http://www.greenseal.org>) and Design for the Environment (<http://epa.gov/dfe>). The Design for the Environment (dfe) are partners with the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) program.

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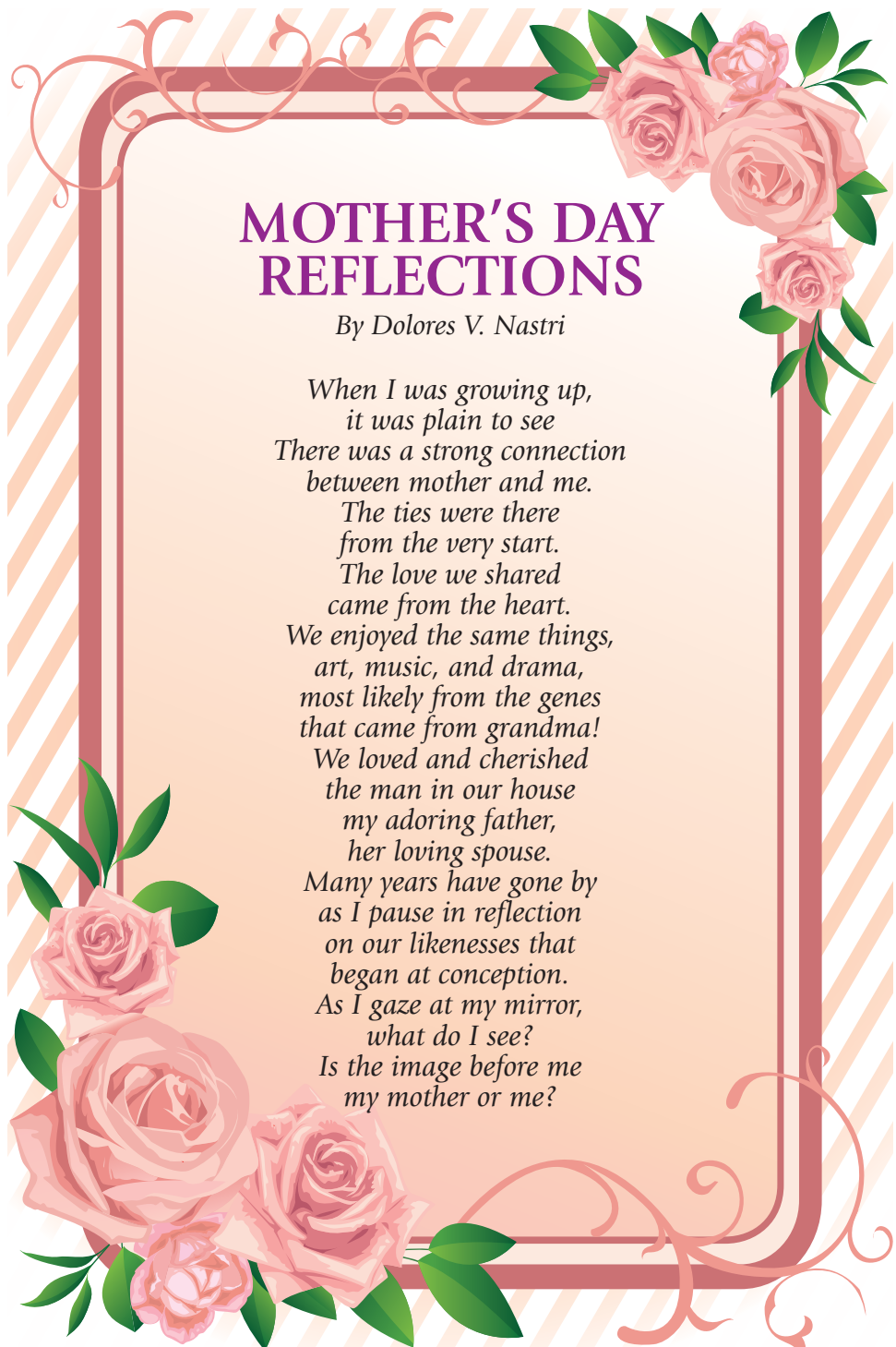
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MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTIONS

By Dolores V. Nastri

*When I was growing up,
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There was a strong connection
between mother and me.
The ties were there
from the very start.
The love we shared
came from the heart.
We enjoyed the same things,
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most likely from the genes
that came from grandma!
We loved and cherished
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"Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



Mother's Day 2013

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12 this year. There are more than 83 million mothers living today in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There are approximately 2 billion mothers living worldwide. Modern moms have an average family size of two children, while mothers in the 1950s had an average of 3.5 kids. In the 1700s, women gave birth to seven to ten children each.

I realized that I had no idea how we came to celebrate our cherished Mothers on the second Sunday of every May. Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not created in the boardroom of Hallmark. In the United States Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day". Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.



Nine years after the first official Mother's Day, commercialization of the holiday became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become. Mother's Day continues to this day to be one of the most commercially successful occasions. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. I thought this would be a good opportunity to thank all the local restaurants that continue to support the Orange & Woodbridge Town News: Chips Family Restaurant, Corner Pocket Café, Gabriele's Italian Restaurant, Jake's Wayback Burgers, Lisiano's Italian Restaurant, Oregano Joe's Pizza, Papa John's Pizza, Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, Quizno's Subs, Reno's Pizza, Shanghai Gourmet - all in Orange. Antonio's Italian Restaurant, Season's Restaurant at Oak Lane, Thai Stories Restaurant, Wheeler's Café - all in Woodbridge. Bella Napoli Pizza, Captain's Catch Seafood Restaurant, Jeffrey's Restaurant, Rainbow Chinese Restaurant, Village Bistro Café, Villano's Restaurant - all in Milford, Gino's Steak House, Jimmie's of Old Sayon Rock, Saray Turkish Restaurant, Uncle Willie's Barbecue Restaurant - all in West Haven. Consiglio's Italian Restaurant in New Haven. Heav'nly Donuts in Derby. Please remember to support all these well-established family owned restaurants.

Final notes: If you are fortunate enough to still have your Mother with you on this day, remember to do something special for her. It doesn't have to be an expensive dinner or gift, just something simple like a card, visit, or phone call with a kind word. Trust me, it will make her day! Happy Mother's Day to all our cherished moms.

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**celebrity
extra**
by cindy elavsky



Brooke Burns

Q: Can you tell me when "Call of the Wildman" will be back? -- James R., Bowling Green, Ohio

A: Turtleman and company will be back for a 20-episode second season on Animal Planet beginning Sunday, June 2, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. This season, "Turtleman" **Ernie Brown Jr.** hits the road and travels to Texas and Mexico to rescue wild critters in the hit reality series. Kentucky's most famous backwoods animal-trapper acknowledges his strange appeal to audiences, saying, "People think I'm crazy, but they can't help but like me."

Q: Can you tell me what **Brooke Burns** has been up to? The last thing I remember seeing her in was in the new "Melrose Place" a few years back. -- Petra S., via e-mail

A: Brooke most recently starred in the Lifetime movie "A Sister's Revenge" (which premiered on April 26, and will re-air periodically in the next few weeks; check your local listings). Brooke also is excited about her new pilot series for the **Game Show Network**. When Brooke and I spoke recently, she told me all about her new projects: "I enjoy acting because you get to dip your toe into the fantasy of a role, like Suzanne in 'A Sister's Revenge.' And I enjoy the hosting because I love people, and that's a natural kind of medium for me that I enjoy as well. It's never boring."

"I just shot a pilot called 'Where Have You Been All My Life?' It's kind of a 2013 version of 'The Dating Game.' It is super fun, and we're using a lot of social media as research, and using it in an onscreen format. It's been a blast."

Q: I'm a big fan of MTV's "Buckwild," and I wondered if the show will continue after the death of **Shain Gandee**? -- Gerry T., Bentonville, Ark.

A: MTV spokesman **Jake Urbanski**

said that although it was not an easy decision, "given Shain's tragic passing and essential presence on the show, we felt it was not appropriate to continue without him."

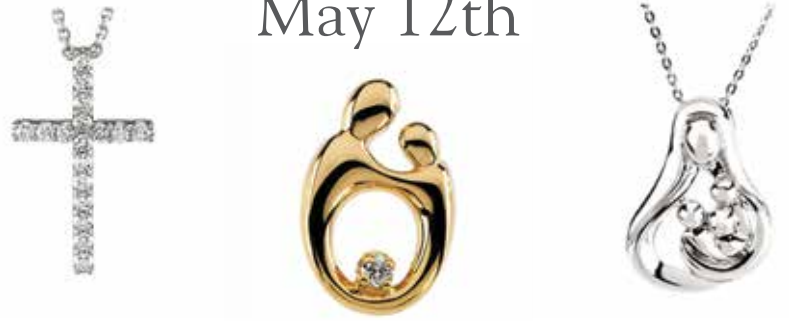
"Buckwild" producer **J.P. Williams** of Parallel Entertainment announced last month that he has already sent out a casting call in Texas and Alaska, with plans to retool and recast the show in one of those states, with plans to shop the show around to other networks.

READERS: A few weeks back, I wrote about some of TNT's summer premiere dates. Since then, the network decided to change up a few of them. The changes are as follows: "**Franklin & Bash**," starring **Mark-Paul Gosselaar**, **Breckin Meyer** and new cast member **Heather Locklear**, will launch its third season with a two-hour premiere on Wednesday, June 19, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. "**Rizzoli & Isles**," starring **Angie Harmon** and **Sasha Alexander**, will kick off its fourth season on Tuesday, June 25, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. "**Perception**," starring **Eric McCormack**, will return for its second season on Tuesday, June 25, at 10 p.m. ET/PT.

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Presented By Christ Episcopal Church

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Lunch at the indoor daffodil and tulip tea room where the soup and salad luncheon menu features homemade clam chowder and soup plus a Mixed Greens Salad with or without grilled chicken and a choice of toppings such as cranberries, sunflower seeds, onions, olives, peppers, croutons, etc. Desert stars Strawberry Shortcake with homemade biscuits and real whipped cream. Or lunch at the outdoor windmill grill which stars Grilled Hot Dogs and Hamburgers either plain or with all the trimmings.

For children there will be a pocket lady whose apron pockets will hold small grab bag treasures imported from Holland. Included are tulip pens, Dutch boy and girl key chains, change purses, magnets, miniature clogs, large souvenir pencils, and ceramic knickknacks. Desirable vintage Dutch items will be for sale at many booths along with all the other items. Included are jewelry, tiles, clogs, vases, figurines, plates, a wall hanging, and a charming Dutch boy and girl for the garden.

Three fabulous raffle baskets with gift certificates worth over \$375 in each basket include Mother's Basket, Father's Basket, and The Family's Basket. Two additional raffles will be a beautiful homemade twin size quilt and a Dutch Treat Basket laden with 29 items with half imported from Holland.

All raffle profits will go to the following mission projects: the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, Neon - Naugatuck Ecumenical Outreach Network, Nambale Magnet School In Kenya, Christian Community Action, Inc. Of New Haven, and IRIS - Inegrated Refugee And Immigrant Services.

The popular, annual, fun-filled, bargain-filled event will be held rain or shine. Parking is free and there is no admittance fee. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Christ Church office at office@christchurchbethany.org or call the office @ 203-393-3399. Fair information can also be found on the church web site:www.christchurchbethany.org.

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THE BEST IN TOYS

From Your State Senator

With Joseph Crisco



As founder of the Connecticut Hall of Fame and chairman of its selection committee it was my distinct pleasure last week to host a formal induction ceremony at which the newest honorees were revealed and enshrined. Four former or current state residents were in this year's class – the fifth group to be so honored. This year Jim Calhoun, Geno Auriemma, A.C. Gilbert and Roger Sherman joined this elite group.

Connecticut has been home for so many truly remarkable people over the years, each of whom made an indelible mark on American history and each of whom helped define our notable state. This year's class lives up to standards set by previous inductees – I couldn't be more proud of the caliber of Connecticut residents we've chosen.

Jim Calhoun's name and reputation are synonymous with the men's highly successful basketball program at the University of Connecticut and his ongoing legacy also includes his philanthropic and humanitarian work. Likewise, Geno Auriemma successfully raised the profile of women's basketball at UConn and across the nation, with eight national titles and decades of excellence among scores of graduating UConn women.

In the more distant past, A.C. Gilbert won an Olympic Gold Medal in the pole vault, and received an M.D. from the Yale School of Medicine. But he made his name and reputation as an inventor and manufacturer, most notably of the famous and very popular Erector Set. And Roger Sherman was rare among Connecticut's 18th century activists – one of the very few to have signed all four documents that were to become the pillars of our nation: the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Articles of Confederation, and the Articles of Association.

The Connecticut Hall of Fame is, according to its Web site, "intended to recognize the outstanding achievements of Connecticut individuals," and, "serve as an educational tool for the great number of students who visit the state Capitol and Legislative Office Building." It has operated since its inception with no state funding, reliant instead entirely upon contributions and donations.

On the legislative front, last month I described in this space this year's grant recipients from the state's innovative and highly successful Biomedical Research Fund; this month I can report progress of a bill I've written this year to expand the program to include research into stroke prevention and rehabilitation. The debilitating result of strokes can devastate the afflicted and their families alike and should be the focus of renewed and intensified medical research.

My bill recently won unanimous Senate approval; it now advances to the House for its consideration.

Researchers already know several risk factors with regard to stroke that include high blood pressure, atherosclerosis, and tobacco use, each of which aligns perfectly with the original purpose of the Biomedical Research Fund. But the debilitating fallout from stroke depends on which part of the brain is deprived of blood and oxygen, and for how long, so there's a world of research still waiting to be done.

There are more than seven million stroke survivors in the United States who are recovering, but additional research is needed to help them – and new stroke patients – do so more quickly and more thoroughly. Additional research might be in order to help prevent strokes among higher risk groups like women, older men, and African-Americans.

Massaro Community Farm Rings in Spring

Massaro Community Farm will ring in spring on May 11th with its Celebrate Spring festival. Celebrate Spring will feature a traditional Maypole dance, led by legendary dance caller Bill Fischer and the Wry Bred band. The day's events, which will run from 10am until 3 pm –rain or shine - will include the sale of flowers and hanging baskets sponsored by the Woodbridge Garden Club. Organic herb and vegetable seedlings will also be on sale. A few CSA subscriptions are still available for the 2013 season. Those interested should call the farm at (203) 736-8618 or visit the CSA website at www.massarofarmcsa.org for subscription details.

At Celebrate Spring, the farm will be unveiling a newly completed section of its nature trail. A guided walk of the trail will help with bird identification; visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars. A workshop on the history of herbs, selection and their uses is also planned. Celebrate Spring marks the beginning of the fourth season at Massaro Community Farm.

In 2013, the farm plans to offer more educational programming in partnership with other area organizations, including CT NOFA, CT Beekeeper's Association and the CT Agricultural Station in New Haven. It will also welcome elementary students from nearby Mead and Prendergast schools this year. For a complete listing of events and more details about upcoming workshops, please visit the website, www.massarofarm.org.

Massaro Community Farm is a non-profit farm on a 57-acre parcel of land in Woodbridge, Connecticut, 15 minutes northwest of New Haven. Our mission is to keep farming, feed people, and build community. Our vision is to enhance the quality of life for our community for generations to come.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Woodbridge Human Services to Sponsor Volunteer Tea

The Twenty-fifth Annual Volunteer Tea sponsored by Woodbridge Human Services will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at the Center Building. This year 133 volunteers will be honored at the Volunteer Tea. Volunteers will receive Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of exemplary volunteer services benefiting Woodbridge. The recipient of the First Selectman's Youth Award H. Maxwell Ritchie will be honored at the tea. In addition, Lisa Bacchiocchi, Thomas Blackman, Susan Davidson, Edee Lockyer and VITA will be recognized as outstanding volunteers.

Lisa Bacchiocchi has been a Friendly Visitor to a Woodbridge senior since February of 2006. She has been a faithful companion, visiting her each week over the last seven years. A strong, loving bond has been formed, and even Lisa's husband has been a source of support and care to this Woodbridge resident. The resident now resides in an extended care facility and Lisa has continued to be a friend by visiting often. There are not many people who can give of their time so consistently over such a long period of time. The Human Services Department admires her dedication, selflessness, and commitment to reach out to others.

Tom Blackman will be recognized as an outstanding volunteer for his commitment to the Woodbridge Senior Center's lunch program. Lunch is served twice a week and Tom is always there helping in any capacity that is needed. Tom is friendly, well-liked by all and has volunteered for the Cranston, R.I. Senior Center in the same capacity before coming to Woodbridge. Tom has volunteered with The Woodbridge Senior Center since 2011.

Susan Davidson is being honored for her compassion, dedication and commitment as a volunteer. Susan has been a member of the Human Services Commission since July 2011. Since that time, she has become very active in several Human Services projects such as the Warm Hearts Warm Homes Fundraiser, the American Heart Association Heart Walk-Team Woodbridge and the December Holiday Basket Program. In addition, after Hurricane Sandy she volunteered at the Town's Emergency Shelter. Susan Davidson has exemplified the true spirit of caring and giving as a volunteer.

Edee Lockyer is a Woodbridge resident who will be recognized as an outstanding volunteer for her dedication to the Senior Center lunch program. Edee is always there helping in any capacity that is needed while she brings enthusiasm and energy to the Senior Center Lunch Program. In addition, she has volunteered for the Woodbridge Recreation Department and the Veteran's Hospital in West Haven.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is being honored for its dedication and effort to assist (low-income, elderly, disabled and those who speak English as a second language) with their taxes. This is a free tax assistance program in which the volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS. The VITA program has been part of the Woodbridge Senior Center for the past 3 years. The program has grown by leaps and bounds. The Senior Center has four preparers and they are Mariano De Gregorio, Larry Handler, David Learned and Vincent Spino.

Woodbridge Youth Services will recognize four Amity seniors for their dedication to the Town and its residents at the Volunteer Tea in May. Nancy Pfund, Youth Services Director plans to offer appreciation on behalf of the community for the volunteer services of Minnie Chen, Caitlin Foster, Olivia Catarino, and Cara Dunhill. These students have played a key role in the department, especially with the sorting of the food collected by the Boy Scouts each year for the Woodbridge Food Bank, and have spent hours after school, even on early dismissal days, offering their services. These generous, young women have also assisted in local projects on weekends over their high school careers, and continue to make themselves available to the Youth Evening Program. Their service is a sign of their maturity and commitment to others.

Also receiving the Human Services Recognition Awards is Elsie Vavrek, Emeritus at Woodbridge and JCC of Greater New Haven. Elsie Vavrek started volunteering as a Friendly Visitor in 2001 and was named an outstanding volunteer in 2004. She now volunteers with three seniors each week, which is a big commitment. They all love her smile, friendly disposition, and remarkable listening skills. Her commitment to seniors in Woodbridge and her modesty about her work are an inspiration to all who know her.

Emeritus at Woodbridge is being recognized for its exemplary services provided to Woodbridge residents in regards to special sheltering needs during storms and power outages. In addition, they have been a sponsor of various TRIAD programs aimed at promoting safety of senior citizens and disabled.

JCC of Greater New Haven is being honored for its exemplary service and unending generosity in offering showers and food to Woodbridge residents effected by both Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy. The JCC of Greater New Haven has been a very integral part of the community assisting residents in need during these times when the majority of the town has been without power.

"The attitude of compassion and commitment of all the volunteers brings so much to our team. The Staff appreciates and is grateful for the hard work and dedication given so generously by the volunteers," stated Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services.



HISTORY CORNER

With Muffy German

South School Reopens



The little one-room school on Johnson Road (between Ansonia Road and Rimmon Road) will open its doors to the public at noon on Sunday, June 2 (rain date is June 9). You are invited to tour the building and celebrate the completion of the long restoration process begun in 1996. Thanks to Nancy Scully, who was then Chairperson of the Commission of the Use of Publicly Owned Properties (CUPOP), and the Board of Selectmen, restoration of the building was entrusted to the Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society. All of the work was funded through private donations and State grants.

South School was one of five (later six) district schools organized by the town in the late 18th or early 19th century. In 1766, Connecticut gave towns (or ecclesiastical societies) with a minimum of 70 families the authority to create school districts and receive state funds to help support them. By 1786 Woodbridge was preparing to apply for state funds. According to Grace N.B. Newton's 1928 "History of Education in Woodbridge," our school districts were first noted in town records in 1809. The Connecticut Common School Journal for 1838-39, Woodbridge is listed as having five districts and six male teachers.

Interestingly, South School's teacher received the highest salary (\$18) for a 17-week term. Again in the 1896-97 town report, South School's teacher was paid \$10 a week while the other districts' teachers received only \$9. Perhaps this difference was based on seniority or number of students. The five schools were funded in part from an enrollment fee paid by parents. Class size reached 25-30 students aged 4-16. After eighth grade, students might go to New Haven or Derby High School.

Since the students walked to school, each schoolhouse was located as close as possible to the center of its district. Concerning the location of South School, Grace Newton wrote, "Mr. William F. Morgan measured the district by means of the hind wheel of his milk-wagon to determine that the new (1877) building could be where it is now. This property was deeded for school purposes only, to revert to the owners if discontinued". The 1877 building replaced one which had burned in 1875. Grace Newton states that it was "the third building in that district". The 1868 town map highlights the five districts in color and shows the location of each schoolhouse. They were as follows: South West School on Racebrook Road by Old Racebrook Road; South School on Johnson Road; Middle or Red School near the corner of Center and Amity Roads; North West School at the intersection of Peck Hill Road and Seymour Road; and North East on Amity Road just below Seymour Road. Except for South school, the other buildings were converted to residences after 1928.

Annual Reports of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer enumerate school expenses. Such lists offer glimpses of school life and activities. For example, South School's expenditures for October 1, 1877-October 7, 1878 included teachers wages of \$374.85 for a total of 35 7/10 weeks, .68 for books, \$1.45 for ink, .60 for two boxes of "crayons" (chalk), and .22 for erasers. Other expenses were \$13.12 for 6,560 pounds of coal, \$5.88 for carting, .55 for shavings and kindlings, \$1.75 for building fires, .50 for two brooms and .10 for soap. In addition to students' desks with chairs attached, furnishings included the teacher's desk or table and chair on a dais, a bookcase and blackboard all around the room so each student had a designated writing area, saving on paper. On the walls were a clock, patriotic prints of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and inspirational sayings such as: Live to Learn—Strive to Excel. On Washington's Birthday of 1892, each of the town's schools was given an American flag. During renovations at South School two ink stained textbooks were found inside a wall: The Cyr Reader #7 (1900) and Book 1 of The Mother Tongue: Lessons in Speaking, Reading and Writing English (1907). A page of answers to math problems and one section of Young Folks History of America also turned up. Both the girls' and boys' entrances opened into a cloakroom with hooks for coats and hats and a shelf for students' lunch pails. It also held a basin with soap and a towel. The water served for both

drinking and washing up! Separate girls' and boys' outhouses were located just behind the school.

Studies included arithmetic, reading, grammar, spelling, penmanship, recitation, elocution, history, geography, literature, physiology, hygiene and music. Spelling contests called "spelledowns" and competitions in solving math problems on the blackboard enlivened the lessons. In her memoir, True Love Lasts Forever, Woodbridge resident, Ruth Marion Dudley described her experiences attending the South West School from 1915-1922. She remembered in the absence of electricity, "on dark days we played games or the teacher read to us". Children from South West School went on joint outings with the South School students to Lighthouse Point in June and sleighing to East Derby with a stop for hot chocolate in winter. Although the school day ran from 9am to 4pm, recesses were numerous (3 a day) and long! Students had an hour at lunch with freedom to wander, climb trees, swim in a nearby pond or sled, skate or have snowball fights. They also played tag, marbles, beanbag, jump rope, and knife toss until the teacher's bell summoned them back inside. According to Ruth, the schoolhouse was used for sewing lessons and 4-H meetings on Saturdays.

Things did not always run smoothly. The annual town report noted numerous times that some of the schools did not open on time for lack of a teacher or lost a teacher on account of illness or sudden resignation. In 1896-97 only the North District School "began on the scheduled time, and carried out the schedule for the year". An enigmatic report by the Town School Committee stated in 1899, "It is believed that good progress was made in all of the schools. In one...a number of children from the County Home completely changed the character of the school, and taught the other children many things that it would be better for them not to know". The Health Officer's annual report noted both lapses and improvements in sanitation. The July 1898 report states, "All school-houses, where there have been any contagious diseases among the scholars, have been fumigated....In the out-buildings of all of the schools I found plenty of room for improvement. In some cases the buildings were highly unsanitary and in most cases, to say the least, unsuitable."

Although in the early 1900s half of the country's children went to one of the 212,000 remaining one-room schools, their days were numbered. Woodbridge's one-room schools were literally bursting at the seams. A school was added in the Flats in 1911 followed by the two-room William H. Warner School in 1915. The plan for one large central school, which had been voted down in 1911, was accepted by voters in 1928. Center School, a six-room brick building opened in the fall of 1929 replacing the town's historic one-room schools.

South School was soon converted to house the town's first fire engine. Later it served as the Knights of Columbus Hall. Today, additions made to the building when it served as the town's first firehouse have been removed. The Knights of Columbus 1960s vintage red siding was taken off and the original exterior has been painted white thanks to the efforts of Coach Chris Dickerson and the Amity High School Women's Cross Country Team. Architect Duncan Milne and contractor Jim Urbano have brought the building back to its 1877 appearance. Dozens of donated antique desks have been installed, and the original school bell will ring again from the bell tower. Outside, Historical Society Board member, Rich Jaynes has spruced up the grounds, planted two lilac bushes and put up a split rail fence. In addition, he has donated a memorial stone and a plaque honoring the town's teachers from 1877-1915.

Please join us on June 2 from 12-2 p.m. to celebrate our town's past and to thank the individuals and organizations who have helped the Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society and the South School Restoration Committee preserve this special little building. Tours, refreshments, a few official words and possibly a game or two are on the agenda. The hope for the future is that South School will be used for special history lessons by classes from Beecher Road School.

From Your State Representative *By Themis Klarides*



Klarides Blasts Democrats' Budget as "Reckless"

On April 19 Democratic lawmakers revealed their budget plan that borrows nearly \$1 billion to cover operating costs, increases spending by 9.5% and drastically expands the size and scope of government while cutting services, Deputy Republican Leader Klarides said. "Budgeting is all about priorities, and the Democrats have made it clear through this budget that they're intent on growing state government, without any meaningful improvements to the quality of life for residents," said Rep. Klarides, a member of the Appropriations Committee.

"Following the largest tax hike in state history, Democrats want to increase spending by almost 10%, blowing through the spending cap by over \$1 billion, and creating four new agencies and offices. Over the past year the State of Connecticut hired a staggering 5,300 new workers, including 500 new hires over the last month alone, as it continues to expand state bureaucracy.

"Given the overspending, it's shocking the Democrats also call for more than \$1 billion in new borrowing to cover operating expenses, and delay scheduled debt payments. With the fourth highest debt in the country, this new bonding – to cover everything from nursing home funding to stem cell research – is unsustainable. Bonding today will lead to tax increases tomorrow. Meanwhile taxpayers are not any better educated, any safer, or any healthier because of this spending. In fact, some hospitals may have to close their doors as a result of a \$500 million funding cut through this proposal. And commuters will share the pain too as they will have to pay a whopping 16% more in gas taxes starting in July, courtesy of this budget. The pattern here is clear: spend, tax, borrow, repeat. Spend, tax, borrow, repeat."

Other aspects of the Democrats' budget include:
 Increases spending by 9.5% or \$1.9 billion over two years;
 Exceeds the Constitutional Spending Cap by \$1.3 billion;
 Reduces scheduled debt payments from \$208 million next year to \$12 million. The balance is added to the state debt and pushed out until after the 2014 elections;
 Adds a \$550 million tax on hospitals by taking away that amount in previous funding;
 Swaps the current \$80 million electric generator tax with \$80 million in borrowing;
 Uses Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as an excuse to borrow \$750 million to use for operating expenses.

GOP leaders plan to produce an alternative set of budget recommendations in the coming weeks. The Democratic majority of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee passed the proposal on a party-line vote Friday. The General Assembly has until June 5 to pass a balanced budget.

Rep. Klarides represents the 114th District communities of Woodbridge, Orange and Derby.

BULLETIN BOARD

Please Note: If you have an event for the Bulletin Board, please send it along no matter how far in advance it is. We will include it in the appropriate issue(s) until the event has taken place.

Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings, 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 7:30am breakfast meeting, Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Toad, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:15pm luncheon meeting, Carmine Tuscan Grill, 1500 Whalley Avenue, New Haven. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should contact Anna Dickerson at 203-710-0223 or email annadickerson@yahoo.com.

Annual Fund Drive for Bethany's Clark Memorial Library, contributions requested to help for the cost of a website to update services, etc.

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit <http://hotschrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

Garden Club of Woodbridge Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2013, light refreshments/11:45am, presentation/12:30pm, "Underutilized and Exceptional Native Trees and Shrub" presented by Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden, First Church of Christ at 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, open to the public, admission/\$5.00.

Garden Club of Woodbridge Spring Plant Sale, Saturday, May 11, 2013, 10:00am-3:00pm, Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Road, Woodbridge, large selection of plants from members' gardens, variety of annuals in flats and hanging baskets.

Cofrancesco Chiropractic & Healing Arts Nurse Appreciation Day, Sunday, May 19, 2013, 12:00-3:00pm, 260 Amity Road (above Wells Fargo Bank), nurses will be honored with mini-massage session, wine, food, and goodie bags; reservations needed, call 203-397-7767 to reserve your spot.

Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society Opening and Open House - Old South School One Room School House, Opening ceremonies 12:00, open house until 2:00 PM, June 2, 2013, Light refreshments. Rain Date is June 9th. Park carefully, either on Johnson Road or along Manville Road.

Troop 63 Boy Scout Eagle Project Used Bike and Household Goods Collection Drive to Benefit Local Refugee Families through IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services - www.irisct.org) - Donations of adult and children's bikes and kitchen/household supplies in gently used condition sought. Please, NO clothing, mattresses or upholstered furniture of any kind. If you have these, we can provide information on how to donate them directly. Drop off dates are May 4th and May 25th from 9am-2pm at Our Lady of Assumption Mother Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge, or by appointment. For information, contact Almar or Sarah at 203-734-6507 or by e-mail at almar.rohbar@gmail.com

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Community Tag Sale

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Groups of the Orange Congregational Church will sponsor its Annual Community Tag Sale on Saturday, May 11, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green on Orange Center Road.

A space can be rented for \$25.00 (with table provided/\$30.00) by calling the Orange Congregational Church Office at 203-795-9749.

Coffee and donuts will be on sale by the Youth Group as well as hot dogs and soda. If it rains, the Tag Sale will be held on May 18th.



Orange Congregational Church



Left to right: E. Wagner, A. Lolis, R. Wagner, T. Delos, N. Lolis, Rev. Joel McEachen, A. Agapiou, M. Albanis, E. Nicolakis, Z. Johnson, A. Zikos, K. Nicolakis & Clio Nicolakis. [Photo Credit: Patric Marchitto]

13 Young Parishioners Earn Their EOCS Awards

This past year, thirteen young parishioners from St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, CT have been working hard to earn their Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting ("EOCS") Religious Awards. These young Scouts are active in Scouting troops in their own towns, including Orange, Woodbridge, Westport, Branford, Trumbull, Derby, Fairfield & Clinton. They assembled together periodically to learn about themselves and their faith under the guidelines of EOCS award requirements. The Scouts raised awareness about missions and the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) through a lemonade sale and assembled emergency health kits for the IOCC as part of their community service efforts.

On Sunday February 17, Fr. Joel McEachen, assisted by the parish's EOCS Coordinator, Clio Nicolakis, presented the awards to eleven of the Scouts. Proud parents were present to help "pin" their own children. Earning the Chi-Rho Awards were: Georgia Dalakas, Christian Fronzi, Zoe Johnson, Andreas Lolis, Ephemina Nicolakis and Robbie Wagner. Alexis Agapiou, Marianna Albanis, Tennyson Delos, Nicholas Lolis, Kassiani Nicolakis, Eleni Wagner and Thana Zikos earned the St. George Medal.

Over fifty years ago, the hierarchs of the Eastern Orthodox Churches in the US, officially established the Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting. As part of its mission, the EOCS developed the Eastern Orthodox Religious Medals that Scouts can earn: the St. George, the Chi-Rho, and the Alpha-Omega medals for the youth and the Prophet Elias Medal for adults. The requirements for these EOCS awards were primarily developed by Fr. Joel McEachen. Fr. Joel has been a lifetime volunteer for Boy Scouts and has served as the Orthodox Chaplain for National Boy Scout Jamborees and spiritual advisor for EOCS retreats for decades. Boy Scouts of America has honored him with the distinguished "Silver Beaver" Award, which honors Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service to their council. He has served St. Barbara as an assistant priest since his retirement. Until his retirement, he was the priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Ansonia, which merged with the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church in 2009.



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First Church of Christ to Hold 58th Annual Strawberry Festival

The First Church of Christ, Woodbridge will hold its 58th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 7th, 2013 and invites friends and neighbors to join them on the Green at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. Burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, salads, chips and drinks will be served. Strawberry shortcakes are made from scratch. The cost of the complete meal is \$12.00 or just shortcake is \$6.00. All proceeds go to the benefit of the Church and its programs.

The festival will be held indoors if there is inclement weather. Please call the Woodbridge First Church Office at (203) 389-2119 with questions or for directions.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Temple Emanuel Celebrates Cinco De Mayo

Temple Emanuel cordially invites you to join us at our first ever "Erev Cinco de Mayo Fiesta" on May 4! Enjoy superb gourmet Mexican appetizers, entrees and desserts, taste delicious margaritas and fresh fruit sangria, dance "Latino style" with a quick and easy Salsa lesson, and sing along with the "Mariachi Emperadores de Puebla" as TE celebrates Cinco de Mayo. A silent auction is also on the agenda. The fun begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are available on the TE website or by calling the TE office. For more information about the Fiesta and other events and services at Temple Emanuel, please go to www.templemanuel-gnh.org or call the TE office at 203-397-3000.

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Church of the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

Weekly Services

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - Coffee and conversation after both services.; 5:00 p.m. - Come just as you are Worship Service

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion.



Church of the Good Shepherd

Shepherd's Café

Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road, and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.

Dr. Papazian Presides Over 98th Anniversary of Armenian Genocide

The 98th Anniversary Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide was in Times Square (46th St. & Broadway) on Sunday, April 21. The organizers invited people of all backgrounds to join together to commemorate the Armenian Genocide and subsequent genocides during Genocide Awareness Month and to speak out against these horrendous crimes against humanity. Past Armenian Genocide Commemorations in Times Square have attracted thousands of people.

The theme of the Armenian Genocide Commemoration is "Turkey is Guilty of Genocide: Denying the Undeniable is Criminal". This historic event paid tribute to the 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred by the Young Turk Government of the Ottoman Empire and to the millions of victims of subsequent genocides worldwide.

Woodbridge, CT resident, President of Southern Connecticut State University and Attorney R. Armen McOmber presided over the ceremonies. Dr. Mary A. Papazian comments, "It is a privilege to honor our heritage and share our story with the public at Times Square, the crossroads of the world." Commemoration participants included Armenian Genocide Survivors (ages 98 +), elected officials, humanitarian, cultural, religious, educational and community leaders. Presenters will include Senator Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ), NY City Council Member Peter F. Vallone, Jr. (D-NY), Susan L. Rosenbluth, editor and publisher of The Jewish Voice and Opinion, Dennis R. Papazian, PhD, Founding Director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and others.

Dr. Dennis Papazian comments, "Recent momentous events encourage me to believe that the long vigil of the Armenian people waiting for recognition of their genocide by the Turkish government may be coming to a positive conclusion. An influential Kurdish leader in Turkey, a member of Parliament and vice-president of the pro-Kurdish Democratic Society Congress, Ahmet Turk, admitted that the Kurdish people played a significant role in the "torture and massacre of Armenians, Assyrians and Yezidis" during the Armenian Genocide and apologized to the Armenian people. Turk stated, "Our grandfathers and fathers were used in the injustices perpetrated against Armenians, Assyrians and Yezidis. There is blood on their hands. With the blood of these peoples they bloodied their own hands. Thus, as their children and grandchildren, we apologize."

Dr. Dennis Papazian continues, "A second momentous event was the publication of a book in Turkey entitled "The Armenian Genocide" by Hasan Cemal, the grandson of Cemal (Jamal) Pasha, one of the three main authors of the Armenian Genocide. Hasan Cemal, a member of the Turkish establishment and a newspaper columnist, began his inquiry into the Armenian Genocide following the killing of Turkish diplomats by a group of young Armenians who went by the name of ASALA. At first, Hasan Cemal supported the official government point of view, and as he became more knowledgeable, finally concluded that indeed there was a genocide of the Armenians perpetrated by the Young Turk party which controlled the Ottoman government in 1915-1923. The book has inspired many members of the Turkish elites to reevaluate their denial of the Armenian Genocide."

Papazian adds, "Itzak Alaton, the owner of one of the largest corporations in Turkey, urged the Turkish Socio-Economic Research Center to pursue the Turkish recognition of the Armenian Genocide." "April 24, 1915 is just around the corner," stated Alaton, "let us change our denialist policies. I am tired of the fear to face our past. Let us raise our voices to our deputies in Ankara and those deputies should raise their voices to their political parties and leaders in order for us to open our skeleton-fill closets." Dr. Papazian concludes, "These three significant events which took place without any reprisal from the Turkish government imply that a positive change may be in the air."

The 98th Commemoration was organized by the Mid-Atlantic chapters of the Knights & Daughters of Vartan www.kofv.org, an international Armenian fraternal organization headquartered in the United States, and co-sponsored by Armenian General Benevolent Union (www.agbu.org), Armenian Assembly of America (www.aaainc.org), Armenian National Committee of America (www.anca.org), Armenian Council of America and the Armenian Democratic League-Ramgavars. Participating Organizations include the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America, Prelacy of the Armenian Church, Armenian Missionary Association of America, Armenian Catholic Eparchy for US and Canada, Mid-Atlantic ACYOA, AYE, Armenian youth organizations, Armenian university and college clubs.

For more information, please visit <http://april24timesquare.com>, www.kofv.org, www.april24nyc.org, www.armenianradionj.net, www.theforgotten.org, www.armenian-genocide.org, www.twentyvoices.com.

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Moms and Money

By Roberta L Nestor

Let's face it, when children want something, they often go straight to Mom. The conversation always starts with, "Mom, can I have money for" you fill in the blank. Your children will ask for money to go on a field trip, to go to a special summer camp, have dance classes, karate, or music classes. They need money for birthday parties, new clothes, prom dresses or a tuxedo, after school activities and going to the movies. As they get older, the "can I have" question becomes more costly cell phones, iphones, laptops, DVDs, ipods and that spring break trip they just have to go on.

Dollars and sense

Even though Mom's magically pull through for their children, they often have to make personal sacrifices, clip coupons, bargain shop, comparison shop and learn how to stretch a dollar. However, as we have all experienced, there are many times when Mom just has to say "no"! But before she says "no" she has to add something like; "Did you see a tree in the backyard with money growing on it? Or, "Do I look like I am made out of money?" Of course, Mom doesn't have a license to print money, but somehow she always finds a way to juggle the family finances to include all the extras.

Today there are many website's dedicated to Mom's who are challenged day in and day out, week after week to stretch the family budget. MoneysavingMom.com is more of a blog however; it lends itself to real people and real financial situations. Moneywisemoms.com is another that has great information from meal planning to family finances. If you're the mom who handles all of the family finance, savings and bill paying, you will find www.mint.com to be an exceptional tool that will even help budget for that family vacation.

Mother's Day is the perfect time to thank all Moms out there for their extraordinary efforts that give their families all the important extras in life. Thank you to all Moms!

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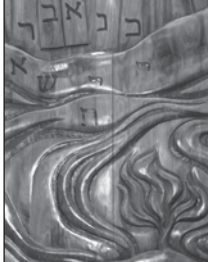
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Marc Saperstein

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

WARNING

Electors of the Town of Woodbridge are hereby notified and warned that the **BIENNIAL TOWN ELECTION** will be held at The Center Gymnasium, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, in the Town of Woodbridge, Connecticut, on Monday, the Sixth day of May 2013 (May 6, 2013), from 6:00A.M. to 8:00P.M. (DST) for the purpose of:


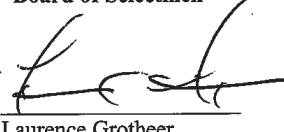

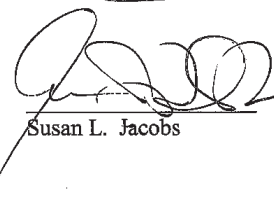
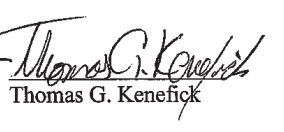
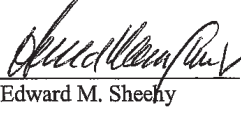
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- Five (5) Selectmen for two-year terms;
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- Two (2) members of the Board of Assessment Appeals for four-year terms;
- Three (3) members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for four-year terms;
- One (1) alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four-year term;
- Two (2) members of the Amity Regional Board of Education for four-year terms.

The Polls will be open at 6:00 O'clock A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 O'clock P.M. Daylight Savings Time, on said May 6, 2013.

Dated at Woodbridge, Connecticut this 10th day of April 2013.

Board of Selectmen

 Gregory Coyne	 Laurence Grotheer	 Beth Heller
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Attest:
Stephanie Ciarleglio
Town Clerk

From the Youth Services Director

By Nancy Pfund



Youth Evening Program "Glow In The Dark" Semi-Formal Dance Postponed Location Changed

Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany have postponed the annual Semi-Formal Dance for 7th and 8th grade residents to Friday, May 17, 2013. The location has moved to the Woodbridge Center Building Gym at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. This unique event will start at 7:00 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m.

Check out the cool black light decorations, and exciting entertainment by Boppers' DJ. Trivia games, contests, and a glow in the dark message board will be happening!

Enjoy hot hors d'oeuvres, a juice fountain and desserts. Awesome raffle prizes from local businesses will awarded! Capture the moment with your friends - photos and flowers will be available for \$1.00 each. Dates and dancing are not required, just be there with friends!

Buy your ticket early and get an extra raffle ticket. Tickets will be sold at Amity Middle School - Bethany during lunch on Tuesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 16th by the Cafeteria and at the event. Admission to the dance is \$5.00. Dressy attire, please, no jeans or shorts. We encourage private school students to attend. This program is for residents of Bethany and Woodbridge only.

We are soliciting donations for more raffle prizes and food items from local stores and restaurants. For more information regarding the program, donations or to chaperone, please call 203-389-3429 or e-mail youthone@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

1. **42 (PG-13)**
Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford
2. **Scary Movie 5 (PG-13)**
Ashley Tisdale, Simon Rex
3. **The Croods (PG)**
animated
4. **G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson, D.J. Cotrona
5. **Evil Dead (2013) (R)**
Jane Levy, Shiloh Fernandez
6. **Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13)**
Sam Neill, Laura Dern
7. **Olympus Has Fallen (R)**
Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart
8. **Oz the Great and Powerful (PG)**
James Franco, Michelle Williams
9. **Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor (PG-13)**
Jurnee Smollett-Bell, Kim Kardashian
10. **The Place Beyond the Pines (R)**
Ryan Gosling, Eva Mendes

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **Argo (R)**
Ben Affleck
2. **Zero Dark Thirty (R)**
Jessica Chastain
3. **Lincoln (PG-13)**
Daniel Day-Lewis
4. **Skyfall (PG-13)**
Daniel Craig
5. **Red Dawn (2012) (PG-13)**
Chris Hemsworth
6. **Killing Them Softly (R)**
Brad Pitt
7. **Rise of the Guardians (PG)**
animated
8. **Wreck-It Ralph (PG)**
animated
9. **Taken 2 (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson
10. **The Collection (R)**
Josh Stewart



Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Bruno Mars**
"When I Was Your Man"
2. **Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz**
"Thrift Shop"
3. **Pink**
"Just Give Me a Reason"
4. **Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko**
"Stay"
5. **Justin Timberlake feat. Jay Z**
"Suit & Tie"
6. **Baauer**
"Harlem Shake"
7. **Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Ray Dalton**
"The Heist"
8. **Florida Georgia Line feat. Nelly**
"Cruise"
9. **Drake**
"Started From the Bottom"
10. **Pitbull feat. Christiana Aguilera**
"Feel This Moment"



Pink

Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Florida Georgia Line**
"Cruise"
2. **Darius Rucker**
"Wagon Wheel"
3. **Blake Shelton**
"Sure Be Cool If You Did"
4. **Miranda Lambert**
"Mama's Broken Heart"
5. **Lady Antebellum**
"Downtown"
6. **Florida Georgia Line**
"Get Your Shine On"
7. **Tim McGraw with Taylor Swift**
"Highway Don't Care"
8. **Lee Brice**
"I Drive Your Truck"
9. **Thompson Square**
"If I Didn't Have You"
10. **The Band Perry**
"Done"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW BY DNA SMITH



Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel in "Safe Haven"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of May 6, 2013.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Safe Haven" (PG-13) -- Another adaptation of a Nicholas Sparks novel shows audiences that the old formula is wearing thin ... and shows no sign of changing. Katie (Julianne Hough) is a young woman with a troubled past. She finds her way into a small coastal town in North Carolina, filled with beautiful beaches and uninspired dialog. She meets Alex (Josh Duhamel), a hunky single dad who lost his wife to cancer (which is somehow more prevalent in Sparks' novels than real life.)

At this point, you could write a new Nicholas Sparks movie with a Mad-Libs style fill-in-the-blank game. We all know in which act the two most attractive characters will get together, and predict which minute some ridiculous obstacle will pull them apart. In "Safe Haven,"

the last bit gets so silly that you might actually get some entertainment for your money.

"Jack Reacher" (PG-13) -- Hollywood introduces a new serial hero to the big screen, possibly starting a new franchise hero. Tom Cruise plays Jack Reacher, and Iraq War veteran turned lone-wolf investigator. When a shooting spree leaves six seemingly random victims dead, the cops grab a suspect, and it looks like an open-and-shut case. Reacher gets on the job and starts pulling apart a tangled web of deception. This is a tight, hero-centric thriller. Cruise can still play the action-man, and he does so well here. Reacher has a mind like Sherlock Holmes -- as skilled at detective work as he is in sudden combat. Even if the mystery isn't mind-blowing, the action sequences in this flick make it an attractive rental.

"Upstream Color" (NR) -- You may not understand this movie on first watch, but you definitely will remember it. In the film, there is a rare little creature that can cause someone to lose free will and be put under direct control. But that's not even scratching the surface of what the film is about. This bizarre and unique film is the product of a virtual one-man-band. Shane Carruth wrote, directed, produced, composed the score and co-starred in the feature. He even worked as camera operator and one of the editors. This one guy had all of those jobs, and managed to do them all well -- creating an original, odd and brilliant movie.

"The Oranges" (R) -- Nina (Leighton Meester of TV's "Gossip Girl") comes back home to suburban New Jersey, and ends up with the wrong boy next door. Nina is 24, and a handsome young man (well, Adam Brody) has been her neighbor her whole life. Too bad she falls for his dad (Hugh Laurie of TV's "House.") This little situation produces no real laughs. Despite a decent cast, the film doesn't have anything that real families can latch on to.

1. What was "Operation TNT"?
2. When did Paul McCartney's new band Wings make their debut, and where? What was their first No. 1 song?
3. In what year did the album "The Electrifying Aretha Franklin" come out?
4. Who released the album "Cats Under the Stars"?
5. Name the song with this lyric: "She stood there laughing, I felt the knife in my hand and she laughed no more."



1. On Jan. 1, 1955, RCA Victor announced it was cutting the prices of its records. LPs dropped from \$5.95 to \$3.98, and 45s from \$1.16 to \$.89. Other record labels soon followed RCA's lead.
2. On Feb. 9, 1972 at the University of Nottingham in the U.K. The following year, "My Love" reached No. 1.
3. 1962. It was Franklin's second studio album. Each side had 12 songs.
4. The Jerry Garcia Band, in 1978. Garcia, who was with the Grateful Dead from 1965 until his death in 1995, considered it his favorite album.
5. "Delliah," by Tom Jones in 1968. The song tells of a man's action when he discovers his girl with another man. A popular rugby and football club song in the U.K., Jones sang it at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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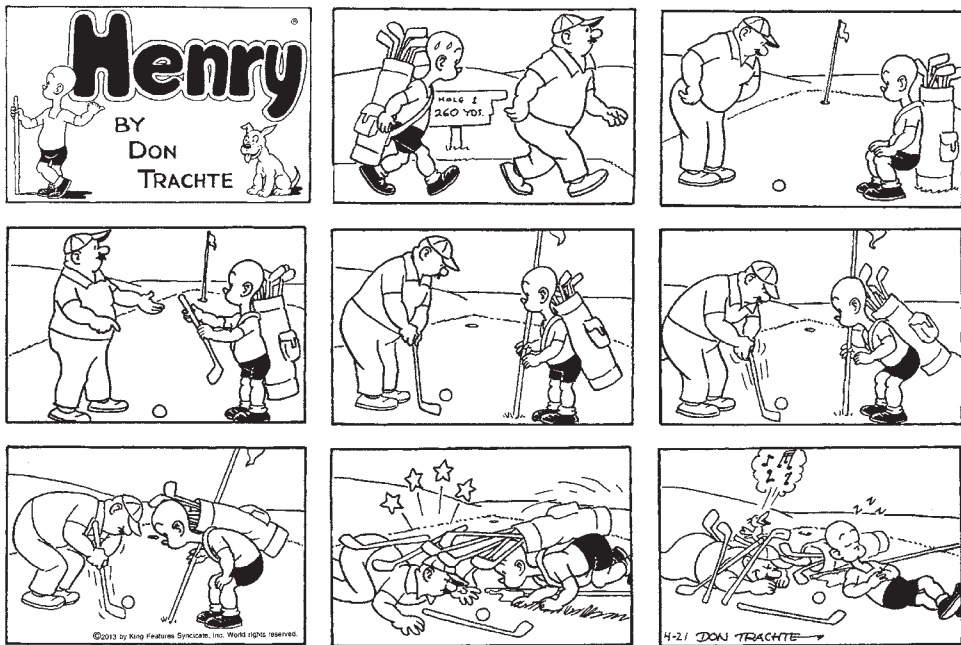
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Barbra Streisand

HOLLYWOOD -- Barbra Streisand is the total perfectionist. For the past 22 years she's been trying to find a film to direct. For three decades, she danced around directing Larry Kramer's "The Normal Heart," but couldn't get a script to work for her. Finally, Kramer regained the rights, and "Glee's" Ryan Murphy took over directing chores for the HBO movie that stars Jim Parsons, Alec Baldwin, Matt Bomer, Taylor Kitsch, Julia Roberts and Mark Ruffalo.

Then Barbra wanted to direct and star in a remake of "Gypsy," after its late author, Arthur Laurents, gave her his blessing. Now it's being said that Stephen Sondheim, who wrote the music for the bio of Gypsy Rose Lee, is withholding his permission for Streisand to make the film.

Now it's said Barbra will direct a film about the tumultuous relationship between former Life magazine photographer Margaret Bourke-White and author Erskine Caldwell, who wrote "Tobacco Road" and "God's Little Acre." "Skinny and Cat" was to have starred Oscar-winners Cate Blanchett and Colin Firth, until Blanchett bowed out.

Now the film Streisand will direct is not the "Skinny and Cat" screenplay, but a new script she's developing herself. If, in any way, she uses anything from "Skinny and Cat," she will have legal problems to deal with. "Skinny and Cat" probably will start shooting soon with Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz. You know there will be more to this story ... stay tuned.

Plans are afoot for a film remake of the George and Ira Gershwin musical "Porgy and Bess." The show opened on Broadway in 1935 and was made into a film by Samuel Goldwyn in

1959 with Sidney Poitier, Dorothy Dandridge, Sammy Davis and Pearl Bailey. The remake will be "a re-envisioned and updated film version of the iconic opera."

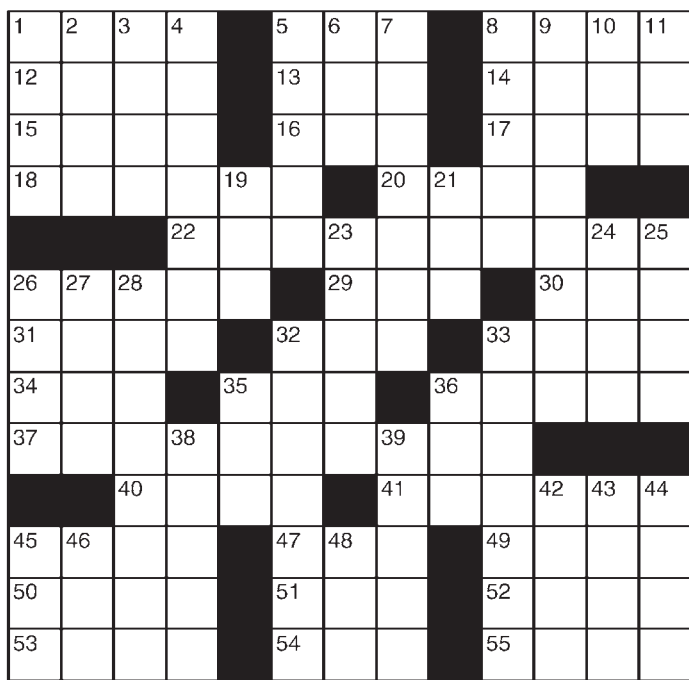
Oscar-winner Gwyneth Paltrow will follow the just-released "Iron Man 3" with "33 Dias." It follows artist Pablo Picasso's emotional turmoil trying to balance his relationship with artist Dora Maar while painting his mural "Guernica." Playing Picasso to her Dora is Antonio Banderas; it'll be out later this year.

While most of us struggle to make a buck, some of our TV favorites are making a bundle: Blake Shelton pulls in \$75,000 on "The Voice," (\$20 million a year), Sofia Vergara is making \$21 million a year from "Modern Family," her Kmart fashion line, and her Covergirl and Pepsi ads, while "NCIS's" Mark Harmon beats everyone with \$500,000 an episode, which translates into \$38 million a year. We'll have more payday next time, if we can recover from the shock that anyone makes THAT kind of money in TV!

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Volcanic spillage
- 5 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 8 Bang the door loudly
- 12 Troop group
- 13 Inseparable
- 14 Caffeine-rich nut
- 15 Swag
- 16 Twitch
- 17 Terrible guy?
- 18 Loosen a sneaker
- 20 Dangling locale
- 22 One way to quit
- 26 Ungainly
- 29 Cage piece
- 30 Born
- 31 Raw minerals
- 32 "See ya"
- 33 TV chef Cat
- 34 Have a bug
- 35 "Ulalume" writer
- 36 Croc's cousin
- 37 Speak frankly
- 40 Transaction
- 41 Nerve tissue cell
- 45 Pic you can click
- 47 Conk out



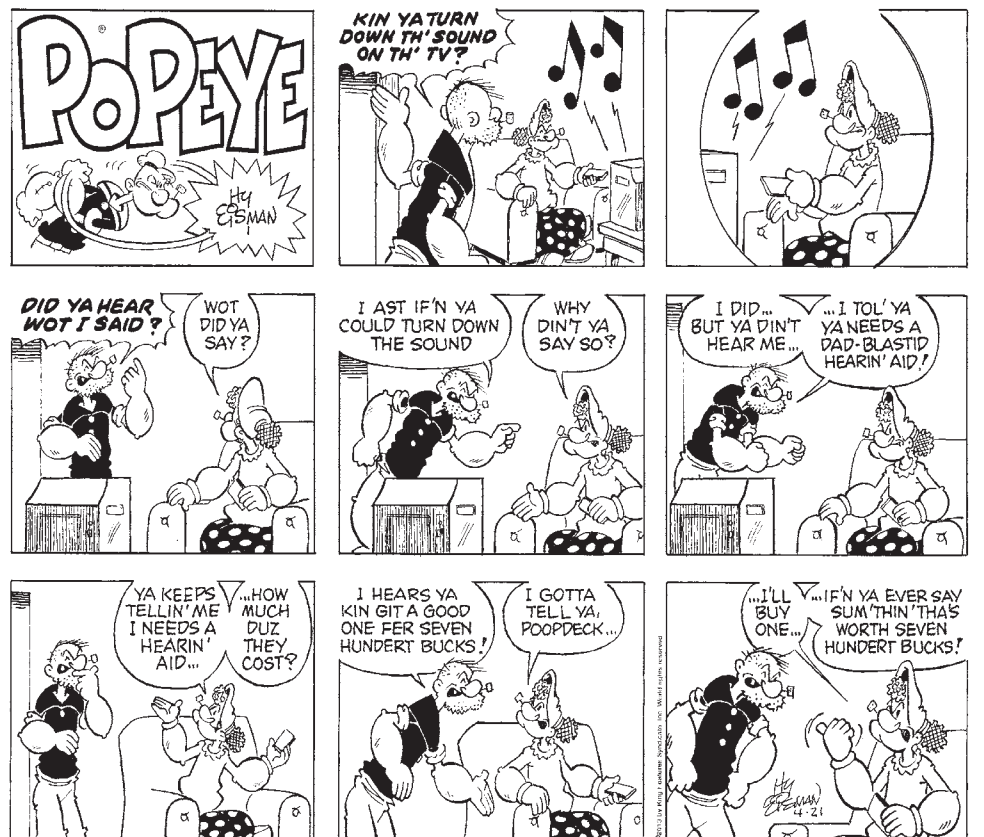
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- 50 Beach matter
- 51 Geological period
- 52 Right angles
- 53 Sandwich cookie
- 54 Roulette bet
- 55 Do in
- 6 Singer
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- 8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
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- 10 - carte
- 11 Fellow
- 19 Demure
- 21 Gist
- 23 Laundromat machine
- 24 Architect Saarinen
- 25 Calendar quota
- 26 Capricorn
- 27 Met melody
- 28 "Bravo!"
- 32 Colorado city
- 33 Range horses
- 35 Sch. org.
- 36 "Gosh!"
- 38 Japanese fencing
- 39 Work dough
- 42 Roster
- 43 - podrida
- 44 Inquisitive
- 45 Equal (Pref.)
- 46 Automobile
- 48 Rage

DOWN

- 1 Humdinger
- 2 Any time now
- 3 String instrument
- 4 Assaults
- 5 "Monopoly"

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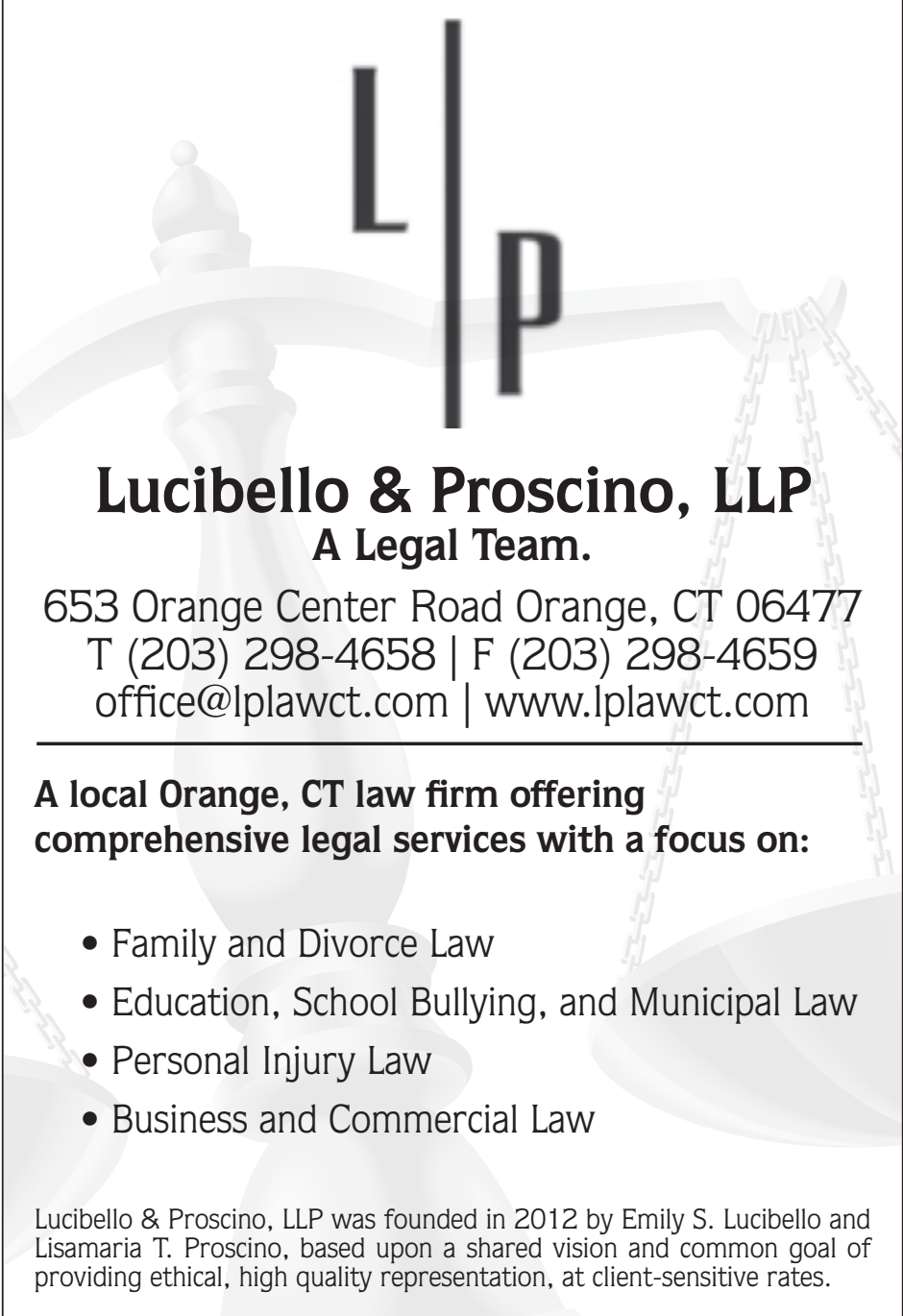
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TGI to Screen Award-Winning Documentary

The Master of Arts in Learning and Thinking (MALT) program at The Graduate Institute (TGI) will present a free screening of *Connected: An Autobiography about Love, Death & Technology* on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 pm. The Graduate Institute is located at 171 Amity Road, Bethany, CT. Following the screening, representatives from each of the TGI certificate and degree programs will be on hand to discuss the issues presented in the film and how the unique programs at TGI address these issues. Have you ever faked a restroom trip to check your email? Slept with your laptop? Or become so overwhelmed that you just unplugged from it all? These are the questions posed by filmmaker Tiffany Shlain in her award-winning documentary.

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Shlain also expounds on this theme in her blog post *Tech's Best Feature: The Off Switch* which appeared in the Harvard Business Review Blog Network in March.

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	TPZ Commission.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
5/7	CUPOP.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
5/8	Board of Selectmen.....	6:00pm	Town Hall
5/13	Library Commission.....	6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeal.....	7:30pm	Town Hall
5/15	Inland/Wetlands Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
5/16	Board of Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall
5/20	Fire Commission	6:00pm	Fire Station
	EMS Commission	7:00pm	Town Hall
	Woodbridge BOE.....	7:30pm	Beecher School N
	Recreation Commission	7:30pm	Beecher School S
	Annual Town Meeting.....	7:30pm	Center Gym
5/21	Conservation Commission.....	7:00pm	Town Hall
5/22	Board of Selectmen.....	6:00pm	Town Hall
5/28	CC of Woodbridge Commission	6:00am	CC of Woodbridge
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By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Exercising with Your Dog

Just like people, dogs need regular exercise and stimulation to keep them in tip-top shape, both physically and mentally. And since dogs crave human companionship, then who better to choose as your exercise partner than your pooch?

Frequent activity positively impacts your dog's health in many ways, benefiting his muscles, bones, digestion, sleep, circulation, and general attitude. The bond between canine and human also encourages humans to exercise more frequently and lose more weight than most nationally known diet plans. A key reason for the better results is that the dog walkers stayed with the program because of their emotional connection to their dogs.

Tips to get started

Exercise needs vary from dog to dog, depending on the dog's breed, age, weight, and other factors. Therefore, consult with your vet before starting an exercise program with your dog—and be sure to consult with your own physician about the right program for you.

- Take things slowly at first. Begin with short sessions at a slow speed, then gradually increase the time, speed and distance.
- Your dog's paw pads will need time to toughen, so begin walking or running with him on soft surfaces such as dirt, sand or grass.
- Avoid exercising your dog immediately before or after he's eaten. A full stomach may cause digestive upsets. Provide only small amounts of water before and directly after exercise.

Keep things interesting

Just letting your dog out in the backyard is not enough—most dogs do not exercise themselves. Likewise, a brief daily walk may not be enough either. However, you can keep your dog both physically and mentally active on your daily walk by varying how you walk.

- Change the pace. Intermittently walk fast, slow, stop, etc. Your dog will come to see this as a game and will find the activity fun and stimulating.
- Change directions frequently. Go left, then right, turn in front of the dog, reverse direction, etc. Each time you make a change in direction, give a gentle flick of the leash to alert your dog you are about to change direction.
- Give obedience commands as you go. Stop and ask your dog to sit, lie down, etc.

Be sensible

No matter how fit your dog, his enthusiasm may overcome his common sense to know when to rest.

- Stop the games if your dog seems to be getting overly tired.
- Be sure he has access to fresh drinking water, but prevent stomach upset by limiting his intake if he is heavily panting.
- Take poop bags to clean up after your dog.

Watch the weather

In summer:

- Exercise in the cool hours of the morning or late evening.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke.
- Beware of hot asphalt, which can damage your dog's paw pads.
- In winter:
- Watch for signs of frostbite or hypothermia.
- Dress your short-coated dog in a doggie coat or sweater to keep him warm.
- After a romp in the snow, wipe your dog's paw pads and between the toes to remove any snow, ice or road salts that may have accumulated there.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've set a fast pace for yourself. But as you approach your goal, you might want to slow down a bit in order to take time to reassess your situation and make changes while you can.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Patience continues to be a virtue for the Divine Bovine. So as eager as you might be to get things moving, remember that time is on your side. Make good use of it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) There's a wee bit of uncertainty in the early part of the week. But things clear up as more facts come to light. Spend quality time this weekend with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An old friend's return could open new possibilities for both of you. But don't let yourself be rushed into anything. There could be some factors you haven't yet explored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This week offers a challenge you're raring to take on. And while eager to get started, do so slowly so that you can focus those sharp Cat's Eyes on every detail.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Put your skepticism aside and listen to advice from colleagues who've been where you are now. What they say could be helpful as you get closer to a decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter might again require your reassuring touch. Handle it, as always, with kindness and fairness, even if some of your kin prove to be especially difficult.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to tackle even the most intricate details of a project is likely to impress some very important people. A relative shares news later this week.

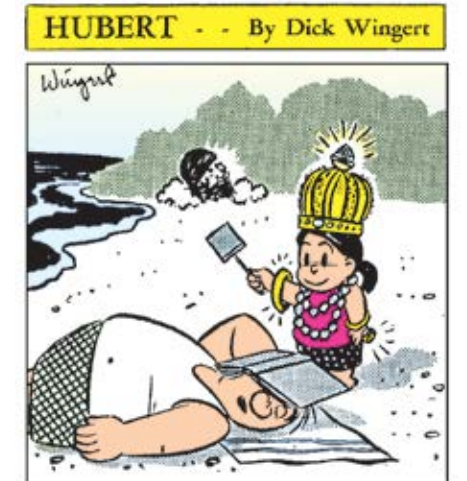
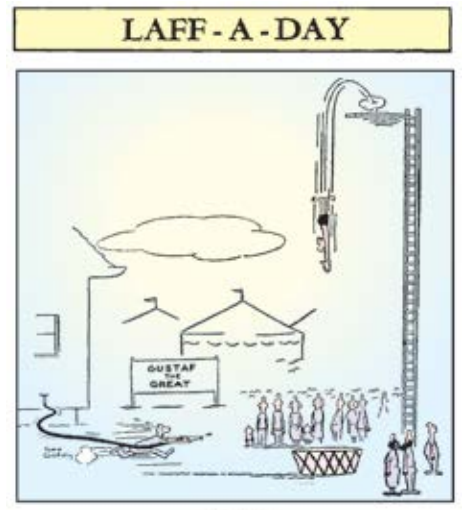
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The Archer's aim might be focused on the big picture this week, but don't overlook checking for those details you might have missed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel awkward asking for assistance, but who would refuse the charming Goat's request? Do it, then go ahead and enjoy a musical weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Pour some cold water on that simmering misunderstanding before it boils over. The sooner things settle, the sooner you can move ahead with your plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're in a highly productive period, which you feel can go on forever. But you could be courting exhaustion. Take time out to relax and restore your energies.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can combine a sense of adventure with a penchant for practicality. Have you considered a travel-related field?



top ten

movies to watch with Mom

1. Mommie Dearest
2. Terms of Endearment
3. Steel Magnolias
4. Mrs. Doubtfire
5. Forrest Gump
6. The Sound of Music
7. Serial Mom
8. Hope Floats
9. Stepmom
10. Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood

Source: HuffingtonPost.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Creating 'That' Dog

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: One thing I've dreamed about with owning a dog is being able to bring him to coffee shops, markets, parks, you name it, and have him be calm and relaxed. You know the type: the big shaggy dog leashed to a lamppost being petted by neighborhood kids, with no problems. Well, my puppy is a good-natured Lab mix, but a little hyper. Will "Raven" ever be that dog? -- Joe K., Portland, Maine

DEAR JOE: As long as you make it a priority to train Raven well in basic obedience both on and off the leash, socialize him to humans, children and other dogs, you have a very good chance of having "that" dog ... that cool city pooch you can take almost anywhere. Strike up a conversation with other dog owners who have a well-behaved pet with them, and find out how they achieved it. Search for puppy training or socialization groups in your area, through local papers or on websites like Meetup.com. If you're having trouble getting Raven to follow commands or be calm on the leash, look into group or private dog obedience training. If Raven is still young and hasn't had all his initial shots yet, avoid visiting dog parks until the vet says it's safe to do so. Don't venture out too far or too long: Gradually increase your walks around the city, so that he looks forward to exploring without getting exhausted or stressed. While you're out, check with shops and cafes that you pass to find out which ones are pet-friendly and which ones aren't.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Former NBA Player Chris Herren to Speak at Amity on Addiction

Former NBA player Chris Herren will be giving a special presentation about drug addiction at the Amity High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Herren's career with the Boston Celtics was derailed by his addiction. Now drug-free and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, Herren has adjusted his life goals toward helping the next generation. The Amity Community Action Club welcomes him to share his story and preach the importance of a clean lifestyle. Doors open at 6 p.m.



Herren launched "Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren" in 2009, seeking to reach as many young audiences as possible and make a difference in their lives. In May, 2011, Herren released his memoir, "Basketball Junkie". During his travels, he's been approached by many individuals and families looking for advice and assistance in their personal substance battles. Ultimately, he launched The Herren Project to help educate at-risk populations on addiction and help as many people as possible taking their first steps toward sobriety.

Matt Milner, president of the Community Action club, organized the event, along with club coordinator Amy Miller. The event was scheduled for earlier this year, but was postponed after a snowstorm. Please e-mail amitycommunityactionclub@gmail.com or call Matthew Milner at (203) 927-7273 with any questions or donations.

Spartans Baseball Wins Fourth Straight with 3-0 Shutout against Shelton

Mike Concato struck out 12 Shelton batters as Amity cruised to a 3-0 victory against the Gaels on April 19. Concato allowed only three hits while Jake Russo, Keith Klebart and Justin Ashworth provided the scoring for the Spartans, who improved to 7-1. Two days earlier, it was Russo who slugged a two-run home run in the sixth inning to propel Amity past SCC interdivisional rival Notre Dame 3-1. The longball which sailed over the left-field fence was estimated at 350 field. Sam Nepiarsky pitched a complete game, allowing just one run on four hits. Amity hasn't lost since a 2-1 result to Sheehan on April 10, its only loss of the season.

Amity Softball Beats Cheshire, Improves to 6-0

Heather Ferranti struck out six as the Spartans knocked off Cheshire 7-3 on April 15 to improve to 6-0. Krista Reynolds added a two-run double for Amity.

Spartans Boys' Lacrosse Rallies to 4-3 Start

Under first-year head coach Tyler Pepe, Smity started the season 2-3. But in their last two games against Law and Wilbur Cross, the Spartans have outscored their opponents 31-3. Against Wilbur Cross on April 10, Ajay King paced the Spartans in their 16-2 win with two goals and two assists. Steve Sember added one goal and three assists and Jake Milner tallied one goal and two assists while Tyler Burns, Matt Attolino, David Buono and Joe Choiniere had one goal and one assist each.

Mike Cala, Sean Grenier, John Pignataro, Ben Dimauro, Jesse Cala, Brad Uscilla, Nick Mazzacco and Nick Coassin scored one goal apiece and David Duhl recorded an assist. Jimmy Steinbrick (7 saves), Evan Campbell (2) and James Chapman (1) combined to hold Wilbur Cross to just two scores between the pipes.

Against first-year program Law on April 16, Matt Milner and Grenier led the way with two goals and two assists each. Sember had one goal and two assists, Jake Milner had one goal and one assist and Steinbreck logged six saves.

Amity Girls Tennis Dominates East Haven to Stay Undefeated

Amity dropped just 14 games in a 7-0 sweep of East Haven on April 19. With the victory, the Spartans improved to 7-0 on the season.

In singles, Victoria Li defeated Eliza Gladwin (6-1, 6-0), Claire Foster defeated Elise Tomasello (6-0, 6-0), Rebecca Lettick defeated Julianna Maisano (6-2, 6-0) and Jamie Thimineur defeated Jurgena Hysolli (6-1, 6-0). In doubles, Katherine Forbers and Rebecca Bullers defeated Pam Masella and Brianna Dessureau (6-0, 6-2), Jamie Hashem and Alex Petrucci defeated Amy Seliga and Alexis Hernandez (6-3, 6-0) and Shoba Patel and Julia Forbes defeated Corrine Palmer and Donita Canieso (6-2, 6-3).

Spartans Golf Defeats Shelton, Ties Xavier

Amity earned one victory and one draw in its match at Country Club of Woodbridge on April 15 to improve to 5-1-1 this year. Led by medalist Aaron Uscilla (36), the Spartans beat Shelton 156-177. Brent Marieb (39), Billy Emery (39) and Zach Prete (42) rounded out the scoring for Amity. The Spartans also tied Xavier 322-322. Emery finished at 78, Uscilla 81, Prete 81 and Marieb 92. Xavier's Ryan DeVille was the medalist, shooting a 77.



Belenski, Spartans Maintain Winning Streak

By Stephen Bailey – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Shae Belenski estimates the jaunt at 90-plus meets. That's how long it's been since the Amity track and field team has lost a dual meet in the outdoor season.

The senior captain and long distance runner has helped lead the Spartans to a 4-0 start in 2013 as they look to push the win streak toward the century mark. "When we race, we don't race for just the team right now," Belenski said. "We race for (former longtime head coach turned assistant Thom) Jacobs and we race for all the past athletes."

On April 16, Amity faced its first challenge of the season—a quad meet against Xavier, Hand and Branford. Belenski claimed first place in the 1600 meters (4:31.32) and 3200 (9:58.78), doubling like he does for most competitive dual meets, as the Spartans went 3-0 on the afternoon. The victories over Hand (99-51) and Branford (110-40) were by wide margins, but to beat Xavier (82-64), Belenski said the team relied heavily on its core group of throwers.

Senior captain Mike Vitale won the shot put (51 feet, 3.5 inches), Dennis Flanagan the discus (118 feet, five inches) and Matthew Post the javelin (154 feet, 11 inches) while Zachary Torro placed second in all three events for Amity which outscored Xavier 26-1 in the throws. The Spartans followed up that performance with a 96-53 thrashing of Shelton on April 24. With Belenski leading the long distance runners, a quartet of powerful hurlers, two-time state Decathlon champion David Karabinos manning the jumps and a slew of veteran sprinters including James Bonvicini and Aaron O'Neill trimming times and teaching the next generation of athletes, Amity is primed at each event to continue its success through the end of its regular season.

From there, Belenski said the Spartans have their sights set on a Southern Connecticut Conference title and a chance to vie for the CIAC LL championship. "If everyone is able to stay focused on our objectives and try to stay focused individually on becoming the best they possibly can, I think we can really put out some great performances," Belenski said.

Belenski is chasing his own personal dream, too. Since freshman year he's aspired to follow in the shoes of many former Amity alumni to the New England Championship Meet. During cross country season in the fall, he placed fourth in SCCs and 16th in the State Open. This winter Belenski finished fourth in the 3200 at LLs and eighth at Opens, results he wants to "avenge" this spring. And his final chance to achieve his four-year long aspiration is fast approaching. "I've been training harder than I ever have," Belenski said. "I'm really looking forward to being a top competitor at the end of the season. I really hope to get back to the form where I was earlier this year."

Before those championship meets, though, Amity will face Fairfield Prep and Sheehan on May 7 in a final regular-season tune-up before its SCC sectional meet one week later. "We're always a really tight team, but this year especially I feel like there's a whole bunch of four-season seniors and three-season juniors," Belenski said. "The throwers, the distance runners and the sprinters all get along really well."

Belenski's time as an Amity track and field athlete will come to a close at season's end, but it will be more than the end of a season. With his college decision still up in the air, it may be the end of Belenski's racing career. At the very least it will close the book on his four-year career as a Spartan. Either way, he's leaving nothing up to chance. Belenski is doing everything in his power to leave Amity having kept the team winning streak intact and with an appearance at New England's under his belt. Said Belenski, "This being my last year, it's really sentimental because this has been my life for the last four years, the whole Amity track and field program. Leaving it is going to be a really weird feeling."

LOCAL SPORTS



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Michael Dow

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