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## Woodbridge Historical Society Considering A Move

BY BETTINA THIEL

WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The town and the Amity Woodbridge Historical Society have not been able to work out their differences with regards to the museum caretaker at the Historic Thomas Darling House and after months of rising tensions, the Historical Society's Board of Directors voted to explore options of moving its collection out of the museum.

"It could be put in storage, or it could go to other museums," said Alexia Belperron, its president, after the vote. But all of these options are yet to be determined and need to be explored, she cautioned.

The disagreement with the town erupted earlier this year, when the Historical Society wanted to part ways with its caretaker, Ethan Schneider, who has built up a successful farm on the property. But at the time the Board of Selectmen voted to follow the recommendation of Town Attorney Gerald Weiner and keep the month-to-month lease with the farmer going until it expires at the end of this year.

"Most residents would like the Board of Selectmen to find a way to continue farming at the Darling House AND to have a caretaker," said First Selectman Beth Heller at the November selectmen meeting, referring to a packet of letters they had received in support of Koan Farm. Heller said she was adamant that the Historical Society continue its mission in running the museum, but she also said it was "unrealistic, unfair and unjust to require the farmer to leave his apartment at the Darling House."

But after four years of struggling

with the ever-widening farm operation, the Historical Society decided that the two functions — that of a farmer and of a museum caretaker — are mutually exclusive. For one thing, society members complained about times the caretaker allegedly neglected his duties; but, in addition, they said that 21st century farming practices — with plastic greenhouses, and tarps for weed control — do not agree with the look of an 18th century museum, which is supposed to transport the viewer to a different century.

And yet, "The Darling House Museum and Koan Farms can thrive together," the Historical Society wrote on the subject on its website. "We have asked that the farming operations at the Darling property be separated from the museum—allowing the Society and the museum to focus exclusively on preservation and education and allowing the farmer to focus on his farm."

But back in June the selectmen voted along party lines to follow town counsel's advice to keep the lease with the farmer in place until it expires at the end of December. At its November meeting, after months of rising tensions, the Board of Selectmen unanimously directed Town Counsel Gerald Weiner to begin discussions with the attorney representing the Historical Society with the goal "to achieve mutually acceptable revisions" to the agreement currently in place.

The town owns the property, including the building, while the Historical Society is in charge of the collection.

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First Selectman Beth Heller speaks at the Veterans Day ceremony at Beecher Road School

## Beecher School Honors Veterans

BY BETTINA THIEL

WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Beecher Road School, on November 11, celebrated the Nation's veterans with a special ceremony in the school's South gym. Community members who have served, as well as relatives of local students who have served were invited to attend, and were greeted with hearty applause from a grateful audience.

Unfortunately, since moving the event indoors, the school cannot invite members of the public to attend the event. The school does not have a big enough space to accommodate its 840 students, faculty and administrators as well as invited officials.

First Selectman Beth Heller, state Rep. Themis Klarides, R-114, and state

Sen. George Logan, R-17, addressed the school community.

Representative Klarides reminded students that a long time ago women could not vote or hold office. "Thanks to these amazing people I am here now," she said.

Senator Logan also encouraged students to thank veterans for their service. "Make sure you thank them," he said. He also congratulated Bill Letsch and the Beecher band as well as Janine Lempke and her chorus for the patriotic music they provided. Logan, who plays the guitar in his spare time, promised that next year he would bring his instrument to accompany them for the National Anthem.

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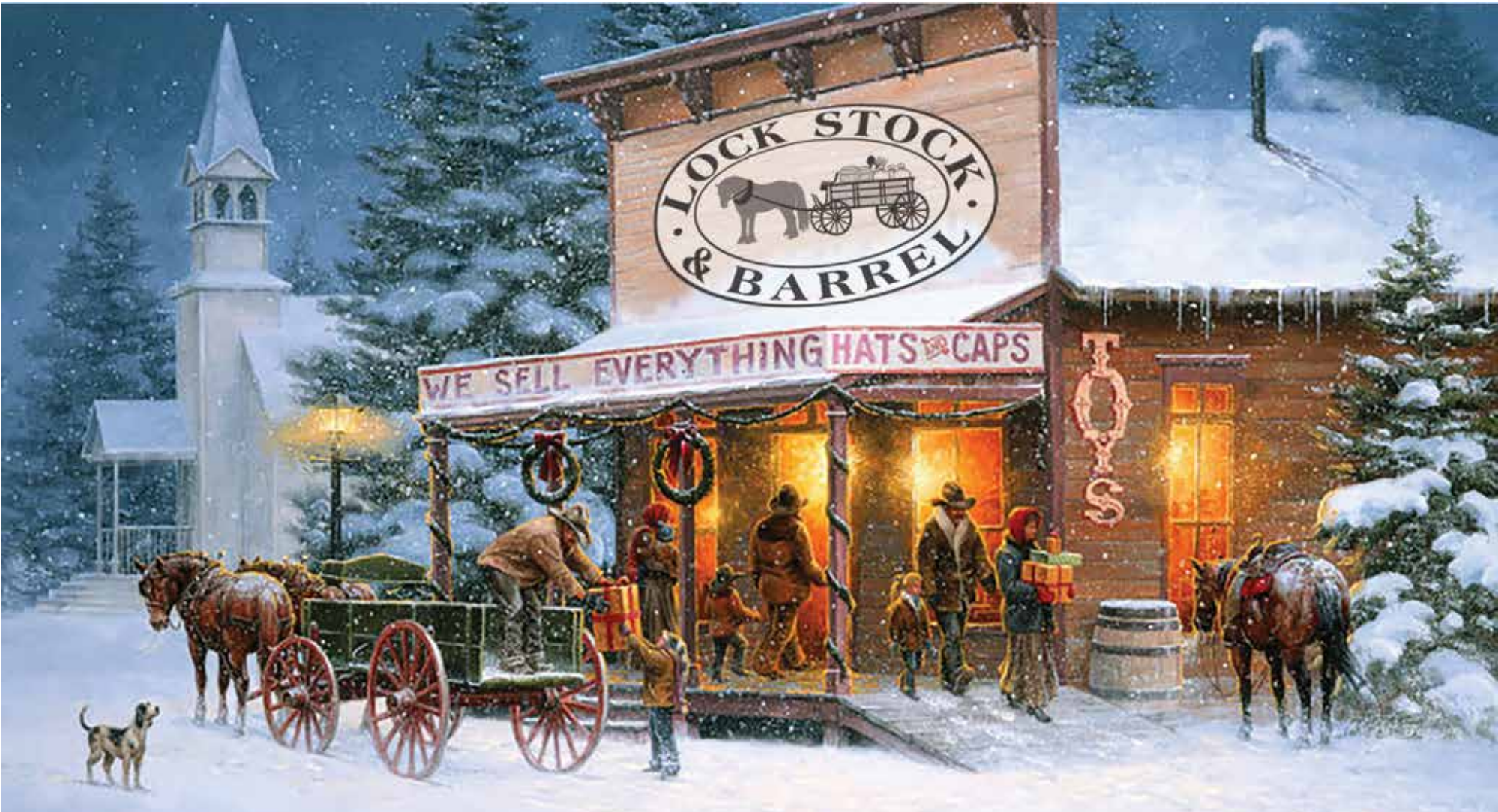
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| Holiday Issue

December 6

January 10

| New Year's Issue

January 3

February 7

| Valentine's Day Issue

January 31

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## FROM OUR READERS

### Dust-Up at the Board of Selectmen

The November meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen (BOS) was a stark contest between “We the People” and the powers that be. Town Attorney Jerry Weiner and First Selectman Beth Heller did their best to dodge incoming fire, but they were largely unsuccessful. At issue was the dispute at the Thomas Darling House, where the Administration has wrested control from the Amity Woodbridge Historical Society, volunteers caring for the property on behalf of the Town for the past 45 years, in an effort to protect the farmer’s ability to continue living in the caretaker’s apartment on the property. The AWHs has requested he be removed.

The latest Town proposal in the continuing saga is to convert a portion of the antique barn into a “Farmer’s Shelter” at the expense of the AWHs, with modern facilities of running water and electricity, so the farmer will have a place to eat lunch and get out of the elements. Needless to say most of the criticism came from members of the AWHs, who were outraged that they should be asked, as a non-profit, to support a for profit farm, a farm which is leased from the town for \$10 a year! When the Town Attorney stated that this compromise had been suggested by the lawyer representing the AWHs, the president rose up to say that it was an extreme measure and last-ditch attempt to get agreement from the Administration, nothing that they voluntarily supported. It was essentially a hostage videotape, with the gun off camera. The past president also noted that it would destroy the 17th century authenticity of the property. Another speaker opined that it is more important to support the volunteers who are the life blood of this town, including the AWHs, rather than bending over backwards to subsidize housing for a for profit farm operation.

On another note, the BOS voted on

a plan to hire a land use consultant to study and suggest other uses for the 90 acres of the CCW property which will remain in Town ownership in the event that the referendum should somehow pass and the Town sells 60 acres for cluster home construction. That begs the question, why have we not hired a consultant in the past? It was suggested 6 years ago by Selectmen Dey and Anastasio. Why do we first have to sell the property to do this? Wouldn’t it make more sense to get the suggestions BEFORE we sell the property, change zoning, deal with construction, runoff and possible blasting and disruption to the neighborhood, not to mention irreversible loss of the largest undeveloped parcel in Woodbridge?

It was refreshing to hear the intelligent, insightful, and cogent remarks of so many volunteers and residents. I would hope that the same thoughtful consideration of these issues be done by those responsible for running our town.

David Lober MD

### Let’s Step Back and Evaluate What is Best for Our Town

Several Woodbridge residents attended the Human Services Commission meeting Monday evening, 11/4. We sat through the presentation by Brian St. Pierre, a developer who is looking to transform a portion of the beautiful Country Club of Woodbridge golf course into 120 homes for people 55 years of age or older.

After his presentation was made, some board members asked questions they had concerning aspects of the project. The floor was then opened to the public for questions.

We were for warned that a timer was in place to make certain we did not exceed our 2 minutes of allotted speaking time. We were also told that

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# WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



The students who recently received the “Character of the Quarter” award are: Standing (left to right): Sarah Fortin, Sophia Messina, Giovanni Aldi, Amanda Koola, Logan Tarifi, Jake Doerrier; Kneeling (left to right): Georgia Gattinella, Sadie Arnold, Logan Thomas, Sean O’Brien, Emily Chen.

## Character of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Award

Amity Middle School in Bethany has a “Character of the Quarter” awards program. Each marking period students are recognized for one of four traits: Accountability, Motivation, Independence, and Trustworthiness. Students from each team are selected

to receive this honor. The character trait for the 1st quarter was “Accountability.” These students were presented with their awards certificates at the “Be Amity” Halloween pep rally held on October 31st; hence, many students are in costume!

## Beecher Road School Addresses Waste Awareness & Reduction

Beecher Road School made some exciting changes for Fall 2019 with respect to waste awareness and reduction. Through a combined effort, the school administration, teachers and the Board of Education Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee, developed many recommendations that lead to actions and change for the entire school this year!

As a part of CT Green LEAF Schools, The Beecher Road School GREEN TEAM has launched! This team is comprised of parents, teachers, staff and community members. We have had a lot of interest but would love to hear from you as well! Please contact us if you’d like to join. We’d love to have you!

On the first day of school in August 2019 with the help of Green Team volunteers, children were coached and encouraged to eat their food and refuse any single use plastic products they do not need. At clean up time, – instead of dumping everything in the trash – students sorted their waste into the following containers: Off Site Food Donation, Liquids, Food Scraps, Recycling and Trash. To help students

identify proper receptacles, all barrels were labeled with colors, photos and signs.

The sorting was recommended as follows:

**LIQUIDS:** (orange buckets) pour out any unfinished beverages to decrease the weight and mess in the trash.

**RECYCLING** (blue rectangle bin with bottle holes): any CLEAN plastic containers or cardboard.

We explained to the children that containers need to be empty and clean, which is difficult in the cafeteria. It is suggested that containers with lids be brought home or to the classroom to be rinsed.

**FOOD SCRAPS** (green lined trash can): any/all half eaten or open food materials.

**TRASH** (black trash can): everything else - especially plastic silverware, plastic baggies, wrappers, plastic/paper plates, foil that has food on it.

We have taught the children, when in doubt, throw it out. It is not worth

See “Waste Awareness” On Page 15

## Howard Jacobson Scholarship Award Announced

CAC Area 2 will bestow two scholarships in memory of former longtime Chairperson Howard Jacobson. One high school and one college student studying film, mass communications, and television or media studies will receive \$500 to help further their studies.

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- › college or university.
- › They have a declared a major in the mass communications, or media studies. Along with pursuing a career in this field, they are taking classes or engaged in independent studies.
- › They are in good standing with their academic institution.
- › They must submit a short essay under 500 words describing their creative coursework, portfolio or project and how it relates to this scholarship award. Supplemental links to media projects are welcome.

The two winners will be selected on the basis of their overall academic performance, portfolio and their personal statement.

Deadline to apply is December 31, 2019. To apply, please email postmaster@cacarea2.com.

## STUDENT NEWS

**Enrollments Eastern Connecticut State University**

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University welcomed 1,200 new students to campus this fall 2019 semester. The new enrollees include first-time and transfer students who are enrolled in full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate programs. Among the new students from Woodbridge are: Kayla Britton, a full-time undergraduate freshman who is majoring in Business Administration; and Rachel Ciarleglio, a full-time undergraduate freshman who is majoring in Psychology.

**Tufts University**

Medford, MA -- Samuel Farbman, from Woodbridge, has joined more than 1,600 undergraduate students from around the world as they begin their academic careers at Tufts University, located in Medford/Somerville, Massachusetts.

**University at Albany**

Albany, N.Y. -- UAlbany has welcomed nearly 5,700 new Great Danes to campus for the fall of 2019. The University at Albany welcomes the following student from Woodbridge for the fall of 2019: Ari Wyner is an undergraduate.

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From the First Selectman

BY BETH HELLER



Economic Development Commission. If anyone is interested in attending please RSVP to Betsy Yagla at 203-389-3403 or byagla@woodbridgect.org.

As we approach the winter months, our Recreation Department has recently purchased a removable/portable ice skating rink, which will be installed this winter at the Center Road tennis courts. This group has also discussed holding a hot chocolate event at the skating rink – we will keep you posted for this fun community event.

I'm proud to announce the publication of the Town's first-ever Holiday Guide, which highlights holiday events in November and December. This poster is the kick-off to seasonally themed posters that will showcase the many wonderful businesses, organizations and events we enjoy in Woodbridge. The next poster will focus on health and wellness events and promotions during the months of January and February. If your business or organization has a health-related event or promotion, please contact Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3403. To request a poster for your business, please contact Betsy.

The Town plans to finish the next step of renovations at the Old Firehouse by the end of the year. The work is funded through a \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program

(STEAP) grant. This work follows a terrible fire in 2006. I believe it is finally time to review and decide uses for this building and I have provided the Board of Selectmen with background documents on various groups that have considered the question. We must determine how the building will be used before we can have an architect develop drawings, get a cost estimate, and eventually propose funding. I invite you all to think about how the Town should use the building. If you have ideas please reach out to my office at 203-389-3401 by Wednesday December 4 so I am able to share your ideas with the Board of Selectmen prior to our next meeting on December 11. The Board of Selectmen will soon make a definitive decision on the uses, so this project can move to completion.

One final note – I would remind everyone that the Amity Regional School District Referendum is scheduled for December 4. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be two questions on the ballot to bond for facilities, and grounds improvements. The project's total cost is \$6.7 bonded over 10 years.

I welcome your thoughts on any of these issues. As always, my door is open to Woodbridge residents. Please call me at 203-389-3401 or email me at bheller@woodbridgect.org.

From the Other Side of the Aisle

BY STEPHEN FALCIGNO  
WRTC CHAIRMAN



As 2019 enters its final months and 2020 is ushered in, the citizens of Woodbridge have many people to thank for their service. Elected and volunteer members of Boards and Commissions dedicate many hours and their talents with the goal of protecting and improving our town. As a community, we are faced with the obligation, and hopefully the wisdom, to make important decisions that will impact us for years to come. In the forefront are decisions on the Woodbridge Country Club, issues facing the Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society and its ability to protect treasures of our town's history, and financial decisions that are material to our ability to provide services to our citizens. These decisions will shape the contour of our town for generations.

In early 2020 we expect a referendum on the plan to develop the Country Club property will come before us. The proposal could shape the landscape of Woodbridge forever. Our hope is that citizens will take time to weigh the positive and negative consequences of this major decision for our town.

The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society, in its forty-sixth year of providing a valuable service, is facing the inability to control one of Wood-

bridge's historical treasures, the Thomas Darling House. The vicissitude thwarting the Historical Society's decision-making at that property puts in jeopardy a sizable state grant to make state of the art upgrades to the museum. We hope for a satisfactory outcome for this worthy group whose sole purpose has been to preserve and share the history of Woodbridge.

On December 5, originally advertised for December 4th, a referendum will be held for two significant bond offerings to address issues at Amity Regional High School. One bond addressed infrastructure in need of repairs and upgrades, the other seeks approval for a sizable amount of money for an artificial turf field.

With the holidays arriving soon, it is important to recognize many of your neighbors, acquaintances and friends who give tirelessly on boards, committees and special projects. Our thanks to all these people for their sacrifice of time and allowing our community to utilize their expertise in solving issues that face Woodbridge. In the coming year, hopefully Woodbridge will experience an inverse relationship with a reduction of our 40 mill property taxes along with an increase in our property values. Happy Holidays.

"Historical Society" From Page 1

For the past 45 years or so, the Historical Society has hired a caretaker, and the town would sign the lease. The arrangement with the caretakers has been that the rent is below market rate, with utilities included, with the understanding that the caretaker will cut the lawn and bushes, and keep an eye on the building and its collection. He does not get paid for that work.

In addition to the lease with the farmer, the town has a management agreement with the Historical Society. Belperron welcomed the selectmen's vote to start talks regarding that agreement, saying it was a step in the right direction. However, it comes too late.

The Historical Society has applied for, and was granted a Good to Great grant for non-profit organizations. The grant is for \$48,000, with \$16,000 in matching funds from the Historical Society, which would allow them to create a workspace kitchen to increase their hearth cooking events; also reconfigure the half-bath on the ground floor to make it handicap-accessible; and install a fire-mist suppression system. In case of a fire, this system would create a dense fog to smother the fire, rather than a sprinkler system, which would create a lot of damage to the collection.

The items in the Thomas Darling House are things that actually belonged to the people who lived there, she said. Some are nearly 300 years old. They are irreplaceable.

"We were supposed to start work in January 2020," Belperron said. The grant is on hold until they can work things out, but if that doesn't happen, they may have to return it, she said.

While selectmen authorized Town Attorney Weiner to start discussions regarding the relationship of the town with the Historical Society, talks also started about the farming operation. At a meeting in early November, the town attorney and the attorney for the Historical Society, Dwight Merriam, met, together with First Selectman Beth Heller, the farmer, Ethan Schneider; and preservationist Leland Torrence, who has been an outspoken supporter of the farmer. Attorney Merriam suggested finding alternative

housing for Mr. Schneider, possibly even by financially supporting such a move. Apparently, Schneider was open to such an arrangement.

Weiner stressed that no such solution had been agreed to by either side, but it was put forward as a way to move the positions. Indeed, neither the town nor the Historical Society, which operates with free-will donations, would be in the position to support a private enterprise financially, however maybe a donor could be found willing to underwrite such a move.

In addition, Attorney Merriam reportedly suggested that if the farmer were to agree to live off-campus, but continue his farming operation at the Darling House, he might need adequate shelter to eat, rest and have bathroom access for himself and farm help. Attorney Merriam made the connection to an architect who agreed to visit the site and come up with some suggestions how that could be achieved.

Former long-time president of the Historical Society, Don Menzies, addressed the Board of Selectmen during public comment. "We firmly believe in Berenice Baldwin's hope that the town and the Historical Society would be able to work together," he said. Baldwin was the last owner who sold the property to the town and deeded the contents to the Historical Society. "We are a little astounded that we are here at this point, fighting for that."

Menzies spoke in favor of the farming operation, but he warned the town to not buy into a larger plan that would make this property along with the antique barn across the street a "destination."

"We think there is a larger program, amorphous at this point, and we don't know what it entails, a gut feeling at this point — it is not in the best interest of the property," Menzies said. "We are preservation-minded," he said of his fellow Society volunteers. The barn across the street is unchanged since 1770, he said. "Once you alter that, you can't go back."

Menzies asked town leaders to carefully consider the future of that property. "We'd like to weigh in and be apprised of what is coming down the pike."





# WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY

For the latest news and information, visit our website at [www.woodbridgetownlibrary.org](http://www.woodbridgetownlibrary.org), like us on Facebook @woodbridge.town.library, or sign up for our e-newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @woodbridgetownlibrary

We are open Monday – Thursday: 10 am to 8 pm, and Friday and Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm.

### Upcoming Holiday Hours

- › Wednesday, November 27: 10 am to 4:30 pm
- › Thursday, November 28: CLOSED
- › Friday, November 29: CLOSED
- › Saturday, November 30: 10 am to 5 pm
- › Tuesday, December 24: 10 am to 2 pm
- › Wednesday, December 25: CLOSED
- › Tuesday, December 31: 10 am to 4:30 pm
- › Wednesday, January 1: CLOSED

### Our Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Wednesday, December 4 at 6 pm

Our popular gingerbread house decorating program has returned! The Monday, December 2 session is sold out, but we have space in the Wednesday session and the time has changed to 6 pm. All ages welcome. Cost is \$20 which includes a huge gingerbread house from Julia's Bakery in Orange, plus all of the decorations and icing you will need! (You may also bring your own.) Payment due at registration (cash or check), sign up at the reference desk.

### Friends of the Woodbridge Library Holiday Book Sale

Saturday, December 7, from 12 to 4 pm

Shop our inventory of gently-used books, as well as book-themed gifts: bookmarks, candles, and mugs! Pairing suggestions to match gifts and books! Free gift wrapping.

### Adult Programs

For more information about our events, or to register, please contact the reference desk at 203-389-3434. Registration is also available on our website.



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### Annual Holiday Party with Robin Glowa

Tuesday, December 10 at 7 pm

Party time! Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a unique cocktail, specifically created to combine healthy elements with fabulous flavor. The Conscious Cook, Robin Glowa, will share simple, yet spectacular party ready recipes you can enjoy for your holiday events. Registration is required; this is a very popular program and space is limited. Due to alcohol being served, attendees must be 21 and up.

### Suzuki School Concert

Wednesday, December 18 at 7 pm

Join the Suzuki Music School of Orange for a concert of holiday songs, carols, and classical pieces. Please register.

### Thursday Night Film Screenings

Join us at 7 pm in the meeting room; registration is not required

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving--no film screening

### After Auschwitz

Thursday, December 5

83 minutes; NR. After Auschwitz is a "Post-Holocaust" documentary that follows six extraordinary women, capturing what it means to move from tragedy and trauma towards life. These women all moved to Los Angeles, married, raised children and became "Americans" but they never truly found a place to call home. What makes the story so much more fascinating is how these women saw, interpreted and interacted with the changing face of America in the second half of the 20th century. They serve as our guides on an unbelievable journey, sometimes celebratory, sometimes heart breaking but always inspiring. (Rescheduled from October.)

### The Peanut Butter Falcon

Thursday, December 12

93 minutes; PG-13. An adventure story set in the world of a modern

Mark Twain that begins when Zak, a young man with Down syndrome, runs away from the nursing home where he lives to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler by attending the wrestling school, The Salt Water Redneck. Through circumstances beyond their control Tyler, a small-time outlaw on the run, becomes Zak's unlikely coach and ally. Together they wind through deltas, elude capture, drink whisky, find God, catch fish, and convince Eleanor, a kind nursing home employee with a story of her own, to join them on their journey.

### Blinded By the Light

Thursday, December 19

114 minutes; PG-13. In 1987 Britain, Javed Khan is a British-Pakistani college arts student in Luton in a family with a domineering father. Depressed by his oppressive family life and feeling he has no future in a hostile community, a newfound friend introduces Javed to the music of Bruce Springsteen. Touched by the rock star's powerfully eloquent affinity of his own feelings, Javed is inspired to reach out for his own dreams with his own talents. However, although Javed finds friends he never expected in this personal quest, he also finds himself butting heads with his newly unemployed father who stubbornly refuses to understand his son's new aspirations.

### Where'd You Go, Bernadette

Thursday, December 26

104 minutes; PG-13. Based on the runaway bestseller, Where'd You Go, Bernadette is an inspiring comedy about Bernadette Fox, a loving mom who becomes compelled to reconnect with her creative passions after years of sacrificing herself for her family. Bernadette's leap of faith takes her on an epic adventure that jump-starts her life and leads to her triumphant rediscovery.

### Children's Activities

### & Events

For more information on our Children's Events, please visit our website or call 203-389-3439.

### Don't Try This At Home!

Saturday, November 30 at 2 pm

Calling all mad scientists!! Get ready for the coolest, hottest, most explosive activities that you can imagine. A special traveling program from the Discovery Museum will stop by the Library that combines common sense with scientific principles and fascinating fun. Please register online, by phone 203-389-3439, or in person at the Children's Desk. Space is limited!

### littleBits Drop In Program

Monday, December 2 at 3 pm

Explore the world of circuitry with littleBits and see what you can build. No registration required. Best for ages 7 and up.

### Nonfiction Club

Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30 pm

Check out a nonfiction book on this month's theme: birds, then come ready for a discussion, snack, and craft. Grades 3-6. Please register online.

### Nutmeg Book Club

Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 pm

Read The Van Gogh Deception, a 2020 Nutmeg nominee book, and come ready for a discussion, snack, and activity. Books are available at the children's desk. Grades 4-7. Register online.

### Ongoing Childrens Programming

**Baby Rhyme Time (0-18 months)**

Every Wednesday, 10:30-11 am

Join us for songs and rhymes, fun for little ones. No registration.

**Rhythm and Rhyme (18-36 months)**

Every Thursday, 10:30-11 am

Talking, singing and reading to build vocabulary and a love of books! No registration.

**Saturday Preschool Storycraft (3-5 years)**

Every Saturday, 11-11:30 am

Stories and crafts for ages 3 to 5 with an adult. No registration.

“When I was about nine years old, I announced to my mother that I was going to cook Thanksgiving dinner. And I went to the library and got this whole pile of books. I’d love to say it all turned out great. It didn’t. But, sort of, from that point on, whenever there was serious cooking at home, I was the one who did it.” — NATHAN MYHRVOLD



# AT THE WOODBRIDGE CENTER



Woodbridge residents Rose Shultz and Harry Tuttle revel in the fun at The Center's annual Halloween party. The seniors were joined by 4-year-olds from the Woodbridge Child Care Center for an intergenerational costume party. Take a look at up-coming events listed below and RSVP today.



Gabe Kautzner, Outreach Specialist from the New Haven Veteran's Center in Orange, and Orville Grizzle, Community Outreach Specialist for VA New England Healthcare System, speak to seniors during this year's Veterans Day lunch at The Woodbridge Center.

The Woodbridge Center provides a program of health, recreational, educational, and social activities for residents 55 years of age and older. The Center offers a luncheon program as well as a transportation program. Call us to find out more or sign up to receive our newsletter by mail or email. Please contact us at 203-389-3430 or [jglicksman@woodbridgect.org](mailto:jglicksman@woodbridgect.org).

## Nosh & Knowledge Lecture Series

The Nosh & Knowledge Lecture Series continues in January with Creative Cooking for 1 or 2 with Laurie Van Cleft of Jewish Senior Services of Bridgeport. This lecture is at 10:00 am in The Center cafeteria.

## February 26: Medical Marijuana—Unraveling the Mystery

With Canna Care Docs Education Center in Milford, Lecture begins at 6 pm in the Woodbridge Library.

## Woodbridge Center Transportation Program

The Transportation Program provides transportation for Woodbridge residents only, weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm and the last appointment of the day is 2:30 pm. Any Woodbridge resident 60 years or older, or permanently or temporarily disabled (with a letter from a medical provider) may schedule transportation on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information with regard to making reservations and contributions, call 203-389-3430. Transportation to medical appointments is available to: Ansonia, Bethany, Branford, Derby, East Haven, Hamden, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge. Transportation for grocery shopping, banking, local hair appointments and pharmacy needs is available as time allows; transportation to The Woodbridge Center's activities is available daily. Reservations must be made at

least 24 hours in advance of all appointments.

## CHOICES Counselors Available

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period through Saturday, December 7. Town of Woodbridge has Certified CHOICES Counselors available to provide counseling and information on topics such as Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicare HMO's, Long-Term Care Insurance and other state and federal benefit programs. Counselors are helpful in selecting or making changes to insurance and making sure you have the right coverage for your needs. Please contact Judi Young, Senior Services Social Worker, or Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services, for an appointment at 203-389-3429.

## Special Programming

RSVP is required one day prior unless otherwise noted. Please call 203-389-3430 or email [jglicksman@woodbridgect.org](mailto:jglicksman@woodbridgect.org).

**Nov. 26: Lunch entertainment** with Kayte Devlin, begins 12:15 pm.

**Dec. 2: Trip!** Mini holiday shopping trip to Chrisandra's Country store in Oxford, then lunch at New England Young at Heart with a holiday themed craft of homemade cards! Please RSVP by Nov. 25- \$20.00 including transportation. The van leaves The Center at 10:30 am and returns by 2:30 pm.

**Dec. 3: Decluttering Your Home:** Lorri Cavaliere of A Family Affair Estate Liquidation Services will share her expertise at 12:15 pm during the senior lunch program.

**Dec. 10: Annual Holiday Luncheon** sponsored by the Woodbridge Rotary Club. Lunch is served at 12:15 pm in The Center Gym. Entertainment provided by Paula Pettinella. There is no cost for this luncheon but reservations are required by Dec. 3 and space is limited. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer take-out meals for this event.

**Feb. 4: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** 9 am – 12 pm, Tuesdays through Apr. 14. VITA is a free tax preparation service available to low-income individuals, people who have a disability and those who speak limited English. Call 203-389-3429 for information on required documents or to make an appointment.

## December Lunch Menu

Lunch is served Tuesday and Thursday at The Center café, at 12:15 pm. Cost is \$3 for dine-in meals, \$4 for take-out. RSVP is required by noon one day prior. Meals include bread, juice, coffee/tea and dessert. If eating in and taking left-overs to-go, please bring a plastic container with you. Charges for to-go containers will begin in December at .50 per container.

11/26 Escarole and bean soup, oven fried chicken, baked potato and mint brownies, 11/28 Closed for Thanksgiving holiday, 12/3 Split pea soup, stuffed cabbage, mashed potato, chocolate brownie, 12/5 Butternut Squash soup, baked fish with crumb topping, red potato, roasted vegetable, chocolate cream pie, 12/10 Holiday Luncheon sponsored by the Woodbridge Rotary Club: antipasto, stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cheese cake with strawberry sauce, 12/12 Herb roasted turkey with cornbread stuffing, garlic green beans, garlic bread, apple pie, 12/17 Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potato, sautéed zucchini, banana cake, 12/19 Pasta fagioli soup, chicken parmesan, garlic green beans, capellini aioli, apple crisp, 12/24 Closed for Christmas Holiday, 12/26 Closed for Christmas Holiday, 12/31 New Year's Eve Lunch! Chicken marsala, mashed potato, pineapple upside down cake.

## Ongoing Programming

**Calling all poker, canasta and spades players**—call The Center and share your interest 203-389-3430. The Center will put a group or a game together!

**T'ai Chi** with Bill Banick, Fridays 10 – 11 am in the Center Building, Rm. 16 (beginner, intermediate levels). New session begins 12/20. Class will be prorated for those joining late. This class is designed to increase balance and stability, prevent falls and help manage arthritis. Ten weeks for \$50.

**Gin Rummy:** Thursdays, 1- 3 pm, in The Center café, no reservation needed.

**Weekly Craft Group** meets Thursdays, 10 am – 1 pm, in The Center lounge. All yarn and sewing crafts welcome. No RSVP necessary. Consider donating your unused, clean yarn and circular knitting needles (sizes 6, 7, 8) to The Center.

**Yoga for Healthy Aging Class** meets Fridays, 11:45 am – 1 pm, in the Center Building, Rm. 16, with instructor Julie Luciani. New session begins 12/6 and runs 12 weeks for \$75. Class fee will be prorated if joined late. Class combines seated and standing postures and is safe for all.

**Mahjong:** Monday and Friday, 10 am, Center Building, Rm. 13 for advanced players; Rm. 11 for beginner and intermediate.

**Exercise with Laurie:** Workout includes a combination of strength training, cardio, flexibility and balance. Bring weights if you have them. Class meets in the Center Building gym on Tuesday and Thursday, 10 - 11 am. No need to sign up—just pay a drop-in fee of \$2.

**Book Club:** The book club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 11 am at the Library. There is no December meeting. The next meeting is Jan. 14 (note 2nd Tuesday). The book will be *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim. New members are welcome.

**Art Class:** Class meets each Wednesday, 10 am – 12 pm, in The Center café. The class is taught by local artist Graham Dale. Current session ends 12/18. Next 10-week session begins January 8.

**Tuesday Movies:** Following lunch

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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## Youth Services

BY NANCY PFUND



### Kindness Klub

Woodbridge Youth Services invites seventh and eighth graders at Amity Middle School-Bethany to make fleece blankets for The Life Haven homeless shelter on Tuesday, December 17th (12/19 snow date) at the Amity Middle School - Bethany West Cafeteria from 2:25-3:55pm. Snacks, materials, and music provided. No artistic ability required. Join this free event to make a warmer winter for families in need.

### Mardi Gras Party - Save The Date

Eighth graders from Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge will share a Mardi Gras Party on February 21st at Amity High School in the cafeteria. Students will find more information in their school newsletters.

### Woodbridge Job Bank Accepting New Members/ Offers Help to Residents

Woodbridge residents between the ages of 14 and 18 are eligible to join the Job Bank to earn some money and help residents with yardwork, babysitting, snow shoveling, or tutoring. Contact Nancy Pfund at npfund@woodbridgect.org or call 203-389-3429 for an application and permission form and to schedule an interview.

Woodbridge residents may call 203-389-3429 to hire Job Bank members to get some help with garden work, raking, housework, babysitting or party assistance.

### Thanksgiving & Sharing

Woodbridge Human Services would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 63 and Troop 907 (shown in above photo), for collecting over 2,800

pounds of food for the Woodbridge Food Pantry. The hard work and dedication of these young adults will help Woodbridge residents throughout the year. If you would like to make a donation to the Woodbridge Food Pantry, please contact Woodbridge Human Services at 203-389-3429. We are also grateful to the schools and donors who have offered their support. We would also like to thank all those who volunteered to sort and shelve the food donations. They have made it possible for others to feel supported in our community.

### Adopt a Family program

This program offers holiday meal baskets to families in need. Please call 203-389-3429 if you would like to provide a basket or financial assistance or apply for assistance.

### Toys 4 Kids

Toys may be donated for TEAM at the Woodbridge Library until December 13 to make a child's holiday a little brighter. Larger donations may be brought to Youth Services in Room 12 of the Woodbridge Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

Income eligible Woodbridge residents in need of toys for children ages 12 and under should call Youth Services at 203-389-3429 for assistance. Applications are accepted through December 13.

### Fuel Assistance

Families may apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program administered by TEAM, Inc. Residents can call 203-389-3429 for eligibility guidelines and to schedule an appointment to apply.

## Holiday Events & Safety Tips

*From the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association*

### Santa, Mrs. Claus & Car Seat Clinic

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association will be hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus at the firehouse from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 21, 2019. The event is free and everyone is welcome. No reservations are required to see Santa. Bring your camera to capture the moment! You can even send a letter to Santa at [santa@woodbridgefire.com](mailto:santa@woodbridgefire.com).

### Car Seat Clinic

During Santa's visit, we will be holding a car seat clinic. Car seats will be done by appointment. Contact Tina at (203) 389-3441 x100 or [tdellavalle@woodbridgefire.com](mailto:tdellavalle@woodbridgefire.com) to schedule yours.

### Toy Drive

The WVFA is also collecting toys for the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Toy Closet. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off M-F, 8-4 in the lobby at the Woodbridge Fire Department at 100 Center Road. Toys and gifts for all ages (newborn through adolescent) are needed, but used and plush toys cannot be accepted due to infection control policies. Toys will be collected through December 20th.

### Winter Holiday Safety

- › Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- › Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- › Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- › If you put up a Christmas tree, be sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Unless it's artificial, be sure to water your tree daily.
- › Heat your home safely. Keep anything that can burn 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

### Fundraiser

The Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association will be doing its annual fundraising mailing to residents in the next few weeks.

*For more information on these events and winter safety, visit [www.woodbridgefire.com/](http://www.woodbridgefire.com/) and [www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeFire).*

## Woodbridge Recycling Reminders

Peanut butter and cream cheese are not allowed in mixed recycling, but their cleaned containers are! Containers must be free of food debris. Sometimes a quick rinse is enough,

but sometimes it's not. And no plastic bags!

More info at [RecycleCT.com](http://RecycleCT.com). Happy Thanksgiving from the Woodbridge Sustainability Committee.

### "Woodbridge Center" From Page 9

in The Center lounge at 1 pm: 12/3 Where Do You Go Bernadette?, 12/17 The Peanut Butter Falcon, 12/10, 12/24, 12/31 No movies due to holidays.

**Thursday Movies:** Oldies, musicals, classics following lunch in The Center lounge, 1 pm, no movie 12/26.

**Ask the Nurse:** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 11 am - 12:30 pm, blood pressure screenings, weight and conversation with a registered VNA Community Healthcare Nurse in The Center lounge. No nurse on 12/3.

**Duplicate Bridge:** Mondays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm in The Center café.

**Bridge:** The Center's Wednesday

bridge group invites new members! Join in for a friendly card game, no reservations—just come to The Center café, 1 - 4 pm.

**Pinochle:** Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 1-4 pm in The Center lounge. Come any day—the group looks for new players and is willing to bring rusty players up to speed!

**Pickleball:** Meets Monday-Thursday in the Center Building gym for group play, 12:30-2:30 pm and Friday, 12:30-3:30 pm. Paid annual members may arrange playing times with others. Annual membership is \$20 for Woodbridge residents and \$25 for non-residents and is due in January. Stop by the office to make payment.



# LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## New Faces, Familiar Vibe at the Children’s Divorce Center

There’s a new face but a familiar vibe and goal in the historic building at 88 Bradley Road. The building, formerly known as the Children’s Divorce Center, which has been in operation for 40 years, was recently acquired by Carolyn Wilkes Kaas, a Quinnipiac University law professor.

Kaas was approached by the building’s previous owner-occupant, Marcia Lebowitz, the founding director of the Children’s Divorce Center 20 years ago. “She said, ‘I wish lawyers understood what children and families go through.’ Marcia has been teaching at the law school ever since. There’s been a move to change family law education and she was way ahead of the curve,” says Kaas. Now that Lebowitz is retiring, Kaas bought the building to preserve her legacy and will name the building The Marcia Lipman Lebowitz Building in her honor.

Kaas wants the building to be a place for lawyers and mental health professionals committed to practicing family law in a child-focused way. The building can house four professionals who will have their own offices and also share a common space. The common space is homey. There’s a fireplace and comfortable chairs organized around a coffee table. Kids’ toys, books and art are on the walls.

Attorney Brendan Holt is currently the building’s only tenant. Holt previously co-taught the class at the law school that Lebowitz and Kaas taught called Divorce and the Divorcing Family. Before opening his own practice,

Holt Law, LLC, Holt worked for the Connecticut Judicial Branch for seven years as a “Family Relations Counselor”. Family Relations Counselors act as neutrals for all disputed family cases and, he says, are the face of family court. They help to negotiate divorces and custody disputes and when necessary they make recommendations and evaluations regarding what’s best for the children.

He enjoyed the work but sometimes felt limited by his strictly defined job description and by the short amount of time he was able to spend with many families. And he worried the courthouse setting often made it worse. “People are already emotional and they’re in a high tension place where they’re not comfortable and they’re not familiar with the procedures,” he said. “Even with the best intentions and good attorneys, it’s very hard on people.”

He’s made it a personal mission to help educate people that there’s a different way to go through a divorce. There are ways to do the same work outside the system with a therapist, certified financial professionals and collaborative attorneys or a mediator. In this alternative method the day a divorcing couple goes to court to make their agreement official could be their only court date.

Holt is holding a workshop Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 P.M. at the Woodbridge Town Library to explain the different ways couples can go through a divorce, including mediation and col-

laborative law.

Collaborative law is often a new concept to people and its what Holt specializes in. He is also a mediator. In collaborative law each party has an attorney and they pledge not to go to court until the matter is resolved. It’s a team approach and also often includes mental health and financial professionals who stay neutral and help keep the process efficient, productive and more peaceful. Keeping the conflict and discussion out of court also allows families to keep extremely personal, sensitive issues out of a very public forum. “It’s an approach that helps keep the focus centered on the

family,” he says.

Despite the misconception that it is only for “simple” cases, it quite often works even better for couples when there’s already anger or mistrust. Those situations can be inflamed by the court where there are high levels of stress and not enough time. “The goal is to find a better way for people having profound struggles,” he says.

As Kaas says, “We want to help parents cooperate to have the least negative impact on their children.”

Learn more about Holt Law at [www.HoltLawCT.com](http://www.HoltLawCT.com). Professionals interested in learning more about the space can contact Kaas at 203-582-3234.



## Miller and Fischer Sell Woodbridge Investment Property

A 14,771 square foot multi-tenanted flex building on 2.3 acres at 15 Research Drive has been sold by Research Development at West Rock, LLC to Bryan Nesteriak. The sale price was \$1,900,000. Four of the five rental units were leased at the time of the sale. The buyer will relocate its engineering and land surveying business from Seymour into the vacant unit. “This buyer went from being a tenant to an owner because, in addition to

the quality of the building and its first-class location, he realized the revenue stream generated by the four existing tenants would help pay the mortgage while he built equity for the future,” said Fischer.

Steve Miller of Levey Miller Maretz and Alan Fischer, CCIM, SIOR, of Fischer Commercial Real Estate represented the seller. The buyer was represented by Robert Pettinella of Select Associates.

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## Jobs and Careers for Military Spouses

If you are debating whether to re-up and one of your concerns is your spouse's employment opportunities, perhaps the Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) program will help you decide.

There are currently 350,000 job listings for military spouses on the MSEP website. In a partnership with 390 employers, the Department of Veterans Affairs has expanded opportunities as part of its Department of Defense MSEP program. Those employers have committed to hire, promote, recruit and retain military spouses in portable jobs. At this point they have hired over 134,000 military spouses.

Portable means you can take your skills with you, possibly to one of the many other employers in the program, should you need to relocate.

There are big names in the list, but not just retailers or convenience stores. Also included are organizations with community networks that provide career resources and mentoring, and federal agency partners.

The program is part of the Spouse Education and Career Opportuni-

ties program that aims to reduce the horrible 25% wage gap that military spouses face. It offers career guidance, education, resources, tools, training, licensing and more.

To search for open jobs, go online to [msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep](https://msepjobs.militaryonesource.mil/msep) and click Search Jobs, or call 800-342-9647 to speak to a career coach. You'll need to sign up. Once you reach your personal online dashboard, you can search by location or special skills.

Or if you think you're not quite ready to land a job, go online to [myseco.militaryonesource.mil](https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil). Click on career exploration, education and training, and employment readiness. Do not miss the list of coaching packages further down the page. They have everything to get you ready, some very specialized: health care coaching package, cybersecurity coaching package, K-12 education coaching package and more.

If you want to advance your career, there is a scholarship program with funds up to \$4,000 in tuition assistance.

## Woodbridge Democrats Seeking Volunteers for Town Positions

With the biennial municipal election cycle now complete, members of the Woodbridge Democratic Town Committee (WDTC) seek interested residents for involvement in town government, even as they prepare for next year's state Presidential Primary and legislative campaigns.

Vacancies exist on several boards and commissions critical to the smooth operation of local government in Woodbridge. Those boards and commissions figure prominently in the process leading to next year's town budget. That process is just now getting underway.

Beyond that, next year's political calendar is already quite full. Connecticut's Presidential Primary is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28; it'll be followed closely by nominating conventions for legislative candidates. Woodbridge is represented in the legislature by two state Senators and one state Representative and those legislators will be chosen next November 3.

Residents who would like to be more involved with town government, who would like to contribute to the town budget process, and who want to participate in Democratic politics are invited to contact the WDTC at [woodbridgedtdems@gmail.com](mailto:woodbridgedtdems@gmail.com) for details, for opportunities to serve, and for more information.


## Young at Heart Has Great Opportunities for 2020 for You

*Come to our Workshops & Classes, Sponsor or Volunteer*

- Lunch Bunch & Craft** - NEYAH Wellness Center for A lunch & Craft Afternoon we can accommodate your group in the evening or weekend too!
  - Senior Prom**, Wednesday, May 27th, 11:30-3pm, Aria Banquet Facility. If you have not attended this in the past you are missing out.
  - Fashion Show** at Elim Park, July TBA. We need models for this spectacular event, vendors lunch and a fashion show.
  - Crafters Corner** - Come to NEYAH every Monday from 1-4 and work on your craft with a group; this is a multi-generational program (open to ALL Ages), meet new people, and finally work on that project you have been putting off.
  - Baking with Love** - a 2.5-hour class Offered 1x a month morning & evening classes
  - Mother's Day Tea Party & Make Over**
  - Home Grown Club** - Grow, Harvest & learn how to cook, can and freeze!
  - Wellness Check** - Stop in at NEYAH Center for Blood pressure, hearing, ask the nurse some questions, every other Tuesday from 10-12.
  - Literacy Program** - Volunteer to help kids learn to read!
  - NEYAH Pickle Ball Team**
  - Live Well Workshops**
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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Shown in the photo behind Stephanie's designs are Joanne D'Angelo, president of the Garden Club of Woodbridge, Stephanie Fusco, and Linda Bradford, president of the Garden Club of Orange.

## Garden Club of Woodbridge Hosts Garden Club of Orange

The Garden Club of Woodbridge hosted the Garden Club of Orange on October 15.

There was a full house as guest speaker Stephanie Fusco of Terri's Flower Shop in Naugatuck created designs for the four seasons. Orange and pink "Free Spirit" roses, yellow mums, kangaroo paw, seeded eucalyptus (to

give texture) and alstroemeria were used in the designs. Stephanie used dried, curly willow branches to make a trellis for the summer design, and showed the group how to make a tied floral bouquet by adding flowers at a 45-degree angle to keep the design balanced. Club members entered a raffle to take home Terri's designs.



Left to right: Rotary President Diane Millan, newly installed Rotary member Dr. Jenn Byars and Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella who sponsored Dr. Byars.

## Woodbridge Rotary's Newest Member

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently installed Amity Regional School District Dr. Jenn Byars as their newest member. Dr. Jennifer Byars grew up in Connecticut, graduating from Valley Regional High School in 1989. She attended Smith College in Northampton, MA, graduating in 1993 with high honors in Geology. She spent a year working as a researcher for the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory before earning her initial teacher certification from Central CT State University as an Earth Science teacher. Her career in education started in Virginia where she taught Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Environmental Science at Wilson Memorial High School. She was also a coach for cross country, indoor and outdoor track, and volleyball. Jenn became an assistant principal at Broadway High School in 2003. During this time, she also attended the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, where

she received her M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction in 2000, and her Ed.D. in Administration and Supervision in 2011.

She returned to Connecticut in 2006, working for the Ledyard Public Schools as an elementary assistant principal, elementary principal, and assistant superintendent. Dr. Byars proudly joined Amity Region 5 in November 2018 as superintendent.

The Rotary Club is a service organization of business and professional people united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world. The Woodbridge Rotary Club's meeting schedule can vary. It is best to refer directly back to the Woodbridge Rotary webpage at <https://www.woodbridgetrotary.org> where its calendar is located including upcoming project dates. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary should email the Club President through the website.



A big thank you to Boy Scout Troop 63, with help from Troop 907, for collecting over 2,800 pounds of food for the Woodbridge Food Pantry. The hard work and dedication of these young adults will help Woodbridge Residents throughout the year. If you would like to make a donation to the Woodbridge Food Pantry, please contact Woodbridge Human Services @ 203-389-3429.

## Sustainability Committee Sponsors Morning Hike

Take advantage of your day off! The Woodbridge Sustainability Committee is sponsoring a morning hike in the Elderslie Preserve, Friday November 29 at 9 AM.

A walk in the woods is enormously beneficial for the body and soul. Walk off the turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie! Enjoy some of Wood-

bridge's 35 miles of trails with a few of your neighbors. Relatives, including 4-legged furry ones, guests, and other out-of-towners are welcome.

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“Waste Awareness” From Page 6

contaminating the compost or recycling with aspirational sorting; additionally, the school will pay a contamination fee if items are placed in the wrong bins.

**FOOD DONATION** (purple box on tray carts): any food BOUGHT in the cafeteria that is unopened and uneaten but sealed- i.e., milk, bagged carrots, raisins, apples, any whole fruit. These are being taken by Haven’s Harvest to the Woodbridge Senior center (or other local places for people in need of food). These foods are NOT to be shared amongst children in the cafeteria and children should not be encouraged to buy extra food to donate.

For lunches brought from home, we encourage the children not to discard their waste at all, but to bring it home so their parents have a better understanding of how much they actually eat and can reduce/change accordingly.

In 2018, the waste diversion pilot showed that food waste comprised 33-50% of the trash in Beecher’s cafeteria and weighed about 50lbs each day. The first few weeks in the cafeteria this year have shown even more impressive results! The children have donated several boxes of food to Haven’s Harvest each week. In the first week of school, they diverted 200lbs of food scraps from the trash. They dumped approximately 5 gallons of liquid down the drain instead of into the trash each day. They recycled many plastic water bottles and clean cardboard containers. There was still a good deal of trash, but much less so than before. The food scraps are being taken by Blue Earth Compost to be turned into energy. We plan to continue to monitor and track the food waste/diversion and encourage the children to brainstorm ways we

can decrease our trash and waste even more -- such as REDUCING the use of plastic bags/cups or REFUSING food they do not plan to eat.

Additionally, our Green Team has been selling gently-used costumes for \$5 at town events, Beecher Road School Open Houses and Socials, promoting the idea of Rebuying, while raising money for the BRS PTO. We have also begun selling reusable, stainless steel water bottles for \$17 with either a Beecher or Woodbridge logo, encouraging the reduction of single use plastics. We will be expanding our sustainability line of merchandise to stainless steel travel mugs and other items.

Beecher’s Green Team has promoted waste awareness and living by the many R’s: Rethink, Refuse, Reuse, Reduce, Repurpose, Recycle, Rebuy, Rot, Rain Barrel, Repair, Refurbish, React, etc. We will continue to encourage thinking of possibilities and consequences before wasting.

We have just added collection containers for dried up markers! They are in several locations throughout the school. If you have dried markers at home you may send them in. These will be sent out to be recycled.

There are many other small things being done that can make a big impact. Working together we can reduce our footprint. By becoming more aware of what we are wasting and sharing ideas with our children and with each other we can make change. Each individual small action, added together, can make a huge impact on Beecher Road School, Woodbridge, and the Earth.

Please contact Hillary at Woodbridge.Composts@gmail.com if you’d like to join our efforts in any way, including donating costumes, Hoot prizes, or buying our sustainable items.

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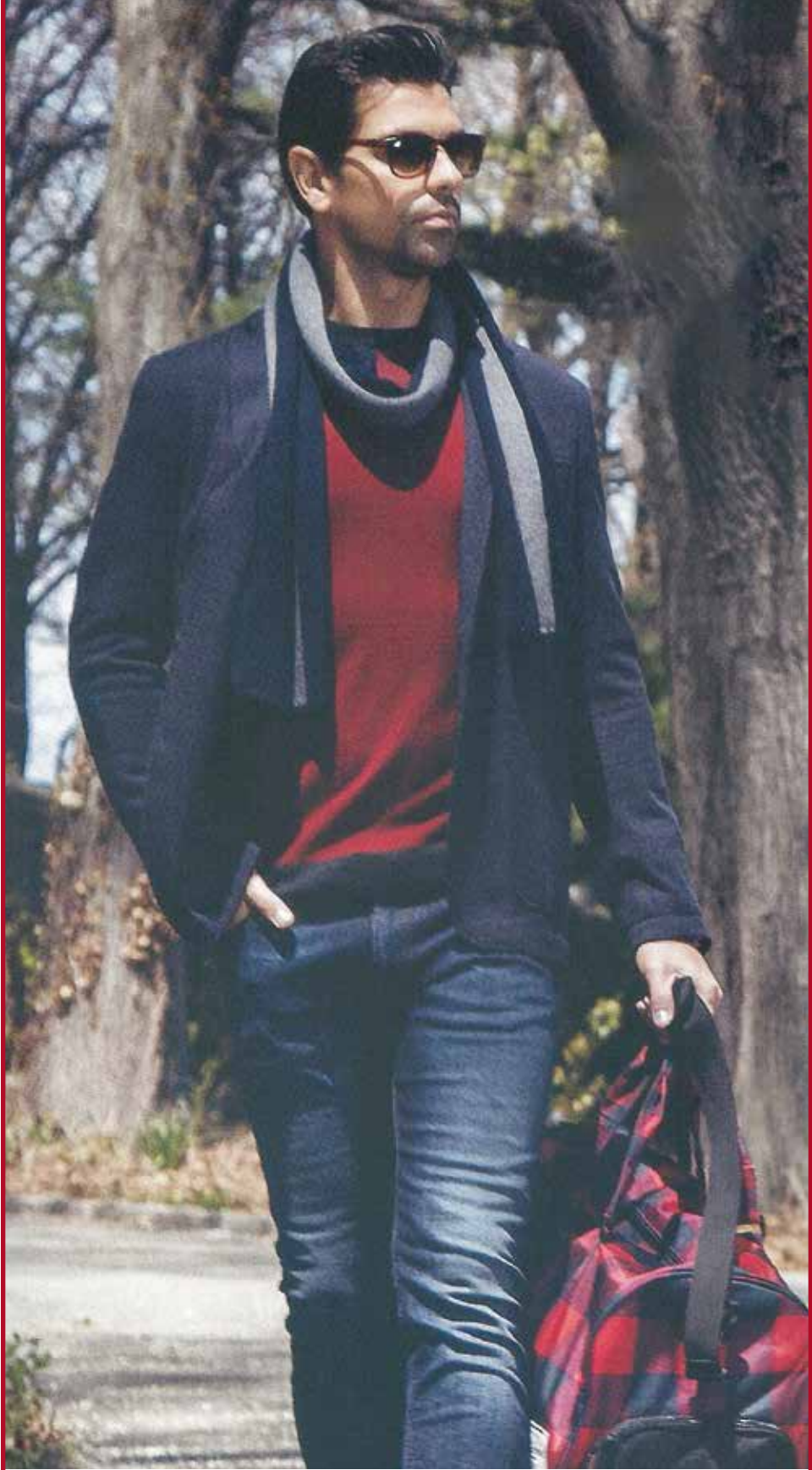


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Beecher Road students pay respect to the veterans, singing the National Anthem

“Veterans” From Page 1

Beth Heller also thanked the veterans in the audience for the safety and security they provide. She said on Veterans Day “we remember the end of the Great War (World War I) and the hope for lasting peace.” Unfortunately, that hope was dashed pretty quickly when an even bigger war broke out just 20 years later. “But,” Heller said, looking over the children assembled at her feet, “We hope for the kids to lead us there one day.”

Collection for the troops

Beecher Road School also is participating in The Shoreline Community Women collection of care kits for troops around the globe. Items sought:

- › Toiletry items such as shampoo & conditioner (small bottles); mouthwash, chapstick, band-aids and blister kits; Advil, Tylenol, aspirin, foot powder, deodorant, baby wipes/wet ones (smaller packages or individual packs);
- › Food items such as beef jerky/meat sticks, peanut butter, individually packaged snacks, Rice Krispy treats, power/protein bars, grano-

la bars, raisins, powdered drink mix; also Crystal light, Gatorade, fruit punch, iced tea mix; dry soup mix; tea bags, coffee bags, instant coffee; hot chocolate dry mix, ground coffee. Also, nuts, spiced mix, trail mix (single serving is best); candy, hard candy, lollipops, Starburst, Twizzlers, gum;

- › Other items such as writing paper, note cards, envelopes; pens; Sudoku/puzzle books; magazines, playing cards and small games; paperback books, movies on DVD. Also, disposable cameras, sunscreen and bug repellent (not aerosol cans); hand/foot warmers, socks, in particular athletic white or dark.

The Shoreline Community Women (SCW), a 501(c)(3) organization, also accepts monetary donations to defray shipping expenses. Checks are payable to “Shoreline Community Women.”

SCW supports all branches of the military, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the USCG. If you know anyone deployed who would appreciate a care package, contact SCW with the military address and deployment end date. They do not have to live in this area.



celebrity  
extra  
by Dana Jackson

**Q:** What happened to the TV show “The Resident”? Did it get canceled? -- W.C.

**A:** Season three of the FOX medical drama “The Resident” actually premiered Sept. 24, but you might be missing it because it’s on a new night -- Tuesdays. Actor **Morris Chestnut** joins the show this season as smooth-talking surgeon Dr. Barrett Cain. He has played a physician on two other shows recently: “Rosewood” and “Nurse Jackie.”

“The Resident” also stars several other actors familiar to TV audiences: **Matt Czuchry**, who plays Conrad, was on “The Good Wife” and “Gilmore Girls”; **Emily Van Camp**, who plays Nicolette, starred in “Revenge” and “Everwood”; and **Malcolm-Jamal Warner**, who plays AJ, is of course best remembered from “The Cosby Show.”

**Q:** Will the PBS show “My Mother and Other Strangers” from 2017 ever return with more episodes? -- R.K.

**A:** Set in Northern Ireland, “My Mother and Other Strangers” depicted a family and its neighbors as they struggled to adjust to the addition of a U.S. Army Air Force base -- and its 4,000 servicemen and -women -- in their rural village during World War II. Despite originally airing on BBC One with only five episodes, it was considered an anthology series under PBS’ “Masterpiece” umbrella. Masterpiece (formerly known as Masterpiece Theatre) has aired many acclaimed British productions.

There is, however, another WWII-based drama on the PBS Masterpiece schedule for 2019. “World on Fire” stars Oscar-winner **Helen Hunt** (“Mad About You”) and is set in Britain, Poland, France, Germany and the United States. There’s also “Sanditon,” based on an unfinished story by **Jane Austen**, that will air in January. Also



John Cena [wikimedia.org]

look for a new version of “All Creatures Great and Small,” based on the books by **James Herriot** about a country veterinarian in the 1930s.

To sign up for an email newsletter that notifies you of all the upcoming Masterpiece shows, go to [www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/).

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**Q:** Are **John Cena** and **Nikki Bella** not together anymore? I know she has a new boyfriend, but I keep hoping they’ll get back together. -- J.A.

**A:** Pro wrestler **Nikki Bella** has been dating dancer **Artem Chigvintsev** for several months now. They met when they were partnered up on “Dancing with the Stars” and got together after her breakup with Cena.

Cena, a former WWE pro wrestling star, recently stepped out on the red carpet with his new girlfriend, **Shay Shariatzadeh**, at the premiere of his movie “Playing with Fire.” He met the Canadian engineer while filming the movie in Vancouver, where she lives.

As for whether Cena and Bella will ever reunite, their split seems pretty final. A big issue during their longtime romance was Cena stating he didn’t want to have children, and Bella, now age 35, longing to be a mother. Hopefully she’s found true happiness with her new man.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWs, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# Ceremony Held to Commemorate Veteran’s Newly Restored Gravestone

BY BETTINA THIEL  
WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Steven Sappo was clearing his backyard on Johnson Road some 15 years ago with the help of his father, John, when the older Sappo called out to him to stop. He had found a stone with an inscription that triggered his curiosity.

He contacted his neighbor, Martha German, who brought in Eastside Cemetery Supt. Todd Sasso. It turned out that the stone, which was partially broken, was the gravestone for Revolutionary War patriot Amos Thomas. “The stone was broken, but the top was in good shape,” Sasso said.

Thomas was born in 1743 and died in Woodbridge on April 22, 1797, said Eastside Cemetery Board President Sheila McCreven. “He was married on February 1, 1770 in Woodbridge’s Congregational Church to Elizabeth Beecher who outlived her husband by 25 years and is buried by his side in the old section of the cemetery.”

Sappo agreed that they remove the stone in order to have it repaired. Woodbridge resident Larry Dickovick donated stone material for the repairs,

and John Nolan from Nolan’s Hamden Monument Co. glued it all together.

On Sunday, November 10, a day before Veteran’s Day, Sasso, Steven Sappo, First Selectman Beth Heller and cemetery board President Sheila McCreven gathered for a brief ceremony to commemorate the installation of the newly restored marker.

It is unclear why or how the stone made its way to Johnson Road, Sasso said. He assumes that someone – a relative maybe or descendant – found the stone broken and took it home to repair. In the meantime, a newer stone had been placed at one point, marking the spot in the old part of the cemetery where Thomas is buried.

Sasso said he placed the repaired, older stone right next to the existing marker. It will be a testament to the continued care Woodbridge takes for its veterans.

Located on Pease Road near the intersection with Center Road, the Eastside Cemetery is open sunrise to sunset, weather permitting. For more information visit the website: [eastside-cemetery.org](http://eastside-cemetery.org).



From left, Todd Sasso, Eastside Cemetery superintendent and member of the Board of Directors; Sheila McCreven, Eastside Board president; First Selectman Beth Heller and Woodbridge resident Stephen Sappo

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Amity High School Creative Theater

The Amity Creative Theater at Amity High School will kick off its 2019-20 theatre season with “Dancing at Lughnasa,” a 1990 play by Irish dramatist Brian Friel. The production will be directed by Rob Kennedy and will take place in the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts on the Amity Campus, December 6th and 7th 2019. Tickets are now on sale.

Set in rural Ireland in the summer of 1936, “Dancing at Lughnasa” is the story of the five unmarried Mundy sisters, Maggie, Chris, Agnes, Rose, and Kate, as told through the memory of the illegitimate son of one of the women. Though he was only seven when the events of his memory occur, a grown-up Micheal guides us through this late summer tribute to the spirit and courage of the past, full of mystery, music, nostalgia, and bitter truths. Recipient of the Tony Award for Best Play in 1992, “Dancing at Lughnasa” addresses the plight of Irish women during a particularly difficult time for women in the country.

“Our fall productions often tackle social issues. In the past the Amity productions have dealt with difficult topics like Autism, Hate Crimes and Anti-Semitism. This year we thought it was important to amplify the stories of women,” said Kennedy. In the play the Mundy sisters have found themselves on the margins of their rural community because one of the sisters became pregnant and had a child out of wedlock. Instead of being outcast she was kept in the home and embraced by her sisters, and later by her brother, a missionary priest who had been in Africa for 25 years. “The decision ultimately cost her family their livelihood,” continued Kennedy. “It is a truly beautiful play — deeply poetic, highly moving, and profoundly atmospheric.”

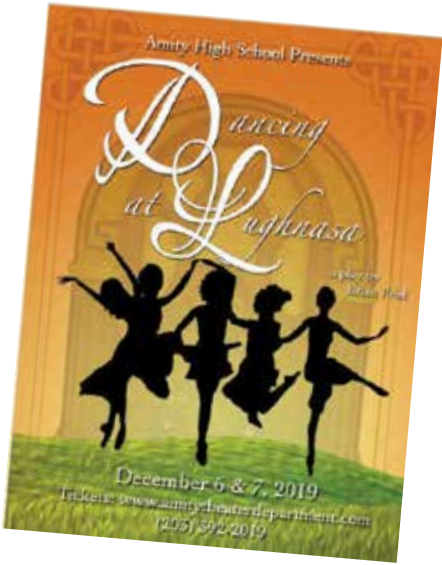
The cast includes familiar names from the Amity student body. Senior Talya Braverman (“Catch Me If You

Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Woodbridge plays the eldest sister Kate, the stern school teacher. Sophomore Macie Cox (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Orange plays the lively Maggie. Fellow sophomore Audrey Jurzyk (“Catch Me If You Can”) also of Orange plays the brooding sister and knitter Agnes. Bethany junior Grace Blanchard (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) plays the simple but sweet Rose. Sophomore McKenna Maxwell (“Catch Me If You Can”) also of Bethany plays youngest sister Christina. Senior Jacob Lee (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”) of Orange plays the long-lost brother and priest back from Africa; Father Jack. Marty Gnidula (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Addams Family”) also a senior

from Orange plays the ne’er do well drifter Gerry Evans. Rounding out the cast is the play’s narrator Micheal played by Bethany junior Ryan Kennedy (“Catch Me If You Can,” “Curious Incident”).

“Dancing at Lughnasa” was the winner of the 1992 Tony Award for Best Play, the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Broadway Play and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play. Chosen by Time magazine as one of the ten best plays for 1990s, saying it is “The most elegant and rueful memory play since “The Glass Menagerie.”” “...this play does exactly what theater was born to do, carrying both its characters and audience aloft on those waves of distant music and ecstatic release that, in defiance of all language and logic, let us dance and dream just before night must fall.” — NY Times. “This is no way a play to be missed—simply a wondrous experience. Experience it.” —NY Post.

Ticket prices for all shows are \$12 with free student rush tickets on the night of the performance. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office 203-392-2019, or online at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com).



“Rockin’ Holiday” Concert with Joe Neumann

Monday, December 2, 2019, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Snow date is Monday, December 9). Joe Neumann, local CT singer, songwriter and guitarist, performs his current composition, “Rockin’ Little Santa”, along with traditional Christmas carols and songs from the 50s and 60s. Space is limited so registration is required beginning November 4 online or by calling the Derby Library Reference Desk at 203-736-1482.

Joe Neumann started his song writing career in the 60s at the age of 11 and has since then been performing 50s and 60s music throughout the Connecticut and New York area solo and with his Golden Oldies backup band the Big Beat and has also performed with Bill Haley’s Comets.



Joe’s original song compositions are about his actual life experiences and his current album is available free to download by visiting his website [www.JoeNeumannMusician.com](http://www.JoeNeumannMusician.com). Derby Library Contact: Reference Desk 203-736-1482, [dplreference@biblio.org](mailto:dplreference@biblio.org). Registration will begin on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 12:00 AM.

Ansonia Nature Center

DECEMBER 2019 WINTER WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 7, 10 am

Celebrate winter and the festive season as you create a wreath from fresh locally grown greens, then decorate your masterpiece with natural trimmings. Enjoy some warm mulled cider and a cookie too! Wreath frames and wire will be provided. Please bring your own hand clippers. MATERIALS FEE: \$15. Please call to register.

NEEDLE FELTING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, December 7, 2 pm

Join in this fun class and learn the art of needle felting. With just one barbed needle you can create some wonderful 3D animals. All supplies will be provided. MATERIALS FEE: \$15. Class size is limited to 12, so please register in advance. Ages 12 and up.

STICKS AND STONES PLAYTIME

Saturday, December 14, 2 pm

Get the little ones out of the house for some simple outdoor play so mom or dad can catch up on holiday preparations. Children will construct little cairns or towers by stacking stones and build small log cabins and teepees using sticks. Afterwards warm up with a hot cocoa. FREE family program. Ages 6 and under. (All children must be accompanied by an adult.) Please register.

WINTER SOLSTICE

CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 21, 2-4:30 pm

December 21 marks the Winter Solstice; the start of winter, and the longest night and shortest day of the year. Learn about the journey of the Earth around the Sun, which makes the seasons change. Join us to celebrate the slow return of the light. We will gather for a relaxed afternoon around the fire at Picnic Pavilion 1. Make a craft, have some cider, and drum in the coming of longer days from 4:00-4:30 as the sun sets. Everyone is welcome to this family-friendly event; children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. FEE: \$6 per person. Please dress for the outdoors.

ONGOING PROGRAMS Creature Features

Saturdays, 12 noon

Sunday Guided Hikes

Sundays, 1 pm

Join a Nature Center guide on Sunday afternoons for fun, exercise, and learning about our trails! See the above listings for hikes with a specific theme.

Fiber Arts Group

Tuesdays, 6 pm

Get together with others to work on your fiber arts projects! Bring any kind of fiber work—knitting, felting, crocheting, etc. A great way to dedicate time to your handiwork and socialize too. FREE.



“From Our Readers” From Page 5

politeness was expected in our questioning process. (Are you starting to get the feeling of the tension building in the room?)

As people rose to speak, it was obvious that there was a concerted effort on the part of the few people who were “running” the evening that questions could not be asked that would give anyone who had not been following the events of the attempted sale, (or should I say give away), of the golf course property, information that would give commission members cause to think selling the property would not be good for the community.

While a question was being asked, the chair of the Finance Commission, who just happened to be seated in the rear of the room, shouted that the questions being presented to the developer were totally inappropriate. (The questions had to do with the presenter’s qualifications.) This is not the first time this ‘gentleman’ made outbursts at public meetings. (Perhaps a muzzle is in order.) Did the earlier statement requesting respect and politeness not apply to members of other boards?

Another board member stated that the questions being asked were an insult to the developer. (How could questions regarding any current projects that he might be working on be viewed as an insult.) Were these people trying to insulate Mr. St. Pierre from questions he was not qualified or capable of answering?

The 2 minutes allotted residents for public comments was quickly taken up by some of the board members trying to prevent others in the room from hearing legitimate questions posed to the town’s selected developer.

It also should be noted that the meeting, which is normally taped so residents can view it on Channel 79, (WGATV), was not, to my knowledge, in place. Could this amount to the administration trying to suppress information because it will make residents question the viability of the project and the qualifications of their selected developer?

Has the administration finally real-

ized that they do not have a complete plan in place for the entire golf course property?

The First Selectman has now stated that the referendum, which the Board of Selectmen has been pushing for, is being delayed. This is what can happen when residents ask intelligent questions and the administration realizes they have not done their due diligence.

We, as a community, need to take a step back and re-evaluate what is best for our town and its residents. Development is not the answer! Woodbridge, We Can Do Better!

Cheryl Lipson

Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society Asks for Support

The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society is pleased that a discussion of the “Good to Great” grant that we have been awarded by the state Department of Economic and Community Development is on your agenda today. This \$48,000 grant, when matched by \$16,000 in our funding, will allow us to enhance the experience of visitors to the Thomas Darling house and expand our program offerings by providing kitchen space, repurposing an unused portion of the museum, modifying a washroom in the adjacent caretaker’s cottage so it is accessible by the public, and installing a sprinkler fire suppression system.

The Darling House is a living link to Woodbridge’s history that the Historical Society and Town have partnered on since the Town purchased the building and property. Today’s action should be an occasion of shared accomplishment. It will be if we work together to resolve a concern that has arisen regarding the status of the caretaker’s cottage adjacent to the Darling House.

The Darling House is—as per the wishes of the Darling family when they entrusted it to the Historical Society—a museum, and there has been a caretaker living onsite since the Historical Society built the caretaker’s cottage 45 years ago. Our caretakers have added value to the museum, saved money for the town, and helped to keep many of our priceless town artifacts from

being lost. They are part handy-person, part repairer, part insurance policy, and their duties have ranged from upkeep of the building and grounds to responding to ice dams, burst pipes and any of the other urgencies that crop up in a 250-year-old building.

Our most recent caretaker expanded the practice of farming on the Darling property and devoted more of his time and attention to farming, to the point where we decided we needed to transition to a new caretaker, whose duties would be exclusively that of caring for the Darling House, its contents of inestimable value, and the grounds. Our museum needs a live-in caretaker who will work directly with us on the Good to Great-funded improvements. Without a caretaker in residence, we do not see how we can go forward with the Good to Great Grant in terms of making our matching contribution and implementing it. The caretaker is an essential part of that endeavor and all our operations.

We believe there is room for a caretaker for the museum and a farmer for the Town, and we want you and the people of Woodbridge to know that a solution is readily achievable. Last month, we met with First Selectman Heller and the town attorney to discuss ways to manage the Darling House and surrounding lands in a way that will achieve both Historical Society and Town goals.

We came away from our second meeting, September 24th, feeling that there had been some movement in the right direction.

We offered a model template from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a property that is managed by a historical society and owned by another party, and offered to undertake the work of redrafting the decades-old agreement into a contemporary one that would better serve the Town and the Historical Society.

We expressed our need to hire a new caretaker and have them on site by January 1, so we can be assured that the grant-funded improvements will begin and be supervised appropriately.

We offered a solution to provide a home for a farmer on site, both

exploring a temporary option and contacting a noted architect on ideas to design a historically appropriate permanent home.

We must resolve these issues as soon as possible in order to begin the important work that the Good to Great grant has in store. Time is running out. We need the Board to act to make the caretaker’s cottage available to a new caretaker. Because the current occupant of the caretaker’s cottage is a hold-over tenant on a month-to-month basis, it is required that he be given 30 days’ notice to make this change. We also need to draft a new agreement, a task that could take weeks to accomplish.

Even though our agreement with the Town was renewed two years ago, and has not changed, it is 40 years old and inconsistent with current best practices. Recently, the town attorney has pointed out to us that the town can unilaterally terminate the agreement without cause, raising the question of whether we can assert to the state that we have long-term ability to determine the use of the museum or the quarters to which we have proposed modifications—an assurance that is critical to our accepting and implementing this grant and our matching investment.

It is in our collective best interest that we start that process now. We ask, therefore, that you to act at your regularly scheduled November meeting to end the holdover lease for the caretaker cottager by December 31 and that you also vote to empower the Society and the Town, through our attorneys, to work on a new long-term agreement that could be presented for your approval hopefully at your December meeting.

Thank you for your service on the Board of Selectmen and the work that you do on behalf of our town.

The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society is convinced that our partnership with the Town has provided the people of Woodbridge with a vital and unique historic asset for generations. We have great history together, and a bright future, and we ask for your support in getting there together.

Alexia Belperron, President  
Mary Dean, Vice President

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# Historical Society Hails Approval of ‘Good to Great’ Grant

*THE DARLING HOUSE MUSEUM & KOAN FARMS CAN THRIVE TOGETHER*

The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society hailed the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen’s unanimous acceptance of a state grant awarded to the Society to make improvements to Thomas Darling House museum. The Board of Selectmen’s vote was the last step in the Historical Society’s quest to secure the \$48,000 “Good to Great” from the state Department of Economic and Community Development.

“This grant, when matched by \$16,000 in our funding, will allow us to enhance the experience of visitors to the Thomas Darling house and expand our program offerings by providing kitchen space, repurposing an unused portion of the museum, modifying a washroom in the adjacent caretaker’s cottage so it is accessible by the public, and installing a sprinkler fire suppression system,” said AWHs President Alexia Belperron.

The Thomas Darling House, built around 1772, is home to the Historical Society’s museum, made possible by a gift from the stepdaughter of the last living Darling family descendant owner, who willed the contents of all buildings on the site to the Society in 1973. The house was purchased by the Town of Woodbridge as part of an open space acquisition, primarily funded by the federal and state governments.

“The Darling House is a living link to Woodbridge’s history that the Historical Society and Town have partnered on since the Town purchased the building and property,” said Historical Society Vice President Mary Dean. “We have worked tirelessly to create and maintain the museum and its collections in a way that not only preserves many artifacts of Woodbridge history but finds new and interesting ways to share them with the community.”

In a letter to the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen, Belperron and Dean said that the Selectmen’s vote “should be an occasion of shared accomplishment” for all concerned. “It will be,” they wrote, “if we work together to resolve a concern that has arisen regarding the status of the caretaker’s cottage adjacent to the Darling House.”

“The Darling House Museum and Koan Farms can thrive together’

There has been a museum caretaker living onsite since the Historical Society built the caretaker’s cottage

45 years ago, and every year that arrangement has saved the Society and the Town thousands of dollars in maintenance and utilities costs as well as contributing security and support for the museum.

This arrangement has recently been interrupted because the Town permitted the farmer of a small farm on the property (Koan Farms) to continue to live in the cottage even though he is no longer museum caretaker. This arrangement is due to end on December 31, but the Society is still waiting for reassurance from the Town that this is just a temporary departure from the management agreement and that it can soon install a new museum caretaker in the caretaker’s cottage.

“Our museum needs a live-in caretaker who will work directly with us on the Good to Great-funded improvements. Without a caretaker in residence, we do not see how we can go forward with the Good to Great Grant in terms of making our matching contribution and implementing it. The caretaker is an essential part of that endeavor and all our operations.”

Belperron and Dean noted that their latest meeting with the Town in late September showed “movement in the right direction,” on two fronts. The Society offered a model template for a new agreement from the National Trust for Historic Preservation for a property like this that is managed by a historical society and owned by another party. “We [also] offered a solution to provide a home for a farmer on site, both exploring a temporary option and contacting a noted architect on ideas to design a historically appropriate permanent home.”

They asked to continue their discussions with town officials and requested the Board of Selectmen to bring the matter before their November meeting. “The Darling House Museum and Koan Farms can thrive together,” Belperron said.

“Partnership between the Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society and the Town has provided the people of Woodbridge with a vital and unique historic asset for generations,” the letter concludes. “We have great history together, and a bright future, and we ask for your support in getting there together.”

## Did You Know? Can I Sign My Will Electronically?

Connecticut law requires that a Will must be a written document that is signed by the Testator, the person who is making the Will, and witnessed by two witnesses. Often, a Will is accompanied by a self-proving affidavit, which must be signed by the same two witnesses and a notary public or an attorney.

The Uniform Law Commission (ULC) approved the Uniform Electronic Wills Act (the E-Wills Act) in July of 2019, allowing for Wills to be signed electronically. Established in 1892, the ULC is a non-profit association of attorneys who research and draft legislation on areas of state law where uniformity is desirable and practical.

Connecticut has yet to adopt the E-Wills Act.

While the E-Wills Act would allow for Wills to be signed electronically, the Act still requires:

- The Testator to acknowledge/sign his/her Will;
- Witnesses to the Will;
- States to decide if the witnesses must be physically present or present remotely by visual or audio mechanism (i.e. Skype);
- That any “Self-Proving Affidavit” be signed simultaneously with the Will itself (even incorporated into the Will).

If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of properly drafting a Will under current Connecticut law please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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Town of Woodbridge Meetings  
for the Month of December 2019



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-389-3422)

12/2	CUPOP.....	7:00 PM	Center Bldg.
12/3	Joint Board of Finance/Selectmen.....	CANCELLED	
12/5	Joint Board of Finance/Selectmen.....	CANCELLED	
12/9	Library Commission .....	6:30 PM	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals .....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
12/10	Joint Board of Finance/Selectmen.....	5:00 PM	Town Hall
	Police Commission .....	6:15 PM	Police Department
	Gov't Access TV Commission .....	7:15 PM	Town Hall
12/11	Board of Selectmen.....	5:00 PM	Town Hall
12/12	Joint Board of Finance/Selectmen.....	5:00 PM	Town Hall
11/18	Fire Commission .....	6:00 PM	Firehouse
	CUPOP.....	7:00 PM	Town Hall
	Recreation Commission .....	7:00 PM	Beecher Rd School So
12/18	Inland Wetlands Agency.....	7:30 PM	Town Hall
12/21	Board of Finance.....	6:00 PM	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission.....	7:30 PM	Town Hall

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DEATH NOTICES

Minnie Ruth Gibbons

Minnie Ruth (Carrano) Gibbons passed away peacefully on October 27, 2019 at home with her daughters by her side. Ruth was born in the Wooster Square neighborhood of New Haven to Gennaro and Elizabeth (Hellwig) Carrano. She married the love of her life, the late Robert L. Gibbons, and soon after settled in Woodbridge. With her husband she shared a love of travel, visiting all fifty states, traveling Europe and sailing through the Panama Canal. She retired as an accounting assistant from Yale University. In her later years Ruth enjoyed vacationing in Vero Beach, FL with her daughters, where she could often be found sitting by the ocean with a good book. After retirement she volunteered at the Woodbridge Senior Center, where she was a board member, receiving the volunteer of the year award in 2014. Ruth leaves to carry her memory her two devoted daughters, Cynthia Gibbons and Jacqueline Gibbons, both of Woodbridge. In addition she leaves behind her sisters, Lucille Thomas and Shirley Cirelli, and brother Neil Carrano. She was predeceased by a brother, Gennaro Carrano, Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated October 30, 2019. Burial was private. Arrangements were in care of Beecher & Bennett Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to either the Cure Sanfillipo Foundation at [www.curesf.org](http://www.curesf.org) or VNA Community Health Care and Hospice, for the benefit of the hospice program at [www.connecticuthomecare.org](http://www.connecticuthomecare.org). To send a condolence to her family, please see her obituary at [www.beecherandbennett.com](http://www.beecherandbennett.com).

Terry Gilbertson

Terry Gilbertson, Building Official, Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Zoning Enforcement Officer in the Town of Woodbridge since 1998 died October 28, 2019, at the age of 68 from complications of pneumonia. Prior to his appointment in Woodbridge, Terry performed various duties in the City of New Haven's Office of Building Inspection and Enforcement, including

Deputy Building Official.

Terry was a generous and hard-working man who enjoyed the collaboration and friendship of his co-workers and the camaraderie of the design professionals and contractors with whom he shared mutual respect. His powers of observation and attention to detail fueled an incisive sense of humor in addition to enhancing his performance and involvement in code administration. One could track the change of seasons by Terry's transition from his distinctive Stetson to his Panama Hat and back again.

In addition to his licensure as a Building Official, Gilbertson earned certification as a Fire Marshal/Inspector, and in the process was awarded the "Major Carroll E. Shaw Award for Academic Excellence" in 1999 from the State of Connecticut Office of the State Fire Marshal.

In 2016, Terry was nominated by Senator Martin Looney to serve on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Port Authority. Contemporaneously, he became a Principal Technical Committee Member of NFPA (National Fire Protection Administration) 307 Standard for the Construction and Fire Protection of Marine Terminals. Terry was a member of International Code Council, the New England Building Code Association, the Connecticut Building Officials Association (CBOA), and a Lifetime Member of NFPA.

Born in Fargo, North Dakota to the late Joan Gilbertson (Rissman) and the late Bernard Gilbertson on May 31, 1951, Terry grew up in Litchfield, Minnesota. He worked in lighting design in New York City in productions that first brought him to New Haven in 1973 where he returned to make his home until his passing.

Terry was predeceased by his brother John Gilbertson (Florida) and is survived by his brother James Gilbertson of Litchfield, Minnesota and by his life partner of 33 years Marjorie Shansky of New Haven with whom he shared the love of their Springer Spaniels. Visiting hours were at the Celentano Funeral Home, 424 Elm Street, New Haven, CT with burial at the Grove Street Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center, [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org), to support its mission to fight hate and bigotry and to seek justice for the most vulnerable members of our society.

DEATH NOTICES

The Woodbridge Town News will publish Death Notices for Woodbridge and Bethany families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: [edit@woodbridgetownnews.com](mailto:edit@woodbridgetownnews.com)



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## Congregation B’nai Jacob Events

### Learning and Prayer Bread & Torah

Every Shabbat Morning Before  
Services, 9:00 – 9:45am

Rabbi Shapiro explores the weekly Torah portion and how its story relates to our own. Lively discussion over bagels and coffee. No experience necessary.

### Ongoing Learning Pirkei Avot, The Ethics of the Fathers

Rabbi Rona Shapiro  
Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
Ongoing classes: December  
2, 9; Jan 6, 27

Using the new Rabbinical Assembly edition, with commentary by Raba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum and Rabbi Gordon Tucker, we will explore this foundational text in the Jewish canon. Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary. Nonmembers \$100.

### Special Events B’nai Jacob is hosting this



Congregation B’nai Jacob

### year’s Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Monday, November  
25, 2019 at 7:00pm

Please join us for this beautiful service. Co-sponsored by Congregation B’nai Jacob, First Church of Christ, Trinity Evangelical Church, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Church of Latter Day Saints.

### CBJ Book Group

Wednesday, December 4,  
7:30 pm in the library

Join in a discussion of The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish.

## The First Church Of Christ Announces Annual Carol Sing

We invite all members of the community to save the date for the Annual Community Carol Sing for the entire family on December 15th at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish House. Bring your singing voices, your jingle bells and join in the fun. That day is a great day to also join us for our 10 a.m. service where our Bell Choir will be performing.

Further advent events will be announced in the December 13th issue.

We also invite members of the community to join our regular weekly services and events:

**Sunday Services** – 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

**Church School** – Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year, presently with children aged 3-6 with older children helping with the younger children until



The First Church of Christ

we hire a new Director of Christian Education.

**Middle School Youth Group** for 5th – 8th graders will be reforming later in the school year.

**Boy Scout Troop 907** – meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

**Weekly Bible Study** - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.

## Orange Congregational Church Welcomes New Senior Minister

Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has called a new Senior Minister. The Reverend Jennifer Campbell studied anthropology at SUNY Purchase, received a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and studied Faith Formation at Fordham University. She was ordained in 2007 and has served churches in Fairfield, Connecticut and Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Jennifer is married and has two adult children. She co-founded The Loft Community in Fairfield, CT; a community of love, support, and resources for LGBTQ+ teens and young adults. She teaches yoga and meditation and is passionate about building community and working toward peace and justice for all people.

Orange Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means that we welcome into our life, leadership, and ministry ALL people who are seeking a spiritual home and a Christian community in which to grow in faith and serve in the world.

We worship at 205 Meeting House



Orange Congregational Church

Lane on Sundays at 8am and 10am. No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome to join us!

Our Advent season begins on Sunday, December 1st with morning worship, our Annual Cookie Walk after worship services (where for \$8 you can fill a box with delicious assorted cookies), and the Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing in our Sanctuary at 4pm which is free to the public.

Find out more about our church at [www.orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org). You can reach Reverend Jennifer by email at [revjenoc@gmail.com](mailto:revjenoc@gmail.com) or by phone at 203.795.9749.

## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

“The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” begins the weekend before Thanksgiving with the Pumpkin and Holly Bazaar at Christ Church Bethany (526 Amity Road, Route 63 at the blinking light). The fair is on Friday, November 22, 3-7 pm and Saturday, November 23 from 9am-2pm. The Bazaar welcomes you to enjoy the old-fashioned fun of a small town New England holiday fair. The annual star attraction is the Theme Basket Raffle, along with the Country Store featuring cheddar cheese from Brattleboro,

Vermont as well as antiques including a large butter churn. There will be a room full of new, vintage and used Christmas decor as well as a tree covered with ornaments-you will want to purchase many holiday gifts here. Also visit the bakery featuring Thanksgiving apple pies, assorted holiday cookies and other homemade baked goods, and dine at the Pumpkin and Holly Cafe. Other attractions include the Twice as Nice Clothing Boutique, new and antique jewelry, and unique handmade items. Let the fun and shopping begin!

## Community Invited To Thanksgiving Service

The annual Woodbridge Thanksgiving service this year will be hosted by Congregation B’Nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road, on Monday, November 25, at 7 p.m.

The annual gathering is open to all and is being co-sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption Church, First Church of Christ, Congregation B’Nai Jacob, Trinity Evangelical and the Church of Latter Day Saints. Usually clergy of the different houses of worship lead different parts of the liturgy,

and a joint choir adds to the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Typically, a reception will follow after the service, at which neighbors and friends can gather.

The collection is for the Warm Hearts, Warm Homes campaign that supports the town’s fuel and food fund. Cash or checks are accepted and should be made out to the Woodbridge Fuel/Food Fund. They can also be mailed to Woodbridge Human Services Department, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, 06525.

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

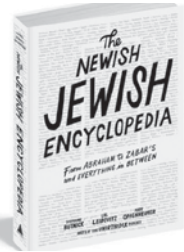
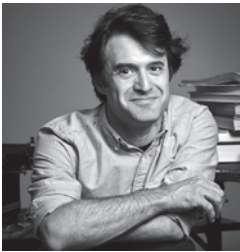
## Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel Events

### Daily Services

- › Sunday 9:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Monday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Tuesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Wednesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- › Thursday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm
- › Friday 7:00 am

### Shabbat Services

- › Friday 6:00 pm
- › Saturday Morning 9:15 am
- › Saturday Children’s Services 10:45 am
- › Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm



### Book Talk and Brunch

On Sunday, December 15 at 10 AM, the community is invited for a book talk and brunch to celebrate the publication of “The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham to Zabar’s and Everything in Between,” written by the hosts of Tablet Magazine’s Unorthodox Podcast—Stephanie Butnick, Liel Liebovitz, and BEKI’s own Mark Oppenheimer. Reservations, please, to [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or 203.389.2108 x114.

Oppenheimer is the former Beliefs columnist for the New York Times and the author of “The Bar Mitzvah Crash-er: Road-Tripping Through Jewish America.” He has a PhD in American religion from Yale and lives in New Haven with his wife and five children. The podcast for which the three are hosts, Unorthodox, is the most popular Jewish podcast on iTunes.

### Paintings about the Binding of Isaac

“Akeidah Verbs and Others,” paint-



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ings by Richard McBee, is on exhibition through January 11. “Akeida Verbs” is a series of 30 paintings that attempt to plumb the mystery of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac’s terrifying final encounter with their God. In contrast, “Urban Akeida Diptych” focuses on the Angel of Death coming for the soul of Isaac; thwarted, the Angel of Death is forced to turn his icy gaze to the matriarch Sarah.

A reception for the artist will be held in the BEKI Art Gallery on Thursday, December 5 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a presentation by the artist at 7:00 pm.

### Jewish Learning

The Shabbat Shalom Torah Study group gathers every other Saturday at 10:45 am, led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Nadav Sela, Isaiah Cooper and others, in a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multi-generational setting.

The Rashi Study Group, which meets Mondays at 7:45 am with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, is now reading First Kings. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary.

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speak, slow to wrath;  
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does not produce  
the righteousness of God. JAMES 1:19, 20



## Bible Trivia

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word “thanksgiving” the most times, at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah
2. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “In everything give thanks: for this is the ... of God.” Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail
3. From 2 Timothy 3:1-2, Paul lists which human quality as being a sign of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people
4. In Psalms 106:1, “O give thanks unto the Lord; for his ... endureth forever.” Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit
5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant
6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? Fish’s belly, Aboard ship, Wilderness, Mountaintop

1) Psalms; 2) Will; 3) Unthankful people; 4) Mercy; 5) At your own will; 6) Fish's belly

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Terminator: Dark Fate (R)

Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger
2. Joker (R)

Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro
3. Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)

Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning
4. Harriet (PG-13)

Cynthia Erivo, Leslie Odom Jr.
5. The Addams Family (PG)

animated
6. Zombieland: Double Tap (R)

Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg
7. Countdown (PG-13)

Elizabeth Lail, Jordan Calloway
8. Black and Blue (R)

Naomie Harris, Mike Colter
9. Motherless Brooklyn (R)

Edward Norton, Gugu Mbatha-Raw
10. Artic Dogs (PG)

animated

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. The Lion King (PG)

animated
2. Toy Story 4 (PG)

animated
3. Crawl (R)

Kaya Scodelario
4. Stuber (R)

Dave Bautista
5. Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13)

Tom Holland
6. Yesterday (PG-13)

Himesh Patel
7. John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum (R)

Keanu Reeves
8. Aladdin (PG)

Will Smith
9. Annabelle Comes Home (R)

Vera Farmiga
10. 3 From Hell (R)

Sherie Moon Zombie



Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham in "Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" [Universal Studios]

PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" (PG-13)** -- Cybernetically engineered villain Brixton Lore (Idris Elba) seeks a dangerous supervirus. To secure it, MI6 agent Hattie Shaw (Vanessa Kirby) injects it into herself and goes on the run. The powers that be pair up charming, larger-than-life lawman Luke Hobbs (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) and sophisticated fringe operator Deckard Shaw (Jason Statham) -- who's also Hattie's brother -- to track her down. The two men are fire and ice with an adversarial history, and as they fight to save the world, there's a whole lot of banter and one-upmanship. It's standard action with good chemistry, a ferocious bad guy and a wink to the audience, and there's nothing wrong with that.

**"Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark" (NR)** -- In a small Pennsylvania town in

the 1960s, a group of teens goes looking for trouble on Halloween night, and what they find is much more than they went looking for. Stella (Zoe Margaret Colletti) is into tales of horror and lore, and she sets out with a few friends to creep on a dilapidated house at the edge of town where the town's founders lived with their disturbed daughter. There, they find a book of stories, in which new narratives are being written -- each one a new threat to the kids. Stella and the others must find a way to stop the stories and ward off the monsters they spawn while keeping the mayhem from getting worse. Inspired by the 1980s horror anthology written by Alvin Schwartz.

**"The Art of Racing in the Rain" (PG)** -- Milo Ventimiglia stars as Denny, an aspiring race car driver whose life is seen through the eyes of his golden retriever, Enzo (voiced by Kevin Costner). The best friends share an exhausting number of life's up and downs as Enzo narrates while cheering on Denny's racing career and watching over his wife (Amanda Seyfreid) and daughter. It's a dog movie, so yes, you will choke up and possibly cry. But director Simon Curtis really pushes the limits on emotional overload.

**"The Kitchen" (R)** -- In Hell's Kitchen in the 1970s, three mid-level Irish mobsters go to prison and their wives are like: "Forget that! Sisters are doing it for themselves!" and decide to just take over the business. The ladies are played by Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish and Elisabeth Moss, whose character is the victim of domestic abuse and turns self-empowered. Moss has that look of terminally submissive down pat. As for the other two, this is a drama with two exceptional comedians, which is just as well, since it can't decide if it's a black comedy or a gritty drama. In the end, it doesn't do either one very well.

1. Which band member was temporarily fired from The Who, and why?

2. Name the Los Angeles group that changed their named to The Upfronts after the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961.

3. Name the Beatle whose middle name came from Winston Churchill.

4. Who made a hit of "Blue Suede Shoes" before Elvis Presley did?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I can't forget the day you left, Time is so unkind, And life is so cruel without you here beside me."



1. Roger Daltrey, in 1965, for allegedly punching drummer Keith Moon. Daltrey had flushed Moon's stash of drugs. Moon went berserk and Daltrey hit him. 2. The Cubans. They eventually called themselves Little Caesar & the Romans. The doo wop group broke up partly because they couldn't agree about which one of them should be Little Caesar. 3. John Winston Lennon. However, in 1969 he changed that to John Winston Ono Lennon. 4. Songwriter Carl Perkins, in 1956. His version convinced to release it anyway. It zoomed to No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart and stayed there for 11 weeks.

Sports Quiz

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. Tony La Russa is No. 1 on the St. Louis Cardinals' list of managerial victories (1,408). Who is No. 2?

2. Name the only San Diego Padre to belt 50 or more home runs in a season.

3. When was the last time before the 2018 season that the University of Texas football team won 10 or more games in a season?

4. Name the last time before 2017-18 that the Boston Celtics made the NBA Eastern Conference Finals in consecutive years.

5. Who was the last NHL goaltender to win the Vezina Trophy (top regular-season goalie) in consecutive seasons?

6. Name the last French-born cyclist to win the Tour de France.

7. Phil Mickelson is one of two golfers who have won three of the four men's majors at least once, but have never won the U.S. Open. Who is the other?

1. Red Schoendienst, with 1,041 wins (1965-76, '80, '90). 2. Greg Vaughn hit 50 in 1998. 3. It was the 2009 season, when the Longhorns were 13-1. 4. It was 1987-88. 5. New Jersey's Martin Brodeur, in 2007 and 2008. 6. Bernard Hinault, in 1985. 7. Sam Snead.

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Sudoku answers on page 28

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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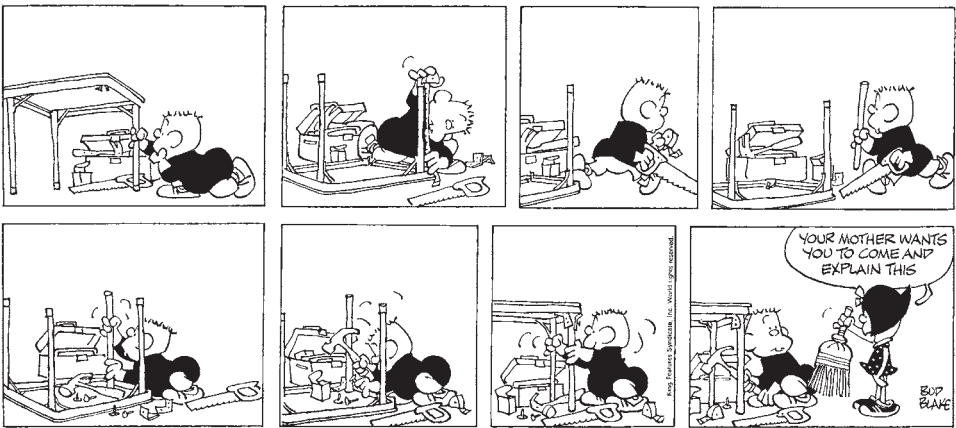
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# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD

## TIGER



## The Spats



## Amber Waves



## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Poehler's pal
- 4 Alias letters
- 7 Envelope part
- 11 Frosty
- 13 Wire measure
- 14 "The Amazing —"
- 15 Killer whale
- 16 Everything
- 17 Basin accessory
- 18 Intended
- 20 Burg
- 22 Sedona auto-maker
- 24 Electronic dance music
- 28 George who played 007 once
- 32 Sandbank
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Massachusetts cape
- 36 Knitting stitch
- 37 Pays attention
- 39 Balearic island
- 41 Went to a restaurant
- 43 Cow's comment
- 44 Responsibility
- 46 Formal decree
- 50 On the rocks
- 53 Jazz style
- 55 "Damn Yankees" vamp
- 56 Pickle herb

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- 61 Wonderment
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- 9 High card
- 10 Apiece
- 12 Pony rider of song
- 19 Can metal
- 21 Horror director Craven
- 23 Kimmel's network
- 25 60 minutes
- 26 Drug dealer's foe
- 27 Earthenware pot
- 28 Dalai —
- 29 Came down
- 30 Region
- 31 — Kippur
- 35 Water barrier
- 38 Helios' realm
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Pudgy
- 45 Nutritious bean
- 47 Greek vowel
- 48 Talon
- 49 Story
- 50 Egos' counterparts
- 51 Spy novel org.
- 52 Wapiti
- 54 Energy

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## HOLLYWOOD

By TONY RIZZO

As Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola fight to retain the traditional release of films into movie theaters instead of streaming services, the last vestige of true movie stars (created by the major studios during the Golden Age of Hollywood) -- Jane Fonda (81), Shirley MacLaine (85), Sophia Loren (84) and Robert Redford (83) -- struggle to retain their stardom.

Jane Fonda starred last year in "The Book Club," with Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen, and has retained visibility thanks to the Netflix series "Grace and Frankie" (65 episodes and counting since 2015), with Lily Tomlin, and being arrested for protests such as the recent global warming demonstration.

Shirley MacLaine starred in Hallmark's "A Heavenly Christmas" (2016), with Eric McCormack, Netflix's "The Little Mermaid" (2018) and in Disney's just-released "Noelle," with Anna Kendrick, Bill Hader and Julie Hagerty. Sophia Loren is shooting "The Life Ahead" (due in March), based on a Romain Gary novel and directed by her son Edoardo Ponti. Sophia, who plays a holocaust survivor who forges a bond with a 12-year-old boy, vows it will be something to remember.

Robert Redford's last film as an actor was "The Old Man & the Gun," but he couldn't resist doing cameos in "Avengers: Endgame" and the HBO series "Watchmen." A special mention for Olivia de Havilland, last surviving star of 1939's "Gone with the Wind," who turned 103 July 1 in Paris.

Not to be outdone, two old pros, Angela Lansbury (94) and Dick Van Dyke (94 on Dec. 13), will finally get see their 2018 Christmas film "But-



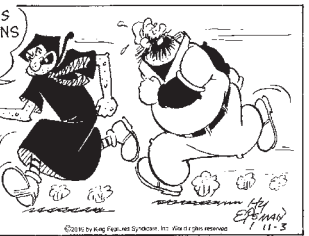
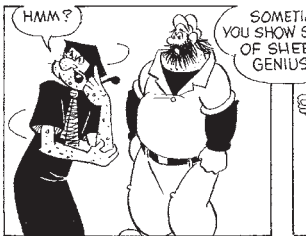
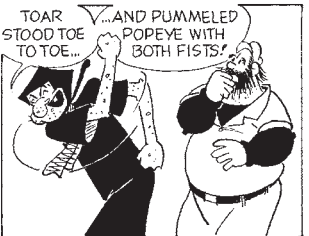
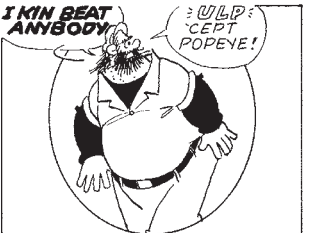
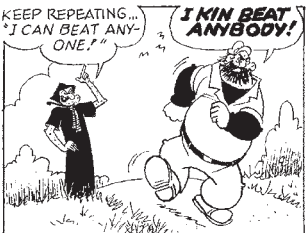
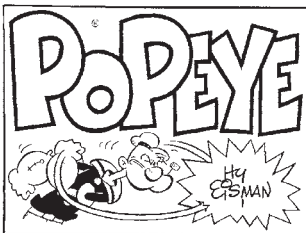
Jane Fonda in "Grace and Frankie" [Melissa Moseley/Netflix]

tons," which was shown for only night in theaters last Dec. 8. The film, narrated by Robert Redford and Kate Winslet, and co-starring Jane Seymour and Roma Downey, will be released digitally Nov. 19 and on DVD Dec. 3.

Ben Affleck will star in and produce (with Matt Damon and Aaron Gilbert) "Falling to Earth," based on Kate Southwood's novel about the Tri-State Tornado, the deadliest in U.S. history. It hit Illinois in 1925, killing 695 people, injuring more than 2,000 and leveling a number of towns.

"A Quiet Place: Part II" has completed filming in upstate New York, mostly around Buffalo. When John Krasinsky chose Buffalo as his main location, he created 400 hires of staff and technicians and 300 background extras, which pumped \$10 million into the local economy. Shooting on the \$1 million refurbished Buffalo Film Works soundstage was kept under wraps to keep spectators at bay, but that proved impossible when they shot on location (especially when they closed down the nearby Grand Island Bridge for 13 hours). Buffalo never looked so good and remains a very "Quiet Place."

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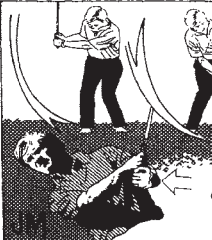


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LOCAL SPORTS

# Yanagisawa Shines in Freshman Year

Kevin Yanagisawa, from Woodbridge, had a breakout freshman year with the Rowan University Men's Swimming and Diving team, which finished first place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). He was named the Metropolitan Championships Rookie of the Meet, the NJAC Rookie of the Year, and was selected to the All-Conference teams in the 1650 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and 200 butterfly. He also received College Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-America Honorable Mention based on making an NCAA B cut time in the 1650 and carrying a GPA over 3.5. He was named the NJAC Rookie of the Week eight times over the season, and had team best times in the 500, 1000, 1650 freestyle and



Kevin Yanagisawa

200 butterfly. He was named a Rowan University Scholar-Athlete.



# Woodbridge Native Earns All-Liberty League Honors

Former Amity, Loomis Star Has Best Year for Union College

Schenectady, N.Y. – Jeremy Conn, a former New England prep school all-star soccer forward at Loomis Chaffee School and an Amity High School graduate, was named second-team All-Liberty League as a striker for Un-

ion College. Conn, a senior psychology major from Woodbridge who had a career-best nine goals and 25 points, finished fourth in the 12-team league in goals, assists and points while helping Union go 10-7.

# Orange Little League Challenger Division Seeks Athletes

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League program. We don't keep score and there are no outs. The sole purpose is to have fun while being physically active. The cost of this program is \$50 per player which includes a uniform shirt and hat. Orange Little League will defray the cost for any athlete that is unable to afford the registration fee. Students from Orange as well as any surrounding towns are welcome to participate. Practices and games will be held in the Spring of 2020 at Old Tavern #2, a fully accessible field under ADA guidelines. Dates and times are to be determined. For registration and accommodation information, contact Kate Palumbo by emailing OLLChallenger2020@gmail.com or calling (203) 435-0972.



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**Boy Scout Troop 63**, meetings Monday nights 7:00pm-8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Route 63), Woodbridge; September-April and May-June outdoors at Camp Whiting, all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade are welcome to stop by and see what we’re all about. For more information, visit <http://www.troop963.org> or email [Troop63CT@gmail.com](mailto:Troop63CT@gmail.com).

**Shelton Art League** (formerly Bridgeport Art League), meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, noon, Shelton Community Center, 41 Church Street, Shelton, CT, 2nd floor, room #2, a diverse group of artists, future meetings include acrylic landscape, watercolor and oil painting demos. Visit <http://www.sheltonartleague.org> for additional information. Guests are always welcome.

**Bereavement Support Groups**, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm, Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, support groups for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Contact Janice Lautier at 203-732-1100 or [jlautier@griffinhealth.org](mailto:jlautier@griffinhealth.org) to register.

**Networking Opportunity**, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30am, Solun Tapas Bar Restaurant, 245 Amity Road. Do you want more hot referrals? Come as our guest; unlimited free coffee; bring business cards. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Elyce Siegel at 203-668-3019 or [Elyce.siegel@hibu.com](mailto:Elyce.siegel@hibu.com).

**Woodbridge Republican Town Committee Meetings**, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and we urge you to join us. For information, go to [www.woodbridgegop.org](http://www.woodbridgegop.org).

**Cancer Support Group**, meets the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month at Coachman’s Square, 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact: Lucille Ranciato [lranciato2@yahoo.com](mailto:lranciato2@yahoo.com) or Bernie Siegel, MD [bugsyssiegel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bugsyssiegel@sbcglobal.net) for details.

**Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes**, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednes-

day and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email [tfkctraining@gmail.com](mailto:tfkctraining@gmail.com). Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC).

**Boy Scout Troop 907**, Come find out why Troop 907 has been Making a Difference in the Life of Scouts since 1968. Meetings Thursday nights 7:00-8:30PM at the First Church of Christ in the Parish House (enter via back parking lot), 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge next to Town Hall. Boys aged 10 and older or who have completed 5th grade are invited to visit an upcoming meeting and join the adventure of scouting. For more information, visit our website [Troop907.org](http://Troop907.org) or use the website “contact us” link to communicate directly with troop leadership.

**Alzheimer’s Community Caregivers Support Group**, 2nd Thursday of the month, 5:00pm, Arden House, Conference Room, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden. Call Maria Paduano, Program Director to RSVP or for more information at 203-281-3500, ext. 7669; [www.geneshihcc.com](http://www.geneshihcc.com).

**Woodbridge Rotary Club Meetings**, 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, New Members wanted! The Woodbridge Rotary Club has changed its meeting places. Please go to the website to see current meeting dates and event dates: <https://woodbridgerotary.org/> Contact the Club President Diane Millan or Secretary Karen Bellamy for any updates.

**Goat Yoga**, every Saturday at 9am, 10:15am and 11:30am, Locket’s Meadow Farm, Bethany, \$25.00. Stretch and pose with our sweet baby goats (and pigs and puppies and who knows who else will wander through) and learn what the goat hype is about! All funds from our programs go directly to support the rescued animals of Locket’s Meadow as well as to help fund our programs for special needs individuals. Please bring your own yoga mat, but if you forget, we have a few extra.

**Ansonia Nature Center Events**, 10 Deerfield Road, Ansonia; call 203-736-1053 to register for all events.

**Donate Your Car, Truck or Van**, help raise funds for a local private school; FREE, FAST, TOW AWAY; Running or Not Running; Can be used for a charitable tax deduction. Call Charter Oak Education DBA Sterling Education at 860-643-1100.





**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A long-sought workplace change could be happening soon. Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until midweek. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your workload is still high, but -- good news! -- you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

**BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in** loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.



top ten

ALLERGY-PRONE BREEDS

1. American Pit Bull Terrier

2. Bichon Frise

3. Boxer

4. Brussels Griffon

5. Bull Terrier

6. Cocker Spaniel

7. German Shepherd

8. Golden Retriever

9. Labrador Retriever

10. Maltese

Source: Ollie

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Collar is different. 3. Boy's pencil is gone. 4. Name on briefcase is different. 5. Shrub is missing. 6. Picture on box has changed.

'Was My Dog Poisoned?'

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We have three dogs that freely roam our 26-acre property almost year-round. In August, our youngest dog, "Striper," went out for a couple of hours and when he returned he was panting heavily. He began drooling and then vomiting. As we got ready to take him to the vet, he collapsed and stopped breathing. We weren't able to revive him. Our vet said he could have eaten something poisonous.

Since then I've walked or ridden all over our property to see what he might have eaten, but I've found nothing. My neighbors couldn't have given him something bad. What could have happened? -- Mystified in Northern New Hampshire

DEAR MYSTIFIED: First, I am truly sorry that you lost Striper so tragically. Finding the reason may require a little more investigation.

Did the veterinarian give any indication of what the poison may have been? Did you look at what Striper vomited up just before he collapsed, or take a sample to the vet? While it's not always possible to tell without more testing, looking for clues to what happened can help to keep your two surviving dogs safe.

Some wild plants are poisonous to dogs, though the worst types usually taste terrible. Standing water with a blue-green algae bloom is a possibility; this cyanobacteria, deadly to pets, often blooms in Southern states in late summer but is creeping northward due to climate change. Household garbage may have cleaning chemicals or old medications mixed in with tempting food scraps. Could old antifreeze have been dumped near the edge of your property? Consider any and all possibilities.

Meanwhile, you can keep your other dogs safe by securing outdoor garbage can lids, separating household cleaning containers from regular trash and monitoring the dogs' outdoor roaming more closely.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO [ASK@PAWSCORNER.COM](mailto:ASK@PAWSCORNER.COM).

The Garden Bug

Agrimony is also called *sticklewort* or *church steeple*s. It traditionally holds the meaning of "thankfulness" or "gratitude."

Its yellow flowers are fragrant and bloom throughout the summer months. It can grow as high as 40" tall, in such areas as meadows, forest edges, pastures, and river banks. It is used in folk medicine to treat inflammation and other diseases. Parts of the plant are used to make teas, infusions, bath soaks, mouthwash and topical preparations. Its seeds can be dried and ground into a meal.

- B. Weaver

Source: wikipedia, [www.ediblewildfood.com](http://www.ediblewildfood.com)



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