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TOWN CENTER PLANNING UNDER WAY

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge town News Correspondent

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar will be calling an ad hoc committee to look at the different facility studies done in the past 20 years or so, and to determine how to move forward with the use of municipal buildings in the center of town.

The police department, housed in what until the 1960s served as the town's elementary school, has long outgrown its facility, but in order to update the police facility, the Recreation Department needs to move its fitness rooms in the Center Building to the former firehouse. That can only happen once the fire department removes its equipment that is still stored there to the new firehouse. To do that the proposed shed at the back of the firehouse needs to be erected.

All of these plans have been drawn up, some of them several years ago, and each of the departments involved is ready to move if there wasn't the pesky little money problem.

In a joint meeting of the Boards of Finance and Selectmen in February, Finance Director Anthony Genovese in a presentation showed how the town has maxed out its bonding debt. Should it bond for more debt at this point, it would risk losing its Aaa bond rating, resulting in less favorable rates for

years to come, he said.

Long-term debt: The town carries a \$28.6 million debt load for projects such as the 1996 Beecher addition, the new firehouse, open space acquisitions (other than the Country Club), the oil spill remediation behind Town Hall, the Beecher roof, and now the Public Works facility. The debt for the current Beecher renovation and for the purchase of the Country Club is held in short-term notes.

In addition, the town carries a share (\$13.3 million) of the Amity renovation, bringing the total debt to over \$40 million. Budgeted for debt service next year is \$2.6 million plus \$1.4 million for the Amity debt.

Projects: Projects under consideration for bonding are a radio system for emergency responders (\$1 million); the renovation of the former firehouse (1.3 million), renovation of the police facility in two phases (\$4.9 million).

Most recently, the town got news from the state that Genovese's application for \$500,000 from the state Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) for the old firehouse was approved. This is in addition to \$500,000 the state approved three years ago for

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LOCAL AUTHOR HAS PASSION FOR HISTORY... AND BASEBALL

By Laura Fantarella - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

A passion for history and baseball inspired former Amity student and former Woodbridge resident Josh Drazen to coauthor a book about how America's favorite past time survived during World War II. The 350-page book, *The Nats and the Grays*, released this week, recounts the seldom-told story about how a friendship between President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the former Washington Nationals' owner Clark Griffith may have been the saving grace for the popular sport. The book, which focuses on the Washington, DC area in the early 1940s, chronicles the political atmosphere at the time and how World War II impacted the area's two baseball teams - the Nationals of the American League and the Homestead Grays of the Negro Leagues. "The relationship between the owner of the Washington Nationals and the Roosevelt administration played a huge role in why baseball continued. In fact, Roosevelt penned what became known as the 'green light letter'

which stated that baseball should and would continue because the American people needed it during the war effort," Drazen said.

The book was the brainchild of journalist David E. Hubler who had interviewed more than a dozen former National players in the 1990s with plans to one day write a fictional novel loosely based on the Nats players during WWII, then decided to write the book as historical non-fiction. When he approached long-time family friend Drazen about the opportunity to be a co-author, Drazen didn't hesitate. "It was in my wheel house since baseball and history have always been interests of mine," Drazen said. "I'd taken a lot of history classes at Amity and majored in history at UPenn and both my grandfathers had served - one was stationed in the South Pacific and the other drove a tank in the Battle of the Bulge - and it was an opportunity to

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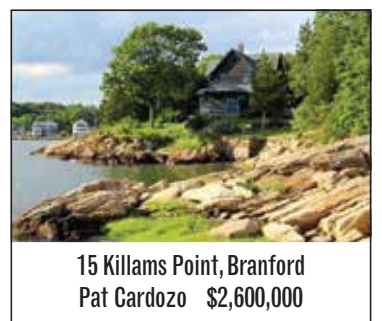
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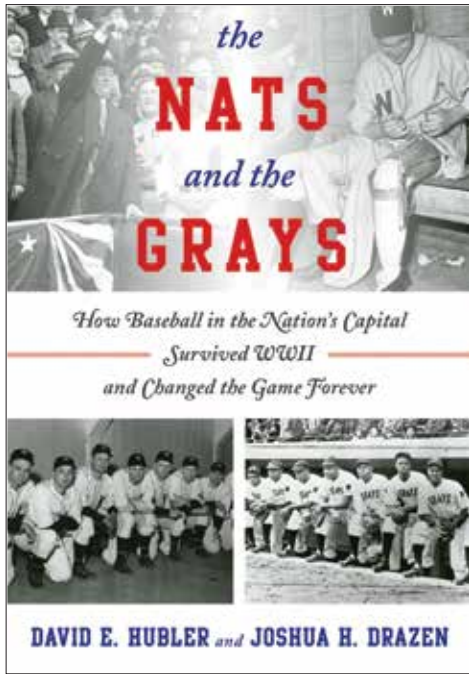


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get published.”

For Drazen, 41 a journalist, attorney and former advertising copywriter, it was also a chance to combine his professional expertise as a researcher and writer. He scoured public and Congressional records, history books, military websites and more to compile facts for the book. What he enjoyed most was finding and learning about obscure facts and anecdotes – like the letter Hubler found in a manuscript gallery that detailed Harry Truman’s reaction the moment he learned he was president when FDR died. “I even found an obituary for former Nationals’ player, Buddy Lewis, who served as a pilot in the war that stated his cargo plane was named “Old Fox” – Clark Griffith’s nickname,” Drazen said. “I found a lot of stuff about players who served and were injured – some couldn’t play when they came home and some could. One player was able to pitch with a prosthetic leg and was later the subject of a bidding war between the Yankees and the Nationals, won by the Nats.”



Baseball adapted each season to the changes and challenges presented by the war on the home front – the GI bill, military draft, the internment of Japanese Americans, rationing and other wartime regulations. The book also recounts the Negro Leagues’ struggle for recognition, solvency and integration. “There’s a lot of moving parts in the

book that are told in a way that’s reader friendly,” Drazen said. “We include actual interviews with the players, and highlight their personalities and relationships with Griffith and each other. I think the book will appeal to historians, baseball fans and anybody that likes a good story.”

Drazen was excited to see the final cover of the book and its listing on

Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble and expects to be even more thrilled to see the big book in print for the first time. “It was definitely a team effort, I don’t think either of us could have done it alone,” Drazen said of his work with Hubler. He already has plans for his next project – a modern day geopolitical thriller that involves Venezuela, Iran and the United States.

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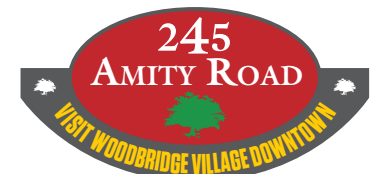
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Principal Charles Britton at the 2014 Amity High School Graduation.

BRITTON TO MOVE ON

By Bettina Theil – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Amity High School Principal Charles Britton in a letter to parents and students on Friday, March 27, announced that he will be leaving his post at the end of the school year and join Sacred Heart University as assistant professor of education in the Department of Educational Leadership and Literacy. "I look forward to spending the second half of my career as a professor, researcher and scholar," he wrote.

In his letter he finds warm words for the Amity community, even holding out the possibility to return in the role of a parent. "Who knows, Chase and Cassidy may well end up right here," he

wrote. "I can think of no better reason to search for a home in Bethany, Orange or Woodbridge."

Britton has been at the helm of the school for the past eight years, providing structure and stability through months of searching for a new superintendent. It also was a time of remarkable recognition for the school, its students and faculty, culminating last year in the national Blue Ribbon recognition.

"Keep up the great work, Amity," he closed his letter. "Your efforts and willingness to support the work of Amity teachers is quite literally making a world of difference."

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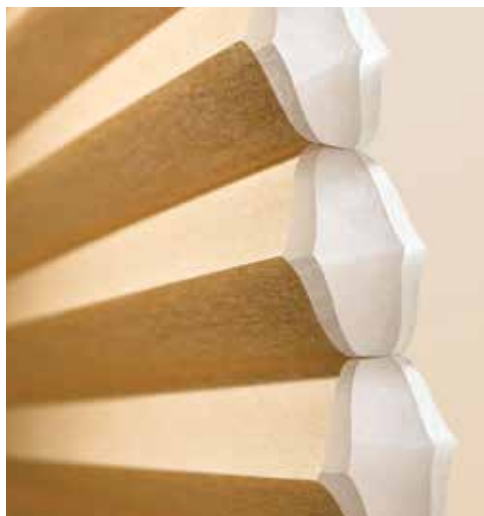
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WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

AMITY TEACHER SELECTED FOR MARINE TECH PROGRAM

Valerie Cournoyer, Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge, was one of eleven teachers from Rhode Island and Connecticut who will participate in a yearlong professional development program in marine technology and ocean science being offered through the University of Rhode Island's Inner Space Center (ISC) and University of Connecticut Avery Point, known as the Marine Technology for Teachers and Students (MaTTS) Project.

Teachers will participate in a series of intensive professional development sessions led by ocean scientists this spring during which they will build marine technologies like hydrophones, remotely operated vehicles (ROVS), observational buoys, and sensor-based instruments. In July each teacher and two of their high school students will attend a weeklong summer institute at the University of Rhode Island where the teams will deploy their newly built instruments in the field; take part in ISC supported sea-going expeditions; participate in career building activities; and become fully orientated to the ISC's upcoming expeditions. During the school year, the newly trained students will host live interactions between ISC scientists and local middle school classrooms. The teams will also participate throughout in ISC facilitated webinars, regional science cafes, and online journal blogging.

The MaTTS Project, an innovative \$1.2 million National Science Foundation funded program, focuses on providing opportunities for teachers and students to experience new technologies related to exploring the global ocean and discover pathways to marine careers using these new tools. During this experience, teachers receive in-depth content and technology instruction tied to Next Generation Science Standards, learn to incorporate marine technology-related, hands-on activities into the classroom, gain awareness of marine technologies and where they are used in regional ecosystems, and

develop techniques for transferring their new knowledge to students and peers.

The Inner Space Center (ISC) uses cutting edge technology, including telepresence, for ocean research, exploration, and education. The ISC generates accessible portals for ocean research, expand the capacity for scientists to engage in real-time mission operations, while inspiring the next generation of ocean explorers. The ISC brings the excitement of ocean discoveries to onshore audiences world-wide. For more information, please visit www.mattproject.org.

Valerie Cournoyer has been teaching freshman biology at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut for 15 years. In addition, she is the Director of the Bermuda Studies Program, and teaches tropical marine biology, which introduces students at Amity to the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences (BIOS) in Bermuda. Memorable moments include completing a 24-hour octopus study, night snorkeling with Caribbean Reef Squid, and seeing a Spotted Eagle Ray.

Prior to teaching in public school, Valerie worked for many years in non-profit, informal education organizations such as Ocean Classroom in Bridgeport, CT, and The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. With a desire to use this background and experience, Valerie proposed having a year-long marine biology and oceanography class for juniors and seniors, which was recently started and is currently in its second year. Program materials from the MaTTS Project will enhance the development of this new course.

Valerie lives in Seymour, CT with her husband and youngest son, Sam, who is a high school senior and is currently applying for colleges. Her oldest son, Ben, works for Algenol, Inc. in Ft. Myers, FL making biofuels from algae. Personal interests include kayaking, quilting, and the occasional TV binge watching, the latest being the FX series Fargo.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PLANNED

Beecher Road School has scheduled Kindergarten registration times.

Registration: Kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year will take place Thursday, April 9th, and Friday, April 10th, from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM in the North School Conference Room. Please use the North School entrance. Upon entering, please come to the Main Office on your right and check in with the office staff.

Prospective Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before January 1, 2016. Parents registering children for Kindergarten are asked to bring the completed registration packet, along with the child's birth certificate and immunization record. Parents are required to present a picture identification form such as a driver's license or a state ID card.

For more information, call the North School Office at 389-2195.



The Tradition Continues! – Woodbridge residents Eleanor Luciani and Katherine Peavy were recently recognized at the Orientation for the Class of 2019 at Sacred Heart. They will enter the Academy in the fall as freshmen. They are shown with their moms – Julie Coyne Luciani '84 (left) and Maria Wolog Peavy '79 (right). [Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Christophy, Ph.D.]



WOODBIDGE VOLUNTEERS "READ ACROSS AMERICA" AT BEECHER

More than a dozen community leaders read to almost every classroom at Beecher Road School during the annual "Read Across America" event on Friday, March 6. Read Across America is a national event to commemorate Dr. Seuss's birthday. During the event, community members are invited to read a Dr. Seuss book to students as a fun way to promote reading.

Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella thanked volunteers for their time and for showing students how much fun reading can be for adults and students. "One of our main goals at Beecher is to foster life-long literacy and a love of learning," he said.

Readers reported that students across all grade levels were attentive and enjoyed the activity. "This event is a fun way to involve community members in the school and the learn-

ing process," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "Plus, reading Dr. Seuss is always such a delightful experience."

Volunteer readers included First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Selectman Tony Anastasio Jr., Board of Finance member Karen Cusick, Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella, Amity Superintendent Chip Dumais, Amity Middle School (Bethany) Principal Dr. Richard Dellinger, Board of Education chair Margaret Hamilton, Woodbridge Director of Administration and Finance Tony Genovese, Woodbridge Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, Woodbridge Children's Librarian Judy Rabin, Woodbridge Police Officer Vincent Lynch, business owner Chris Dickerson, former Beecher teacher Lynn Piascyk, and parents Julie Perlman and Lauren Canalori.



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Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include April 24th (Mother's Day Issue), May 15th (Memorial Day Issue), and June 7th (Father's Day Issue).

Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

Two Bills Deserve Your Attention

There are 2 bills in the CT legislature labor committee that deserve our attention and action. The bills are S.B.914, An Act Concerning an Employer's Failure to Pay Wages and S.B. 1037, An Act concerning Employee Liens Against Employers for Unpaid Wages.

The problem of unpaid or underpaid wages is happening under our eyes and we are not aware of it. Many restaurants in the New Haven area underpay or don't pay their workers and this amounts to slavery.

An example is that of Marvin Mendoza who worked at Off the Hook, a seafood restaurant with locations in Westbrook, Stratford and Milford. For nearly a year the restaurant owner Andrew Testo paid Mr. Mendoza \$3 per hour and some weeks he did not pay him at all. On several occasions Mr. Testo burst into the kitchen smashing dishes and threatening the staff. Mr. Mendoza was subsequently fired for requesting the wages he was owed. Mr. Mendoza has filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking unpaid wages and damages but months have gone by and he has not seen once cent and the employer has faced no consequences.

Last year the Connecticut Department of Labor recovered \$6.5 million in unpaid wages for workers who were cheated. This does not include all the workers who did not complain.

Wage theft is our problem also. When businesses steal wages they are also robbing the sate of our tax revenues, creating unfair competition for law abiding businesses and driving down wages for everyone.

Failing to pass these bills gives great shelter to those who are dishonest, unethical and unscrupulous.

Bill 914: To allow employees to recover twice the full amount of damages associated with an employer's failure to pay wages unless the employer can demonstrate a good faith belief that it is complying with the law

Bill 1037: When an employer fails to pay wages the Labor Commissioner can place a lien on any property, real or personal to enforce payment of twice

the full amount of the wages with cost of attorneys' fees.

Please contact the Connecticut Labor Committee and your state congressmen about these wage theft bills that affect all of us.

Nancy Kline

Budget Actions in Response to Hard Times

In February, Dr. Stella presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget to the WBOF (Woodbridge Board of Finance) - WBOS (Woodbridge Board of Selectmen). The requested increase of about \$400,000 or roughly 3%, was not a surprise. For a number of years, the WBOE (Woodbridge Board of Education) has deployed the very useful managerial tool of projecting each newly approved budget for 5 years. The most recent iteration of that study on the 2014-2015 budget, which had been shared with the WBOF - WBOS, projected a rise in costs of about 3%.

The 2015-2016 budget had been endorsed by the WBOE unanimously. Eighty percent of the cost increase arises by virtue of contractual obligations. Those costs can only be cut by downsizing, which, in the face of an expanding school population, is not an option. The remaining part of the increase is fundamental to the realization of the mission. It is not discretionary.

There were no questions asked of Dr. Stella. It was observed that the supporting data offered by Dr. Stella were "incontrovertible". That is very high praise!

Now we learn that the WBOF - WBOS had acted to reduce the WBOE 2015-2016 budgetary request by about \$50,000 and the Technology budgetary request by about \$60,000. Happily, the immediate impact of the current reduction in the 2015-2016 budget will be marginal! The success of the recent early retirement incentive appears to offer savings in faculty costs in the next fiscal year of about \$50,000, approximately equal to the cut in funding. The original 2015-2016 budgetary request provided for no such savings, since the

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund



Students at Amity Middle School- Bethany participate in the afterschool Yoga class taught by Woodbridge resident Julie Luciani. The class runs 8 weeks and is sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Save the Date!

The Bethwood Bash Semi-Formal event will be Friday, May 1st at the Woodbridge Senior Center cafeteria in the Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane from 7 pm to 9:30pm. Woodbridge and Bethany 7th and 8th grade residents are invited for music,

great food and prizes donated by area restaurants and businesses, photos and roses. Businesses and local residents who would like to donate to this event can contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 or at youthone@woodbridgect.org.

Parent Support Group

Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services, and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee have teamed up to invite local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be, involved with substance abuse to share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. The Amity Parent Support Group meets every other

Friday morning at 7:45 in the Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge on the lower level at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Meetings are scheduled for April 10 and April 24. For more information, please contact Gary Lindgren at Amity High School or Nancy Pfund at Woodbridge Youth Services, (203) 389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE

Woodbridge Human Services continues to collaborate with Clifford Beers Clinic to provide family-focused mental health services to Woodbridge children and their families. The Town of Woodbridge has worked with Clifford Beers Clinic the past 9 years providing pertinent services to Woodbridge residents.

Services include family, individual

and group therapy, crisis intervention, care-coordination, home-based therapeutic services and community consultation. Services are available at the Center Building in Woodbridge on Tuesdays 2:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. Additional sites are also available in New Haven and West Haven.

Inquiries for services can be made by calling Clifford Beers at 203 772-1270.

27TH ANNUAL HUMAN SERVICES VOLUNTEER TEA

The Twenty-seventh Annual Volunteer Tea sponsored by Woodbridge Human Services will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Center Building. This year 111 volunteers will be honored at the Volunteer Tea. Volunteers will receive Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of exemplary volunteer services benefiting Woodbridge. Randi Fiorello, Audrey Grotheer, Pennell Hamilton, Laurie Luce and Mary Leigh Sabshin will be honored as Outstanding Volunteers.

Randi Fiorello will be honored as an "Outstanding Volunteer" for her dedicated service to the Senior Center's 2014 Annual Holiday Fair. Randi joined the Center in 2014 and almost immediately took an interest in helping to organize the annual Holiday Fair. Randi implemented some very creative ideas, one of which was petitioning local businesses for monetary pledges, which she was successful in receiving. She was also able to obtain auction items for our fair and has been instrumental in helping to make the 2014 Holiday Fair one of our most successful. Randi has the true spirit of a volunteer and has continued her volunteer activities into the current year.

Audrey Grotheer is currently a junior honors student at Amity High School who has volunteered for the Youth Evening Programs since her days at Amity Middle School. She often came to set up before she attended the programs and now works at many programs to set up tables and chairs, food, to decorate, and assists at the registration area. Audrey has also volunteered her time sorting food in the Human Services food closet. She has been involved in the Youth Services Job Bank working as a math tutor for younger kids. Audrey volunteers at Amity High School as a peer tutor and has volunteered at many programs at the Woodbridge Library, most notably Crazy Eights Math, Boredom Busters, and Teens and Kids Reading Together Program. She is active with the Amity Creative Theater and Drama Club, and has played three seasons with the Amity Girls soccer team. Audrey has also been a volunteer for the Beecher Road School PTO.

Woodbridge Youth Services is honoring resident Pennell Hamilton as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. He has volunteered as a chaperone for middle school students at the Youth Evening Program for two years; he is always the first parent to respond whenever there is a request for volunteers. Mr. Hamilton recently retired from his work as an actuary. He has since graduated from the State's Accelerated Route to Certification Program, and he is now eligible to teach high school Math. He has a wealth of other

volunteer activities. He served on the Board of the Valley United Way for 7 years, volunteered as a soccer coach for the Woodbridge Soccer Club for three years, and has helped organize the Halloween Hoot at Beecher Road School appearing annually as 'Professor Proton'! Additionally, he is currently the treasurer for the Amity Middle School PTO and is the assistant treasurer for the Amity High School PTSO.

Laurie Luce is being recognized for her dedication as an outstanding volunteer. In the past twelve years Laurie has graciously volunteered her time and worn many different hats at the Senior Center. She is a very compassionate person and her deep affection for the seniors is evident. Her most recent project was assisting with the 2014 Holiday Fair. She took on the task of visiting local merchants and was successful in acquiring gifts and certificates that were auctioned off in our "Silent and Take a Chance" auctions. Because of her efforts she was also instrumental in making the 2014 Holiday Fair the most successful fair to date.

Mary Leigh Sabshin is being honored for her continuous support of Human Services projects and fundraisers. She has been a member of the Human Services Commission for 10 years. The first project that Mrs. Sabshin was involved with was the United Way Day of Caring Tree-Planting September 11th Memorial Project sponsored by Human Services. Since then, over the many years, she has participated very humbly in numerous Human Services Silent Auction fundraisers. Most recently, she assisted with the Silent Auction and set up of the Annual Senior Holiday Fair. In addition, she has been a member of the Garden Club working on community projects for 23 years, was a member of the League of Woman Voters, Woman of Woodbridge and St. Raphael's Auxiliary Board.

Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer & Proto, LLP and their Employees and Betsy Quist will receive Human Services Special Recognition Awards. Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer & Proto, LLP and their Employees are being honored for their outstanding contribution to the Holiday Basket Program brightening the holidays for residents in need residing in Woodbridge. Every week they would collect five dollars from employees for "Blue Jean Day" which was matched by the partners at Bailey, Moore, Glazer, Schaefer & Proto, LLP. They then decided to donate the money to purchase gift cards for food for each of the December holiday basket food recipients.

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TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015

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



Town Hall

4/1	Police Commission 6:00pm Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	Police Dept. Town Hall
4/6	Human Services Commission 7:00pm Town Plan & Zone Commission..... 7:30pm	The Center Town Hall
4/7	CUPOP 6:30pm	Town Hall
4/8	Board of Selectmen 6:00pm	Town Hall
4/9	Economic Development Commission 7:00pm	Town Hall
4/13	Library Commission 6:00pm Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	Library Town Hall
4/15	Inland/Wetlands Agency 7:30pm	Town Hall
4/16	Conservation Commission 7:30pm	Town Hall
4/20	Fire Commission 7:30pm	Fire Station
4/27	CC of Woodbridge Commission 6:00pm Recreation Commission..... 7:00pm	Town Hall Beecher School South
4/28	Government Access TV Committee... 7:15pm	Town Hall

FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar



We are in the midst of our annual Town budget process. While budgeting always requires tough decisions, we are fortunate that our process has not been a contentious one, as it is in many other towns. Our Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance have been working to craft what we believe achieves the best balance between providing the first-rate services our residents deserve, including investment in our award-winning schools, and controlling our taxes.

The cooperative nature of our budget process begins when our Finance Department works with each Department Head to distinguish between budget "needs" and budget "wants". Because of the trust developed over the last several years, our Town employees keep the best interests of our residents in mind as they develop and compromise on their budgets.

In February the Board of Selectmen reviewed the budget requests of all Town Departments and unanimously agreed on recommended changes. That revised document then went to the Board of Finance. Recently the Board of Finance unanimously accepted the Selectmen's recommendations and made additional changes. The resulting document is the preliminary budget that will be presented at a public hearing on April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Center Gym.

At the Preliminary Budget Hearing the Board of Finance will consider any additional recommendations and comments and answer questions about the budget. Final budget approval takes place at the Annual Town Meeting which will be held on May 18.

One way to meet our needs without adding to residents' tax burdens is to be alert to grants and cooperative purchasing opportunities. This year, for example, we received State grants of \$500,000 for paving and sidewalks at Beecher Road School; \$500,000 for interior renovations at the Old Fire House; and \$200,000 for Pease Place Playground. We also advanced the Microgrid project, allowing us to sign the agreement with the State for a \$3M state grant. We partnered with the City of New Haven to purchase snow

removal equipment and we continue to participate in the Capitol Region Council of Government's Purchasing Cooperative.

We are also mindful of energy saving initiatives that reduce our budget and make us a greener community. Our recent conversion to natural gas, for example, has saved us over \$100,000 annually. The energy efficiency improvements that are part of the Beecher Road School renovation project have resulted in incentive payments of \$315,000. We are exploring the installation of solar panels on the Acorn Hill capped land fill to provide power for Town buildings at affordable, predictable rates.

A significant budget issue that the Town will be dealing with over the next several months is the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge property. Although I was able to renegotiate the contract with the golf operator to shift the financial risk of golf operations from the Town to the operator and save money on management fees, the Town's long term costs will be formidable.

An essential part of planning for Woodbridge's future is exploring and creating opportunities to expand our tax base. To that end, I have been promoting our business district and economic development by supporting our Economic Development Commission and strengthening the ties between Town Hall and Town businesses. Recently the Economic Development Commission hosted a well-received business breakfast and seminar about digital media marketing presented by local video producer Geomatrix and social media marketing company Talking Finger. Additionally, in June the Town will begin our "Business After Hours" series.

It is important to me that residents understand what is happening at Town Hall and I welcome your feedback. You can always reach me at escalettar@woodbridgetown.org. I hope you also follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT) and sign up for the Town's informative email newsletter at www.tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews.

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the police department.

"I am so pleased to receive this significant state grant," Scalettar said when she heard about the firehouse grant, thanking both the Governor and the state delegation for supporting the project. The money will help the town sort out plans for the former firehouse, in order to create more needed community, meeting and recreational space in the Town's center, she said.

Governor Dannel Malloy said the grant is to improve the quality of life for residents in smaller communities while also strengthening public spaces and business districts. "These funds help towns throughout our state grow and

remain competitive, and we're proud to provide this support today so we can all deliver a brighter tomorrow."

According to plans drawn up under the administration of the late Ed Sheehy, the fitness facility would move into the downstairs area of the old firehouse, while the upstairs will have a meeting room. At the time, a study came to the conclusion that it would not be economically viable for a commercial spot such as a coffee shop to open in the center of town, but First Selectman Ellen Scalettar said she would be open to revisiting that issue. She also mentioned sidewalks from the high school to the center as an important safety feature.

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Betsy Quist, a very giving individual, is being honored and recognized for her outstanding dedication to the Holiday Basket Program. For many, many years, Mrs. Quist has coordinated and organized the Town Hall employees in sponsoring families in the "Adopt a Family" Holiday Program. She has generously collected donations,

shopped for food, gifts, and gift cards to brighten the holidays for residents in need in Woodbridge.

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



SCALETAR RE-APPOINTED TO SCRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the February meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar was re-appointed to serve on the council's Executive Committee as a member at large. The SCRCOG is made up of the Chief Elected Officers of the municipalities of Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

"I am proud to be re-elected to this dedicated group of regional leaders," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "Serving on the Executive Committee of SCRCOG during my first term in office has been a rewarding and important learning experience. I look forward to continuing to share ideas and experiences with my colleagues

to better serve the residents of Woodbridge and the region."

"Our Council of Governments has enjoyed working with First Selectman Ellen Scalettar," said Mike Freda, First Selectman of North Haven and the newly elected Chairman of SCRCOG. "Ellen has made some very good contributions to our Council of Governments and represents Woodbridge very well."

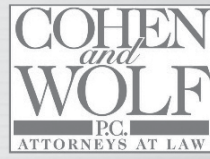
The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) provides a platform for inter-municipal coordination, cooperation, and decision making. SCRCOG addresses numerous issues, such as those related to housing, transportation, land use planning, and economic development (via REX Development). The SCRCOG region covers approximately 570,000 people or 1/6th of the state's population.

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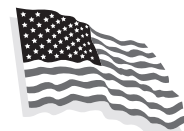
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SENIOR CENTER

Panel Discussion on "Embezzlement & Undue Influence with the Elderly"

A discussion will be held at the Center on Tuesday, April 14th to discuss key issues surrounding the financial exploitation of the elderly including victim profiles, the challenges of our present legal system, the perpetrators' modus operandi, the symptoms and effects of these crimes, as well as potential solutions to this ever-increasing worldwide problem. Representatives from the local law enforcement and legal communities will be present. All are welcome to attend the discussion which will begin at 12:45. For more information call 203-389-3430.

Woodbridge Senior Center - Accepting Donations - May 1st to May 29th

All Items Collected Will Be Donated To "My Sisters Place" And Will Used To Benefit The "Center For Domestic Violence".

My Sisters Place is a thrift store, located at 380 Main Street in Ansonia, CT, selling gently used or new items including clothing, books, housewares, furniture, collectibles, jewelry, shoes, and more. All items for sale have been donated to the store and all donations, including those through the Corporate Drop, are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

"Put a Spring in Your Step"

The Senior Care Professional Council will be holding a symposium and health fair titled "Put a Spring in Your Step" on Wednesday, May 13th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Thornton Wilder Hall Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. At 11:00 a.m., Margaret Palmieri of the VNA Community Healthcare Physical Therapy team will provide a Sitercise demonstration and a demonstration on how to exercise with assistive devices. Bill Banick will demonstrate Tai Chi.

The symposium showcases services available to older adults. In addition

to health exhibits with information, various agencies will be providing services and screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks, and body fat testing. Gift bags with snacks, free giveaways and raffles will be available.

The Senior Care Professional Council is a consortium of agencies serving our elders in Bethany, Hamden and Woodbridge area and represents the continuum of care to these individuals. All are welcome to attend. Contact Betty Wetmore at 203-376-9677 for more information.

Who benefits from My Sister's Place?

Victims of domestic violence and their families, and members of the community.

The proceeds from the sale of goods at MSP directly benefits the Center for Domestic Violence Services (CDVS) of BHcare. On average, the store annually contributes over \$150,000 to the program, which provides life-saving services to victims and their children.

MSP also manages a voucher system for area residents in crisis. Clients of BHcare (including CDVS), TEAM, and Spooner House may apply for a shopping voucher, enabling them to purchase needed items (i.e., clothing, shoes, bedding) at no cost up to a certain value.

The store is open to the general public, providing quality, gently used and new items at significantly reduced prices.

Foreign Language Class to Be Held at Woodbridge Senior Center

Starting on May 8th at 10:00 a Spanish language class will begin at the Senior Center. The cost of the class is \$40.00 for 8 weeks.

The classes are being taught by A3P, a division of Aux 3 Pommes, LLC in New Haven & Guilford. The classes will be taught by a highly qualified and native speaking teacher. Please call 203-389-3430 for more information and to register.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



Pictured are: Top left: John Wareck with "Rookie of the Year" Nancy Anderson of Woodbridge. Top right: Wareck/D'Ostilio's "Top Producer" - Regina Sauer of Orange. Bottom: Young Lee of Orange receives an award for "Highest Business/Commercial Sale".

WARECK D'OSTILIO ANNOUNCES PRODUCTION AWARDS FOR 2014

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio is proud to announce the recipients of Outstanding Sales Production awards for the year 2014. Recipient of the highest honor was Regina Sauer for Top Producer which included highest multi-family sale and highest residential sale.

An Orange native and realtor since 2004, Regina has a vast knowledge of the local area and has worked with first-time home buyers, sellers and investors throughout the Greater New Haven area. Her trademark is superior customer service, utilizing her patience, tenacity, and passion for the industry.

Kristen Keslow of Woodbridge received an award for highest condo sale and Young Lee of Orange received an award for highest business/commercial

sale for the company in 2014. Woodbridge resident Nancy Andersen was recognized as "Rookie of the Year".

The awards are made on the basis of sales and listing volume for the 2014 fiscal year. "We are very proud of our agents' dedication and growth in the company," said John Wareck. "We expect 2015 to be a very productive year."

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is located at 47 High Street in New Haven, 1673 Litchfield Turnpike on the Woodbridge/Westville town line and 174 Cherry Street in Milford. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

NEW CONVENIENCE STORE, GAS STATION COMING TO WOODBRIDGE

A long-vacant former gas station site is getting reinvigorated with a new gas station and convenience store, located just off the Wilbur Cross Parkway, as the result of a deal brokered by Levey Miller Maretz. Woodbridge Gas LLC has entered a 25-year lease at 1655 Litchfield Turnpike and aims to begin constructing a new convenience store and installing gas pumps this Spring.

Among various improvements to the site, Woodbridge Gas plans to add

Levey Miller Maretz
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a sidewalk in front of the property and improve traffic signaling near the Parkway off-ramp across the street. The development will be more expansive than the previous gas station was, encompassing most of an adjacent vacant lot.

STEVE MILLER HONORED FOR \$2.8M 'OFFICE DEAL OF THE YEAR'

Steve Miller, principal and broker at Levey Miller Maretz Real Estate Services, recently received the Office Deal of the Year award from the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors' Commercial Investment Division (CID).

The award recognizes the largest office space sale, based on price, completed between December 2013 and December 2014. Miller received the honor at the annual CID awards dinner.

Miller represented the buyer in the deal that earned him the award. In the deal, which closed in April 2014, APT Foundation bought the building at 495 Congress Ave. in New Haven for \$2.8 million. Frank Hird of O,R&L Commercial represented the seller.

APT Foundation is a nonprofit that provides outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment, primary healthcare, outpatient mental health



Steve Miller

treatment services, family counseling and other services.

The foundation was a tenant at 495 Congress Ave. before purchasing the building.

UNH PROFESSOR NAMED TOP DIETETICS EDUCATOR

Georgia Chavent, MS, RDN, of Woodbridge, assistant professor of nutrition and dietetics at the University of New Haven, has been recognized with the Outstanding Dietetic Educator Award from area seven of the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors. Area seven includes N.J., N.Y., New England and international members.

The Outstanding Dietetics Educator Award recognizes the teaching, mentoring and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in dietetics education programs that are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics. Chavent has a B.S. in nutrition from the University of New Hampshire and an M.S. in nutrition education from Columbia University. She is a registered dietitian and a board-certified sports dietitian.

Her research and interest areas include partnering with pediatricians to improve treatment of childhood



Georgia Chavent

obesity, helping adolescents and young adults develop healthy food preparation skills and promoting local sustainable and organic agriculture, as well as sports nutrition, outdoor winter recreation for fitness, and legislative issues related to the school food environment.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ADL TO HONOR 3 AT 2015 GNH TORCH OF LIBERTY RECEPTION

The Anti-Defamation League will honor Anne Tyler Calabresi, Dr. Gloria Holmes and Sydney A. Perry at the Anti-Defamation League's 2015 Greater New Haven Torch of Liberty Award Reception, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, in Woodbridge, Conn. The Torch of Liberty Award is presented annually to outstanding citizens whose extraordinary work has helped to strengthen the Greater New Haven community. This year's theme is "Impacting the Next Generation" and ADL is honoring three extraordinary women who have done just that.

Anne Tyler Calabresi is a social anthropologist, freelance writer, social activist, philanthropist and arts patron who has been active in the organization of several major New Haven initiatives. She is the Founding Director of New Haven's International Festival of Arts & Ideas, which helped to revive New Haven economically while supporting the arts and has grown into one of the Northeast's largest and most significant cultural destinations. She is the co-founder and past chair of LEAP (Leadership Education and Athletics in Partnership), which develops the strengths and talents of young leaders by implementing year-round programming designed to achieve positive academic and social outcomes for children living in high-poverty urban neighborhoods. Earlier in 2015, Anne founded Sunshine Café, which offers free break-



Anne Tyler Calabresi

fast in New Haven to all members of the community and aims to connect people of all backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses. Additionally, Anne was a member of ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute (AWOD) Organizing Committee 25 years ago. AWOD has since become Connecticut's leading provider of anti-bias and anti-bullying education, reaching more than 20,000 students throughout the state each year. She resides in Woodbridge with her husband, The Honorable Guido Calabresi.

Dr. Gloria Holmes is a professor at the School of Education at Quinnipiac University, where she has served as both chair and director of the Master of Arts in Teaching Program. A lifelong educator, Gloria is an advocate for social justice and multicultural education and has worked tirelessly to promote cultural literacy in schools and in her professional community. In addition to preparing teachers to become advocates and leaders for social justice and social change, she facilitated university-wide diversity programming and professional



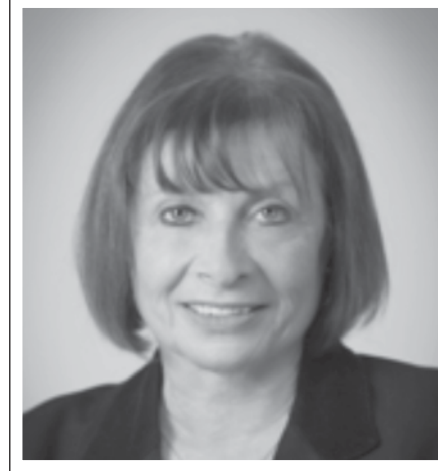
Dr. Gloria Holmes

development for a number of years. In 2008, Gloria was awarded a Community Leadership Fellowship by the William C. Graustein Memorial Fund, and she has received many other awards, including the Legendary Women award from Perfect Blend, the Multicultural Leadership Award from Quinnipiac University, the James Marshall Service Award from the Quinnipiac University Faculty Senate, and the Multicultural Teacher of the Year Award in Higher Education from the National Association of Multicultural Education. She currently serves on the boards of the New Haven Family Alliance and the Connecticut Center for Arts and Technology (ConnCAT), and is a diversity trainer for ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute. She is a former board member of United Way of Greater New Haven, the Friends Center for Children, and the New Haven Public Education Network. Gloria resides in East Haven.

Sydney A. Perry is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and the

Jewish Community Center (JCC) of New Haven. She has been nominated for national awards for educational initiatives and serves on committees of the Jewish Educational Society of North America and Bureau Director's Fellowship. She has received the Eisner Award for community service, the Gan School's Pillar of the Community Award, Ezra Academy's Distinguished Leader Award, Brandeis University Award, BBYO's Eitz Chaim Award for her commitment to teens,

as well as recognition from the public school systems of New Haven and Hamden for her work in Holocaust education and prejudice reduction. As the leader of the largest New England contingent to "March of the Living" which brings students from all over the world to Poland to study about the Holocaust and examine the impact of prejudice, she has taught the preparatory course and participated in Marches six times. Sydney has been honored by the New Haven Jewish Historical Society, the Academy for Jewish Religion and her own synagogue, the Westville Synagogue. Additionally, she has served on the board of the Westville Synagogue and was president of the New Haven Mikvah Society. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Forward Association, The Urban League, Booker T. Washington School, the Hartford Seminary and Cycle for Unity. Sydney resides in New Haven.



Sydney A. Perry

CROSSFIT GYM OPENS IN WOODBRIDGE

Jon and Lindsay Oddo had been looking to open a CrossFit gym in the Woodbridge area because Woodbridge "is a popular up-and-coming area," says Jon. The couple are certified CrossFit trainers and opened Woodbridge's first CrossFit gym in late 2014 in the former New England Brewing Company space. First Selectman Ellen Scalettar made a visit to the gym in mid-March to welcome the new business.

This visit by the First Selectman was one of many designed to create a stronger bond between Town Hall and the Town's business community and to strengthen economic development in Woodbridge. Additionally, the Town's Economic Development Commission has been inviting new and expanding businesses to its monthly meetings in order to learn about those businesses and why they chose Woodbridge.



Coming to Woodbridge "has been a great experience for us," Lindsay told the First Selectman. "There are such nice people here and Town Plan & Zoning and the Building office staff have been so helpful."

The gym, called CrossFit Gilded, offers three workout classes per day in small groups. "It can be intimidating

to walk into a gym," says Jon, "so we give people a lot of one-on-one training and we focus on technique and form which is key for safety."

About 80% of customers are from Woodbridge, they said. "Our mission is to change the lives of Woodbridge residents and help them get healthier," said Jon.

Scalettar's visit coincided with the end of a 10 a.m. class consisting of two women who finished their workout with pull ups and weight lifting. Both of the women were relatively new customers and Scalettar was impressed by their strength and skill and by the amount of one-on-one attention they received during their workout.

After their workout ended, the pitter patter of young footsteps could be heard above. The Oddos have a young son and they turned the office space above the gym into a kids' play area. The couple's baby sitter watches their son and clients' children during workouts so parents don't have to worry about arranging child care.

If you know of a new or expanding business, please contact Betsy Yagla at 203-389-3403 or byagla@woodbridget.org.

HAVE A GREEN EASTER CELEBRATION

Easter calls to mind colored eggs and baskets full of candy and toys. Many of the things used for Easter celebrations are not necessarily eco-friendly. But there are ways to embrace greener options to ensure Easter is a happy time for celebrants and the environment. Here's how to get started.

Easter Baskets Easter baskets overflowing with fake grass and plenty of treats are an eagerly anticipated component of Easter celebrations. However, many of the items found in a typical Easter basket -- or even the basket itself -- may be made of items that are damaging to the environment. Plastic easter eggs are made from plastics that may not be biodegradable. Furthermore, they may be made using chemicals that are damaging to the environment. Plastic grass carries the same dangers. Once discarded, plastic grass also may pose risks to wildlife that can become tangled in the substance or inadvertently eat it and choke or experience intestinal blockage.

Instead of pre-packaged Easter baskets, individuals can construct their own. Look for baskets made from reusable materials, such as wicker or other wood-based materials, steering away from plastic. Instead of plastic grass, shred paper that is headed for the recycling bin.

Look for treats without excessive packaging. You can gather healthy

treats and toys individually and put together in the basket. This way you can cater more to what your child enjoys and rely less on the cheap stuff that will end up in the garbage.

Easter Eggs

Coloring Easter eggs is a tradition. So are the coloring kits that may be made from chemical food dyes. Instead, look to natural foods to add a festive hue to the eggs. Cranberry juice or beet juice can turn eggs pink. Red cabbage leaves or mashed blueberries can dye eggs blue. And turmeric can give eggs a yellow tint. These all-natural dyes are safe for little fingers.

All-Natural Decorations

Rather than silk flowers and plastic eggs, use the real thing in your decorating. Bring a little of the outside indoors with fresh flowers in a vase. Use twigs and ribbon to create inexpensive and green centerpieces for the holiday table. Wrap cloth napkins in a thick blade of grass for a little festivity. Construct wreaths from pruned garden clippings and florist wire to dress up doorways.

Table Settings

Avoid disposable products whenever possible to prevent extra items from ending up in the trash. It is easy to wash ceramic or even fine china with ease in a dishwasher. Think about purchasing decorative spring-themed glasses that



can be reused year after year. Resist the urge to use disposable bakeware and serving platters as well. While they may take a little longer to wash, you'll be doing your part to help the planet.

Easter Dinner

Many families dine on ham and potatoes or a roast for Easter dinner.

Shop locally at your nearest butcher for the meat instead of purchasing something mass-produced in a can. A local farm stand may yield plenty of fresh vegetables to accompany the main course. Instead of store-bought desserts, think about fresh berries in a homemade pie for the perfect ending to this festive day.

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WOODBIDGE TEACHER CHOSEN FOR MARINE TECH PROGRAM

Valerie Cournoyer from Amity High School – Woodbridge was among eleven teachers from Rhode Island and Connecticut will participate in a yearlong professional development program in marine technology and ocean science being offered through the University of Rhode Island's Inner Space Center (ISC) and University of Connecticut Avery Point, known as the Marine Technology for Teachers and Students (MaTTS) Project. Teachers will participate in a series of intensive professional development sessions led by ocean scientists this spring during which they will build marine technologies like hydrophones, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), observational buoys, and sensor-based instruments. In July each teacher and two of their high school students will attend a weeklong summer institute at the University of Rhode Island where the teams will deploy their newly built instruments in the field; take part in ISC supported sea-going expeditions; participate in career building activities; and become fully orientated to the ISC's upcoming expeditions. During the school year, the newly trained students will host live interactions between ISC scientists and local middle school classrooms. The teams will also participate throughout in ISC facilitated webinars, regional science cafes, and online journal blogging.

Valerie has been teaching freshman biology at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Connecticut for 15 years. In addition, she is the Director of the Bermuda Studies Program, and teaches tropical marine biology, which introduces students at Amity to the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences (BIOS) in Bermuda. Memorable moments include completing a 24-hour octopus study, night snorkeling with Caribbean Reef Squid, and seeing a Spotted Eagle Ray. Prior to teaching in public school, Valerie worked for many years in non-profit, informal education organizations such as Ocean Classroom in Bridgeport, CT, and The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. With a desire to use this background and experience, Valerie proposed having a year-long marine biology and oceanography class for juniors and seniors, which was recently started and is currently in its second year. Program materials from the MaTTS Project will enhance the development of this new course.

Valerie lives in Seymour, CT with her husband and youngest son, Sam, who is a high school senior and is currently applying for colleges. Her oldest son, Ben, works for Algenol, Inc. in Ft. Myers, FL making biofuels from algae. Personal interests include kayaking, quilting, and the occasional TV binge watching, the latest being the FX series Fargo.

KEEVIL TO RECEIVE FIRST SELECTMAN'S YOUTH AWARD

Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and Woodbridge Youth Services congratulate Abby/Kai Keevil for earning the 2015 First Selectman's Youth Award. Jonathan Gorham the Development Director of Massaro Community Farm in Woodbridge nominated Ms. Keevil for performing numerous duties within the Town of Woodbridge. Abby/Kai has been on the Board and the Education Committee of Massaro Farm and has taught at its summer camp. Other volunteer duties have included participation in Rid Litter Day, Fall Family fun Day, and hosting an art exhibit at the Woodbridge Town Library. Abby/Kai was also involved in promoting the need for an electric vehicle charging station within the Town.

Abby/Kai, a junior at Hopkins School, enjoys Jiu Jitsu and music, and has played the flute to entertain at Massaro Farm and at local nursing



Abby/Kai Keevil

homes. Ms. Keevil is the President of SAGA at her school, and is involved in the youth group FORUM. First Selectman, Ellen Scalettar will present the award to Abby/Kai at the Annual Human Services Volunteer Tea on April 16th in the Woodbridge Senior Center.

PASSOVER RECIPES ARE GIVEN A HEALTHY TWIST

Passover is a holiday brimming with tradition that celebrates the Jewish people's emancipation from slavery during the Pharaoh's rule in Egypt. It serves as a remembrance of the hardships endured while in captivity.

Despite being a commemoration of freedom from slavery and backbreaking work, many individuals celebrating the holiday find they become servants to the foods prepared for the traditional Passover seder -- spending hours in the kitchen cooking recipes that can be high in fat, calories, cholesterol, and sodium.

"From a nutrition standpoint, Passover is an extremely difficult holiday. Many people I speak with diet the weeks before the holiday in anticipation of the inevitable 5 to 7 pound weight gain they will incur over the eight-day Passover holiday, says Dr. Tamar Schwalb, M.D. "Passover weight gain" is usually due to the consumption of an inordinate amount of eggs, potatoes, and some form of matzoh, which serve as the basis for the traditional Passover recipes."

Those who have special dietary needs or are just interested in enjoying Passover in a more healthy way can find innovative and delicious recipes in a new book, "Passover the Healthy Way," by Bonnie R. Giller, a Registered Dietitian (R.D.) certified by the New York State Education Department as a Certified Dietitian-Nutritionist (CDN).

Giller says she wrote the book after hearing common concerns from clients regarding popular Passover foods, in-

cluding lack of variety, complicated recipes, unhealthy ingredients and resulting weight gain.

"With proper planning and recipe modification, your Passover recipes can be low in fat and healthy," offers Giller. She has compiled more than a hundred taste-tested Kosher recipes that may limit or substitute ingredients to make them healthier. Each recipe has the "exchanges per serving" listed. The figures used to calculate the exchanges are based on the American Dietetic Association and American Diabetes Association Exchange Lists for Meal Planning. Nutritional information was calculated using professional nutritional software programming.

"I am committed to improving the health of individuals through positive lifestyle changes and healthier eating habits," Giller says. "Enjoying Passover in a healthy way doesn't mean you have to compromise the foods and traditions you love."

"Bonnie's cookbook provides those of us who are health and weight conscious with delicious healthy alternatives to the standard Passover fare. As both a mom and a physician, I am always conscious of preparing nutritious meals that my kids will love," offers Dr. Schwalb.

Visit www.brghealth.com to learn more about Bonnie R. Giller and the services available at BRG Dietetics & Nutrition, P.C. "Passover the Healthy Way" is available at www.passoverthehealthyway.com and from online retailers nationwide.

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STUDENT NEWS

Dean's List

Local Resident Thomas Barone Named To Dean's List At Choate Rosemary Hall

Thomas Barone, son of Darlene Barone of Woodbridge, was named to the Dean's List during the winter term at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT. To be selected for the Dean's List, students must carry a minimum of five full-credit courses during the term, achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher and earn no grade lower than a B.

Hannah Bercovici Earns Dean's Award Recognition At Colgate University

Hamilton, NY -- Hannah Bercovici, an Environmental Geology major from Woodbridge, CT, has earned the Dean's Award for academic excellence at Colgate University for the Fall 2014 semester. Students with a 3.30 or higher term average while enrolled in 3.75 or more course hours are eligible for Dean's Award recognition at Colgate.

Area Residents Named To Dean's List At Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT -- Fairfield University has announced that the following Woodbridge residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester: Henry Guo, Dimitri Skuret, Evan Donahue, and David Horwich. To be selected for the Dean's List, a student

must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5, of a possible 4.0.

Jessica Lassiter Makes Goodwin Dean's List For Fall 2014

East Hartford, CT -- Jessica Lassiter has earned a spot on the Goodwin College Dean's List for the Fall 2014. Lassiter, a student from Woodbridge, is one of 943 students to make the Dean's List, reserved for those who demonstrate great academic performance. Dean's List inclusion requires a student to earn a minimum 3.5 GPA, the equivalent of an A- average, during a given academic session. The student must also be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits to qualify.

Academic Honor For Local Residents At John Hopkins University

Baltimore, Md. -- The following Woodbridge residents were named to the Dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2014 semester at Johns Hopkins University: Emily Presseller and Avi Mahajan.

Emily Presseller, class of 2018, who is majoring in an arts and sciences pre-major, is the daughter of Allen Presseller and Susan Kelley and attended Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Conn.

Avi Mahajan, class of 2018, is attending the Whiting School of Engineering at John Hopkins University. He is the

son of Dr. Amit Mahajan, MD and Dr. Kavita Joshi-Mahajan and is a graduate of The Hopkins School in New Haven, CT.

To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale in a program of at least 14 credits with at least 12 graded credits.

Elizabeth Jackson Perkins Named To Dean's List At Washington University In St. Louis

St. Louis, MO -- Elizabeth Jackson Perkins of Woodbridge, CT was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Perkins is enrolled in the university's College of Art. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Art, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Local Students Named To Fall 2014 Dean's List At SCSU

Southern Connecticut State University has named the following Woodbridge students to the Fall 2014 Dean's List: Stefanie Austin, Katie Beland, Sara Beland, Marissa D'Angelo, Brianna Eisensmith, Gabriela Gregorczyk, Jessica Hoffer, Kaitlyn Hudnall, Laura Jensen, Richard Krueger, Julie Luce, Taylor Portelinha, Matthew Schwartz, and Jonathan Yelenik.

Woodbridge Resident Haejin Park Makes The Fall 2014 Dean's List At Pratt Institute

Brooklyn, NY -- Haejin Park, Woodbridge resident and a student at the prestigious Pratt Institute, was among more than 1,100 students who made the Dean's List in the Fall 2014 semester.

Alexander Tellides Earns High Honors

Woodbridge resident Alexander Tellides was among the Upper School and Middle School students who received academic honors for the first semester at Chase Collegiate School in Waterbury. Faculty Honors is the highest academic honor for students earning a 92 or above; High Honors students have earned an 88 or above; and Honors students have earned an 85 or above.

Studying Abroad

Alexandra Schwaber Studying Abroad As Part Of Union College Program

Schenectady, NY -- Alexandra Schwaber, of Woodbridge, CT, is studying abroad this spring as part of a Union College international program. Schwaber, is majoring in Psychology and a member of the Class of 2016, is in London, England, studying European government, politics, culture and globalization.

TOWN EXPLORES SOLAR POWER

The Town of Woodbridge is considering installing solar panels on the Town's closed landfill on Acorn Hill Road. The Town of Woodbridge, through the law firm Murtha Cullina, released a Request for Proposals seeking developers interested in installing a two megawatt ground-mounted solar project. This project would meet most of the Town's electrical needs and would provide the Town with clean energy and predictable electric rates.

Attorney Paul Michaud of Murtha Cullina will help the Town submit a bid for renewable energy credits through United Illuminating. Those credits would be sold to the solar installer. Michaud also helped the town negotiate the microgrid agreement with United Illuminating.

"I initiated this project to take advantage of solar technology and the opportunity to lower the Town's electric bills and our carbon footprint," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. If the Town moves forward with a solar installer, the Town would most likely enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) in which the Town does not pay

any money up front, but agrees to pay a set amount of money per kilowatt used. The solar installer would own and maintain the solar panels for the duration of the PPA.

The Town has already taken steps to lower energy bills and use by switching from oil heat to natural gas. The Town's elementary school, Beecher Road School, is currently undergoing an energy-focused renovation that will make the school more energy efficient. The school project also includes solar panels.

Additionally, Woodbridge has plans to create a municipal microgrid to provide electricity to Town buildings during power outages. The Town is partnering with United Illuminating which will purchase and install a fuel cell in Woodbridge that will feed energy into the grid under normal circumstances and will power the microgrid when the power goes out.

Under this microgrid arrangement, the Town is free to explore alternative energy sources to power municipal buildings during normal circumstances.

AGENCY ON AGING IS SEARCHING FOR CENTENARIANS

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut is looking for individuals in our community who will celebrate their 100th birthday in 2015 or who have already passed this milestone. The Agency will host a special luncheon on May 6th to honor and celebrate the lives of these centenarians.

To request an invitation for a centenarian you know, please visit www.aoascc.org under news & events or email info@aoascc.org. The AASCC holds this luncheon in recognition of Older Americans month. Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life

for future generations. Since 1963 communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. This celebration recognizes older Americans for their contributions and demonstrates our nation's commitment to helping them stay healthy and active.

This year, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act (OAA), the focus is on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

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You can protect the infant you care about while protecting yourself against pertussis. Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD) offers the pertussis vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization contain-

ing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) you are eligible to receive this vaccine.

A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee. The next clinic will be held on February 5, 2015 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Call QVHD, 203 248-4528 for an appointment.

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Woodbridge Rotary Club recently distributed dictionaries to 3rd graders at Beecher Road School. Pictured is Rotarian Andy Skolnick who distributed the dictionaries to the students.



ROTARY HONORS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Woodbridge resident Gabriel Betancur as February Student of the Month from Amity High School. He was presented with a certificate of recognition by Woodbridge Rotary President Robyn Reilly and Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella. Woodbridge Social Restaurant has partnered with the Rotary Club to honor a student on a monthly basis.

Gabriel, a senior at Amity was honored for his outstanding academic career at Amity High School. "Whether enrolled in an Advanced Placement course or a hands-on elective in the Technology Education Department, Gabe gives 100% at all times", stated Amity High School Guidance Counselor, Gerilyn Ferguson who nominated Mr. Betancur for the award. His academic success has landed him at the top of his senior class and has resulted in numerous awards and recognitions including the Bryant University Book

Award, National French Honor Society, and National Honor Society.

Mr. Betancur has been involved in many extra-curricular activities. He is a four year member of the Amity Varsity Tennis Team and has also volunteered as a ball-person at the Connecticut Open professional tennis tournament. He has participated in the Robotics team, French Club, Amity Cancer Research Society, and Amity Art from the Heart. Gabriel also serves as a Link Crew Leader which puts him in direct contact with freshmen as a role model and mentor. During the summer months, he has served as a camp counselor at the JCC Summer Camp.

Left to Right: Amity High School Guidance Counselor Gerilyn Ferguson, Gabriel's mother Catalina V. Betancur, Rotary President Robyn Reilly, Student of the Month Gabriel Betancur, Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella and Donna Warecke, Manager of the Woodbridge Social Restaurant.

AMITY TEEN CENTER SEEKING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Amity Teen Center has recently launched two mini fundraisers to help raise money for updating our video gaming equipment.

There is an ONLINE Pampered Chef Party. People can go to this link and place an order of anything they want from this awesome company thru April 15 and the Teen Center will receive 15% of these orders. All of the orders will be delivered to the Amity Teen Center, located at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, and you will be able to pick them up there. However, for an extra \$2.00 the order can be delivered right to your doorstep. Everyone that cooks or knows someone who likes to cook can find something here that they will love. There are many items that are under \$10 (and lots above that too). <http://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/mrskindredjr/guest-landing/8906625989787>

Our second mini fundraiser is a GO-FUNDME campaign. People can go to this link below and make a donation of ANY denomination and it will go

towards our fundraising for video gaming equipment. Anyone making a donation will receive a VIP invitation to our "UNBOXING" Party where they will have a chance to play on some of the newest consoles XBOX ONE, PS4 or Wii U first. We will have pizza and cupcakes at this unveiling! <http://www.gofundme.com/o3m2rk>

In addition to this, we are ALWAYS accepting donations of used games or working consoles, controllers and accessories. If you have anything that you are no longer using and think that the teens of our community would like them, please contact us! For more information about these mini fundraisers, please call Executive Director, Jen Romanoff at 203 668-9348.

The Amity Teen Center, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, was formed in 1987. We hold after school, evening and weekend activities for area teens in grades 7 - 12. Anyone interested in learning more about us, please go to www.amityteencenter.org.

ROTARY TO HOLD SILENT AUCTION & WINE CONTEST

The Woodbridge Rotary Club is planning its Annual Rotary Club Silent Auction and Homemade Wine Contest on Thursday, April 16th, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Club, 10 Milhaven Road, Woodbridge. The event will feature homemade wine makers serving their finest and light fare provided by local restaurants. Music will also be provided. Proceeds will benefit the Bethany and Woodbridge Fuel Assistance Fund, Water Filtration Systems for Third World Countries and the Dictionary Project for third graders in the local schools. The Rotary

Club is seeking donations for its Silent Auction of sports and theater tickets, gift certificates, and any other goods and services that would make the Silent Auction successful and fun.

Tickets for the event are \$35. For more information or tickets to the event, contact Buddy DeGennaro at 203-710-2548 or email buddy.degennaro@gmail.com, Chris Lovejoy at 203-671-5684 chris.lovejoy@coldwellbankermoves.com, Robyn Vartelas Reilly at 203-668-3008. Homemade wine makers should also contact Buddy DeGennaro.

AARP USED BOOKS NEEDED

We need your (gently) used children's books! AARP Experience Corps is collecting (gently) used children's books at the Hamden Earth Day event, Saturday April 18, 2015 from 10am-3pm at Hamden Middle School.

Look for the book collection tent outside behind the school. Your books will be given to children, from babies

to young teens, with little access to books. AARP Experience Corps is a program of the Agency on Aging of South Central CT and a proud member of the National Service Network (AmeriCorps).

For more information, call Sheila at 203-752-3059 x2900 or email volunteer@aoasc.org.



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WOODBIDGE LAND TRUST HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Works with Scouts to Improve Trails

The Woodbridge Land Trust is pleased to announce that Dr. Bryan H Pines has been elected President of the Board of Directors. He succeeds Christopher Keevil who remains on the Board and will serve as its Investment Officer.

Bryan and his wife, Debby are life-long residents of Woodbridge and avid gardeners in Woodbridge's community garden. As a Cub Scout and Boy Scout growing up in Woodbridge, Bryan developed an appreciation for Woodbridge's natural beauty, and has volunteered his time and resources to protect, preserve and maintain its trails, farms, and open spaces. "For over 50 years I have been enjoying our trails and although the landscape in the town has changed over the years, our protected open spaces and trails provide beauty to the town while connecting us to previous generations."

Dr. Pines supports the Land Trust's commitment to working with community groups that support the goals and mission of the Trust. In partnership with local Woodbridge Scouts, the Trust has funded Brendan Purcell's Eagle Scout bridge construction project to improve access to the Gregory Robert trail and is currently working with Girl Scout troop 60574 to develop a trail maintenance and Geocaching plan. Troop leader Stacy Wyner says that "the scouts are excited to be able to serve the community while earning their badges."

Established in 1964, the Woodbridge Land Trust is a tax exempt, nonprofit corporation committed to the conservation, preservation and protection of our natural resources. We rely on the generosity of the community and our donors to accomplish the goals of the Trust.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



SHOPRITE FROM HOME 2015

I originally wrote about "Shoprite from Home" a few years ago and decided to re-visit this popular & constantly growing service with our Orange & Woodbridge readers. The success of this service is amazing thanks to ShopRite owner Harry Garafalo and his dedicated & loyal staff. ShopRite from Home is not only for the elderly or handicapped but also busy families or just anyone in general that doesn't have the time to spend in a grocery store.

ShopRite from Home offers the service in two ways. Once you place the order online you can select option 1 to pick-up at the store. The staff will bring the order right to your vehicle. Option 2 is to have it delivered to your home. The driver brings it right into your kitchen. The fee for either option is \$10.00 (delivery is free on every 5th order). Milford ShopRite delivers to Orange and Hamden Shoprite delivers to Woodbridge. You can select a convenient time for the delivery within a 3 hour time frame (8a-11a, 10a-1p, etc.) The website shows the days and times available.

The personal shopper assigned to your order carefully selects all items (all perishable items such as meat and produce must be inspected by a manager before leaving the store). If the store is out of an item ordered, the personal shopper calls you to see if you would like a substitution. If you have any last minute instructions or additions to your order, just call the store and speak with your shopper. The quality of everything I have ever ordered has always been outstanding. The staff is very well trained paying great attention to detail for each order.

ShopRite from Home offers over 30,000 unique items online, compared to 9,000-10,000 offered by its competitors. If you have a catering order-party platters can also be delivered to your home or office. At ShopRite from Home, you pay the same everyday low prices as you would in the store. You can take advantage of the same sale items and specials featured in its weekly circular (the entire circular can be viewed online). The competition charges higher prices online for a selection of their items. ShopRite from Home customers enjoy all the benefits of its Price Plus Club Card, including discounts and savings on featured items, points towards free turkeys & hams, Baby and Pet Bucks, etc.

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the staff your coupons and they will be deducted from your next order. There is no minimum order for shopping online. If you spend \$20.00 or \$200.00, you still receive the same courteous, efficient service along with top notch quality. You may pay for your ShopRite from Home pick-up order just as you would any shopping trip to the store with cash, check, credit card, debit card or gift card. For delivery, you can pay by check (with prior approval), credit, debit or gift card.

Shoprite of Milford and Hamden owners Harry Garafalo and his lovely wife Ann are truly special people and give so much back to the local community. Harry has received numerous awards for all his charitable work and community service. Stay tuned in 2016 for Shoprite of Milford's new store across the street from the current location on the former site of the Showcase Cinemas. The new Milford Shoprite will be 68,000 square feet and a flagship type store. The Garafalos also own ShopRite of West Haven, East Haven & Stratford. The web site for shopping online: www.shoprite.com - you can now order your groceries with the ShopRite App for iPhone & Android.

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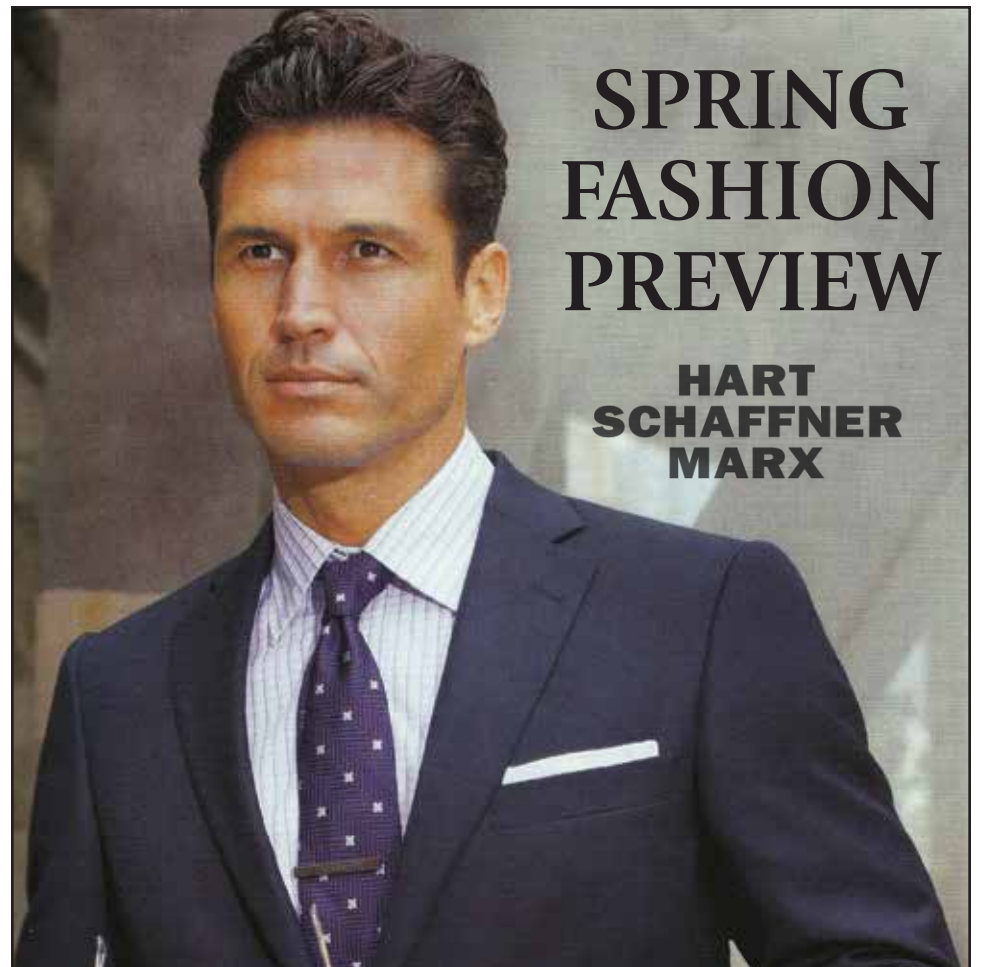
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Final notes: Harry, Ann and their dedicated staff make grocery shopping a pleasure whether you shop online or at one of their stores, ShopRite has delivered everything to my home including live lobsters, fresh flowers, sandwich platters, ice melt, greeting cards, candles, vitamins, storage containers, gift cards; the list goes on & on. Again, if getting to the store is difficult or you just hate shopping or just too busy, ShopRite from Home is perfect solution for you and your family. Remember to support our local family owned businesses.

If you have a favorite restaurant, please e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetown.news.com.

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The students pictured above are members of AMSB's Social Robotics and Engineering Research Program, an ambitious program that launched three years ago at the school to provide students with a strong interest and ability in STEM with an opportunity

to experience the research process in preparation for similar pursuits in high school and beyond.

Since its inception, students in the program have competed at the annual Science and Engineering Fair held at Quinnipiac University, which brings over 500 of the best science and engineering projects from around the state under one roof for a week of wonder and intense competition. Over the past three years, AMSB students have taken home multiple awards and prizes for their impressive research projects.

Physical Therapist Of The Month

Michael Dow, Founder and Clinical Director of Amity Physical Therapy received his MSPT Degree from Sacred Heart University.



Now in its eleventh year, his practice has grown dramatically to three offices in Branford, Hamden and Woodbridge. Well known as a "hands on" therapist, experienced in a wide range of injuries, Michael utilizes his therapy talents and managerial skills to expedite the healing process of his patients.

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FIRST SELECTMAN JOINS PANEL ABOUT WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalett was a panelist at a recent event in Hartford to mark Women's History month. The event, "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History" featured five women leaders – Mayor Marcia Leclerk of East Hartford, Mayor Rachel Rochette of Berlin, Mayor Elizabeth Paterson of Mansfield, Mayor Debery Hinchey of Norwich and Scalett.

Mary Glassman, Former First Selectman of Simsbury, served as the moderator. The discussion focused on how these women got involved in politics, their accomplishments, the challenges they faced and how they overcame them and lessons learned. Scalett told the audience at the Hartford Public Library that "it's very important to encourage young women to be leaders and to be involved in their community".



Q: Now that “Sons of Anarchy” is over, can you tell me what **Katey Sagal** has planned next? -- Glenn F., via email

A: The lovely and talented actress is set to reteam with “Sons” creator **Kurt Sutter** -- who also happens to be Katey’s hubby -- for the FX period drama “**The Bastard Executioner.**” The series centers on a former warrior/knight for King Edward I, Wilkin Brattle, who is overcome by the destruction of war and vows to lay down his sword. When violence finds him, he’s forced to return to his violent ways.

Australian actor **Lee Jones** plays Brattle, with “**True Blood**” alum **Stephen Moyer** playing his friend, Milus Corbett. **Matthew Rhys, Sam Spruell, Flora Spencer-Longhurst, Darren Evans, Sarah White, Sarah Sweeney** and **Danny Sapani** round out the cast. Production on the series began March 19, with no word yet on a premiere date.

Q: I thought **Tina Fey** had a new comedy coming to NBC, but I’ve looked all over for it, to no avail. Can you tell me what happened? -- Kellie F., via Facebook

A: When NBC passed on Fey’s hilarious “**Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,**” Netflix swooped in and saved this brilliant comedy from obscurity. “**The Office**” alum **Ellie Kemper** stars as the eponymous Kimmy, who recently escaped from being held prisoner underground by a man who claimed the world above had ended in an apocalypse. Kimmy



Tina Fey

moves to New York City, where she tries to put her life back on track with the help of new employer Jacqueline Voorhees (played by the always wonderful **Jane Krakowski**), new roommate Titus Andromedon (the fabulous **Tituss Burgess**) and landlord Lillian Kaushtupper (the legendary **Carol Kane**). Season one consists of 13 episodes, all of which now are available for streaming on netflix.com.

Q: Can you tell me the latest news on “**Cedar Cove**”? -- Richard O., via email

A: The phenomenally popular Hallmark Channel nighttime drama series, which stars **Andie MacDowell** as Olivia Lockhart, has been renewed for a third season and will return for new episodes later this summer. Although an exact date has not yet been given, I’m thinking it will follow suit with the previous two seasons and premiere in mid-July. **Dylan Neal** will return as Jack Griffith, Olivia’s on-again/off-again love interest.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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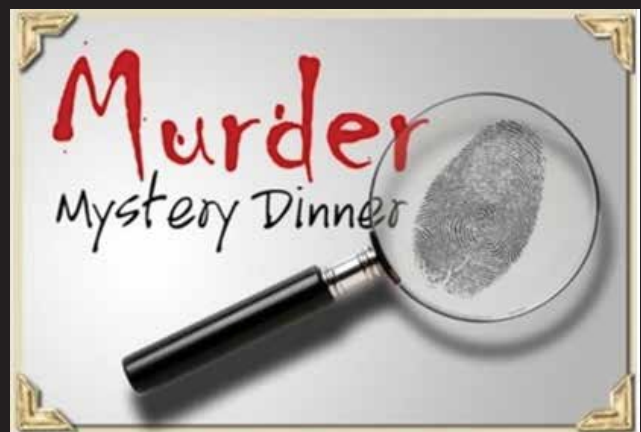
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WOODBIDGE EARNS GFOA AWARD

Once again the Town of Woodbridge has earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the national nonprofit Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This is in addition to the Audit Award also received by the Town. Woodbridge is one of only 16 of the state's 169 municipalities that received both awards.

According to GFOA, the award "reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting". The certificate of recognition was presented to the Town's Director of Finance, Tony Genovese.

"These awards recognize the outstanding work of our Board of Finance and our Finance Department," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "The

Town of Woodbridge is fortunate to have a Finance Director of Tony Genovese's caliber."

Board of Finance Chair Matthew Giglietti added, "This budget award is particularly important because well-presented budget documents help residents understand how their Town is being managed and what happens with their tax dollars."

Guidelines for the award are based on how well the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

The Town is currently in the process of creating the 2015-16 budget, and residents are invited to the preliminary budget hearing on Monday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center Building Gymnasium, 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

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WOODBIDGE NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTION

Monday, May 4, 2015

The Woodbridge Registrars of Voters will be holding Special Voter Registration sessions and updating the voter lists on the following dates for the Municipal Election on Monday, May 4, 2015. Additionally, please note all cut-off dates for voter registration.

Tuesday, March 31st - 9am to 11am: Session to complete preliminary registry list. The active voter list will be available at the office of the Town Clerk.

Saturday, April 18th - 10am to 2pm: Notice of the 3rd week before Election Day Registration and Registrars' session to update registry list.

Monday, April 20th: Cut-off date to register by mail. Cards must be postmarked by this date.

Monday, April 27th - 9am to 8pm: Voter registration cut-off. Last day to register to vote in person.

Friday, May 1st - 9am to 5pm: Limited Registration Session to admit those voters whose qualifications have changed as to age, citizenship or residence since April 27th. Voters must appear in person between April 27th and May 1st.

All special voter sessions will be at

the Town Hall. The Municipal Election is Monday, May 4th, at the Center School gymnasium, across from the town library. Polls are open from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm. Please note that the Amity Budget Referendum will be held the following Wednesday, May 6th - voting is also at the Center School gymnasium from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Office Hours: The Registrars of Voters office hours are 9 am-1 pm Wednesdays. The Town Clerk's office is available to register voters and accept absentee applications and absentee ballots Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Voters may also download an application from the Town web site: woodbridgect.org at the Town Clerk's page. The clerk's office number is 203-389-3422.

Traffic Pattern Change: Please be advised of a change in the driving pattern at the Center Building parking lot. On May 4th and May 6th the driveway from Meetinghouse Lane entering the parking lot at the Center Building/Town Library will be one-way. All traffic will be required to exit onto Center Road. Police Officers will be on hand to direct traffic.



CT'S WOMEN LEADERS HONOR SCALETTAR

The most qualified person to lead the Town of Woodbridge is current First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and voters would be wise to return her to office on Election Day, Monday, May 4th. This sentiment was repeated many times Sunday by some of the state's most accomplished and influential leaders.

More than 60 Scalettar supporters gathered at the home of Carolyn and Barry Wolf on Sunday to hear from Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, New Haven Mayor Toni Harp, state Senator Gayle Slossberg, and Weston First Selectman Gayle Weinstein - each of whom knows and admires the work of Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

Lieutenant Governor Wyman recalled Scalettar's outstanding work as a freshman legislator when she took on the tobacco lobby and won passage of a bill to ban smoking in public buildings. Representative DeLauro commented on Scalettar's extensive background and experience as an attorney for the EPA, legislator, and high-level state

policy director that make her exceptionally qualified to continue leading the town.

State Senator Gayle Slossberg praised Scalettar's first term achievements as First Selectman, including approval for overdue renovations at Beecher Road School and final agreement to earn a \$3 million grant for a cutting-edge municipal microgrid.

Scalettar said she was "deeply honored to have the support of these extraordinary leaders and delighted they came to Woodbridge to promote our campaign."

"As First Selectman, I am dedicated to Woodbridge and its continuing excellence," Scalettar continued. "I look forward to continuing my work with dedicated, volunteer members of boards and commissions, outstanding Town employees, and all residents to preserve our town's heritage and the richness of life in Woodbridge"

"Going forward, we will create a vibrant and innovative Town for the future," Scalettar said.

CT'S LEADERS SUPPORT SCALETTAR & DEMOCRATIC SLATE

Connecticut's top officials came to Woodbridge to honor and support the candidacy of First Selectman Ellen Scalettar for her re-election. The Committee to re-elect Ellen Scalettar held a fundraising event at the home of Paul Kuriakose and Neelima Kaushal at 15 Nettleton Drive on Wednesday, April 1st.

Guests included U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Senator Chris Murphy, U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Connecticut Attorney General George

Jepsen, Connecticut State Comptroller Kevin Lembo, State Senators Joe Crisco and Gayle Slossberg and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp.

In her twenty-plus years in public service as a State Representative, Assistant State Treasurer, legislative policy director, and now as First Selectman, Scalettar has worked directly and extensively with all of these distinguished leaders. Their collective endorsement of her speaks volumes about her extensive experience and leadership capabilities.



MEET THE CANDIDATES & SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Cathy Wick and the Woodbridge Republican Team will be at a different Woodbridge restaurant every Friday evening until the Town Election. The Woodbridge town election is Monday, May 4th, 2015 - Here is an opportunity for you to meet Cathy and her Team in an informal setting. Feel free

to stop by and ask Cathy or any of the candidates' questions about the upcoming Woodbridge election or other town issues.

For more information, go to www.woodbridgeGOP.org or find us on Facebook - Woodbridge RTC and Cathy Wick for Woodbridge.

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FIRST SELECTMAN CANDIDATE PROFILE – CATHY WICK (R)

Wick Champions Conservation Issues, More

By Bettina Thiel- Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Conservation issues are the main motivator for Cathy Wick to enter the political arena. Though registered as an unaffiliated voter, she heads the Republican ticket

for first selectman in the Monday, May 4, municipal elections, challenging incumbent Ellen Scalettar for the second time.

For Wick, it's first and foremost a question of preserving a quality of life, which she and her ticket are engaged to uphold. "We are for open space and the integrity of the zoning regulations," she said in a recent

two-hour conversation about her campaign platform which is spelled out at www.woodbridgегop.org. Open space not only contributes to the quality of life, but supports property values as well. "It's good business for towns," she said.

Wick grew up in Watertown, where her parents were the first to practice organic gardening methods back in the mid-1960s. They were also founding members of the Watertown Land Trust. No surprise then that Wick now serves on the Woodbridge Land Trust Board of Directors as well as the Woodbridge Park Association and Massaro Farm.

She moved to Woodbridge in 1997 with her husband Dr. Robert McLean, and gave up a career as editor at an international publishing company to become an involved citizen, bringing up two sons, and serving on the Woodbridge Soccer Club and the Woodbridge Board of Education Facilities Committee, on which she still serves.

It's the opposition to the Toll Brother proposal in 2011 for the Country Club of Woodbridge that brought her into contact with the Republican Party. "We realized that we agreed on many town issues," she said. By the time the next elections came around, in 2013, she changed her party affiliation from Democrat to Unaffiliated and headed the Republican ticket.

In fact, she is not the only Unaffiliated voter on the Republican ticket. "Our slate includes five Unaffiliated voters, three of whom are former Democrats," a campaign flyer reads. The Unaffiliated candidates in addition to Wick are Maria Kayne for the Board of Selectmen, Garrett Luciani for the Woodbridge Board of Education, and Hal Smullen and Diane Urbano for the Amity Board of Education.

Nepotism: Wick criticizes the local

Democrats for "nepotism," with a relatively small group of people running the town. For example, Jeanette Glicksman is serving as the town's

Youth director and at the same time the Democratic registrar of voters. Mary Lou Barker is the chairman of the Human Services Commission and assistant registrar. "They are each other's bosses," Wick said. "I would like to see the circle of influence broader."

Even though the town by law has to have minority representation on every

board and commission, "they appoint their political allies," she said. Very few of the candidates suggested by the Republican Town Committee get to participate in town government, and of those who do, many are "not providing an alternative point of view," she said.

Opposition to developing the Country Club: Selling off a part of the country club for a Toll Brothers development would quadruple the density allowed under current regulations, Wick said, and that could have significant impact on the town, not only in terms of population, but infrastructure needs and more. It would require a zone change, and the concern among opponents is that if the town decides to change the zoning for this piece of property, developers could demand the same for larger properties as well.

In addition, the neighbors of the country club property have collected some 400 signatures in opposition to the proposed development. "I would not change the zoning if it's not desired by the neighborhood," Wick said. Such a move would erode the confidence in and predictability of zoning laws.

Asked what she would suggest to do with the country club land, she said she would like to see a broader exploration of options, for instance by approaching area colleges some of which are looking for expansion, such as Southern, Quinnipiac or the University of New Haven, which recently acquired the Hubbel property in Orange. Another option often quoted is for a small boutique hotel and conference center to move into the clubhouse. Even if no such proposals have come forward, Wick suggests to have an agent work on the town's behalf to reach out to desirable businesses or entities.

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Cathy Wick (R)

FIRST SELECTMAN CANDIDATE PROFILE – ELLEN SCALETTAR (D)

Scalettar Seeks Second Term

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Two years ago, when Ellen Scalettar was thrust into the role of candidate for first selectman due to the unexpected passing of then-First Selectman

Ed Sheehy just two weeks before the election. She had no idea of the challenges that lay ahead.

The Country Club of Woodbridge was losing money in the hundreds of thousands of dollars due in part to terrible weather, the Fire Association was embroiled in a stand-off with the Conservation Commission regarding the lack of permits

for improvements it had made; Beecher Road School Building Committee was pressing for two-digit campus renovation, and the two mothers who had proposed a handicap-accessible playground — now slated to be opened this spring — were bogged down in red tape and lack of funds.

"I really dedicated myself to the town since being elected," Scalettar said when reflecting on the past two years, "and I met many wonderful people along the way". The first thing she learned, to her surprise, is how much the town depends upon volunteers to get things done. Plus she had praise for the town's employees, who provide the services that residents depend on. "It's a complicated job," she said of serving as the town's executive, "you face some tough questions". Her background and experience as a lawyer working at the state level has been helpful, "It's a complicated job," she said.

With Scalettar's help and input, the town secured a \$200,000 grant from the state for the playground project — now named Pease Place — which could finally break ground last spring. The ribbon cutting is eagerly anticipated for this spring.

The Fire Association and the Conservation Commission settled their differences during a court-supervised mediation process.

The Beecher Building Committee, after bringing in ESG as a contractor, managed to bring the projected renovation cost down to \$13.4 million. The first selectman organized a public hearing followed by a referendum, at which time the project was overwhelmingly approved. As a bonus for the energy efficiency measures already taken as part of the project, the town last week received \$315,000 as an incentive from United Illuminating.

The town also received a \$500,000 STEAP grant to pave the Beecher parking lot, which will be done once the building renovations are completed.

As part of an active energy policy, the town embarked on an energy challenge. To facilitate it, the first selectman called an ad-hoc energy task force, which not only signed on to the state-sponsored challenge, but organized a series of energy efficiency workshops.

And she recently signed the contract with the state for

installation of an electrical microgrid in the center of town. The state is providing \$3million toward that project.

Golf course: The most impacting aspect of her tenure perhaps is the renegotiation of the contract with Billy Casper Golf (BCG), the company that had been hired to manage the Country Club of Woodbridge. Under the new contract, BCG is focused on running the golf operation, while pool and tennis was put under the auspices of the town's Recreation Commission. The town is paying BCG a managerial fee of just shy of \$200,000, which is advantageous in two ways: it's a fixed number to budget for and it limits the town's risk exposure for future losses. At the same time, the company agreed to share revenue when it exceeded a certain level. The season of 2014 looked a lot better and BCG returned some \$13,000 to the town.

Country Club: Even if the new golf contract bought the town time to consider its options, the real challenge as to what to do with the Country Club, its deteriorating club house, ageing pool and 150 acres of greens and trees, has yet to come. "We are looking for a solution that is fiscally responsible and preserves as much open space as possible," Scalettar said.

When the town put out an official Request for Proposal last summer, it only received two responses from developers, one of whom withdrew in January. What's left is a proposal from the Toll Brothers company for 179 units of age restricted housing, with a green buffer around the perimeter of the property and, if desired, a nine-hole golf course.

Even though the first selectman has been taking a lot of heat for even con-

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Ellen Scalettar (D)

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Either of those options would require a zoning change as well, she said, but should be more thoroughly investigated. In any event, if the golf operation does not prove to be profitable, the town should not hold on to it, she said.

Economic Development: Wick said she would focus on improvements in the town’s business district. For instance, by removing the age restriction on the Woodbridge Village Associates proposal for a 55+ development on Bradley Road, the town could diversify its Grand List. If the developer would build one-and two-bedroom apartments instead, the development would attract young professionals and the influx of children would be limited, making the impact on Beecher Road School manageable, she said.

By moving away from the 55+ concept, the town could attract younger people to a walk-able neighborhood with public transportation. “A more diverse population is a more vibrant community,” she said. “We have the advantage of the location,” she said, referring to easy connection to Hartford, New Haven and Stamford, “but we do not take advantage of it.” Thinking of ways to diversify the Grand List makes more sense than building on the Golf course, she said.

Budgeting: Wick criticizing the town for using its “rainy day fund” to shore up the operating budget. Every year for the past eight years the town has been taking \$400,000 to add to the operating budget, drawing down the fund balance from 12.5% to 9.4% (projected by the end of this fiscal year). “We should be controlling our spending instead,” she said. The town should be looking to institute a retirement incentive similar to the one practiced by the Woodbridge Board of Education. It could also offer an incentive for employees to opt out of the health plan.

During the two years since the last election, Wick has completed a graduate certificate in public administration from the University of New Haven, and used Woodbridge topics to study municipal governance.

Controlling spending is not just about cutting line items, but can be achieved by applying human resources management practices. She is hoping to produce value for the townspeople. Generally she would recommend for the town to institute “zero based budgeting” like both school districts do. It could be instituted gradually, she suggested, but could be a significant money saver.

Beecher 2025: The Republican platform suggests creation of a committee to study educational trends such as expanding pre-K education and the use of technology for the very young. The committee’s task would be to “think about where we want to be ten years from now,” Wick said. It could consist of some Board of Education members mixed with community members at large, and operate as a subset of the Board of Education.

As for her own role, if elected, she plans to be moving the town forward with “non partisan, transparent leadership.” “Civic engagement is a value I grew up with” she said. “It’s not like I’m going to make a difference on the national scene, but I CAN make a difference in my town.”

In addition to land conservation Wick found she and the Woodbridge Republicans agree on fiscal issues. “I don’t like any waste,” she said. One example of waste in town government is the \$75,000 the town spent for a consultant to lead the town through the process of updating its Plan of Conservation and Development. Ten years ago, the Plan and Zoning Commission, then chaired by Donald Celotto, fired its consultant and wrote the plan itself, coming up with a document that has served the town well and needed only minor updates, Wick said.

She said she would be pursuing state grants for farm preservation much more rigorously than the current town government. “The first selectman does not have a good open space conservation agenda,” she said, referring in particular to Baldwin Farm — a picturesque piece of property on the Woodbridge/Derby town line, with the bigger part of the property located in Derby’s industrial zone.

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sidering development on the property, she feels the residents have a right to hear the proposal, even if an earlier Toll Brothers proposal for a piece of the property along Woodfield Road had been voted down in 2011.

Many other options are being suggested, such as approaching universities (Scalettar said schools will not be paying taxes) or allowing commercial uses (“I’d be very surprised if that is what the neighbors would like”), besides which the property and the RFP have been widely advertised and talked up.

“We have one proposal and people should hear about it,” she said. After all, the ad hoc committee, which looked into the proposals and consisted of people of different backgrounds and political affiliations, recommended the Toll Brothers proposal to the Board of Selectmen. Whether this proposal is for too many units or whether the proposal does maximize open space, those are important factors to consider. In the end, “town residents will make the decision,” she said. “We cannot sell property without the approval of town residents.”

When considering the proposal and its financial implications, residents also need to keep in mind that the town is close to its (unofficial) bond limit in order to maintain the Aaa bond rating, she said. Even if the credit rating agency Moody’s in its report erased a cautionary note about the Country Club debt after the town had renegotiated its contract with Billy Casper Golf, the town has limited options to meet identified needs, as additional bonding could

jeopardize the town’s credit rating.

Future debt: “We’ve been talking about the Town Center Plan,” Scalettar said, referring to projects like the police facilities in the Center Building, once the town’s elementary school; and the renovation of the old fire house, for which the town most recently received a \$500,000 STEAP grant. As much as she would like to see these projects progress, she said it will require bonding for some of the projects, calling it “a serious challenge if we don’t reduce our debt elsewhere.”

Outreach: Scalettar has built a new relationship with Toni Harp, the mayor of New Haven, with whom she has been working at the state level in the past. The main reason they could get the Department of Transportation to review its plans for the Exit 59 interchange was that New Haven and Woodbridge acted together, she said. “It’s a benefit to both communities,” she said, “to commuters and to the business community”.

Similarly, she has pitched the Village District to the State Commissioner on Economic Development. There is potential synergy in the Westville/Village area as a commercial corridor, she said.

Building community: Very early on, people kept telling her how they miss a town center, so she has focused her efforts on enhancing opportunities for communication and building a sense of community. “I work to bring people together,” she said. The decision to keep the pool open was made in that vein; the farmers market; the enhanced summer concerts; the informational meetings. “It’s an important election,” she said, adding, “there is a big difference in tone and substance,” between her and her opponent.

WICK ANNOUNCES OPENING OF CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

Cathy Wick announced today the opening of her Campaign Headquarters for the upcoming Woodbridge election. Located at 11 Research Drive, Suite 3, the Headquarters will be Cathy’s base of operations throughout the campaign season.

Cathy is excited to secure a headquarters this early. “We have so many Woodbridge residents interested in helping with our campaign that we felt that setting up our headquarters early

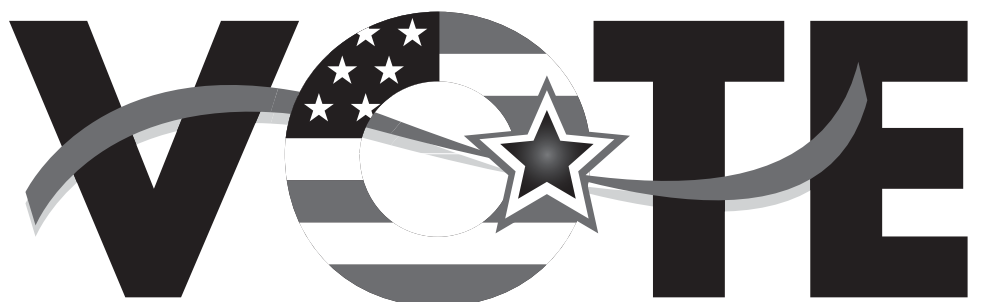
will make it easier for us to coordinate our efforts.”

Campaign Headquarters will be open at various times throughout the campaign. Please check our Website or Facebook page for additional hours and information.

Don’t forget Election Day is Monday, May 4th 2015! For more information, go to www.woodbridgeGOP.org or like us on Facebook – Woodbridge RTC and Cathy Wick for Woodbridge.

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existence of an offer and the success each year of an offer, if one is made, are highly uncertain.

In addition, another stroke of good fortune; it appears that there will be a favorable operating variance at year-end, sufficient, if the WBOE chooses to do so, to provide most of the resulting shortfall in support for technology in 2015-2016.

So what is there to worry about? If you say, "Nothing," I believe you are mistaken!

Dr. Stella has stated the reason justifying the cuts: These are "hard times" in Woodbridge. It is not the purpose of this discussion to try to understand the source of the "hard times." Rather, it is to voice a warning. Education is the only game in town! When someone threatens to harm the goose that lays the golden eggs, it is useful to cry out and be sure that the precious bird is protected and reasonably and appropriately nourished! That is what the original 2015-2016 budgetary request attempted to accomplish. That must be our objective into the foreseeable future!

There is another aspect of uncertainty of the budgetary action in response to "hard times". There has been a longstanding agreement between the Stella administration and the Town Hall regarding the handling of the costs of Special Education. When negative variances arise in Special Education by virtue of unforeseen, unbudgeted expenses in a given fiscal year, to the extent that there are positive variances available in the General Education budget, these negative variances will be offset internally. However, if the General Education budget is in balance at the time that the unexpected and unbudgeted costs in Special Education arise, the Town will fund that shortfall from other sources. The General Education Budget will not be held hostage to Special Education costs. Will this policy survive in these "hard times"? It must!

Carl Lindskog

"Microgrid" Makes Town Safer

Sooner or later, Woodbridge will again face dangerous weather events. That's why First Selectman Ellen Scalettar's leadership was so important in securing funds for a municipal electric power "microgrid". Built with a \$3 million grant from the state, the system's underground power lines will provide electricity to the Town's essential services and facilities during extended power outages. Woodbridge residents and property will be safer as a result.

We need proactive leaders like Ellen with the experience and skill to see challenging projects through which is why I am supporting her re-election as First Selectman.

Lisa Giglio Connor

Dismayed by Zoning Chairs' Endorsement

Woodbridge will be holding elections in early May to decide the administration of our town for the next 2 years. It will be an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion on whether they have been pleased with the handling of our town government or if they are looking for a new path. A path that does not include financial waste and deficit spending. A path that does not include nepotism.

I was extremely dismayed to see a recent letter to the editor from the chair of the planning and zoning commission commenting about a letter written by a resident who was not pleased with the proposed 10 year plan or the town drafted by the commission. It is my understanding that commission members, let alone the chair of any commission, should not be openly endorsing any candidate running for office. Commission members are supposed to be impartial regardless of their party affiliation. The endorsement of Ellen Scalettar by planning and zoning chair Jeff Kaufman was completely inappropriate. However, in light of many of the tactics used by the present administration to discredit any and all of their opponents, it did not surprise me that Mr. Kaufman has done this. This is also the same gentleman who publically cursed at a resident during a planning and zoning meeting and was not asked to resign by Ms. Scalettar.

Cathy Wick has maintained the highest ethical standards in how she has been running her campaign. It has been my pleasure getting to know her and hearing her thoughts about her vision for our community.

May 4th will be a critical date for Woodbridge residents. They will have an opportunity to 'clean house' and put Woodbridge on a new path. A path that focuses on inclusion of all residents. A path of government transparency with no conflict of interest appointments. A government that is financially prudent.

In my mind the choice is very simple. I am a Democrat who will be voting for Cathy Wick.

Cheryl Lipson

Why Did Scalettar Shut Down Meeting?

In response to First Selectman Ellen Scalettar's recent column (Woodbridge Town News, February 27, 2015):

Once again, a professional politician sidesteps an important question by answering irrelevant ones. This time the big question being avoided is: Why did Ellen Scalettar shut down a Board of Selectmen meeting rather than discuss the proposed Town Plan of Conservation and Development?

State law is clear. The Board of Selectmen "may hold one or more public hearings on the plan and shall endorse or reject such entire plan or part thereof or amendment and may submit comments and recommended changes to

the commission."

The First Selectman did not schedule a public hearing, she did not allow the BOS to endorse or reject the plan, and she did not even place the Plan on the BOS agenda so that the board could discuss it. When more than 100 citizens submitted a petition requesting that the Board address the matter, she ignored them. This behavior indicates a breathtaking disrespect for citizens who were simply asking her to do her job.

The new Town Plan is extremely controversial, and in my opinion is a step backward for Woodbridge. It lays the groundwork for radical zoning changes that threaten stable residential neighborhoods and will damage property values. The Open Space chapter, in the words of former Woodbridge Democratic Selectman Peter Cooper, casts aside fifty years of careful, thoughtful, bi-partisan efforts by generations of Woodbridge leaders, and substitutes an ill-defined, unenforceable, and useless guide to the future.

Why did Ellen Scalettar ignore the request of over 100 town residents and shut down a Special Meeting rather than discuss plans for our Town's future?

That's the real question.

Cathy Wick

Send a Message on May 4th

I am a lifelong resident of Woodbridge and in April of 2014, along with a few other civic-minded neighbors, I got involved in researching and trying to stop or modify the major construction project that was underway at the intersection of Routes 63 and 67 (Amity & Seymour Roads).

Our path to learning the scope of the project, the reasons behind it and how we as local residents most impacted by the project could have a say in the project was long, time consuming and difficult. While our core group was heartened by the overwhelming support from our neighbors, the same could not be said about the support we received from our First Selectman.

Woodbridge residents should know the genesis of this project was a written request from then State Representative Ellen Scalettar, yet at a public meeting with the DOT in April 2014 First Selectman Scalettar publically denied any knowledge of the project. Her letters to the DOT Commissioner both emphasizing support for a traffic light and changes to this intersection as well as a follow up correspondence requesting information on what is being done to address her request demonstrates she not only had prior knowledge but also precipitated the process moving this project ahead in an eight year process where the community was not properly informed. Her lack of participation in supporting our recent efforts to modify the plans and her correspondence making it appear she played a pivotal role in our successful altering of those

plans was upsetting and distasteful. If nothing else, this demonstrates she truly does not represent the residents of our community.

Whether you are a Democrat or Republican, we need elected officials who truly represent our interests, have better memories and don't change their story to score political points. It is time we start to send this message. May 4 is the day to do just that.

Peter Aaronson

Town Finances Are Fiscally Sound

One of the major issues that Connecticut residents face is the fiscal health of their local government. Residents of Woodbridge can be confident that our town administration manages our income and expenses carefully. As a result, we enjoy an AAA bond rating, the highest possible which enables the town to borrow, when necessary, at the lowest market rate.

Anthony Genovese, our Administrative Officer/Finance Director, annually earns awards for his effective management and precise accounting of the town's finances. Our annual tax increases have been low, our bonding restrained, but we have nevertheless been able to finance a replacement for our 70 year old firehouse, a desperately needed public works garage, and a renovation of Beecher Road School.

Our administration has saved us substantial sums by converting town buildings from oil heat to natural gas and won a significant grant that will enable the town to establish its own micro grid, saving additional sums. Other grants include \$200,000 for the Pease Place playground; \$500,000 for upgrades for the old firehouse; and \$500,000 for paving and sidewalks at Beecher Road School.

The tax increase for fiscal 2015-16 as of this writing is a modest 1.96% and could be even lower depending on developments over the next month.

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar and her team have worked hard over the last two years to ensure that Woodbridge residents get the most for their money. I support her reelection along with the entire Democratic slate of candidates. Please vote for them on Monday, May 4, 2015.

Sincerely,

David S. King

Candidates Facts on POCD Inaccurate

In a recent Letter by Spencer Rubin, Republican candidate for the Woodbridge Board of Zoning Appeals (ZBOA), I have to assume he has not read the draft Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD) that he attacks as his letter contains numerous misstatements.

Contrary to Mr. Rubin's statement that the Plan does not encourage graduate students and young professionals

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to live in our Village District, the Plan actually encourages it.

As to the Country Club of Woodbridge property, Mr. Rubin states that the POCD "makes a number of changes to our zoning regulations that would allow building a large age-restricted development on the CCW property". This is false. In fact, the POCD states that the property should be studied for all possible uses, including age restricted housing and open space. I remind him that the POCD cannot make any zoning changes.

Mr. Rubin's claim of a proposed "rezon(ing) of the village district area to change a single family district to permit multifamily housing" is another false statement. First of all, multi-family housing is already permitted in the relevant area. The POCD suggests that the residences come within the protections of the existing village district regulations.

I hope that if Mr. Rubin is elected to the ZBOA he will familiarize himself with the existing zoning regulations.

On Monday, May 4, Woodbridge voters will have a chance to decide on the future of Woodbridge and I will be supporting Ellen Scalett and her team. They are committed to robust public discourse based on facts.

*Jeff Kaufman, Architect, AIA
Chair, Woodbridge Town Plan &
Zoning Commission*

Voters Entitled to an Explanation

The Massaro Farm was a gift to Woodbridge, bequeathed by the Massaro family. Restored to productivity, it continues giving residents a touchstone to the region's agrarian past. I especially admire the literally tons of farm-fresh produce donated to local soup kitchens and food banks, and the farm's recent efforts to promote beekeeping to address shrinking bee populations.

A dedicated group of volunteers, with a skeletal staff and a professional farmer, operates a tax-exempt, subscriber-based operation with the Town's permission. The Woodbridge Land Trust administers the Conservation Easement placed on the property.

The Massaro Farm group holds an annual meeting "to allow members and neighbors to come meet our board, and hear about the farm," and I've attended several times over the years. I remain troubled by a few things after the 2015 edition, held March 8, and since the agenda didn't allow for public comment these questions persist.

First, I was surprised the group's treasurer gave no treasurer's report and no accounting for a variance of about 50 percent between the budget and actual amounts raised and spent. Three or four PowerPoint slides – presented by staff – were used to quickly gloss over that discrepancy and the entire financial report.

Then, plans to remove topsoil from a field to make a parking lot were described. To me this seems inconsistent with the intent of the Massaro family, since the land was given to the town solely for agricultural or recreational purposes.

Beyond that, one volunteer board member – the treasurer again, it turns out – is positioned as a director of the Woodbridge Land Trust, which administers the farm's Conversation Easement. In barnyard parlance, this seems like the wolf guarding the henhouse.

Now the treasurer seeks elected office in town: no secret, since her name, in large, bold type, was distributed town-wide in a Massaro Farm mailing – at subscriber, donor, and taxpayer expense – just weeks before her nomination. Now, in political ads published in this paper, she touts her experience at Massaro Farm.

To fairly assess her qualifications, Woodbridge voters are entitled to an explanation about these questions raised at the Massaro Farm Annual Meeting March 8.

Laurence Grotheer

The writer is serving a third term on the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen and seeks re-election.

Kudos to Ellen on Grant Dollars

First Selectman Ellen Scalett, building on First Selectman Ed Sheehy efforts has gotten Woodbridge a \$3 million grant to fund our micro-grid electric system. The grid will provide power to our police department, our fire department, Amity High School and other town governmental services when United Illuminating cannot.

This will make our town a much safer and more pleasant place to live in times of weather emergency or any other utility power loss situation. Kudos to Ellen and her team for making this happen.

Josh Goldberg

CCW Ad Hoc Committee Responds

We are writing as the Chair and Co-chair, respectively, of the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) Ad Hoc Committee appointed by our First Selectman, Ellen Scalett. We were among the facilitators at two Community Conversations convened by Ellen to hear the views of Woodbridge residents about the CCW property. Based on public input at those and other meetings, the Town crafted and sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit private sector interest in the property. Two responses to the RFP were submitted and we led the group of seven town residents who reviewed the proposals and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

Our unanimous recommendation was that the Board of Selectmen consider the Toll Brothers proposal. We believe it meets the needs of all Town

residents because it:

- generates, when completed (6-7 years) \$2,000,000 in new tax revenue which allows us to control future tax increases;
- is a cash Sale of \$7,500,000;
- allows us to pay off the entire CCW debt of \$5,900,000;
- provides for 170 units of over 55 housing for our aging population;
- removes the existing club house and replaces it with a new pool house;
- provides for a 9 hole golf course or walking trails at the option of the Town;
- includes refurbishing the pool and tennis courts for recreation to be enjoyed by all Woodbridge residents;
- provides for the Town to retain ownership of approximately 1/2 of the property (75 acres); and
- requires that Toll Brothers be responsible for infrastructure costs (roads, sewers, gas lines, etc.) and maintenance would become the responsibility of the homeowners association.

The Ad Hoc Committee's report and recommendations can be found on the Town of Woodbridge website at: www.woodbridge.org.

We are aware that neither the First Selectman nor any of the Board of Selectmen members has made a decision about whether or not they will recommend the Toll proposal, in its current form or after negotiations, to the residents of Woodbridge. The plan is to hold community forums for all Town residents, as well as to have relevant Town Boards and Commissions weigh in from their particular vantage point. We encourage Town residents to take advantage of the informational meetings to educate themselves since we all will vote on the future of the property.

We believe strongly that First Selectman Ellen Scalett and all members of the Board of Selectmen are serving the best interests of our Town by not rejecting the proposal out of hand and trusting the townspeople to decide.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Wolff, Chair
Andy Esposito, Vice-chair
CCW Ad Hoc Committee*

Young Professionals Future in Doubt

Woodbridge has been a wonderful place to grow up. Our town has an excellent school system, beautiful open spaces, and offers access to vibrant business and cultural hubs in New Haven and New York.

But as a young professional in Woodbridge, my future here is in doubt. Surrounding communities such as Orange, West Haven and Milford are attracting both young professionals and seniors with new projects designed to promote strong communities where everyone can live, work, and thrive.

A number of Woodbridge residents I've heard from are also worried about

the future. The new Plan of Conservation and Development produced by our Town Plan and Zoning Commission suggests we can make a number of changes to our zoning regulations that would allow building a large age restricted development on the Country Club of Woodbridge Property. In addition, the report suggests we rezone the Village District Area to change a single family district to permit multifamily housing along Litchfield Turnpike. These changes would place undue burdens on our school system and on housing prices. They would also negatively impact the future of our town.

Instead, we should focus on the Village District Area by giving graduate students and young professionals the opportunity to remain in Woodbridge, support our businesses and move up in our community - not out! By working together we can build a better community for all.

On May 4th voters will have a chance to decide on the future of Woodbridge. I hope that you will support me, my friend Cathy Wick and the rest of the Republican ticket. We believe Woodbridge can preserve our great open spaces while moving our town in the right direction. This will lift everyone up - from our children to our parents and grandparents.

Spencer K. Rubin

Candidate for ZBA (ALT)

Amity High School Class of 2009

Woodbridge Businesses Thriving

As a business owner, town resident and member of the Woodbridge Economic Development Commission (EDC), I am thrilled to say how the Woodbridge business community is thriving in recent years. Most excitingly are the new businesses choosing to locate in Woodbridge which are helping to grow our tax base and diversify our business community. Recently the EDC hosted a networking breakfast with an educational session on digital marketing, free for all Woodbridge businesses. This event provided an opportunity to network with other businesses in town while learning some valuable tips on digital marketing using social media and video. The event was well attended and we look forward to hosting future events to bring more of our businesses together to network and share ideas.

The EDC itself seems to have been reinvigorated over the last year. We are fortunate to have First Selectman Ellen Scalett serving as our Commission liaison to the Board of Selectmen. It is apparent Ms. Scalett became involved with our Commission because she understands the importance of economic development to our community. Having the ear of town leadership has helped raise the awareness and importance of the Economic Development Commission in helping existing as well as new businesses grow and thrive in Woodbridge.

Jamison Scott

BULLETIN BOARD

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

Boy Scout Troop 63, meetings Monday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69), 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.

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

God On Tap, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30pm, Wheeler’s Restaurant and Taproom, 180 Amity Road, Woodbridge, refreshments with friends & nourishing conversations facilitated by Elsa Worth, priest at Christ Church, Bethany, www.christchurchbethany.org.

Spring Entrepreneur Series, Thursdays, 5:30-8:00pm (PDT), New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, View Map, sponsored by SCORE New Haven (<http://newhaven.score.org/>) and the New Haven Free Public Library to help participants establish a business plan, understand basic financial statements, learn how to build a recognizable brand, and manage technology effectively. Participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon successful completion of the series.

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.woodbridgetownnews.com.

genesishcc.com.

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

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

Amity Parent Support Group, meets every other Friday morning, 7:45am, Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, sponsored by Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee, local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be involved with, substance abuse share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail nfund@woodbridgedt.org.

The New Haven Mineral Club - 42nd Annual Show 2015, Wednesday & Thursday, April 11 & 12, 2015, Saturday, April 14, 2015, 9:30am-5:00pm, Sunday, April 15, 2015, 9:30am-5:00pm; Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Road (off Route 34), Orange, Minerals, Gems, Jewelry & Fossils, Exhibits- Dealers- Door Prizes- Lectures- Demonstrations. Donation \$5.00, Children under 12 Free when accompanied by an adult. For more info visit newhavenmineralclub.org.

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PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

By Roberta L Nestor

Whether they are tulips, tomatoes or trees, they all start with a seed. If you want something to grow and bear fruit, you need to plant the seeds today. Then you need to continuously nourish, care and watch over your seedlings, you can’t just hope a plant will survive, it needs your attention. The same can be said for planning a secure financial future, you have to start somewhere.

Start by asking yourself, what is it you want to grow? Something easy that doesn’t require much care? Something you want to only have to nourish once or twice a year? Or do you have the time and commitment to grow something that may require constant care?

If you want easy without much involvement, the best way would be to utilize your employer’s 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plan. What could be easier than a payroll deduction? It is automatic and requires some research as to the options available in your retirement plan. Do they allow for ROTH contributions, or only traditional tax-deferral? Do they allow after-tax contributions (which can be used in the future for ROTH conversions)? If your employer plan does allow for ROTH contributions, perhaps that will be your biggest decision. Should you pay taxes now for tax free income at retirement or defer taxes and have more money working for you now during the accumulation stage?

Once you have set up your payroll contribution, you then have to learn more about the investment options available with your plan. Age-weighted investment portfolios are gaining popularity, both inside and outside employer retirement plans. For example, a 30 year old today may select a “2050 portfolio” for retirement at age 65. These are designed to be well-diversified and gives the investor access to several different asset classes within one investment. Lastly, don’t forget to find out if your plan allows for “auto-increases”. This allows you to authorize automatic annual increases in the amount you are saving.

Outside of your employer sponsored retirement plan you may be eligible to contribute to a ROTH IRA. Contributions to a ROTH might need more care as there are many moving parts that determine if you are eligible to contrib-

ute. If you are within the income limits you can contribute up to a maximum of \$5500 to a ROTH IRA (over age 50 can contribute \$6500). Maybe you can’t afford the entire contribution and that’s okay because you can contribute whatever is affordable. Most investment companies will let you contribute as little as \$50 a month if you have an automatic monthly contribution from your checking account. Six hundred dollars a year is a small commitment to your future. If a 25 year old made that commitment to saving \$50 a month until age 65, and the ROTH earned a hypothetical return of 5%, that ROTH would be worth over \$80,000! And, the bonus of course, is that ROTH accumulations are tax free.

The most complicated financial seeds to plant would be individual stocks. This takes time, patience and often higher investment amounts if you want to be well diversified. Buying and selling of individual stocks would require some research. Finance websites such as yahoo finance allow you to track an investment portfolio. If this is your first time buying individual stocks, maybe you want to “make up” a portfolio and track it for a month or so, get familiar with the price movements of your stock selections. If you are using non-retirement money for purchasing individual stocks, you should be aware of taxation of short and long term capital gains.

We all have to start somewhere and so don’t wait any longer to get your financial garden growing!

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN LENT

The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, invites you to attend any of our upcoming services and events. All are welcome. Maundy Thursday's Agape Meal and Foot Washing will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2015 @ 6:30 pm. This will be a joint service with The Rev. Tricia Pasy and the congregation from St. Andrew's in Milford. It will include a modest dinner and foot washing to commemorate the Last Supper. On Good Friday, April 3rd, the church will be open for quiet meditation between the hours of 12noon-3pm. Stations of the Cross will be led by the Youth Group at 4:30 pm, including a "Walk the Way of the Cross" through the Good Shepherd neighborhood. In addition, Good Friday Penitential Rite with Reserved Sacrament will take place on Friday, April 3rd @ 7:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The Great Vigil of Easter will take place on Saturday, April 4th @ 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at 283 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford CT. Easter Sunday, April 5th, will be celebrated at the Church of the Good Shepherd with Rev. Tim Hodapp from the Connecticut Diocese at 7:45am & 10:00 am with the Choir. There will be no 9 am service on



Church of the Good Shepherd

Easter Sunday. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately following the 10:00 service for children of all ages.

In addition to services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the public is invited to attend Chapel on the Green Easter Service on April 5, 2015 @ 2 pm in New Haven. Fifty-two Sundays a year and in every weather condition, Trinity's Chapel on the New Haven Green is a unique outdoor gathering. The Church of the Good Shepherd and St. Andrews plan to participate in this service by bringing 200 bagged lunches to hand out after the service. All are welcome to help us prepare lunches at the Church of the Good Shepherd immediately following our 10am Easter service.

For more information, please call the Church of the Good Shepherd at (203) 795-6577, visit our website (www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org) and the CGS Facebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR B'NAI JACOB

Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m.; come learn parshat hashavua (the weekly torah portion) over bagels or matzah! and coffee in the library with Rabbi Shapiro before 9:45 a.m. services.

Passover Schedule

Friday, April 3rd at 7:45 a.m. Fast of the First Born (1st Seder) Candlelighting; 7:13pm No evening service
Saturday, April 4th at 9:45 a.m. Festival Service No Bread & Torah
Sunday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. Festival Service
Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m. Festival Service ; Candlelighting 7:17pm
Friday, April 10th at 9:30 a.m. Festival Service
Saturday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. Festival Service; Candlelighting 7:19pm
Sunday, April 12th at 7:45 a.m. Early Minyan with Yizkor; 9:00 a.m. Matzah & Torah; 9:45 a.m. Festival Service; 11:00 a.m. Yizkor

Lunch & Learn with Dr. Howard Taubin Medicine and the Bible. Saturday, April 18th after Kiddush. Come join our congregant Howard Taubin as he turns his experienced eye to symp-

toms, signs and diseases as found in the bible.

Shabbat Dinner & Bima Band Friday, May 1st at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to Shabbat Schmooze and Services but you must pre-register for dinner. Your payment is your reservation.

Got Shabbat May 8th. Tell Betsy Flaherty or Rabbi Shapiro or someone on the committee that you would like to host. Invite at least one BJ family to your home for Shabbat. We just want you to celebrate Shabbat with one another. We will supply candles, challah, blessings, and even ideas for meaningful conversation.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday **Mah Jong & Canasta**. Anyone can come in and play. We will be offering coffee "and" but feel free to bring a dairy lunch. We have limited amount of tables, call the office to make reservations. Last minute reservations can usually be accommodated.

As a reminder, daily minyan is at 7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning minyan is at 9:30 a.m. Friday night services are at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO MISHKAN ISRAEL ANNUAL PASSOVER SEDER

Congregation Mishkan Israel will be hosting its annual community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 4. The Seder will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members of the community are cordially invited. The cost of the Seder is \$45.00 for adults (13 and older) and \$22.50 for children ages 4-12; kids under 4 are free. Advance

reservations, which are due by March 27, are required. Advance ticket sales is available online at: cmihamden.org. This year's food is being provided by Emily's Catering. Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE FOR ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL

Orange Congregational Church - 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT, 203-795-9749 - invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services: 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Coming up, our Holy Week schedule is as follows: Maundy Thursday, April 2 there will be a 7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae in the Sanctuary; Good Friday, April 3 there will be two services - a Noontime Meditation in the Chapel and a 7:00 PM Worship service in the Sanctuary.



Orange Congregational Church

For Easter Sunday, April 5 there will be a 6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Hannah's Hill as well as a 9:00 AM and an 11:00 AM Worship service in the Sanctuary.

HOLY INFANT WOMAN'S GUILD TAG SALE

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild will have its Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, April 25, from 9 am to 2 pm. The sale will be in the school gym at 450 Racebrook Road.

There will be a variety of vendors selling new and used items and collectibles.

The Guild will be selling books. A few tables are still available at \$25 each.



Holy Infant Church

For more information or to reserve a table, call Gloria at (203)795-4679.

MISHKAN ISRAEL HOSTS ANNUAL DELI NITE

Features Comedian Michelle Balan

On Saturday, May 9, Congregation Mishkan Israel's Brotherhood of Men & Women presents its 10th Annual Deli Night. The evening, which begins at 6:00 p.m., includes an all-you-can-eat buffet of homemade great deli food, wonderful music, and comedic entertainment.

This year's featured comedian is Michele Balan, one of the finalists on NBC's Last Comic Standing, and she was the Last Women Comic Standing! She has appeared on various episodes of Comics Unleashed and The Joy Behar Show and was invited to perform on

Jay Leno's Tonight show three times. Voted one of the Top 10 Comics by Backstage Magazine, Michele is a stand-up comedian with class and attitude. Sometimes the class has to move over for the attitude. "Laughter brings us together," she says as she travels the world headlining comedy clubs, theaters, cruises, and corporate events.]

The community is invited to attend. For reservation information, e-mail brotherhood@cmihamden.org. The Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Join us on **Thursday, April 2:** Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary as we remember Jesus' Last Supper and betrayal with Communion; **Friday, April 3:** Good Friday, 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer and meditation; **Sunday, April 5:** Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., on the Church Green (Sunrise with a light Breakfast); Sunday, April

5: Joyous Easter Service, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary as we once again tell the story of God's love for us all made known in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, with Communion.

Childcare will be provided for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday services.

The church is located at 5 Meeting-house Lane.

EVENTS AT TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Church Easter Services: Please join us for Maundy Thursday Service - April 2, 7pm; Good Friday Service - April 3, 7pm; Easter Sunday Services - April 5, 7:15am (Sunrise Service), 9:30am & 11am. For more information, visit www.trinityefc.com/holy-week-services.

Trinity's Got Talent: Saturday, April 11 at 5pm. Enjoy an awesome pasta dinner, a fun talent show from

our Trinity family, and tables full of Silent Auction items to bid on. Early bird tickets are \$15/adult, \$7/ages 6-16, free for 5 and under. Price goes up starting April 10. All proceeds will benefit those going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Trinity Church is located at 33 Center Road in Woodbridge. For tickets and more information, visit www.trinityefc.com/tci or call 203-387-4711 x11.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH QUEEN'S BEE FAIR

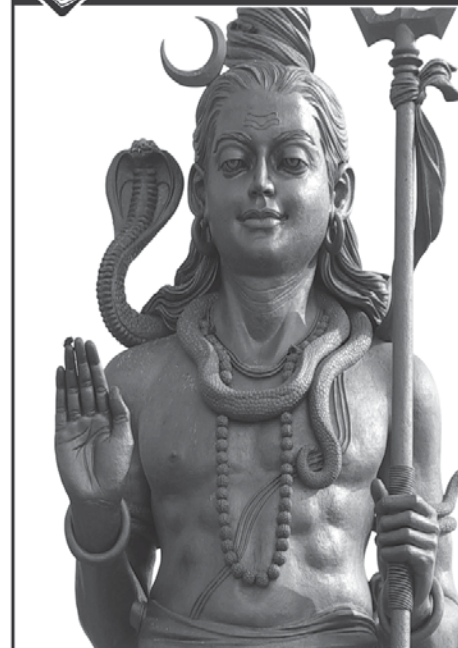
Bethany is all abuzz about "The Queen Bee's Fair" on May 9th when area townsfolk are warmly invited to swarm to Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, for a delightful day. The honey of a fair, held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will provide numerous opportunities for Mom to be treated like royalty on the day before her special day.

This not-to-bee-missed country fair will include The Bees Knees Giant Tag Sale, Pollinators Plants and Flowers, Beekeepers Bakery, Flight of the Bumblebee Fudge, Royal Queen Bee Café, Bee Hive Hot Dogs and Hamburgers,

Swarming Bees Silent Auction, Honeycomb Country Store, Busy Bees Crafts and Needlework, Bee in Her Bonnet Boutique, Hovering Honey Bees Gift Card Raffles and Golden Bees Vintage Jewelry.

The bargain-filled event will be held rain or shine. Parking is free, and there is no admittance fee. Mark the date on your calendar today, and "bee" sure to make a bee-line to this annual fair. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Christ Church office at office@christchurchbethany.org, call the office @ 203-393-3399, or call Mary @ 203-393-0066.

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Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.
Acts 17:29

Detail of statue of Shiva in Nepal

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Chappie (R)**
Sharlto Copley, Dev Patel
- 2. Focus (R)**
Will Smith, Margot Robbie
- 3. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)**
Judi Dench, Maggie Smith
- 4. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)**
Colin Firth, Taron Egerton
- 5. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG)**
animated
- 6. Fifty Shades of Grey (R)**
Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan
- 7. McFarland, USA (PG)**
Kevin Costner, Maria Bello
- 8. The Lazarus Effect (PG-13)**
Olivia Wilde, Mark Duplass
- 9. The DUFF (PG-13)**
Mae Whitman, Bella Thorne
- 10. Unfinished Business (R)**
Vince Vaughn, Dave Franco

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Big Hero 6 (PG)**
animated
- 2. Horrible Bosses 2 (R)**
Jason Bateman
- 3. The Theory of Everything (PG-13)**
Eddie Redmayne
- 4. Whiplash (R)**
Miles Teller
- 5. St. Vincent (PG-13)**
Bill Murray
- 6. Dumb and Dumber To (PG-13)**
Jim Carrey
- 7. Beyond the Lights (PG-13)**
Gugu Mbatha-Raw
- 8. The Judge (R)**
Robert Downey Jr.
- 9. John Wick (R)**
Keanu Reeves
- 10. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)**
Steve Carell

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

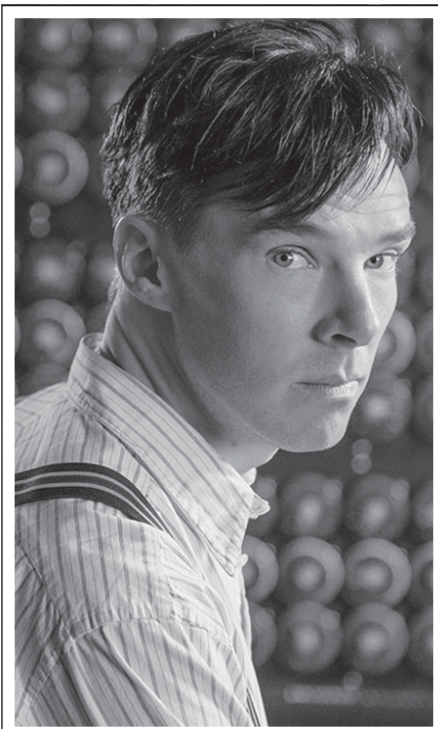
- 1. Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars**
"Uptown Funk!"
- 2. Ed Sheeran**
"Thinking Out Loud"
- 3. Maroon 5**
"Sugar"
- 4. Ellie Goulding**
"Love Me Like You Do"
- 5. Rihanna & Kanye West & Paul McCartney**
"FourFiveSeconds"
- 6. Hozier**
"Take Me to Church"
- 7. Taylor Swift**
"Style"
- 8. Taylor Swift**
"Blank Space"
- 9. The Weeknd**
"Earned It (Fifty Shades of Grey)"
- 10. Pitbull & Ne-Yo**
"Time of Our Lives"



Ellie Goulding

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Sam Hunt**
"Take Your Time"
- 2. Blake Shelton feat. Ashley Monroe**
"Lonely Tonight"
- 3. Thomas Rhett**
"Make Me Wanna"
- 4. Cole Swindell**
"Ain't Worth the Whiskey"
- 5. Jason Aldean**
"Just Gettin' Started"
- 6. Brett Eldredge**
"Mean to Me"
- 7. Zac Brown Band**
"Homegrown"
- 8. Lee Brice**
"Drinking Class"
- 9. Chris Young**
"Lonely Eyes"
- 10. Randy Houser**
"Like a Cowboy"



Benedict Cumberbatch in "The Imitation Game"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 30, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Imitation Game" (PG-13) -- Alan Turing was a renowned genius, roboticist, code-breaker, Nazi-confounder and all-around British treasure. In the 1940s he led a team of geniuses who broke the Germans' "unbreakable" code and laid the foundation for modern computers. In

the '50s, Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch) was arrested, tried and convicted for the crime of homosexuality. This biopic goes in-depth with a brilliant man's struggles against persecution. The film won the Oscar for best adapted screenplay, on top of a pile of nominations. Cumberbatch should have taken the Best Actor, but that of course went to Eddie Redmayne, who was in a different biopic about a different British genius struggling against non-scientific challenges. Still, Cumberbatch's performances -- and Keira Knightly playing opposite -- stand strong.

"Wild" (R) -- Reese Witherspoon plays a woman who takes a solo walk for more than 1,100 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail -- for reasons that aren't easy to spell out, even for her. There a sense that she has no control over her life. She seems caught between destructive behavior when she's alone, and toxic relationships when she tries to connect. Based on the memoir by Cheryl Strayed, this is doubtlessly Witherspoon's best performance since "Walk the Line," perhaps her best on film.

"The Rewrite" (PG-13) -- Hugh Grant has a way of stumbling over his words, fidgeting, looking around and then saying something understatedly clever or disarmingly earnest. It's his modus operandi. If he were a pro wrestler, stammering through a sheepish grin would be his signature move. In this way-too-old-for-coming-of-age dramedy, Grant plays a washed-up Hollywood screenwriter who reluctantly accepts a gig teaching screenwriting at a little college in upstate New York. First he's a jerk, but then he must learn some lessons and repair relationships with the various stereotypical characters he's offended with his offbeat charm.

- "Reach Out I'll Be There" was the signature song for which Motown group?
- Who released "Can't Get Used to Losing You" in 1963?
- Name the trio that released "Don't Pull Your Love."
- Who was the other half of the duo who released "Mockingbird"? Carly Simon and ...
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "The others were untrue, But when it came to loving you, I'd spend my whole life with you, Cause you came and you took control, You touched my very soul."



1. The Four Tops, in 1966. After two weeks at the top of the charts, it was bumped by "96 Tears."
2. Andy Williams, in 1980. The Beat came out with a reggae version.
3. Hamilton, Joe Frank and Reynolds, in 1971. Years later, the Glen Campbell single had a typo on the cover sleeve, leaving out the R in "your."
4. James Taylor.
5. "You've Made Me So Very Happy," first released in 1967 by co-writer Brenda Holloway and two years later by Blood, Sweat & Tears.
Holloway's version only reached No. 39 on the charts, but the BS&T version went to No. 2.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

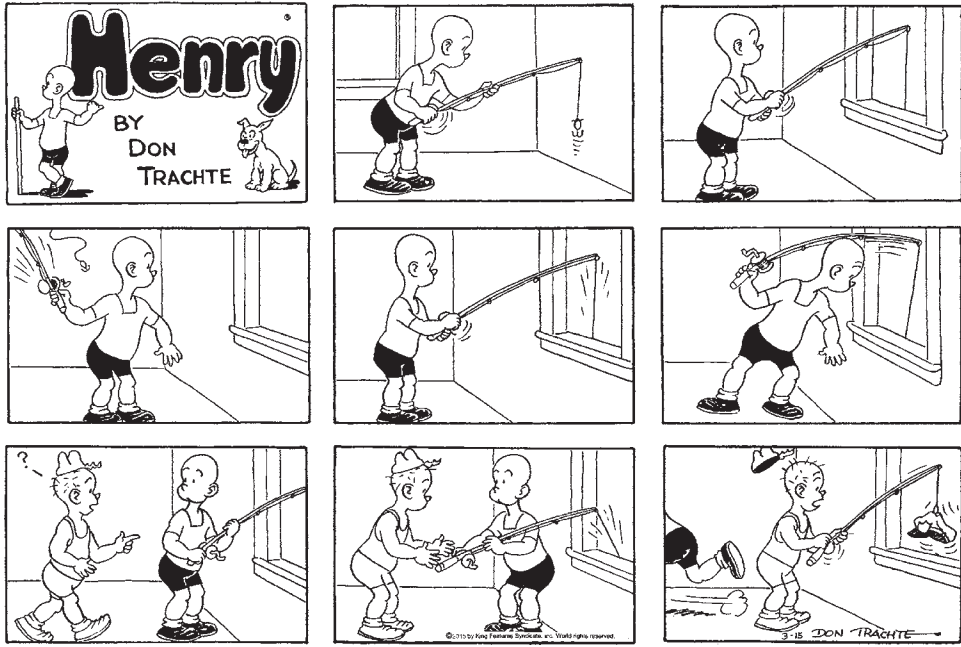
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Marlon Brando died in 2004 with the dream of Tetiaroa, his Polynesian atoll near Tahiti, becoming an ecological resort that could sustain itself with solar and sea power. At long last it has become a reality. Tourists now can stay at The Brando, a resort on the remote, unspoiled island with 35 villas, barely visible from the sea, that can accommodate 84 guests at a starting rate of \$2,735 a night. In addition, you can be guided around the atoll by his granddaughter, 27-year-old Tumi Brando, whose mother, Tarita Teripia, co-starred with Brando in "Mutiny on the Bounty," for no extra charge.



Kelly Osborne

Sadly, they're talking about one of those "K" girls, already too represented on The E Network, taking her place. "The Fashion Police" may just be going out of fashion!

I never understood how Kelly Osborne could sit on the panel of "The Fashion Police," with her purple hair and her Mohawk, and pass judgment on other people's looks and clothes. The recent incident concerning Giuliana Rancic's remark about Disney star Zendaya's dreadlocks, in which she said, "She smelled of patchouli oil and weed," at the Oscars, seemed like "Much Ado About Nothing." Osborne was furious because, she said, "Zendaya is a friend of the show."

Giuliana apologized, not once but twice, even though she read the remark as written for her by the show's writers, and still Osborne threw Giuliana and the show under the bus. Joan Rivers brought those kinds of remarks to the show, and even without her, everyone knows it's just poking fun at fashion. Word is The E Network was so outraged by Osborne's ultimatum's they told her to quit or be fired.

Our court system is still trying to extradite director Roman Polanski for having sex with a minor in 1977. Polanski is in Poland preparing to shoot the \$48 million film "The Dreyfus Affair," based on the novel "An Officer and a Spy." He has had to endure the murder of his wife, Sharon Tate, and their unborn child at the hands of the Manson Family in 1969. The statutory rape charge forced him to flee the U.S. to France and Poland to avoid extradition. Polanski is 81 years old; the girl is now 51 years old.

Maggie Smith has announced that season six of "Downton Abbey" will be her last, admitting, "I can't see how it can go on, I mean, I certainly can't keep going. To my knowledge, I (meaning her character) must be 110 by now!" LOL!

King Crossword

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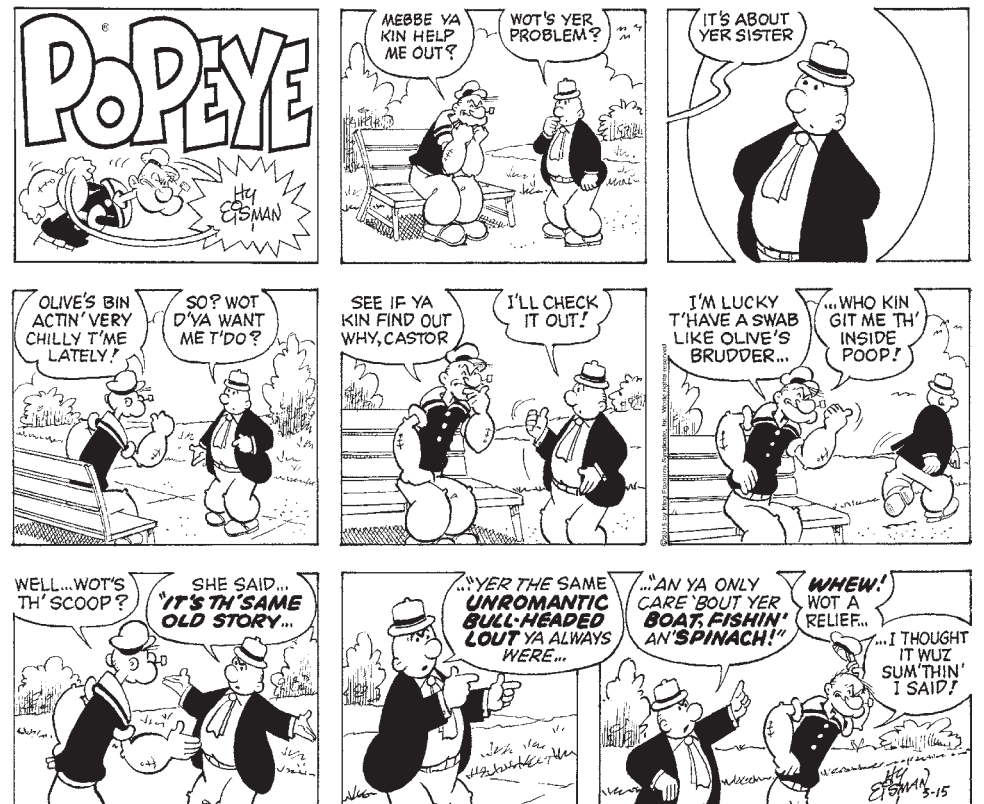
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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



HOLIDAY WINES

If you're celebrating Easter most Easter menus are centered around Ham or Lamb and depending on what your side dishes include, there are many wonderful wine choices that will work for you beautifully. Ham is generally prepared with a sweet glaze or topping to offset the inherent saltiness of the meat. The two tried and true wines that every wine article and liquor store recommend are Riesling and Gewurztraminer. Both wines offer fresh flavorful taste profiles, sweet fruit to balance the salty ham but yet have enough acid to balance off the combination and not compromise either the ham or the wine. There are many Rieslings that will do the job nicely but why not consider an Alsatian or German Riesling for their mineral laden old world character or a bright Washington State Riesling like Chateau St. Michele or one from Hogue Sellers would do very well. They are reasonably priced as well. If you are opting for a spicy Gewurztraminer, you may consider successful vintners such as Columbia Crest, Trimbach or Domaine Schlumberger. Riesling and Gewurztraminer are crowd-pleasing wines that have the versatility to handle a variety of palates while allowing for lots of preparation options for ham.

Now if you want to think outside the box, my selection this Easter is a Vouvray. This is a fresh medium and dry white wine made from Chenin Blanc grapes. It has wonderful aromas of honey and acacia underlined with a subtle and refreshing acidity. One of my favorites is Domaine de Vaufrugot. Another possibility is a wonderful Spanish Albarino! Although delicate, its fruity aroma and delicate flavors make it one of my favorites. I like one called Fulget which means Glow. There is an Albarino pictured on the label that glows when the wine reaches the proper temperature. If you don't like the pairing, it still makes for a great conversation piece. If you must have red wine, Zinfandel is the way to go. Try Seven Deadly Zins. It has enough fruit to hold up to the ham.

Lamb is my all time favorite. Whether rack of lamb, leg of lamb, roast lamb or lamb chops, the strategy is to stick with your well grounded red wines - a red Burgundy, a northern Rhone red, a Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot or a Tempranillo or Syrah. You are shooting for red wines with decent tannin structure, good fruit and a finish that can endure as long as the lamb itself. The goal is to have a wine with enough fruit and acidity to handle the robust flavors of the lamb, but not overpower it in the

process. No powerful Zins or Super Tuscans! This year I am having a Pinotage from South Africa. That will raise an eyebrow or two in my house.

Wines for Passover have come a long way! My Dear Teacher and Saxophone instructor Seymore Schonberger used to savor the Manishevitz Elderberry Wine for his Passover Seder. Kosher wines have come a long way since the basic Manishevitz. (Although I recently tried the blackberry wine and it is well balanced.) Someone must have sent a Rabbi or two to Ucal Davis because the quality of Kosher wines has improved quite a bit over the years. Some recommendations include Bartenura Moscato. This sweet and greenish yellow colored white has a simple nose with floral and fruity scents with a full texture and a medium finish. Carmel King David Sacramental is a wine from Israel, Galilee region. The Carmel wineries were established in 1882. Today Carmel is Israel's leading producer of wines and spirits, maintaining a careful balance between the traditional art of wine making and the use of the latest technology. It is a Kosher Dessert non-VARIETAL red wine Blend. I thought it was good. My wife's cousin loved it with homemade cannoli. My favorite Kosher wine is Baron Herzog Champagne Brut. This is a sparkler made from wines produced in California and New York. It has been fermented with special Champagne yeast and given extended contact to enhance the complexity of the wine. It has the aromatic notes of the New York fruit and the lighter, more elegant tones contributed by the fruit from California.

No matter how you celebrate the upcoming holiday season remember it is a blessing given to us all to enjoy our dear family and our dear friends. As years pass it becomes more and more evident that we only have a finite opportunity to so. Please use this opportunity to forgive and forget and use this time to use great food and great wines to bind everyone together and enjoy. I think you will be glad you did. Enjoy!

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

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This is not always the case and many homeowners are devastated when they find out that they can't do as they planned. There are environmental, building and zoning regulations that affect adding on to your home or building additional structures. All people who are building or adding to their home need a permit from the building department of your town before you build AND if your home has a septic system or well, you also need a permit from your local health department, which is required before you can get your building permit.

Building and zoning regulations may address issues such as your lot size, the distance from your neighbor's property line or the distance from the center of the road. Environmental health issues most often come into play for properties that have septic systems and/or wells. There are specific regulations about the placement of structures in relation to the location of the septic system and the well. There is a regulation, CT Public Health Code (CPHC), Section 19-13-B100a, (commonly referred to as B100a) which requires that if you want

to add an addition, deck, shed, garage, additional bedrooms, a swimming pool or bury propane tanks, there must be an area on your property for a replacement septic system, should your current system fail after you add your addition (or shed, garage, deck, swimming pool or buried tanks). Permission from the health department cannot be granted until this is demonstrated. This is the law and is enforced by local health. If your addition is not a bedroom per public health code definition and if it does not increase the footprint of the existing house and if it doesn't take up land space, you may be able to get a health department permit with only a thorough review of your plans by a health department representative.

If the house you are looking to buy has a septic system and a well and you are purchasing the house with the intention of adding on to make it suitable for your family, learn about CPHC B100a BEFORE you make the purchase. Note: B100a applies to all homes. There is a lot more to know about this process. Educate yourself before you make a purchase or spend money on having plans drawn up. District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) can call QVHD, 203 248-4528 to speak to a sanitarian during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., or request a "B100a" fact sheet. You can also view the fact sheet on line, www.qvhd.org, search Additions and Accessory structures.



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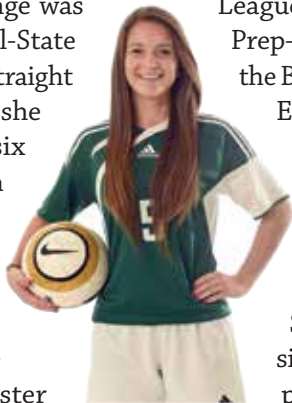


Good job guys! The Orangemen Fifth Grade team wrapped up their season. They won Branford Tournament and runners up in Milford Hoopfest. The team has fifth grade boys from Orange and Woodbridge. They are coached by Powell Chodos and Jim Donovan.

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League and Western New England Prep-school all-star, was named to the Boston Globe All NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Council) team, and was selected to play in the Senior Bowl.

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Michael Dow MSPT can be reached at Amity Physical Therapy at 203-389-4593. A graduate of Sacred Heart University, he is founder and Clinical Director of the practice with offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. Please visit www.amitypt.com.

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In this production, Golda Meir is portrayed by Sandra Laub, and is the only actor on stage for the entire 90 minute performance. Ms Laub has previously performed this play in the 2nd Story Theater in Bristol, RI and synagogues in Providence and New London. Broadway World of Rhode Island gave it rave reviews, citing Ms Laub as "captivating, personable and an entirely engaging storyteller." The Warwick Times cites, "Ms Laub's brilliant performance makes us believe that she is Golda, with her sad penetrating eyes, crisp language...looking into the eyes of the audience making them feel for her and her cause." The Providence Journal states "Sandra Laub is fabulous as Meir, an actress who captures Meir's drive, as well as her humor, and humanness."

When interviewed Ms Laub shared, "This is very meaningful for me to play this part. It is my heritage, my Jewish-

ness, my parents, my grandparents, my daughter. My connection to this part is a reflection of my personal connection to Israel and the Jewish faith. I travelled to Israel last summer and witnessed firsthand the history, the people, the land, the war, and the struggle to keep Israel a safe, homeland for the Jews. It is very personal for me to present this story."

Ms. Laub's theater credits include New York Shakespeare Festival, Circle Rep, WPA, the Gamm Theater in Providence, and many others.

All proceeds from this play are to help defray the costs of Ezra Academy's 8th grade trip to Israel this April. Melanie Waynik, Ezra's Head of School states, "One of our most treasured traditions at Ezra Academy is our eighth grade annual trip to Israel. This two week experience serves as a powerful culminating event in the Ezra experience, providing our students with an enduring connection with the State of Israel and a stronger commitment to the Jewish people."

The performance is Sunday, April 26th, 2015, at 7:00 PM at the JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT. Ticket prices are \$25.00 for Adults, \$15.00 for Seniors, and \$10.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased by mail, checks payable to Ezra Academy, 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge CT 06525, online at www.ezraacademyct.org/givingonline, by email request to goldasbalcony@gmail.com, or by contacting Marty Feldman, chairman of the event at 203-887-4604.

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Thursday, April 2 @ 7pm
(rescheduled from March due to snow) Rated R 107 minutes

A promising young drummer enrolls at a cut-throat music conservatory where his dreams of greatness are mentored by an instructor who will stop at nothing to realize a student's potential.

The Imitation Game

Thursday, April 9 @ 7pm
PG-13 114 minutes

During World War II, mathematician Alan Turing tries to crack the enigma code with help from fellow mathematicians.

Wild

Thursday, April 16 @ 7pm
Rated R 115 minutes

A chronicle of one woman's 1,100-mile solo hike undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe.

Into the Woods

Thursday, April 23 @ 7pm
Rated PG 125 minutes

A witch tasks a childless baker and

his wife with procuring magical items from classic fairy tales to reverse the curse put on their family tree.

Interstellar

Thursday, April 30 @ 7pm
Rated R 169 minutes

A team of explorers travel through a wormhole in an attempt to ensure humanity's survival.

Children's and Teen Events

Please register for all children and teen events online at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Build with Lego Blocks

Mondays, April 6 and 20
@ 4pm ages 5 and up

What can you build with Lego's? Join us at the hands-on workshop and find out! Registration required. Please register online.

Teen Book Discussion

Saturday, April 11 @ 3pm for high school students

Join us to share in the conversation about books you have been reading and also indulge in some delicious chocolate. Please register online

10's to Teens Art Session

Wednesday, April 15 @ 6:30pm grades 4 and up

Join us when kinetic and potential energies join forces! We will be constructing various types of catapults and evaluating them by launching household objects. Please register online.

The New SAT Exam with KAPLAN

Saturday, April 18 @ 11am

Beginning in spring 2016, The College Board, makers of the SAT will be launching a revised version of the SAT. Students taking the exam will have the option to take the new exam or the old exam. Try your hand at the new exam to see what the differences are and help you decide which exam to take. Test is 3 hours long with an optional essay that will add extra 50 minutes to exam time. Calculators are not permitted for the new SAT exam. Please register online. This program is recommended for high school sophomores.

Crazy 8's Math program

Wed April 22 @ 2pm grades K-2

Join us for this special vacation week session of Crazy 8's and learn math through our Bouncy Dice Explosion. Space is limited. Please register online.

Big Hero 6 film screening

Friday, April 24th @ 2pm All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver.

Join us for a special film screening of Big Hero 6 and learn about special bond that develops between plus-sized inflatable robot Baymax, and prodigy Hiro Hamada, who team up with a group of friends to form a band of high-tech heroes. Rated PG 102 minutes. No registration required.

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April 4th - Chick Day 1pm-3pm

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April 19th - Dale Myler Clinic 10am-4pm

Evasion or relaxation: learn how the bit affects your horse and what you can do to improve communication. Presentation followed by a fitting consultation with Dale. \$125 horse/ rider, auditors welcome! Please call to register.

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Helping Your Dog Ease into Your New Home

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

Moving into a new home can be both an exciting and stressful time for humans and pets. While we are able to understand why we have changed our dwelling, your furry companion may have a harder time adjusting to his new environment. Following are some tips to help your dog adapt to the new place you call "home".

Before moving day, take time to reinforce basic obedience commands with your dog. He'll be more focused on you and have an easier time settling in to his new surroundings.

Use a distinct scent, such as lavender oil, around your old home for at least a few weeks prior to your move. Then, before you bring your dog to the new house, spray the same scent throughout the space. This common scent can help create a sense of comfort and familiarity for your dog.

During busy packing activities, confine your dog in his crate. Provide him with fun toys to keep him occupied, and remember to take him for on-leash walks throughout the day. If you anticipate a hectic moving day, consider boarding him at a day care, kennel or with friends to keep him safe.

When you arrive at your new home, take your dog for a leashed walk both inside and outside the home. Keep him confined in a room or his crate to ensure he doesn't escape while you are busy with unpacking chores.

Place his bowls, toys and bed in the same rooms as in the old house (e.g., next to the kitchen fridge, in the family room). Continue to use the same bed he's been using—providing a new bed in his new home may be too much change for him to take all at once.

Understand that your dog will need time to adjust to his new living arrangement as well as to possible time and climate changes. As he adapts to his new surroundings, he will begin to feel more comfortable and relaxed, especially if he sees that you yourself are calm and comfortable in the new environment.

It typically takes about three weeks for a dog to become accustomed to his new setting, so try to keep to the same routine your dog has been accustomed to. This will alleviate stress and help him settle in faster.

Plan to be home with your dog for the first few days after the move. During these days, begin spending short periods of time away from the house to see how he will respond. That way, when you have to be away all day, your dog will be better adjusted to the home and will feel more comfortable when you're not there.

Be patient with your dog. Realize that accidents will happen. The more you are able to monitor him and, if neces-

sary, restrict his movements, the less chance for mistakes. If there were pets in the house previously, there may be issues with your dog wanting to mark his territory. Be careful not to correct him excessively and be sure to praise him profusely when he does something positive.

Observe your dog's behavior. The move he has just experienced may be traumatic for him. Watch for potential medical concerns such as not eating, diarrhea and coughing which may be associated with stress and require treatment. Other signs of stress are pacing, hiding, destroying things and separation anxiety.

Fearful behavior is common when a big change has occurred in a dog's life. Your dog may be uncharacteristically timid in his new surroundings. Needy or "clingy" behavior is also common. Your dog may be feeling unsure and so he may try to follow you wherever you go. Remember, you are his most familiar anchor in the new home.

If your dog shows signs of nervousness, try not to overly reassure him. By giving him an unusual amount of attention when he is worried, you can inadvertently communicate to him that there must be something to worry about. Just remain calm and confident. Toys like the Buster® Cube or KONG® products may be a good way to entertain your dog and keep his mind focused on something fun.

Check your new home's surroundings for any dangerous items, such as rat poison, antifreeze, chewable objects or holes in a fenced area.

Research a veterinarian and plan to visit the clinic with your dog before an actual appointment or emergency visit. Provide the clinic with a copy of your dog's veterinary records.

License your dog according to local ordinances, update his identification tags, and contact your dog's microchip or tattoo registry to update your contact information. Place new stickers on the doors and windows around your house to alert emergency personnel that there are pets inside.

Be patient with your furry pal as he adjusts to his new home. He may take days or even weeks to get comfortable with his new home and routine. Continue to provide an environment of love, comfort and trust, and your dog will soon settle in to his new home sweet home.

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

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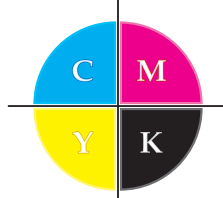
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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected problem should be handled as quickly as possible so that it doesn't cause too much of a delay. Someone who knows what you're facing could provide needed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unsettling situation seems to be taking forever to be resolved. Fortunately, your Bovine aptitude for patience is strong this week, so you'll be more than able to wait it out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a stand against an uncalled-for situation involving a friend or co-worker isn't easy, but somehow you'll rise to the challenge and do it. Rely on advice from someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There are still some questions on all sides that need to be dealt with in order to allow hurt feelings to heal. Get your workplace tasks done early so that you can devote more time to loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Consider a new spring makeover that will show all you Leos and Leonas in your best light. A new hairdo and some fashionable new clothes can help put a fresh glow on your image.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some stormy, emotional weather can blow up in the workplace when an irate co-worker has strong words for

you. But if you believe right is on your side, you'll be able to ride it out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Creating more balance in your life is especially important now so that you're not distracted when you get into projects that will make demands on both your physical and mental energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As much as you enjoy being right when others are not, show your generous side by offering to use what you know to everyone's benefit. This way, you gain admirers and avoid resentment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week for the Archer to aim at healing relationships. Whether it's at home, at work or among your friends, get everyone to set things straight and make a fresh start.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you like things done your way, this is a good time to listen to ideas from others. You might even find yourself agreeing with one or more of their suggestions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor positive action to reclaim your ideas from someone who might want the glory without doing any of the work. Expect to find many people rallying to support you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel uneasy about taking that step forward at work or in your private life. But who knows better than you that while treading water keeps you afloat, it doesn't get you anywhere.

ENTERING THE WORLD OF CAT SHOWS

DEAR PAW'S CORNER:

I think I have the most beautiful cat, and I'd like to enter him in a cat show to see if he'd win. How can I get "George" into a show? --Tracey B., via email

DEAR TRACEY:

The first thing you should do is study: Read up on cat shows, how they're conducted, what breed groups are typically shown, what judges look for, and so on.

Don't worry if you're not sure of George's breed: Many shows have a "Household Pet Class" that doesn't have a specific breed standard.

Where's the best place to start studying? The Cat Fanciers Association (www.cfa.org) has a website with lots of good information on the basics of cat shows, like how

to enter, rules of competition, tips on caring for and grooming your cat, and a list of upcoming events. The International Cat Association (<http://tica.org/>) is another good resource, with lots of information and a robust show calendar.

It's important to be sure that

George is up to the stress of being shown. Is he a friendly, well-socialized cat who is OK with being petted and picked up by strangers? Can he stay relaxed in a strange, noisy environment near several other cats? Is he in good health? Are his vaccinations up to date?

Finally, attend one or two cat shows near you, without George, to see how they are conducted and decide if you'd like to make your cat a competitor.



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Flippo



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Oh, dear—it seems they both want our only copy of the same book...!"

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HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"I believe you sent for a piano tuner."

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7. Staten Island
8. Île Jésus (Quebec)
9. Hawaii
10. Lulu Island

Source: Wikipedia

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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The Garden Bug Milkweed

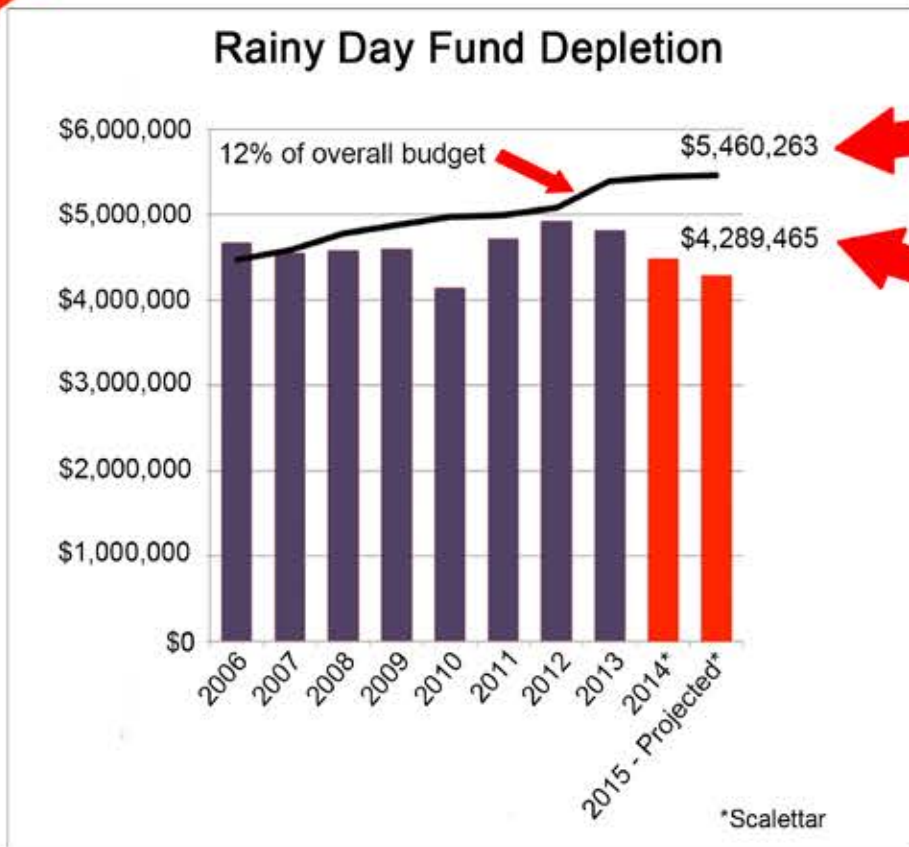
Monarch butterflies utilize about 30 milkweed species as hosts for their larvae. Most used is the common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), a weedy species that grows plentifully in sunny fields. Most monarchs that overwinter in Mexico each year are thought to have fed on this species as a larva.

Source: www.monarchwatch.org, uanews.org

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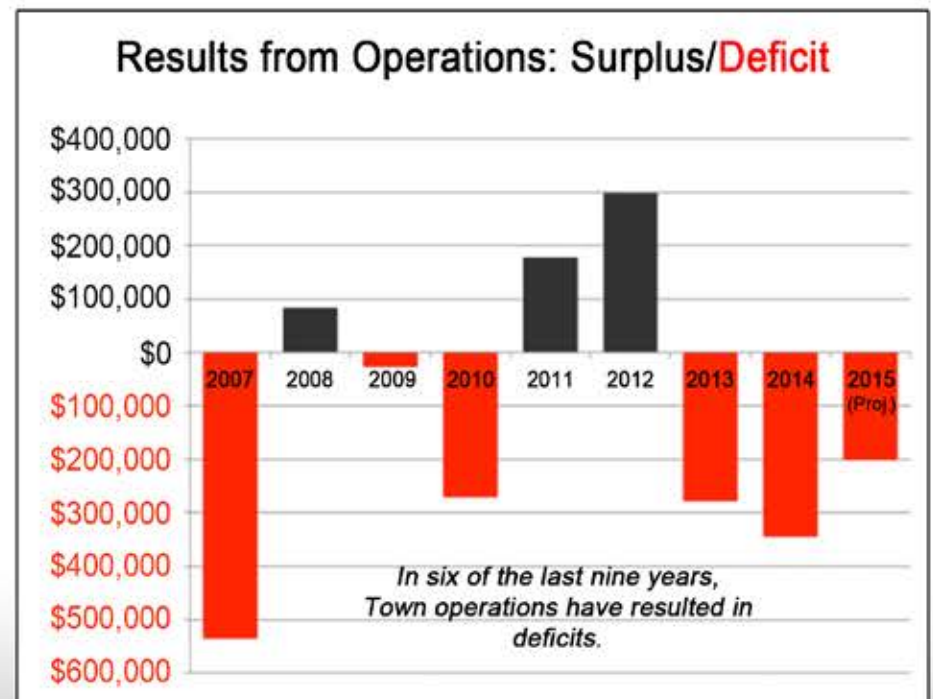
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Scalettar Raids "Rainy Day" Fund to Balance Budget



Rainy Day Fund if funding had been maintained at 12% of overall budget (Both Orange and Bethany maintain over 13% rainy day fund balance).

Rainy Day Fund Balance. Fund has been depleted to 9.4% of overall budget.



The Town's Rainy Day Fund (also known as the Reserve Fund Balance) should grow as the overall budget grows. In 2006, the fund stood at 12.5% of the overall budget – a healthy savings account. This year, the fund is projected to dwindle to only 9.4% of the overall budget. By contrast, both Bethany and Orange have fund balances over 13% and policies that require a minimum of 10 and 12 %, respectively.

Source for all data: Town of Woodbridge, Adopted Budget Fiscal Year 2014-2015; 2015 projections from Finance Director's report, Selectmen's meeting 2/24/2015.

This financial policy is irresponsible, unsustainable, and endangers the long term fiscal health of our Town.

We will get Woodbridge finances back on track

We will:

- STOP draining our Rainy Day Fund.
- Institute zero-base budgeting.
- Institute businesslike human resources management that benefits both the Town and its employees.
- Institute sound management practices to avoid expensive legal actions.



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