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At the ribbon cutting, from left, Doug Tischbein with ESG; John Rice, project engineer; Building Committee Chairman Jeff Kaufman; First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella, State Sen. Joseph Crisco; State Rep. Themis Klarides; Selectman Beth Heller and Building Committee member Sheila McCreven.

BEECHER SCHOOL RENOVATION CULMINATES IN RIBBON CUTTING

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

With public representatives, builders, parents, teachers and more than 800 students in attendance, the Beecher Road School community on May 31 celebrated with a ribbon cutting the closure to its two-year renovation project, which overhauled the building's envelope and its heating, cooling and air handling systems. "This ribbon cutting marks the end of just about two years of hard work," said then-School Supt. Dr. Guy Stella in addressing the school commu-

nity. For Dr. Stella it was the culmination of a long process of careful planning and communication, which took up a good part of his 10-year tenure at the helm of the local district. The icing on the cake was the installation of 970 solar panels on the roof of the sprawling school building this spring.

Under a bright sun, the whole school assembled around the flagpole in front

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Police Honor Guard lined up in honor of veterans who paid the ultimate price.

TOWN MARKS MEMORIAL DAY

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

As opposed to joyful parades with large numbers of participants, Woodbridge's comparatively low-key celebration of its service members on Memorial Day and Veterans Day has its advantages; in particular, on rainy days the event can easily be moved indoors, and that is what happened this Memorial Day.

Due to heavy rain and the prediction of thunderstorms, the event on May 30 was moved to the Center Building gym. There were no church bells and no three-volley salute, but the Police Department Honor Guard stood by, and the Boy Scouts of Troop 907 marched in to present colors. Some 50 or so were in attendance, including four soldiers from Afghanistan, where they had been part

of Pfc. Eric Soufrine's platoon when he was killed by an IUD five years ago.

Army Capt. Barry Josephs introduced the young guests as Capt. Patrick Jones, a West Point graduate; Lt. Ryan Johnson, as well as Ethan Warner, Jerome Kipp and Elvis Martin. "Many towns have parades," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar in her remarks, adding how Woodbridge marks the remembrance with a more solemn event. "We gather to share that moment of remembrance and respect," she said, and, with a nod to the Soufrine Family in attendance, she added, "We gather to recognize the contributions and the sacrifices of those

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Beecher Road Color Guard and the Beecher Owls perform during the ribbon cutting.

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of the North entrance. The Beecher Owls, along with the color guard, provided musical entertainment. "What a great day for Woodbridge," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar at the ribbon cutting. The multi-year effort netted a school building that is "more energy efficient, cooler, greener and safer," she said. Amongst others, she thanked the Building Committee for its countless hours of input, and the state delegation that "works across party lines to maximize the state grant".

State Senator Joe Crisco and State Rep. Themis Klarides read a citation from the state, which congratulated the project for being a model of cooperation in the best interest of the children who grow up in this town.

The Building Committee – the third of its kind – consisted of Jeff Kaufman, chairman; Sheila McCreven, Greg Coyne, Andrew Esposito and Jason Pfannenbecker. In his brief remarks, Kaufman said although there were five members, committee votes were always unanimous.

John Rice, one of the project engineers with AKF Group, said the significance of this project was "unlocking the vast potential of an existing building," versus building a completely new school.

The \$13.4 million renovation included security updates, such as a sally port, extended camera surveillance and other measures which were added in the aftermath of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2014; also a new lighting system, air conditioning,

solar panels and other sources of renewable energy; updated wireless systems, and new outside walls and windows for the older wings.

Scalettar said the project stands out not only for its scope, but also because it came in on budget and on time. The exact cost will only be known after the town recouped reimbursements from the state, a process which is expected to take several months.

In the meantime, the school is expected to recoup significant energy savings. The solar panels alone may save the taxpayer up to a third of the costs for electricity. The project is expected to save the town more than \$250,000 annually, and provide a building that is healthier, more comfortable and more conducive to learning.

Stefan Hartman with Ross Solar Group, in addressing the students encouraged them to do "some quick math". Until those who enter the school this year and graduate high school at age 18, the use of solar energy will prevent the burning of some 4,500 barrels of oil, he said, the equivalent of about 400 cars.

Dr. Stella also thanked Board of Education chairman Margaret Hamilton, calling her "the quiet heroine". Hamilton, in addressing the children, said given that most of the construction happened when school was not in session and that most of the improvements are hidden in walls and under the ceiling, "it's hard to see what happened."

"But we get to see the canopy," she told the children, "and we get to feel the temperature inside. Kids, say thank-you to your parents," she added.

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TOWN HIRES NEW SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The Woodbridge Senior Center will have a new director starting on Monday June 27. Woodbridge resident Jeanette Glicksman will fill the position to replace Lee Canning who is retiring after nearly 35 years.

The Senior Center offers a healthy hot lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays and provides educational, cultural and entertainment programming such as AARP driver safety classes, pinochle games, a billiards table, a computer lab and computer classes, a book club, exercise classes and day trips, including to Broadway shows.

"Lee Canning's warm smile and friendly nature have welcomed Woodbridge seniors for nearly three decades, and we will miss her," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I am delighted that we have found just the right person to fill her shoes. Jeanette will provide both continuity and innovation and she will bring high energy into this important role."

"The Woodbridge Senior Center provides important programs, activities, and referrals to help keep older

residents informed, engaged, and connected," Glicksman said. "I'm grateful for this new opportunity to interact with the town's vibrant community of seniors. After helping out for years I look forward to this expanded role. The entire community reaps benefits from a vibrant center focusing on wellness as well as social and intellectual enrichment."

"The Human Services Commission is working to make the Senior Center appealing to a broad range of folks, including those from 60 to 116," said Sharon

Bender, Chair of the Human Services Commission. "We are excited to have a young and energetic director bring new ideas to help us achieve that goal. To that end, please join us for a pickle ball demonstration in the Center School Gym on July 26 at 10 am!"

Glicksman currently holds a part-time position with the Town of Woodbridge as the Youth Services program coordinator. She is also the Democratic Registrar of Voters. Glicksman will resign both positions.



Jeanette Glicksman



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TOWN INSTALLS SPEED TABLE

The Town of Woodbridge installed "speed tables" on Landin Street in an effort to provide traffic calming for the neighborhood.

Drivers frequently use Landin Street, which is mostly a residential street, as a cut through between state Routes 63 and 69. The Town's Traffic Commission worked with the neighbors, the Board

of Selectmen and the Public Works Department to install the speed table to discourage speeding.

"Residents were very concerned about traffic volume and speed," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "In response the Town has installed these speed tables. I anticipate that residents will see a noticeable difference."

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CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT SACRED HEART ACADEMY

A Fond Farewell to Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ, '81

The principal of Sacred Heart Academy, Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ, '81 (Hamden) has been transferred to Santa Maria School in the Bronx, a preK4 to grade 8 school with close to 500 students. Santa Maria includes the largest universal preK program in the Archdiocese of New York. Sr. Maureen will be leaving Sacred Heart in July.

Sr. Maureen has served as principal at Sacred Heart since July 2010. As a result of her leadership, Sacred Heart has upgraded technology, increased AP offerings, added Mandarin Chinese, expanded course offerings to include Online School for Girls, enhanced critical thinking skills resulting in higher SAT scores, and improved our athletic program. Most importantly, Sister will be remembered for her devotion to the emotional and spiritual well-being of the students. She innately knew when students needed her compass and carefully and persistently worked to guide them. She was their strongest advocate and an even stronger role model.

"Sr. Maureen will take to her new ministry all of the gifts she has so generously shared with us here at Sacred Heart for the past six years. As a member of the first president/principal team, it has been my privilege to minister with her, as she worked each day to keep alive the spirit of Excelsior, the foundation of the Academy for 70 years. Sacred Heart is a better school because of Sr. Maureen's loving care for the students, her dedication to the faculty, and her humble and quiet gift of self, each and every day. These are the hallmarks of her time here; she has left her mark and she will be greatly missed. It is with a deep feeling of gratitude that we send her off," shared President Sr. Sheila O'Neill, ASCJ, Ph.D., '71 (Hamden).

Four send-off celebrations were held in Sr. Maureen's honor and the establishment of a scholarship to acknowledge her many contributions to the Academy was announced at the most recent reception. The Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ, '81 Scholarship will be awarded annually to an incoming freshman who, without financial assistance, would not be able to

attend Sacred Heart Academy. Alumnae, parents, and friends have been asked to consider making a gift to this scholarship.



A Warm Welcome to Sr. Kathleen Mary Coonan, ASCJ, '76

Sr. Kathleen Mary Coonan, ASCJ, '76, a native of Connecticut and a graduate of the Academy, has been named principal. Sister Kathleen Mary entered the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after her high school graduation and professed final vows in 1984. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Duquesne University and a Master of Arts in administration and supervision from Manhattan College. Sr. Kathleen Mary begins her ministry as principal of Sacred Heart Academy with 36 years of experience in education both as teacher and administrator. She has taught on the elementary and secondary levels in Connecticut, Missouri, and Pennsylvania and served as assistant principal at Sacred Heart Academy from 2002-2006, principal of St. Raphael School in Bridgeport, and for the last 10 years principal of Cor Jesu Academy.

"Sister Kathleen Mary Coonan leads with a caring and kind heart, and seeks to inspire students to achieve their fullest potential. We warmly welcome Sr. Kathleen Mary to Sacred Heart Academy," offered President Sr. Sheila O'Neill, ASCJ, '71.

SUMMER CLASSES DUE TO BEGIN AT AMITY ON JULY 5TH

Classes are set to begin at Amity Regional High School as the 2016 Summer Program begins. This summer Amity is partnering with ACES to offer a new blended format for summer school. This partnership will help make summer school more affordable and available to students. Students needing to restore a failing grade or loss of class credit should contact ACES Summer Academy at www.aces.org/schools-programs/aces-summer-academy/overview.

Students wishing to take a credit course for advancement should contact Seth Davis at seth.davis@reg5.k12.ct.us. All classes will take place at Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge.

A sampling of enrichment courses being offered include Math Study Skills, Language Arts Study Skills, Computer & Crafts, Computer & Math Fun, Let's Stay Healthy, College Essay Writing, Creative Writing Workshop, Babysitting Basics, Driver's Education, Boating Safety and Personal Watercraft and SAT Prep courses offered by Lentz & Lentz and Princeton Review.

Amity Summer Musical Theater Camp will be presenting "Showstoppers!" This popular and fun Theater Arts Day Camp, produced by Rob and Andrea Kennedy, is open to all students in grades 2 through high school. Students will receive instruction in voice, dance, and acting skills and the camp will culminate with a full production in which all students will participate.

Amity Instrumental Performing Arts Summer Camp, presented by Philip Dolan, is a fun camp for students ages 8 and up. The camp is designed to teach students instrumental performance skills on the instrument of their choice

including flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, drums, saxophone, and french horn. There will be an on-stage performance by students at the end of the camp.

Career Readiness-Resumes, Job Applications, Interview Skills and More is a new course being offered this summer at Amity Regional High School by Woodbridge Youth Services. This class will help students build their resume with volunteer and local jobs by offering instruction in resume and cover letter writing, completing online, and in-person job applications and interview skills. At the final class, area business people will assist by conducting mock interviews. For more information, contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Evening courses are also being offered, with many new, fun, entertaining and informative classes being presented in the categories of Art, Crafts, Computer, Dance, Finance, CPR, First Aid, Fitness, Health & Wellness, Languages, Photography, Spirituality, Pets, Memoir Writing and more!

Dr. Bernie Siegel will be presenting Life & Living 101, a 2-session course designed to give support and guidance to all who are experiencing the difficulties life presents us with (in other words, everyone!).

Upcoming bus trips include Macy's 4th of July Fireworks & Cruise, CT Lighthouse Cruise, Berkshire Cottages & Red Lion Inn, Long Island Wine Trip, Brooklyn and the Bridge, Locks & Lunch and New Hampshire Fall Foliage.

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August 26th	<i>Labor Day/Back to School Issue</i> September 2nd
September 23rd.....	<i>Columbus Day Issue</i> September 30th

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FROM OUR READERS

Friends of the Library
Say "Thank you"

On behalf of the Friends of Woodbridge Library, I would like to thank everyone in our town, those that visited from neighboring towns, and all our volunteers for helping to make The Friends 2nd Annual Book Sale such a success. Much of that success is due to all the wonderful donations we receive from the community and from the tireless volunteers who sort, clean and organize the books, CDs and DVDs on a continuing basis.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers from Amity High School for helping us relocate Bookstore Alley to the Meeting Room. All the money raised at the Book Sale will be used by the Library for programming, museum passes and to purchase new books.

We will resume accepting gently used books, CDs and DVDs in September. In the meantime we will be selling books at the Farmer’s Market. Stop in and say "hello."

Thank you again Woodbridge for all your support.

Mia Von Beeden

The Real Power
in Woodbridge

The real power in Woodbridge is held by the First Selectman through a useful but devastatingly undemocratic provision of the Town Charter, Article V, sec. 5-3b.

(a) The First Selectman shall be the chief administrative and executive officer to the Town.

(b) The First Selectman shall be a full voting and participating member of the Board of Selectmen. He shall also have the power to break a tie vote of the Board of Selectmen. He shall preside at meetings of the Board of Selectmen, when present.

This provision allows the First Select-

man, and any subsequent First Selectman, to control virtually every vote by the Board. At present the two members of the First Selectman’s own party vote in lock step with her, and 5-3b gives her the fourth vote. The republican members of the Board might just as well phone in their votes, as demonstrated by this year’s appointments to commissions. All open seats were filled along strict party lines with the First Selectman casting the tie-breaking vote.

It amounts to a one party rule, with no checks and balances, except for an arduous and protracted petition system by Town residents. This is reminiscent of other "democracies" where two party rule is non- existent for the expedience and convenience of those in power. After the elections in Woodbridge, the First Selectman has complete control for two years.

We see the manifestation of this power in the lack of public input at public meetings where no public comment is allowed. We see it in executive sessions where decisions are hidden from public view, and we see it in the management of information where it takes real digging to get at the truth. Fortunately, there is no lack of shovels in Woodbridge.

The First Selectman’s office ignores input from residents with whom she does not agree. Why shouldn’t she, when V5-3b gives her unfettered power. She ignores her razor-thin 56 vote margin in the general election. Her statement, "It doesn’t matter how much you win by, but only that you’ve won" is absolutely correct under V 5-3b.

Is this America where differences of opinion are discussed and debated, and compromises are hammered out? Is this Connecticut, where the direct democracy of the Town Meeting is supposed to direct public policy? Or is this an entirely different entity, where you are expected

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AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL – BETHANY CAMPUS



Fourth Marking Period Honor Roll

First Honors
7th Grade

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Rhian Alsgaard
Tiana Amendola
Oren Aviad
Elisabeth Barbieri
Jason Benard
Sarah Bernier
Jack Cadelina
Alanna Carlson
Laci Carpenos
Jillian Ciccarelli
Allyson Cooper
Faith Desarbo
Megan Ding
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Jonathan Wang
Michelle Ward
Vivian Wincherhern
Cole Wissink
Jennifer Xu
Philip Yang
Claire Yuan
Jenna Zamkov
Alexander Zavatkay
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First Honors
8th Grade

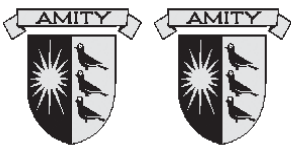
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Blythe Reis
Abigail Slanski
David Sugarmann
Jack Tajmajer
Rachel Vincent
Sienna Wang
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Victor You
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Second Honors
7th Grade

John Emanuel
Anna Fountain
Juan Garcia
Ryan Kennedy
Mahabat Khanji
Riku Korenaga
Cressida Lewis
Lourdes Mollica
John Santangelo
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Matthew Sturtevant
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Antoni Witt

Second Honors
8th Grade

Samuel Epstein
Sarah Foley
Yahn Galinovsky
Eric Jiang
Evan Kindseth
Trevor Mahabir
Armando Palma
Tyler Roy



Citizenship Recognition – 7th Grade

Eesha Acharya	Sage Johnson	Peter Savelyev
Tiana Amendola	Jack Kealey	Peter Scully
Elisabeth Barbieri	Kabir Khwaja	Hanna Skiba
Caroline Cadelina	Andrew Kim	Allison Su
Jack Cadelina	Riku Korenaga	Grace Swain
Megan Ding	Savannah Kusnitz	Leah Tobin
Mcallister Dixon	Jenny Liu	Gabriella Urbano
Ian Glassman	William Livesay	Natasha Vonbeeden
Alicia Gopal	Kevin Lu	Michelle Ward
Evan Gorelick	Benjamin Martin	Jennifer Xu
Madison Grieger	Rose Parady	Claire Yuan
Lily Johnson	Abigail Sauberman	Wendy Zhang

Citizenship Recognition – 8th Grade

Taraneh Abolfath	Saeyeon Han	Jillian Nugent
Ana Boccanfuso	Claire Hosey	Cassandre Parkinson
Annie Bogush	Mayel Hubbard	Akanksha Paul
Rachel Christie	Riqui Jiang	Nicoletta Pellegrino
Nicole Cohen	Ryan Kelley	Alexandra Plaza
Margaret Connor	Mina Kim	Natalie Prinz
Marlin Cosar	Shua Kim	Abigail Slanski
Hannah D'Arche	Hunter Laubstein	Jack Tajmajer
Olivia D'Arche	Nicolas Lopez-Vila	Lauren Walsh
Matteo Delsanto	Tracy Lu	Sienna Wang
Rhea Dey	Laurella Marin	Sophia Wang
John Dill	Sarah Milner	Abigail Wisnewski
Abigail Fletcher	Kayla Morgan	Zachary Young
Sarah Foley	Alicia Myung	
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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



AMITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION

A few local members of the Amity High School class of 1966 reunion committee met to go over plans for their 50th class reunion. From left, Ernest Mattei, class president; Nancy Miller of North Haven; David Schaefer; and Bruce Dumelin of North Haven review their class yearbook. The reunion will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 6-11 p.m., at Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Road, Wallingford. The evening will include a buffet dinner and dancing to a DJ. There will be an in-

formal happy hour on Friday evening at Harry's Sports Bar in the Best Western in North Haven. If you are a graduate of that class and haven't been contacted or if you know a member of that class, please contact Ernie Mattei, 860-275-0201, ejmattei@daypitney.com, or his administrative assistant Kathy Boardway at kboardway@daypitney.com. Check out Facebook at: Amity High Class of Nineteensixtysix. Help is needed in locating and updating addresses and missing classmates.



The graduating class of 2016 at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School

LIU NAMED ONE OF 15 FINALISTS FOR THE BIOGENEUS CHALLENGE

The Biogeneius Challenge, the premier competition for high school students – from across the world – recognizes outstanding research in biotechnology. Helen will now head to San Francisco to compete in the International BioGENEius Challenge at BIO 2016, the international convention for the biotech industry, to showcase her research on a new treatment for Gaucher Disease (GD), which causes anemia, brittle bones and organ enlargement. She isolated a specific protein and engineered a molecule from it to create a novel drug therapy, significantly reducing cost of GD treatment.

The Challenge provides young STEM innovators and entrepreneurs a venue to showcase their research, in addition to helping them build a long-term support system for converting their dreams into reality. Helen will be in the running to win the first place cash prize of \$7,500 while in San Francisco.

The Biotechnology Institute announced the 15 student finalists competing at the International BioGENEius Challenge at the 2016 Biotechnology Industry Convention (BIO2016). The BioGENEius Challenge is the premier competition for high school students from across the globe that recognizes outstanding research and innovation in biotechnology. Students will be recognized for their efforts in three different Challenge tracks – global healthcare, sustainability and the environment. Finalists from each track will join industry professionals at the BIO International

Convention. On June 6th, all finalists will participate in rigorous judging during the International BioGENEius Challenge. During the competition, students will present highly advanced and innovative research projects that address a variety of real world challenges – including unmet medical needs in cardiometabolic disorders, Parkinson's, diabetes, inflammation, cancer, and HIV, as well as environmental issues surrounding nitrates, organics, and enhanced production of high value food sources. "The extraordinary research we see during the BioGENEius Challenge underscores the importance of investing and encouraging our younger generations to pursue their ideas," said Dr. Lawrence Mahan, President of the Biotechnology Institute. "The sophistication of research skill that this year's finalists display given their level of education and stage of career is phenomenal. It is our mission at the Institute to not just showcase their talents, but to foster the efforts of future BioGENEius candidates to challenge their innovative ability."

The BioGENEius Challenge is organized by the Biotechnology Institute, a U.S. based organization dedicated to biotechnology education. Generous support from major sponsors include Global Healthcare Challenge and Premier sponsor Johnson & Johnson Innovation and the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) as well as this year's National sponsors Genentech, Pfizer, PhRMA, and Sangamo BioSciences.

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EDUCATION



AMS-BETHANY CHARACTER OF THE 4TH QUARTER AWARD

Amity Middle School in Bethany has a "Character of the Quarter" awards program. Each marking period students are recognized for one of four traits: Respect, Determination, Responsibility, and Cooperation. Students from each team are selected to receive this honor. They have a special breakfast at the end of the year and are presented with their award certificate.

The character trait for the 4th quarter was "Cooperation". The students who recently received the "Character of the Quarter" award are: Standing – L to R: Michael Baitch, Colby Fantarella, Lauren Walsh, Jack Tajmajer, Sophia Wang, Ben Martin. Kneeling – L to R: Trevor Mahabir, Lily Johnson, Savanah Kusnitz, Easha Acharya, Andrew Molleur.



WEA Scholarship Committee members Sandra Simowitz, Doreen Merrill, and Jean Molot, and Julia Healey, scholarship recipient.

WEA PRESENTS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS AT AMITY

The Woodbridge Education Association presented three scholarships at the Senior Awards Night at Amity High School on June 8, 2016. Julia Healey, won the Ann D'Addio Scholarship, awarded to a graduating Amity senior who is a Woodbridge resident and planning to pursue a career in teaching. Eli Silvert won the Kevin Kucinskas Scholarship, awarded to a graduating Amity

senior who is a Woodbridge resident and planning to attend college in the fall. William Wang won the Rick Wood Scholarship, awarded to a graduating Amity senior who is a Woodbridge resident and planning to pursue a career in education, music or technology. All three scholarships, each worth \$500, are awarded based on scholarship, need, and service.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



GREAT GRILL MATE FOR THE 4TH!

One of the greatest grill-mate wines for this time of year is Pinotage. Pinotage is dense in color and bold in flavor with notes of plum sauce, tobacco, blackberry, tar and licorice. It is a little earthy and stands up quite well to Smokey beef dishes and steaks and chops. This unique grape has been under loved for many years and for many reasons.

Pinotage is a grape variety that was created in South Africa in 1925 by Abraham Perold, the first Professor of Viticulture at Stellenbosch University. Perold was attempting to combine the best qualities of the robust Hermitage with Pino Noir, a grape that makes great wine but can be difficult to grow. Perold planted the four seeds from his cross in the garden of his official residence at Welgevalle Experimental Farm and then seems to have forgotten about them. In 1927 he left the university for a job with KWV co-operative and the garden became overgrown. The university sent in a team to tidy it up, just as Charlie Niehaus happened to pass by. He was a young lecturer who knew about the seedlings, and rescued them from the clean-up team. The young plants were moved to Elsenburg Agricultural College under Perold's successor, CJ Theron. In 1935 Theron grafted them onto newly established Richter 99 and Richter 57 rootstock at Welgevalle. Meanwhile, Perold continued to visit his former colleagues. Theron showed him the newly grafted vines, and the one that was doing best was selected for propagation and was christened

Pinotage. The first wine was made in 1941 at Elsenburg, with the first commercial plantings at Myrtle Grove near Sir Lowry's Pass. Also in 1941 Pinotage vines were planted at the Kanonkop Estate, the wines of which have later risen to great fame and can mature up to 25 years, so that this estate has even been called "a formidable leader of Cape's red wine pack".

The first recognition came when a Belview wine made from Pinotage became the champion wine at the Cape Wine Show of 1959. This wine would become the first wine to



David Frost at \$14.00 is a best buy wine.

mention Pinotage on its label in 1961, when Stellenbosch Farmer's Winery (SFW) marketed it under their Lancer brand. This early success, and its easy viticulture, prompted a wave of planting during the 1960s. Today Pinotage is recognized as a separate and distinct

wine. It is more like Shiraz than Pino Noir. It is different and unique but not well known. This 4th of July weekend try some Pinotage. You will be glad you did.

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He is a commercial and amateur wine judge and an award winning home wine maker. He teaches classes for the Milford Board of Education, Gateway Community College, and Maltose Wine and Beer Supply. He serves on the tasting panels of Wine Maker Magazine, and Amenti del Vino, Email Ray with all of your wine questions and comments at Real-estatepro1000@gmail.com.

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to pay your taxes and shut your mouth?

We rely on tremendous personal integrity and restraint of power by those elected to office. Sadly, it is a quality that we need to see more of in our town. Rescinding Article V sec. 5-3b would help.

David A. Lober M.D.

Why I Oppose the Development of WCC

I have been a vocal opponent of development of the Country Club of Woodbridge golf course by Toll Brothers. I oppose it for several reasons.

First, most of us who live around the golf course and many others in town don't want to see it developed for obvious reasons; we love the place. Most of us have lived here a long time; we golf there, walk our pets there and our kids go sledding on the sledding hill in the northwest corner of the course. While we don't like the idea of development we also are concerned by the years of building, dust, dirt and noise that will take place before all the units are sold.

However, not all of the issues are about esthetics and recreation. One issue is money. Woodbridge needs it; our taxes are high. Part of that is due to rising costs and terrible decisions by the state government. However, the town's government shares some responsibility for the current financial situation. They would like us to believe that the sale to Toll Brothers is the miracle cure for all financial ills. In fact the sale of the property is neither going to make the town's financial issues go away nor significantly lower property owners' taxes. The stewards of Woodbridge need to control spending; this is difficult to do; no one likes to tell groups of voters (especially a few months from an election) that the amount of money they are getting from the town is going to be reduced; no one likes to tell anyone that they are going to take something away from them. The town has been focusing on economic development in the business district, and, as one owning a business in town, I applaud Ms. Scalettar's efforts to promote local businesses. However, the town needs to diligently curb overspending. Many are concerned that the focus on the sale of a single piece of town land

will distract the town from addressing the true, long-term problems we face. Also, many citizens of the town have made suggestions on how to use the property at the golf course to make it more productive without selling it, but these ideas can't gain traction while the sale of the property is being discussed.

There are environmental and zoning issues as well. Years ago, the Town, as required by law, notified the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection that a "significant environmental hazard" exists at the property involving pesticides in the soil and groundwater. Inexplicably, despite the presence of many residential drinking water wells surrounding the area, the Town did nothing for many years. Recently, there has been action, but only because residents spoke up. Future development, particularly if it involves excavation or blasting, could spread the contamination.

Then there is the zoning issue. The administration points to legal opinions that allow the Town's first cluster housing development at the CCW does not mean that similar zoning changes are guaranteed to happen elsewhere in town. Even if true, there is no denying that establishing a precedent will make subsequent changes easier.

The administration is wedded to the concept of selling the property to Toll Brothers. Given all of the unresolved issues regarding this matter and the serious opposition to it which Ms. Scalettar acknowledges, you have to ask why. The reason must be political. A municipal election is coming up in the spring; incumbents have a better chance of winning when town finances are good. If the Toll Brothers proposal is passed, the administration will be able to say that they have added \$5,000,000 to the treasury with the implication that all will benefit everyone. But it will serve only to mask temporarily significant long-term problems. It is time to have a vision and it is time to work together, we need to look at all of the issues which affect this town to make an even more desirable place to live than it already is. This will be difficult but it's preferable to focusing on the sale of one piece of property as the answer to everything. There is no easy fix.

Adrienne Micci-Smith

RESIDENTS CAN PAY TAXES ONLINE

The Town of Woodbridge is pleased to announce that residents can now use a credit card to pay their tax bills online (woodbridgect.org). Residents may still mail in checks or pay by cash or check in person. The Tax Collector cannot accept credit card payments in person – only online.

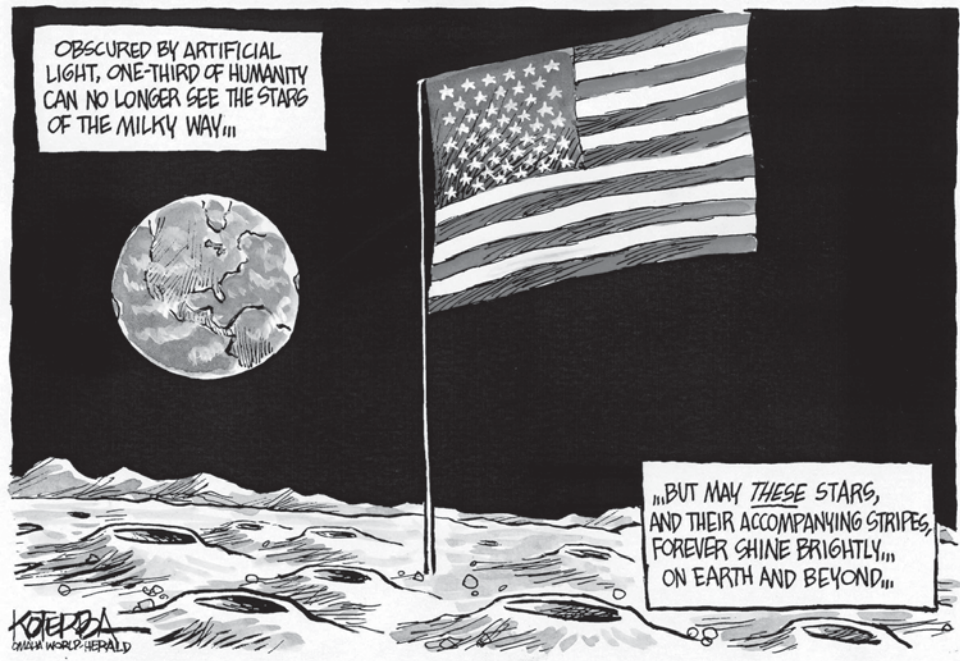
Residents who choose to pay with a credit card online may use MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express. The credit card companies will charge the resident a 2.5% fee. "We are looking at ways to move official business to the internet to increase convenience for our residents," says First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "This new tax payment option is building on the success of the Recreation Department's

online registration system."

"Residents are responding very enthusiastically to this change, and I encourage people to consider using the online system," said Tax Collector Pat Crisco. "Of course, we are still happy to take payments in person."

Tax bills are due on July 1, 2016 and residents have until August 1 to pay without penalty. Starting August 2, there is a state-mandated late fee of 1.5 percent from the due date, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.

The Tax Collector's office will be open for extended hours on Saturday July 30 from 9 am to noon and on Monday August 1 from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. to accommodate taxpayers.



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



Senior Center Director Lee Canning and First Selectman Ellen Scalett. [Picture submitted by Suzanne Bonk]

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR LEE CANNING RETIREMENT

Woodbridge Senior Center Director Lee Canning retired on June 24th from nearly 35 years' service to the Woodbridge Senior Center. On Thursday, June

16 she was honored with a retirement party and First Selectman Ellen Scalett presented Lee with a Citation of Appreciation.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2016

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

7/2	Economic Development Commission	MEETING CANCELLED
7/6	Human Services Commission 7:00pm	Center Bldg.
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission 7:30pm	Town Hall
7/7	Police Commission 6:00pm	Police Dept.
7/8	Board of Selectmen	MEETING CANCELLED
7/13	Library Commission 6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30pm	Town Hall
7/14	Special Board of Selectmen	Town Hall
7/15	Inland/Wetlands Agency 7:30pm	Town Hall
7/16	Board of Finance 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission MEETING	CANCELLED
7/20	Fire Commission 6:00pm	Fire Station
	CUPOP 6:30pm	Town Hall
7/23	Special Econ. Development Comm. 7:00pm	Town Hall
7/27	Country Club of Woodbridge Comm. 6:00pm	Town Hall
	Special Town Plan & Zoning Comm. . 7:30pm	Senior Center Cafe
	Recreation Commission..... 7:30pm	Beecher Rd School S
7/28	CUPOP Special Meeting 6:30pm	Town Hall
	Government Access TV 7:15pm	Town Hall

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

By Nancy Pfund



Youth Services Offers Job Readiness Program At Amity Regional High School

Woodbridge Youth Services Program Coordinator Jeanette Glicksman and Director Nancy Pfund will offer two Job Readiness Courses for students entering Grades 9-12 through the Continuing Education Program at Amity High School July 11th-14th and July 18th-21st. The course provides hands-on instruction

in preparing resumes, job applications, interview skills, and follow-up.

Course fee is \$15.00. See the Summer Course Catalog on Amity's website. The Job Readiness programs are sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services through a 2-year grant from AT&T. For more information call 203-389-3429.

Red Cross Babysitter Training

The 2-day Red Cross Babysitter Training Course will be held for local teens at the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, July 12th and Wednesday,

July 13th from 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Students must attend both days to receive a certificate. Fee is \$60 with a discount for siblings. Call 203-389-3429 to register.

Seventh Grade Picnic/Giant Slide

Bethwood Bash/August 25, 2016

Woodbridge Youth Services invites all incoming seventh grade Bethany and Woodbridge residents to the 19th annual Seventh Grade Picnic on Thursday, August 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event, the first Bethwood Bash of the school year, will be held on the Woodbridge Green at 4 Meetinghouse Lane, near the Gazebo in Woodbridge. Rain location: Woodbridge Center Building Gym. Admission is only \$5.00, so please register now at 203-389-3429.

You'll have a great time on the Giant Slide, and don't miss the pizza, music, games and dancing with an interactive D.J., and the free raffle! Hang with friends and make some new ones!

Participants must be entering seventh grade and be residents of Woodbridge or Bethany. Private school students are welcome! Bethwood Bash Programs are sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany.

Volunteers and prizes needed!

Parents, grandparents, college students, and high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to help. All Youth Evening events require chaperones! It's a great way to support our young teens, and create a safe, fun way to meet

friends for face-to-face socialization. Donations are appreciated from individuals and local businesses for program needs and raffle prizes. Registration is requested for this event - please call at 203-389-3429.

TAKE A SURVEY ABOUT WOODBRIDGE'S FUTURE

Woodbridge residents and members of the Town's business community are invited to participate in three preference surveys designed to help create a vision for the Village District and Business District. The Town has hired a planning consultant to update zoning regulations for the Woodbridge Village District and the Business District. The surveys are part of that project. Working with a planner to "help coordinate the completion of Plan of Conservation and Development Action Agenda items and direct the land use development process" was one of the action items in the recently published Plan of Conservation and Development.

The project is focusing on the Village District and Business District because these areas are the Town's main entry point. The first survey is available now. The second will be posted on June 20 and the third on July 5. They will all be avail-

able online through the end of August. People are encouraged to fill out all three.

"I encourage everyone with a stake in Woodbridge's future to complete these short surveys," said First Selectman Ellen Scalett. "Updating our zoning regulations is one of many steps the Town is taking to be more active in economic development and to make Woodbridge a more vibrant community for businesses and residents."

Survey results will help Town Plan and Zoning Commission to update the Town's zoning regulations, which will help determine the future use of land and look of buildings and the community. The long-term goal is to create a vibrant mixed use area with commercial and residential uses.

A link to the surveys may be found on the Town's website under "important links."

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

A LOCAL HERO AT HELPING HANDS

May 31, 2016 started off as a typical day for Darrin Parker and James Kozik, employees of Helping Hands Community Thrift Store & Furniture Bank in Orange, as they went to a local house to pick up donations. The homeowner asked Darrin to do her a favor and throw a table with a glass top into a dumpster that was on her property. As Darrin lifted the table to throw it into the dumpster, the glass top came crashing down onto his head and shattered with a shard cutting straight into the crook of his right arm. James was loading items into the truck at the time, heard the crash and then Darrin screaming to call 911.

As James called 911 and got to Darrin, he saw how much blood Darrin was losing. His military training instantly kicked in and he immediately applied pressure to the wound while helping Darrin walk towards the steps to sit down as they waited for the paramedics to arrive. As they were approaching the steps, Darrin collapsed. James asked the owner for three plastic bags to tie the wound off, and elevated his knees to increase blood flow to the heart. The paramedics soon arrived and James explained the situation, telling them the glass had pierced an artery in Darrin's arm. After two surgical procedures, thankfully Darrin is expected to make a full recovery. If James wasn't there that day, there's a good chance that Darrin would no longer be with us. We are proud to call James Kozik a Helping Hands Hero.

James is a Connecticut resident who served for three years in the United States Air Force, where he was stationed in Hurlburt Field, Florida. When he was honorably discharged from the Air Force, he had difficulty finding work and found himself homeless. Through the VA, James found Columbus House, a non-profit organization that for the past 33 years has been serving over 3,000 individuals annually who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Columbus House offers a broad array of programs and services for adults, families with children, and Veterans who are experiencing homelessness, including shelter, housing, employment, and case management services. The organization provided James with an apartment with other homeless Veterans at Harkness House, a program owned and operated by Columbus House that houses up to 14 Veterans. The ultimate goal is to help secure income and a permanent place to call home. Columbus House was able to help James get a job by finding him employment at Helping Hands.

Helping Hands supports and raises funds for over 150 non-profit organizations through its Thrift Store and provides furniture essentials through its Furniture Bank to the clients of their social service members. To arrange for a donation pick-up, please contact Helping Hands at 203-782-4800 and for questions about Helping Hands, please contact Steve Greenberg at 203-387-2266 (www.helpinghandsctfb.com).

AMITY PHYSICAL THERAPY HEADED FOR 12TH YEAR

Amity Physical Therapy, Greater New Haven's award-winning physical therapy facility, will be celebrating its 12th year shortly. Founded by Michael Dow MSPT and CEO/Director, the practice has been voted "Best of New Haven", two years running, by a number of prominent local publications.

Dow, a long time area resident, set out to differentiate his practice from all other local facilities. Above all, he and his partner, Kyle Branday MSPT, carefully chose the best therapists from a cadre of many qualified practitioners, most of whom have earned advanced degrees in physical therapy. "This is a very 'hands-on' profession", Dow commented, "and a therapist's skills must be complemented by compassion. Our patients are cared for from the moment they walk through our doors. Their comfort is foremost, both physically and psychologically. Our offices reflect the most relaxed, informal atmosphere possible. No sterile white walls; rather, carefully selected works of art and serene color formats throughout to create a warm, healing environment."



Michael Dow MSPT

From a single facility in Woodbridge, Amity Physical Therapy has grown to three flagship offices, adding Hamden and Branford to its complex. Each office has a staff of highly skilled therapists, most with Doctorate Degrees and all

with experience in a wide variety of injuries and pain trauma. From chronic lower back pain, muscle or joint pain, neurological symptoms, imbalance, to post-surgical rehabilitation--their therapy covers the age range from pediatrics to geriatrics. Amity Physical Therapy has also recently added the

healing art of acupuncture to its arsenal of pain-killing therapy.

"There's no substitute for true caring and personal understanding of one's pain," Dow concluded. "We're not time-based, nor a turn-style facility. We're deeply committed to every patient, no matter how difficult or complex their problem may be. From a thorough diagnostic evaluation, to the final healing process, every physical therapy talent we possess is directed toward returning our patients to normal physical activity as soon as possible."

COREA ELECTED TO CT JAMES W. COOPER FELLOWS PROGRAM

Attorney Andy Corea of Woodbridge was elected a 2016 Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program. "We are pleased to recognize our new Fellows for their distinguished services to our legal system and for their commitment to the principles of equal justice and the rule of law," said James T. (Tim) Shearin, President of the Connecticut Bar Foundation.

The Connecticut Bar Foundation James W. Cooper Fellows Program was established to honor the leading members of the legal profession and the Judiciary in Connecticut, to promote a better understanding of the legal profession and the judicial system, and to explore ways to improve the profession and the administration of justice in Connecticut. Membership in the Fellows is by invitation only and is evidence of professional distinction. Forty-one Fellows were elected this year.

Attorney Corea is a partner at St. Onge, Steward, Johnston & Reens, LLC

in Stamford. He received a B.A. from the College of William & Mary in 1992 and a J.D. from George Mason University School of Law in 1995. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 2005. He was also admitted in Tennessee in 1995 and the District of Columbia in 1997.

He is a member of the American Bar Association; the American IP Law Association (IIPLA); the International Trademark Association (INTA); and the Board of Directors of the South Asian Bar Association of Connecticut as well as serving as its past president (2013-2014). He also served as past president of the Connecticut Intellectual Property Law Association (2012-2013).

Attorney Corea has received the following awards: American Bar Foundation Fellow and the Pro Bono Partnership Pro Bono Honor Roll (2014-2016).

He resides in Woodbridge with his wife, Michelle L. Bell.

Attorney Corea was honored at a reception at the New Haven Lawn Club on May 3, 2016.





AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION!

By V. Deborah Culligan, Deputy Director

The health of a community is not just the absence of illness or disease. Rather, the health of a community involves all aspects of life, including economic, recreational, environmental, cultural and spiritual aspects. Quin-nipiac Valley Health District, serving Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge, is collecting your opinions about health in the community through a community health assessment (CHA.). Through this process, health issues, community conditions and resources that contribute to health will be identified. This information will be used to improve

health in our communities. Your voice is important! Please consider completing a Community Health Assessment survey. You can find it online, www.qvhd.org, request a copy by email (dculligan@qvhd.org) or fax (203 248-6671) or you can call QVHD (203 248-4528) for a mailed copy. It is also located on the Town of Hamden website home page and on the North Haven town home page under "announcements". The more "voices" we hear from, the better our understanding of the community. Help shape the future of health in your town. Complete a survey now!



TOWN ADDS NATIVE PLANTINGS

Several new native bushes and trees were added to the Fitzgerald Property earlier this spring. Parks Director Adam Parsons planted two gray dogwood shrubs, nine summersweet shrubs, three bayberry shrubs, three blueberry bushes, one dogwood tree and three cedar trees in the field next to the community gardens. Parsons has been working closely with the First Selectman's Ad Hoc Committee on Best Organic/Outdoor Maintenance & Management Practices. The Committee's first task was to recommend a management plan for the Fitzgerald Field in order to make the land as friendly as possible to pollina-tors and native flora and fauna.

The addition of "pioneer" native plants to the field advances the Com-mittee's recommendation to create a "transitional meadow to aid in attract-ing more birds and butterflies while enhancing the natural look of this area." The "transitional meadow" is between the community gardens and the woods. "I'd like to thank the volunteer com-mittee members – Chair Louisa Cun-ningham, Peter Cooper, Tom Kenefick, Chris LoScalzo, Judy Moore, Andy Stack – and Parks Director Adam Parsons for the time they have put into this project," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "It is an important part of our efforts to make Woodbridge a leader in 'green' and environmentally friendly practices."

"AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION"

Fishing For Health

Fishing season is open! Fish is a good, low-fat, and economical source of protein. Many healthy heart programs recommend eating more fish meals due to the effect of fish oils. Other nutri-ents such as the selenium and iodine found in fish are beneficial for health. Recent studies have shown that eating fish during pregnancy may improve a child's IQ and ability to learn. However, because some fish tend to take up chemi-cals (such as mercury and polychlori-nated biphenyl's- PCBs), many people, including pregnant women, have backed away from eating fish. But this is not necessary if you choose smartly.

To help you do this, each fishing season, the CT Department of Public Health (DPH) issues its annual fish con-sumption advisory for fish caught in CT waters and for fish from a market. This season, its list of healthiest fish choices include trout and sunfish from CT freshwater bodies, flounder (winter and summer varieties) and scup (porgy) from Long Island Sound. Wild salmon and Pollock are the best choices from the grocery store. These species have been recommended because they can be consumed without limit.

The DPH 2016 Fish Consumption Advisory recommends quantity limits for many fish, adjusted for the risk group you are in. You are in the high-risk group if you are pregnant women, a woman planning pregnancy within a year, a nursing mother or a child under the age of 6. All other persons are in the low-risk group.

For fish from statewide freshwater, high risk groups should consume no more than 1 meal per month; low risk groups, no more than 1 meal per week due to the possibility of mercury. For other fish from specific CT waterbodies, you need to view the chart provided in the brochure as there is too much detail to report here.

For fish from the store, the advisory states the following general guidelines: Persons in high-risk groups can eat up to 2 fish meals per week from either the market or from a restaurant. They should choose from a variety of species, including canned tuna. Persons at high-risk should not ever eat swordfish or

shark. They should choose light tuna because it has less mercury than "white" tuna. Lobster and shellfish are generally low in contaminants, but the tomalley portion of lobster (the green gland) can be high in contaminants and should not be eaten. This applies to all lobsters. High risk persons should also avoid sushi containing Kajiki and limit eating sushi made with Ahi, Magoro, and Toro to one meal a week.

For all persons, choose from these fish more often: flounder, herring, trout, Atlantic mackerel, sole, sardines and smelts, pollock and salmon (wild) as they are especially low in contami-nants. Other fish that are relatively safe to eat and can be consumed up to two meals a week by women, children and low-risk persons are: haddock, Atlantic mackerel, cod, light tuna (canned), shell-fish (oysters, shrimp, clams, scallops, lobster), perch, and tilapia.

Special information about trout: Most trout from CT rivers are safe to eat because they usually have little con-tamination and are routinely re-stocked. However, there are limits on trout from certain waterbodies due to PCBs and on large trout from lakes due to mercury. The brochure details this information.

How you prepare fish can help to de-crease your exposure to chemicals. When you cook fish, you will eat less PCBs if you remove skin and other fatty parts. Cook fish on a rack (broil) so that fat can drip away from the flesh. Remove and do not eat the organs, head, skin and the dark fatty tissue along the backbone, lateral lines and belly. Mercury is in the edible (fillet) portion of fish. Therefore, you cannot lower your exposure to mercury by cooking or cleaning the fish. It is important to remember that large fish tend to have the highest levels of PCBs and mercury. Therefore, eat small fish (perch, small trout, sunfish, etc.) instead of large fish whenever possible.

To obtain a copy of the 2016 "If I Catch It, Can I Eat It: A Guide to Eating Fish Safely" go to www.ct.gov/dph/fish. If you do not have internet access, Quin-nipiac Valley Health District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) can call this office, 203 248-4528 to request a copy.

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ALWAYS PRACTICE SUMMER SUN SAFETY

Always practice summer sun safety. When the weather is warm, many people take time to relax at the beach or poolside. While such relaxation can provide a welcome break from busy schedules, it's important that men, women and children prioritize protecting their skin when spending time in the sun.

According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, basal cell carcinoma, or BCC, is the most common form of skin cancer. The American Cancer Society notes that each year there are more new cases of skin cancer in the United States than the combined incidences of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon. Despite that prevalence, many people still engage in risky behaviors in the name of outdoor enjoyment. Being safe in the sun won't take anything away from enjoyable outdoor activities, but exercising such caution will help summer revelers reduce their risk for skin cancer and other conditions.

Know the risks of UV exposure. Sunlight is needed to engage vitamin D production in the body, but too much sun exposure can do more harm than good. Ultraviolet, or UV, rays from the sun and other sources, such as tanning beds, are the primary cause of skin cancer. Exposure also can lead to sunburns, premature aging/wrinkling and eye damage.

Use only broad-spectrum SPF sun-

screen. Look for a sunblock product that boasts an SPF of at least 30. The FDA requires any sunscreen with an SPF below 15 to carry a warning that it only protects against sunburn, not skin cancer or skin aging. Find a sunscreen that works against UVA and UVB rays as well. UVA rays are mostly responsible for contributing to skin cancer and premature aging. Reapply frequently, especially when swimming or engaging in activities that cause sweating.

Know the difference between water-resistant and waterproof sunscreens. Manufacturers are no longer allowed to claim that their sunscreens are waterproof or sweatproof. A sunscreen may be able to repel water for a short time, but it should be reapplied when leaving the water or when spending long stretches in the water.

Cover up whenever possible. It may seem counterintuitive in hot weather, but covering up can be beneficial to the skin and actually keep a person cooler. Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeve tops and light-colored pants. Some materials are made with reflective properties, while others actually boast their own SPF.

Summer fun does not need to be threatened by overexposure to the sun. By exercising caution, everyone can spend quality time in the great outdoors all summer long.



CLEAN UP AFTER A DAY AT THE BEACH

Jaunts to the beach are par for the course come summertime. Thousands of people flock to the coasts of oceans and lakes to enjoy refreshing dips into the water and soak up some rays on the sand. But enjoyable days can turn somewhat aggravating if sand from the beach was not washed off prior to leaving the surf and sun behind.

Ensuring sand stays at the beach and isn't tracked home may require a little patience, but it is possible to hit the beach without taking sand home.

Arrive prepared. Bring supplies to the beach that will make it easy to keep sand from finding its way into your car or home. A large trash bag, some extra towels that never hit the sand and some moist wipes to clean leftover sand off your arms and legs can help you leave the sand at the beach where it belongs. Also, establish a time to leave the beach well in advance so everyone has time to clean up.

Reserve bags specifically for the beach. Reserve bags for the sole task of transporting items to and from the beach so you are not adding to your collection of bags that have sand on them with each beach visit you make. These also can be used to store sandy kids' toys.

Protect electronics and other sensitive items. Sand can damage phones, tablets and other electronics. Zip-top bags provide ample storage and can

keep devices safe from sand that can be lodged in crevices or can scratch screens.

Clean sand off of clothes and chairs in the parking lot. Give clothes, beach chairs and other items exposed to sand a good shake or wipe-down in the parking lot before driving home. Give extra attention to sunblock-covered bodies. Sprinkle some cornstarch or baby powder on your skin before toweling off, as doing so can help release any sand that's stubbornly sticking to your skin. Do not forget to wipe off sandy feet as well.


Wrap up towels and sandy items. Put anything used to wipe off sand into a garbage bag and make sure it is tied tightly. After shaking the items off in the parking lot, do so again in your yard before dropping them into the hamper.

Keep dry towels in the car. Even the most ardent cleaner may still track some sand along. Placing towels over the seats in the car will catch any errant sand. Towels also protect the seats from damp swimsuits.

Do an extra cleaning at home. Hose down any chairs and items brought to the beach once you return home. This will dislodge any remaining sand and prevent it from being tracked inside.

Store belongings in a shed or garage. Avoid tracking sand indoors by keeping beach supplies in the garage or a backyard shed.

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Members of Eric Soufrine's platoon attended the local ceremony. Eric died in Afghanistan in 2010 when the convoy he was riding in was hit by an IUD. His family was seated behind them.



Taking the Pledge of Allegiance at the town's Memorial Day ceremony are, from left, Master of Ceremonies Army Capt. Barry Josephs; State Sen. Joseph Crisco; First Selectman Ellen Scalett and The Rev. Shepard Parsons. State Rep. Themis Klarides also was in attendance.



Boy Scouts present Colors.



Oscar Parente and his wife Marie at the Memorial Day ceremony. Parente fought at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

"Memorial Day" continued from Page 1 who lost a loved one."

She also applauded Oscar Parente, a World War II survivor who had participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He later went on to become a math teacher and settled in Woodbridge with his wife, Marie.

Two swallows had made their way into the gym, where they fluttered nervously back and forth. "We had our own fly-bys," said The Rev. Shepard Parsons of the First Church. "Even Nature, even creation itself is honoring those who died," he said — "not to make more war, but to bring peace."

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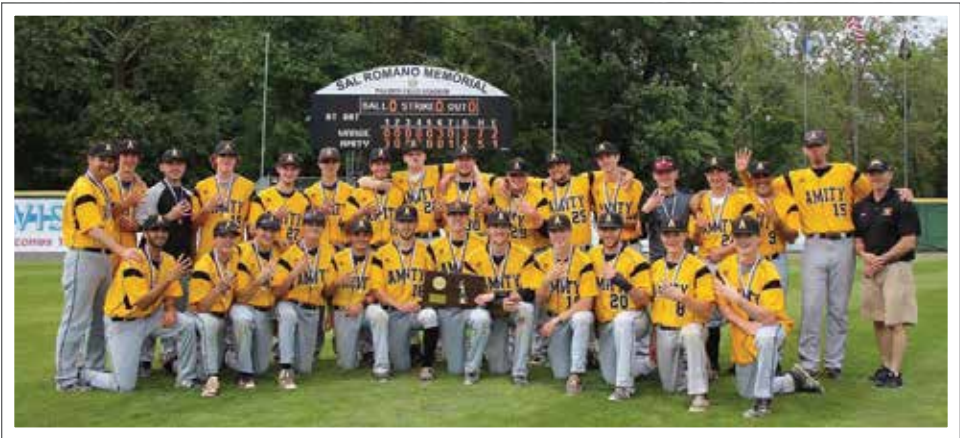
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LOCAL SPORTS



The Amity Spartans Baseball Team made history on June 11 when the CIAC Class LL team beat Fairfield Warde in a 4-3 walk-off win. Amity is the first high school team to win four consecutive championships.



Left to right: Coach Brendan Moss, Brian Ronai, Chris Winkel, Pat Winkel, Eli Oliphant and Coach Jeff Rotteck.

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Left To Right: Alicia Gopal, Samantha Cantalupo, Sophie Grant (back), Anushka Acharya (front), Alesandro Gopal, Eesha Acharya

TAEKWONDO STUDENTS PREPARE FOR USAT NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIPS

World Champion Taekwondo Woodbridge Team members, along with other WCT school teams in Connecticut, are training to compete at the USA Taekwondo National Championships being held in Richmond VA this year July 4th – July 10th. This exciting event boasts over 3,000 competitors from all over the United States. National team members are selected from the results of this competition to determine the strongest athletes to represent the United States in the Summer Olympic Games.

Master Kim has been teaching Taekwondo for over 20 years and has been training students for national level competition in the U.S since 2004. This year's Woodbridge Team has been practicing all

year, 5 days a week, most often 2-3 hours each day of intensive physical training. Practices focus on Taekwondo forms and competition style breaking featuring special aerial kicks and power breaks. As part of their preparation for this big event, students attend seminars and compete in tournaments including the USAT CT National Qualifier. Ms. Alicia Gopal just won Cadet Bronze for Individual World Class Poomsae (Forms) at the ATU (American Taekwondo United) Championship held in Atlanta, Georgia June 4th. Many of these students placed and won medals in last year's event held in San Diego California. Through hard work, dedication and perseverance, they look to return triumphant again in 2016.



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Amity students Samantha Fleischman and Neviah Selmon demonstrate an underwater robot.



Amity High School student Shahood Khan from Orange exhibits his science research project on designing a cost-efficient energy solution utilizing solar and wind energy.



Fifth graders are testing pulleys at STEAM Day.



Students test their senses with their eyes covered.

FIFTH GRADERS PICK A PRESIDENT

Amity Engages Young Guests In Science Experiments

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

If it was up to the fifth graders in the three Amity towns to choose a president from a pool consisting of Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders or Donald Trump, they would choose Hillary Clinton (39.2%), closely followed by Donald Trump (34.5%) and Bernie Sanders (26.4%). However, they were not asked to choose from name recognition. Instead, they heard statements from each of the candidates on immigration, healthcare and the economy, and were then prompted to vote for A, B or C, depending on whether they agreed more with one or the other.

This social studies experiment was part of STEAM Day activities June 1 at the high school, incorporating the Arts as a science with STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Amity High School students, under the leadership of science research teachers Dameon Kellogg and Deborah Day, had set up interactive booths in the small gym, where they showcased experiments relating to either of the disciplines.

The fifth graders, those from

Orange in the first wave, then those from Bethany and Woodbridge, circled through the exhibits, getting their "passport" stamped at each booth. A steam train signal prompted them to move on to another station. Behind the school, the Marine Biology class had set up a children's pool to demonstrate a remote-control underwater robot.

United Illuminating had a booth where students could design wind turbines and experiment how different blade materials could influence its efficiency. At another station they could find out which material is best for a baseball bat — wood, metal or a composite — by using a simulator on a computer. By flipping a coin they learned about probability, and Social Studies teacher Rick Bourdeau had his group cover their eyes and snake dance around the room to experience sensation and perception.

The students were clearly engaged as they crowded around each booth. Amity Curriculum Director Dr. Marie McPad-den was pleased with the engagement the event generated. "We hope it will be a yearly event," she said.

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BLACK BELT CONVENTION 2016

World Champion Taekwondo held this year’s annual Black Belt Convention at the Woodbridge Country Club on Saturday May 14th. Black Belts, ranging from 1st Dan to 6th Dan, and support staff from all World Champion Taekwondo locations throughout Connecticut came together in celebration of their achievements, dedication to the sport, and adherence to the key values that are the cornerstones of its philosophy. These are: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and determination. Special awards were given by Grand Master Sejin Park, President of World Champion Taekwondo and the Connecticut State Taekwondo Association, for recognition of outstanding service, continued support of the 2016 Connecticut State Championships and the art of Taekwondo. Some local recipients included Amelia Taddei, Anthony Taddei, Judit Farkis, Amar Sinha, Jacqueline Walsh, and Sasha Medovnikov. Entertainment was provided by the Hypnosis featuring Shayne Fischman, Black Belt 3rd Dan and Amity Graduate, along with K-Pop music and dance featuring MJ Choi’s I Love Dance troop from New York City. A wonderful evening of fun was enjoyed by all.

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Q: Earlier this year, I was thrilled to see so many familiar faces on the series finale of **“American Idol.”** It got me to wondering what **Taylor Hicks** has been up to. -- Tanya T., Biloxi, Mississippi

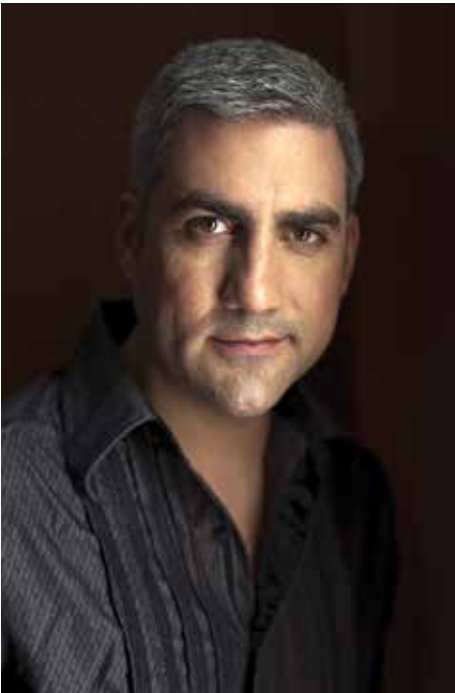
A: Taylor has been touring and recording pretty much nonstop since he became America’s fifth “Idol.” Aside from his hectic tour schedule (go to taylo-rhicks.com to see if he’s performing near you), he’s also working on a new food/travel show airing this fall on INSP called **“State Plate,”** wherein Taylor visits all 50 states and highlights each one’s food, people and culture.

I recently spoke with Taylor, and he thinks this new project is a “home run”: “I look at it like there’s an element of **‘Dirty Jobs by Mike Rowe,’** only it’s farm-to-table. I definitely get my hands dirty. I don’t want to say that I get my hands dirty with farm animals, but I’d be lying to you if I didn’t say that (laughs).

“We really dig in, exploring each particular food: where it comes from and the people behind it. If you want something to be successful, you have to appeal to a broad audience, and you won’t find a broader audience than exploring the particular foods that people love in every state.”

Q: I’ve watched every episode of **“Bates Motel,”** and although I figured Norma (**Vera Farmiga**) would be killed by Norman, I still don’t want it to end. Can’t the writers continue this thriller by making Norman take over Norma’s character as well as his psychotic personality, and thrill the viewers for a few more seasons? -- Jo C., via email

A: There’s no cause for alarm yet, Jo. “Bates Motel” will be back for a fifth and final season, most likely in spring 2017. Executive producer **Carlton Cuse** said that the final season will adapt the events of **“Psycho,”** the feature film the series is based on. I was as surprised as anyone that Norma was killed in the



Taylor Hicks [Webster PR]


fourth season’s penultimate episode. I had always thought she’d be alive until the end, with the series finale leading us into the events of the movie. Don’t think that we’ve seen the last of Vera Farmiga. I have a feeling she’ll be with us -- and in Norman’s mind -- for the final season.

Readers: Last but not least, here’s the list of cable shows that won’t be back for the 2016-17 season: **“Agent X,” “The Awesomes,” “Awkward,” “Banshee,” “The Bastard Executioner,” “Benders,” “Bitten,” “The Brink,” “Chasing Life,” “Children’s Hospital,” “Continuum,” “Da Vinci’s Demons,” “Damien,” “Deadbeat,” “Debbie Macomber’s Cedar Cove,” “Dominion,” “Downton Abbey,” “Faking It,” “Getting On,” “Gigi Does It,” “Haven,” “Hell on Wheels,” “Hemlock Grove,” “Hindsight,” “House of Lies,” “Kevin From Work,” “Key and Peele,” “The League,” “Legends,” “Lost Girl,” “Mad Dogs,” “Manhattan,” “Married,” “Moonbeam City,” “Mr. Selfridge,” “Penny Dreadful,” “Public Morals,” “Recovery Road,” “Royal Pains,” “Satisfaction,” “The Soul Man,” “Strike Back,” “Togetherness,” “Unforgettable” and “Wallander.”**

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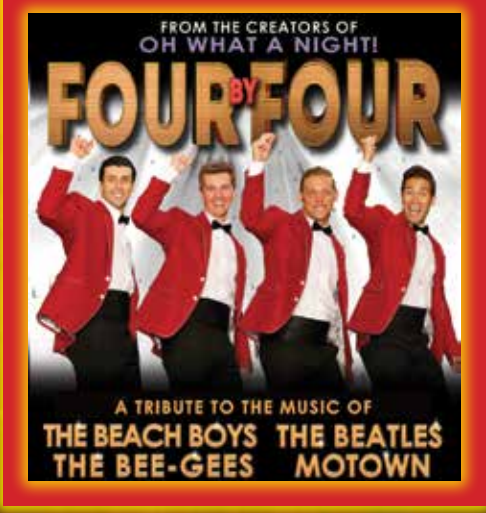
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Moving for Better Balance® (TJQMBB) is a balance training regimen designed for older adults to improve strength, balance, mobility and daily functioning , and prevent falls in older adults and individuals with balance disorders. The primary focus is on older adults and people with a history of falls, balance disorders, leg muscle weakness, abnormal gait or walking difficulty. The program is able to accommodate people with a mild level of mobility difficulty (e.g., people who are cane, walker and wheelchair users).

The program is free and consists of 12 classes, which are held 2 times a week for 1 hour on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30. The Tai Ji Quan program begins on Wednesday, July 13th. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Please call 203-389-3430 to register or for more information.

Greeting Card Crafts

We would like to offer a greeting card crafting class beginning in the fall and would like to invite anyone who is interested in creating them. Many styles and types will be available and supplies will be provided other than your own colored pencils, markers or pens. Please contact the Senior Center at (203) 389-3450 if you would like to attend.

AARP Smart Driver Course - July 2016 Classroom Date

Monday, 07/11/2016 09:00 am – 1:00 pm

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Checks are payable to AARP. Call the Senior Center at (203) 389-3430 to register. Learn how to sharpen your driving skills, develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing and re-action time and much more. Completion of course entitles those eligible for discounts on their automobile insurance.

Picnic

Woodbridge Police Department & The Woodbridge Senior Center will be holding their Annual Indoor Picnic Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 12:15 in the Senior Center Cafeteria. Please call 203-



AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CAMP

Hosted by Orange Historical Society

The Orange Historical Society is planning its 2nd annual American Girl Doll Camp, August 22, 23 & 24. There will be lots of things to do with the history of the dolls and activities from their time including making candles and ice box cookies. The event will take place at High Plains Community Center from 9:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M. Ages up to 13 are welcome and bring your dolls. The cost is \$65.00 and payable in advance by sending a check to OHS, PO Box 784, Orange, CT 06477, Attention: Camp. For information call 203-795-3106. Check us out on Facebook or our website: www.orangehistory.org.

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Helen Ruckes of Orange (left) and Julia Tomei of Woodbridge (right) have received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor a girl can earn in Girl Scouting.

ORANGE, WOODBRIDGE SCOUTS HONORED WITH GOLD AWARD

Celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, the Girl Scout Gold Award requires Girl Scouts grades nine through 12 to spend at least 80 hours researching issues, assessing community needs and resources, building a team, and making a sustainable impact in the community. A Gold Award recipient's accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart as a community leader. Nationally, only 6 percent of older Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award.

Helen created a "Rainbow Cooking Class" which introduced elementary-aged girls to healthier food options. Each week, Helen and her class prepared food based on the colors of the rainbow. Helen taught girls recipes that they can prepare on their own or with their families. Helen created cookbooks for each girl to take home and share with their family and friends encouraging them to keep trying new and healthy foods.

Julia noticed that a lot of pet owners did not know the proper procedures or have the right medical supplies for when their pet is injured, so for her Gold Award Project she created first-aid kits for pets.

Julia created an informational sheet on how to create first-aid kits for your pet, made a pamphlet filled with tips on pet safety, and created a YouTube video. Julia distributed the first-aid kits to her local veterinarian hospital to be shared with pet owners throughout her community. Julia will continue to make more first-aid kits for the veterinary hospital for them to distribute to their patients' families. Julia will continue to distribute her information sheet and pamphlet and leave it at the veterinary hospital with the kits. Her YouTube video will also remain on the veterinary hospital's website.

"Since 1916, approximately one million Girl Scouts have made a sustainable impact in their communities," said Mary Barneby, CEO of Girl Scouts of Connecticut. "We are so thrilled to honor a record number of girls this year and we are excited to see how many more incredible young women will continue to change the world in the next 100 years!"

For more information about the Gold Award or how to become a Gold Award volunteer or mentor, visit <http://www.gsofct.org/pages/goldaward.php>.



Pictured from left to right are Amity High School Counselor Gerilyn Ferguson, Parents of Student of the Month, Bin Wu and Dr. Frank Wang, Student of the Month William Wang, Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella, Rotary President Robyn Reilly, Amity Superintendent of Schools, Charles Dumais, and Amity High School Principal Anna Mahon.

WOODBIDGE ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored William Wang as May Student of the Month from Amity High School. He was presented with a certificate of recognition by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella. Woodbridge Social Restaurant has partnered with the Rotary Club to honor an Amity High School student on a monthly basis.

"William is extraordinarily accomplished in many aspects of his life", stated Amity High School Counselor Gerilyn Ferguson who nominated William for this honor. He is placed in the top two percent of a highly competitive senior class and has taken 11 AP courses.

Mr. Wang has taken initiative to pursue his interest in research on his own time. He collaborated with the teacher of Amity High School's Science Research Programs to be given the opportunity to present at science fairs and was selected as a Semi-finalist in the 2015 Siemens Scholarship Competition and a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. William has conducted research at City College

of New York, Yale University through the Discovery to Cure program and has assisted in preparing an article for a scientific journal.

Some of William's extracurricular activities included being involved with the swim team at school and in the community, math team, Science Olympiad and debate team. In addition, Mr. Wang has an extensive background in music. He has played piano since the age of five and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Steinway Gallery. He has participated in highly renowned programs including the Folgers International Music Festival as a soloist and in addition has studied piano through the Pre-College Program at The Juilliard School in New York City. William also plays saxophone with the school concert band. He has participated in many Amity music and theater productions. Mr. Wang founded a musical group called Music For All which is a group of eleven musicians who organize concerts in the community. They have performed at 8 benefit concerts in the last four years.

MARRAKECH HOLDS 7TH ANNUAL PIZZA TRUCK PARTY!

On Thursday, June 2 over 150 individuals and staff members enjoyed an outdoor gourmet pizza dinner prepared by Chef Felix Proto and the "Red Wagon Pizza" team, complete with salad and Italian ice. This event has become an annual tradition thanks to a generous donation by longtime Marrakech supporters Louise & Irwin Epstein and Felix Proto of Nini's in New Haven, CT. For

the last seven consecutive years, Nini's has donated the pizza truck party to Marrakech's Annual Gala and Auction in November, which is then purchased by Louise and Irwin Epstein, who donate it back to Marrakech for the very well-attended gathering in June.

The weather was perfect, the music was festive and the pizza was delicious, which made for many smiling faces

and a wonderful evening. The event was made even better this year by the volunteer support of employees from Medtronic in New Haven, who worked hard to serve pizza and Italian ice to the attendees.

Marrakech just entered its 45th year of service in Connecticut and provides person-centered, unique and cost effective supports to children and adults

with and without disabilities across the state. Marrakech assists individuals who face barriers to securing employment, connecting to necessary supportive services, accessing safe and affordable housing, and participating fully as contributing members of their communities.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



SHOPRITE FROM HOME 2016

I am thrilled to report that the new state of the art Shoprite of Milford officially opened on Sunday, June 5, 2016 to rave reviews; Owner Harry Garafalo along with his very dedicated and loyal staff (including my sister Ronney Pascale) have worked tirelessly over the past few months to get this beautiful new store up and running.

This 68,000 square foot flagship store features all the modern grocery store amenities including a pharmacy, an expanded prepared food section with a hot grill, hot food buffet, burrito and sushi bar. The 2nd floor mezzanine (complete with elevator) offers a culinary center for cooking classes and demonstrations. The upstairs seating area overlooking the store includes tables and chairs for dining.

I want to focus on the great service that is also offered from this new location and the Hamden Shoprite (also owned by the Garafalo family). "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 2 hour time frame (9a-11a, 11a-1p, etc.). The website shows the days and times available.

The personal shopper assigned to your order carefully selects all items (all perishable foods 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 their Price Plus Club Card, including discounts and savings on featured items, points towards free turkeys & hams, Baby and Pet Bucks, etc. "ShopRite from Home" welcomes and applies your ShopRite and manufacturer coupons savings to your order. When your order is delivered just give 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. The Garafalos also own ShopRite of West Haven, East Haven & Stratford.

Orange residents are looking forward to "ShopRite of Orange" (Harry's new project) due to open this fall at the former Stop & Shop location at 259 Bull Hill Lane in Orange. The website for shopping online: www.shoprite.com – You can now order your groceries with the ShopRite App for iPhone & Android.

ShopRite of Milford

935 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT
06460 – phone 203-876-7868

ShopRite of Hamden

2100 Dixwell Avenue (just off
Route 15-Exit 60) Hamden, CT
06514 – phone 203-230-5000

Hours: Monday-Saturday 7:00am-11:00pm – Sunday 7:00am-10:00pm

Final notes: Harry, Ann and their dedicated staff make grocery shopping a pleasure whether you shop online or at one of their stores. "ShopRite from Home" 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 a perfect solution for you and your family. Remember to support our locally family-owned businesses.

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



FROM THE FIRST
SELECTMAN’S DESK

By Ellen Scalett



I recently received and shared with the Board of Selectmen and the public a new proposal for the Country Club of Woodbridge property. In my view, this proposal is a significant improvement on any other plan I have seen, and one that may well warrant consideration by the voters of Woodbridge.

As a reminder, Town land can only be sold if approved by the voters. It is not up to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) or any Town Board or Commission.

During our many meetings and countless conversations about the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) I have listened carefully and I have concluded that Woodbridge residents are looking for:

- a financially viable plan;
- recreational opportunities;
- open space preservation;
- housing for seniors; and
- the preservation of the character of the town.

It is my view that the BOS has a responsibility to identify, if possible, a plan that maximizes these goals and to the greatest extent possible makes them complementary to each other so that we can put the discord about the CCW behind us. If the BOS identifies such a plan, we should refer it to a referendum for voters to decide whether or not it is right for Woodbridge. Again, any decision to sell Town property is up to the voters.

Last week, Toll Brothers offered a new plan that merits serious consideration by our residents. The key elements of this new plan are:

- Toll Brothers would purchase 42 of the approximately 150 acres of CCW property for \$5 million paid up front;
 - Toll Brothers would build 80 homes for seniors age 55 and older; and
 - The prices would start in the mid-\$300,000s, about the median price for a home in Woodbridge.
- What does this means for us?
- The \$5M pays off our remaining debt on the property and the Town would own more than 100 acres of land debt-free;
 - The Town would be relieved of the annual debt payments of approximately \$400,000; and
 - The Town would receive an

annual net tax payment of approximately \$600,000 once the project is complete.

The Town could easily afford to retain and run the pool. Additionally, we would place a conservation easement on a large parcel assuring open space for the future and decide on other uses for the remaining land that could include cross-country skiing, walking and biking trails, an ice skating rink, a 9 hole golf course, wild flower and other gardens or other ideas that allow residents to enjoy the land.

This proposed housing plan is in a format known as cluster housing. As defined by our 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development, "the purpose of a cluster subdivision is to allow flexibility of design in order to preserve and protect the scenic and natural resources of land."

In cluster housing, the homes are clustered together which "would allow the Town to protect what is important to the community while encouraging development that is compatible in character". Preserving the majority of the property's open spaces, hills and wooded areas "would be consistent with Woodbridge's sense of itself as a rural community".

This proposal addresses our financial needs, provides opportunity for recreation, preserves open space, provides much-needed housing for our seniors and does it in a way that preserves the character of Woodbridge.

I have invited Toll Brothers to present the details of their plan at a meeting in July. We will know soon if the BOS feels, as I do, that the voters should decide if this plan is right for Woodbridge.

Meanwhile, I wish you all a splendid July 4 weekend. It is certainly a time of celebration as we recall the birth of our nation and the principles on which it was founded. It is a time to remind ourselves that in all we do, including discussions about the CCW, we should demonstrate tolerance and respect for each other.

To stay up to date on this and other matters, please sign up for the Town's email newsletter at tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews. You may see a map of the new plan, and other CCW information, on our website at woodbridgect.org/CCWFuture.

FROM ACROSS THE AISLE

By Selectman
Maria Cruz Kayne



On June 17th I was surprised to receive a call from Town Hall inviting me to meet privately with Toll Brothers. At the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting three days before, First Selectman Scalett had announced that she asked Toll Brothers for its best offer regarding development of the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW). Now I was invited to hear what Toll Brothers was offering – but in private, not in a public meeting.

It's worth recalling the BOS Meeting of January 20, 2015. On that day, Ms. Scalett first made public the Toll Brothers response to a 2014 Town-issued Request for Proposal (RFP). Ordinarily, under our state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the BOS conducts Town business in open, publicly accessible meetings and documents at Town Hall are available to the public. For months, Ms. Scalett had declined to share publicly the two RFP responses. After one of the respondents dropped out, Ms. Scalett expressly found on January 20, 2015 that "reasons for temporary confidentiality no longer outweigh the public interest in disclosure." She "assure(d) all Town residents that there will be many opportunities after tonight's meeting to hear the proposal, ask questions, and voice your opinions" and promised to post relevant documents on the Town's website.

So how do we go from Ms. Scalett's statements in January 2015 to the offer of a private meeting with Toll Brothers in June 2016? Technically, one-on-one conversations between each Selectman and Toll Brothers do not violate FOIA, as FOIA's definition of a meeting is two or more Selectmen meeting together. But these private "non-meetings" certainly violate the purpose of FOIA, which is to make certain that the public's business is conducted in public.

Since January 2015, Toll Brothers has remained the sole party offering plans to develop the CCW, and their proposal has changed considerably. Back in January the proposal was for Toll Brothers to purchase all of the CCW and build 170 homes. In Fall 2015 Toll Brothers offered six alternatives. Now there is yet another variation – and Ms. Scalett evaded FOIA so as to inform each Selectman of Toll Brothers' proposal in private.

While I declined to meet with Toll

Brothers I can understand why other Selectmen did. Ms. Scalett provides virtually no information to her fellow Selectmen – at least those across the aisle – in advance of a BOS meeting. We receive the meeting agenda twenty-four hours in advance as required by FOIA, but only blank pages to support each agenda item. Under prior leadership, Selectmen routinely received a half-inch or more of substantive documents to supplement the agenda. With only blank pages to review, we are given no opportunity to prepare for the meeting, to formulate thoughtful questions and alternative ideas.

On June 22nd Ms. Scalett hastily called a special BOS meeting in response to complaints about her lack of transparency. There Ms. Scalett publicly summarized the Toll Brothers' new proposal -- but the public didn't get to hear the sales pitch that Toll Brothers had made in private. (There's much more to say about the meeting and the proposal – please watch for the next article.)

For many months as Toll Brothers' plans have evolved, I have urged Ms. Scalett to schedule a public meeting offering Town residents – the owners of the CCW – the opportunity to ask questions directly of Toll Brothers representatives as well as Town officials, and voice their opinions on the Toll Brothers plan, any alternative ideas for the CCW, and suggestions for next steps. Despite her assurances in January 2015 that there would be "many opportunities" for residents to ask questions and voice opinions, Ms. Scalett has repeatedly ignored requests for such a forum. Concerned residents have been restricted to raising issues during the public comment period of BOS meetings or similar venues – never have they been invited to a meeting that is devoted to their questions, comments and concerns.

It's worth watching Ms. Scalett's statement on January 20, 2015 – the meeting video is available on YouTube. For too long, her actions have opposed her words. Please join me in urging our First Selectman to belatedly invite residents to widely-publicized public forums so we as Selectmen can be informed by constituent voices. And please join me in urging our First Selectman to respect the intent – not just the letter – of FOIA.

6 IDEAS FOR RAINY SUMMER DAYS

Summer vacation means spending time outdoors and enjoying sunny skies. But not every day will be sunny and clear. For those banking on spending long summer days outside, rainy days can put a quick damper on those plans. However, poor weather doesn't have to diminish all of the fun. The following are some go-to ideas that can keep summer vacationers happy even when the rain is falling.

1. Visit area museums. It's probably been a while since you've looked at the sights in your hometown, and rainy summer days provide the perfect oppor-

tunity to take them in from a tourist's perspective. If you are away from home when the rain starts to fall, inquire about any unique indoor activities the area has to offer. Hotel lobbies and concierge offices typically have lots of brochures advertising nearby activities.

2. Do a scavenger hunt. Make up clues and hide a prize to be discovered at the end of the hunt. Scavenger hunts can keep children or adults occupied until the rains subside.

3. Have an indoor campout. If weather cancels your plans to camp out under the

stars, pitch your tent indoors and camp under the ceiling. Tell scary stories and tinker with s'mores recipes to make your indoor camping seem more like the real thing.

4. Stock up on board games. Board games are the original boredom-busters. They're portable, and they can quickly turn a rainy day into something much more tolerable. Up the ante and have winners from each game compete against one another in a game of a different type.

5. Head to the theater. Catch that summer action flick or curl up next to a

sweetheart and watch the latest romantic comedy. Some movie theaters even offer discount tickets at certain times during the summer.

6. Don't be afraid of the rain. Unless you're a certain witch with a wicked streak, chances are you will not melt in the rain. Summer rain actually can be refreshing, so put on your rain jacket and enjoy a stroll or even find a way to have fun in the rain. It's alright to get messy during a rainy day volleyball or football game. Just be sure to run inside the moment you see any lightning.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICES AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Enjoy the outdoors and welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Michael Farbman and the Temple Emanuel community on two Friday evenings in the month of July.

On Friday, July 1 at 7:30 pm, come celebrate Shabbat under the stars on the lawn at Temple Emanuel. Bring a comfortable chair or blanket, and don't forget the bug spray! Following the service, please join us for our traditional tasty TE oneg in our social hall.

Welcome Shabbat on the beach on Friday, July 29 at 7pm at Walnut Beach, 113 East Broadway, in Milford. For this service you will also need to bring a com-

fortable chair or blanket, and be sure to park in Lot 4. Following the service, we will have a picnic-style oneg on the beach.

Not a member of TE? Come check us out. All members of the greater New Haven Jewish community are welcome. Summer services, with the exception of Shabbat on the Beach, begin at 7:30.

Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue (Route 34) in Orange. For more information about this and other services and events at Temple Emanuel, please go to www.templemanuel-gnh.org, or call the TE office at 203-397-3000.

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM BLOOD DRIVE

Donate Blood and Become a Hero for Patients in Need. American Red Cross heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They don't wear capes or special suits, and their badge of honor is the bandage that shows they gave the "gift of life." The Red Cross encourages eligible donors to become hometown heroes and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood.

Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 20th from 1 – 6:30 PM. Help ensure blood is available for patients in need this summer by



Congregation Or Shalom

giving blood. To donate, download the Blood Donor App (3cu.be/blood), visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. Save up to 15 minutes at your donation. Visit redcrossblood.org/rapid-pass to get started.

BRUNCH AT BAGEL BEACH WITH ELIZABETH POLINER

Join the JCC of Greater New Haven in presenting author, Elizabeth Poliner, to discuss her novel "As Close to Us as Breathing," set in Connecticut's historic "Bagel Beach" on Sunday, July 10th at 10:00am. Journey back to the "Catskills-by-the-Sea" with friends and community members. Tour of the historic Hebrew Congregation of Wood-

mont to follow.

Cost is \$10 which includes a bagel brunch. Register online at jccnh.org/bagel-beach. The brunch will be located at Tri-Beach Recreation Center, 170 Hillside Avenue, Milford, CT 06460.

Please contact Grace Koo, Program Associate, gracek@jccnh.org, (203) 387-2522 x228, if you need assistance.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

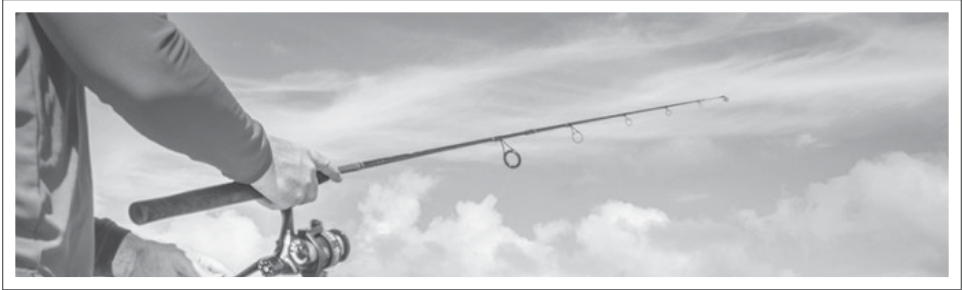
Orange Congregational Church, at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange (203-795-9749), invites you to come worship with us at our summer Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on July 3rd and continue through August 28th. Our church school program Summer B.L.A.S.T. will take place every other Sunday: 7/10, 7/24, 8/7, 8/21. Again this year we will have a combination of Legos and other activities. The last session will be "Wear Your Bathing Suit to Church" day with water activities. The Crib Room will continue to be open over the summer, even on non-B.L.A.S.T. Sundays, for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending worship service.

Also, the Orange Congregational



Orange Congregational Church

Church Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, July 22nd at Orange Hills Country Club: Play 18 hole tournament or 9 hole fun event, Hole-in-One Wins a New Car from A-1 Toyota, Prizes and Raffle, Lunch and Tiki Bar. All proceeds go to our Christian Service & Outreach Board for support of Columbus House and other local charities. To Play or be a Sponsor, please call the church office at 203-795-9749.



Be mindful of your fishing practices to protect coastal ecosystems and waterways.

LEARN TO FISH RESPONSIBLY

Warm weather has arrived, and the welcoming temperatures are once again beckoning people to the great outdoors. Fishing is a popular warm weather pastime, and it's important to take an environmentally responsible approach when fishing.

According to "Oceana: Our Endangered Oceans and What We Can Do to Save Them," by Ted Danson, in just 55 years, humans have been able to eradicate about 90 percent of the ocean's top predators. These include animals like sharks, marlin, king mackerel, and bluefin tuna. Smaller species also are being wiped out at alarming rates because fishing nets capture far more than is intended, and today's fishing vessels can zero in on large schools of fish relatively easily. Thanks to global positioning technology and sonar capabilities, there's no longer too much surprise in the chase.

Commercial fishing may do the brunt of the damage, but amateurs also can contribute to the contamination of waterways and decimation of fish species. For example, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game says more than 500,000 bass die each year due to improper handling in Massachusetts alone. People of different cultures have fished sustainably for decades, and most anyone can follow their guidelines — and some others — to help keep ocean

life healthy.

Disturb wildlife as little as possible. When traveling into delicate ecosystems, such as those that primarily surround the water's edge, do so with care. Operating a boat in shallow regions can chop up underwater vegetation or harm fish that live in the shallows. Don't remove crustaceans or take plants or other wildlife out of the area.

Keep track of gear. Discarded or lost fishing gear can prove harmful to wildlife. It's easy for fish or other marine animals to get tangled in fishing line and hooks that were left behind by fishermen. Sinkers and other weights may be mistaken for food and injure unsuspecting animals. Even animals like ducks and other birds can swallow fishing tackle, which can lead to illness or starvation. Don't just abandon gear.

Fish specific species at different times. Fishing specific species helps maintain different stocks of fish at various times of the year. Plus, you'll help guarantee that one species will not be over-fished, potentially leading to underpopulation or extinction.

Avoid the use of cast nets or dragnets. Cast nets or dragnets can capture too many fish, including ones that you did not intend to take in.

Responsible fishing can help maintain water ecosystems and protect the surrounding environment.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD JULY 2016 EVENTS

July 1st, 2016: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes all comers to our summer fellowship and worship activities. Worship times are Sundays at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Vacation Bible School 2016 Deep Sea Discovery kicks off on Monday, July 18th at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Sessions start at 9 am and go to Noon and will run through Friday July, 22nd. The tuition is \$50 per child, scholarships are available. Please contact the parish office at 203-795-6577, via email at thegoodshepherd@optonline.net or through our website www.thegoodshepherdorangedct.org to register.

The Church of the Good Shepherd congratulates parishioner Charlotte D’Inzeo on being one of the eight students chosen to represent the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in the Dominican Republic for nine days this summer. While there, the students will be coordinating crafts and games for a Vacation Bible School at Iglesia Santa Margarita, a mission in Santo Domingo.

Recreational Fun continues on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to Noon while The Shepherd’s Table, our free lunch and fellowship program, goes on hiatus for the summer. We look forward to seeing our Wednesday regulars this summer as well as newcomers.

On Saturday, July 18th at 9am all are invited to walk The Good Shepherd’s labyrinth with The Rev. Diana Rogers. The great pavement labyrinths first appeared in cathedrals like Chartres and Amien in the 12th through 14th centuries. Used for spiritual meditation and contemplation, walking the labyrinth has been a spiritual exercise for centuries. Come

learn more about this enduring spiritual practice. Meet at the labyrinth on the south side of the church off Pryde Drive at 9am.

Our CGS Book Club meets monthly on the last Tuesday of the month. July’s meeting will host a night out to the movies on Tuesday, July 26th. Please contact the office at 203-795-6577 or via email at thegoodshepherd@optonline.net for details.

In July our popular Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Wednesday July 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl for a person in need is welcome to join us. Open to the public, we craft all year-round and meet regularly. Our prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday Eucharist and then distributed by our parishioners to friends, neighbors and family members in need and at area hospitals.

Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday July 27th for our monthly Healing Prayer with Holy Eucharist Service in the church. Enter by the front door. All are welcome.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 9:30 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd’s many other programs please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspheherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangedct.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangedct for frequent postings.



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Summer Hours At The Woodbridge Town Library

This is a reminder that the library will be closed on Saturdays during the months of July and August. During these months the library will remain open an extra hour on Fridays, from 10am-6pm, instead of 10am -5pm.

Farmers’ Market

Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30
June 29- August 31

Stop by to purchase produce, food, meats, crafts and more from local vendors. Special July Market Events:

- July 6 @ 4:30 – Card Tricks with Magician Chick Kelman and open chess matches
- July 13 @ 4:00pm – Cooking Demonstration with Massaro Farm
- July 13 @ 4:30pm – Farmology for Kids with Stamford Nature Center
- July 20 @ 3:15 – Todd Brodeuer’s World Class Frisbee Show
- July 27 @ 4:30 Animals in Motion with the Stamford Nature Center

Film Screenings

A Royal Night Out
Thursday, July 7 @ 7pm

On V.E. Day in 1945, as peace extends across Europe, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night full of excitement, danger and the first flutters of romance. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 37 minutes.

The Finest Hours
Thursday, July 14 @ 7pm

The Coast Guard makes a daring rescue attempt off the coast of Cape Cod after a pair of oil tankers are destroyed during a blizzard in 1952. Rated PG-13. 1 hr and 17 minutes.

Miracles from Heaven
Thursday, July 21 @ 7pm

A young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident. Rated PG. 1 hr and 49 minutes.

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot
Thursday, July 28 @ 7pm

A journalist recounts her wartime coverage in Afghanistan. Starring Tina Fey. Rated R. 1 hr and 52 minutes.

Children and Teen Events

Summer Storycraft (ages 3-5)
Wednesdays from 3-3:30pm

From June 29- August 31, join us for specially selected stories with themed crafts.

Card Tricks with Magician Chick Kelman

July 6 @ 4:30pm at the Farmers Market

Learn how to perform cards tricks with Chick!

What Should I Read Next Series Book Club (grades 2-4)

Thursday, July 7 or Monday
July 18 @ 6:30pm

Join us to read a book from a different series each month. We will read Ivy and Bean: Make the Rules by Annie Barrows this month. Games, crafts, and activities are all part of the fun. Please register online.

Eager Readers K-2 Book Group

Monday, July 11 @ 6:30pm

Join us to discuss Pond Circle by Betsy Franco. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children’s Desk when you register, read the book at home, then join us for a discussion and craft.

T3 – Teen Tech Training

Monday, July 11 from 3-4pm

Are you a tech savvy teen that loves to help others? We are putting together a task force of teens to help out individuals in the community that need instruction in technology. You will attend training sessions and can count your participation towards community service hours. Stop by this session to learn more and see what it’s all about. Please register online.

Farmology for Kids with Stamford Nature Center

July 13 @ 4:30pm at the Farmers’ Market
All ages. No registration required.

Reading Together

Thursdays, July 14 – August 4 @ 5pm

Join our conversational reading program for children in grades K-3. Children will be paired with trained teens to share in the joy of reading, connect with the stories, and sharpen their reading skills. Please register for sessions online.

PJ Storytime

Monday, July 25 @ 6pm (ages 2-4)

Wear your PJ’s, bring your blankie, and bring your favorite stuffed animal to get ready for cozy bedtime stories at the library. Please register online.

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Awards

Caitlyn Capela Receives Award At Quinnipiac University Commencement

Hamden, Conn. – Caitlyn Capela, of Woodbridge, received a prestigious award at Quinnipiac University’s 85th undergraduate Commencement exercises on May 21. Capela received the Rachel Ranis Prize in Social Justice from the College of Arts and Sciences. The award, conferred in recognition of Professor Ranis, is presented to a senior in sociology, social services, criminal justice or gerontology, who demonstrates a passion for social justice.

Dean’s List

Shannon Murphy Named to Eastern Connecticut State University Spring 2016 Dean’s List

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its spring 2016 semester Dean’s List for full-time students. Shannon Murphy ‘17 of Woodbridge, CT, was named to the Dean’s List. Murphy’s major is Social Work.

Camryn Cox Makes Goodwin Dean’s List For Spring 2016

East Hartford, CT -- Camryn Cox has earned a spot on the Goodwin College Dean’s List for the Spring 2016. Camryn, a student from Woodbridge, is one of 1010 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. Goodwin College congratulates Camryn on making the Dean’s List and demonstrating such a high standard of excellence in the classroom and beyond.

Haritsa Halepas Named To Spring 2016 Dean’s List

Hempstead, NY -- Haritsa Halepas of Woodbridge, CT excelled during the Spring 2016 semester, achieving a GPA

of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Hofstra University Dean’s List.

SCSU Announces Spring 2016 Dean’s List

SCSU announced Woodbridge students who were named to the Spring 2016 Dean’s List. They are: Elisa Albert, Stefanie Austin, Sandra Britton, Yu-Han Chen, Jenna Deluca, Jessica Hoffer, Margret Hotchkiss, Laura Jensen, Candice Landau, Matthew Lockhart, Ryan Lockhart, Taylor Portelinha, Joseph Rosen, Matthew Schwartz, and Jeremy Weinberg.

Stephanie Foster Named To Springfield College Dean’s List

Springfield, MA -- Springfield College has named Stephanie Foster of Woodbridge, CT to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the spring 2016 term. Foster is studying Health Science. Criteria for selection to the dean’s list requires that the student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the semester, the student must not have any incompletes in the designated semester, and the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Sebastian Dimauro Named To The University Of Hartford Dean’s List

West Hartford, CT -- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Sebastian DiMauro of Woodbridge has been named to its Dean’s List for Spring 2016.

Olivia Schlegel Named To The University Of Rhode Island’s Spring 2016 Dean’s List

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 4,986 undergraduates have qualified for the Spring 2016 Dean’s List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, other states and 25 countries. Olivia Lynn Schlegel of

Woodbridge, CT was named to the Dean’s List. To be included on the Dean’s List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

WCSU Spring 2016 Dean’s List

The following students have been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2016 semester at Western Connecticut State University: Alexandra Blum, Pre-Nursing; and Jake Keylock, Justice and Law Administration.

Graduations

Albertus Magnus College Awarded Degrees On May 22

The following Woodbridge students were awarded degrees by Albertus Magnus College: Teresa Delda, MBA; Erin McNemar, MS, human services; Samantha Toscano, MA, liberal studies, with honors; and John Zeek, AA.

Jake White Graduates Emerson College

Boston, MA - Jake White of Woodbridge, CT graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in Film Production from Emerson College in Boston, MA on Mother’s Day. Prior to graduating, his last semester was spent at Emerson LA at an internship for a studio in Los Angeles, CA. Jake majored in Film Production and minored in Photography and graduated a year early maintaining Dean’s List status all through his time at Emerson.

Chloe’ Taylor Smith Graduates From New York University

Chloe’ Taylor Smith earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work from New York University on May 18th. She was recognized with the Founder’s Award as an Honor’s Scholar student. Chloe’ is a 2012 graduate of Choate Rosemary Hall. She will attend graduate school at Columbia University this Fall. Chloe’ is the daughter of Ron and Clotilde Smith

and sister of Brandon Smith.

Class Of 2016 Graduates From Union College

Schenectady, NY -- Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker offered some practical advice for the Class of 2016. The class included 550 students at Union’s 222nd Commencement. Woodbridge students to earn degrees are: Joshua Cantor received a Bachelor of Science majoring in Neuroscience; Jessica Malinconico received a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English; Evan O’Connor received a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Anthropology; Alexandra Schwaber received a Bachelor of Science majoring in Psychology cum laude; and Ariella Yazdani received a Bachelor of Science majoring in Neuroscience magna cum laude.

Anna Bellard Earns Degree From The University Of Vermont

Burlington, VT -- Anna Bellard of Woodbridge, CT, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology during commencement ceremonies on May 22, 2016 at the University of Vermont. The university conferred degrees this year on an estimated 2,937 graduates, including 2,329 bachelor’s, 388 master’s, 114 doctoral, and 106 M.D. degree recipients.

Inductions

Rachel Rosenblum Inducted Into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Ithaca, NY -- Rachel Rosenblum of Woodbridge, CT, a Occupational Therapy major at Ithaca College, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, one of the country’s oldest and most selective honor societies.

Audrey Grotheer Selected for Global Youth Summit

Waltham, Mass -- Brandeis University announced that Audrey Grotheer will represent Amity Regional High School and the state of Connecticut at for the Global Youth Summit on the Future of Medicine.

ICE CREAM TRUCK HISTORY

On a sweltering day, few things bring relief as immediately as a favorite frozen treat. The United States leads the world in ice cream consumption, with an average of 26 liters per person consumed per year.

Ice cream has been around for quite some time, and it is believed ancient Greeks ate a crude form of the dessert as early as the 5th century B.C. While ice cream parlors, dessert shops and supermarket freezers are popular places to sample favorite flavors, ice cream

also can be purchased from ice cream trucks.

The tinkling of the ice cream truck music box and the sight of that dessert haven on wheels is enough to send any child (and many adults) into sensory overload. Some of the early precursors to the modern day ice cream truck were ice and ice cream sandwich carts that gained popularity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Confectioner and visionary Harry Burt was instrumental in developing

the ice cream truck. Burt invented ice cream novelties that could be enjoyed on a stick, including the Good Humor bar. Burt wanted an easy way to deliver the treat into the hands of hungry kids, so he commissioned refrigerator trucks and hired drivers who looked pristine and safe to deliver the treats to neighborhood children. To entice the youngsters outside, the drivers rang a bell so kids would investigate the noise. Eventually the bell and standard routes helped families know when to expect

the ice cream man.

Early ice cream trucks may have sold prepackaged treats, but they eventually broadened their offerings. Some turned into mobile ice cream shops, offering soft-serve or hard ice cream in everything from sundaes to cones to shakes.

Many ice cream truck businesses are independently-owned seasonal businesses. The trucks are seen when the first warm days arrive, and many can still be seen patrolling neighborhood streets into late fall.

SPECIAL TO THE WOODBRIDGE TOWN NEWS

MASSARO COMMUNITY FARM:
THE NEXT 100 YEARS

A few years ago I was invited to a ‘dinner-on-the-farm’ in Woodbridge. Initially surprised that a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm even existed in town, I was quickly intrigued by the idea of dinner tables on farm grounds. I grew up on a Mediterranean island where the concept of food from farms is synonymous with the gastro-nomic and cultural heritage.

That dinner was the first time I stepped foot on the Massaro Farm and I felt reconnected with something so familiar: the fruitful land. Soon my interest for both the nutritional and the sociocultural extension of farming led me to volunteer on several Farm committees. A few months ago I was honored to become the President of the Massaro Community Farm’s (MCF) Board.

This year marks the Massaro Farm’s Centennial! As fascinating as its history is, the farm’s evolution, growth, future direction and potential are extraordinary. The Town of Woodbridge and the community at large have embraced and supported the revival of this farm since 2008, when the non-profit MCF was incorporated. As part of this Centennial, our intention is to enroll one hundred “sustaining members” – supporters of our organization, who will contribute \$100 for each of five successive years. This will expand our membership base, help us succeed in our Centennial Fund-raising Campaign and provide funds to build a much needed (for safety reasons) sustainable parking area and a welcome center with a pavilion for additional educational programs.

This thriving 57-acre parcel of land has become an integral and focal part of our community. MCF has stayed true to its mission to keep farming, feeding people and building community. The farm’s almost 200-strong CSA membership enjoys locally-grown, certified-organic produce; the best area restaurants source produce from the farm; each year the farm donates a minimum of 10% of its produce to local hunger relief agencies. Our ever-expanding education programs, both during the school year and the summer months, provide families and young students from the Woodbridge and other area schools the opportunity to learn about and experience real farming. Our partnerships with local businesses are exemplary and have benefited our town and the region. Our vision is to continue enhancing our community’s quality of life, not only by providing high quality, organic and sustainably-grown produce, but also through engagement with farm-related activities.

The farm has been and will continue to be an open and welcoming place for all residents of Woodbridge and the neighboring towns. Join us at the farm, experience what it has to offer, walk and volunteer on the farm’s grounds, serve on our committees, be part of this amazing and energetic farming community.

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Donald “Cary”
Smith, Jr.

Donald “Cary” Smith, Jr., 56, of Bethany, CT, passed away on June 21, 2016. He was born in New Haven, CT on December 9, 1959, to Karen Johnson Smith and the late Donald Cary Smith, Sr.

Cary leaves behind his beloved mother, Karen J. Smith; cherished siblings, Deborah Smith, Bettina (Richard) Bodnar, Kristin (Billy) Wall, Andrew Smith, Christopher Smith and Gretchen (John Mizzzone) Smith; nephews, Peter, Nicholas, and Philip Wall, and Matthew Skoldberg; niece, Amanda Skoldberg;

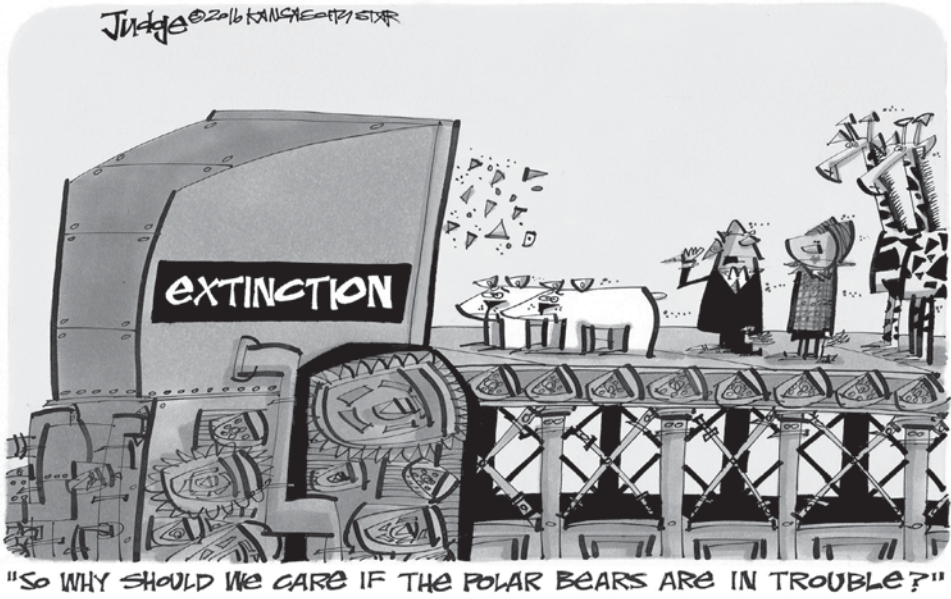
and great-nephew, Oliver. Cary was predeceased by his father, Donald Cary Smith, Sr.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 1pm at the Orange Congregational United Church of Christ, 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT 06477. Interment was private. The family is being compassionately cared for by the staff at CODY-WHITE FUNERAL HOME, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. To leave memorial contributions, donations can be made to a charity of one’s choice. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

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INDEPENDENT LIVING

By Roberta L. Nestor

Living in our own homes involves many things like grocery shopping, preparing meals, cleaning, caring for our yards, paying the bills, maintaining our vehicles and, of course, having family visit to celebrate birthdays and holidays. Maintaining your own home either by yourself or with a spouse is the ultimate in independent living. But what happens when those day-to-day activities become a burden? Physically, emotionally or even financially? Today there are so many alternatives it can be confusing.

If you are like the majority of Americans over age 55, you want to continue to live in a familiar environment throughout your retirement years. According to AARP, older home owners would prefer to "age in place". That means creating a home environment that will allow you to stay at home safely, comfortably and independently regardless of age. The National Association of Home Builders (www.nahb.org) has certified "Aging-in-Place" specialists that can help you make your home a home for a lifetime. They can help you with the remodeling from the bathroom to the basement all with an eye to making your home age-friendly.

The largest growth for independent living has been with Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs), a trend that is expected to continue with aging baby boomers. Cost for ALFs vary greatly from state to state, CT, of course, being one of the highest. For our state, the average median cost is \$5,000 a month, the more retirement friendly states of Florida, Georgia and the Carolina's range from \$2880 to \$3,000 a month. Careful consideration of being able to afford the assisted living facility over time is crucial. If you are married, you must also consider the consequences if one spouse needed long term care in a nursing facility. Most often the healthy spouse would not be able to continue staying at the assisted living facility as the unwell spouse's income would have to be used to pay the cost of long term nursing care.

Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) are part independent living, part assisted living and part skilled nursing home. It is a tiered system that is designed to accommodate your changing needs. You must be healthy to enter a CCRC and most offer options of single family homes, condos or apartments. Think of it as having the option to live in one community for the duration of your life. CCRC would be considered the most costly of all long term care options. There are entrance fees that can range anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million to say nothing of the monthly fees that can range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 depending on the community. Generally there are 3 types of contracts: Extended Care or Life Contracts, Modified Contracts or a Fee for Service Contract. Again, careful consideration of affordability over time is crucial.

Regardless of where you chose to age-in place, the most important factor is to get it right the first time. Relocating at any age is stressful, relocating more than once as we age becomes emotionally overwhelming. Visit the location multiple times; don't be afraid to go on a wait-list especially if it is a location you think you like; get referrals from other families and have an attorney look at any contracts. Lastly, make sure the location is based on your preferences, not your children. The idea of independent living is that you are in an environment where your children should not have to worry about you or be there every day. Certainly a trusted advisor can help you with costs and projections once you have gathered all of your information, costs and contracts. Once you have committed to remaining independent and aging-in place, you will be surprised at how much uncertainty is removed and you really can start to enjoy those golden years.

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FOURTH of JULY

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. **Finding Dory (PG)**
animated
- 2. **Central Intelligence (PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart
- 3. **The Conjuring 2 (R)**
Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson
- 4. **Now You See Me 2 (PG-13)**
Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo
- 5. **Warcraft (PG-13)**
Travis Fimmel, Paula Patton
- 6. **X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)**
James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender
- 7. **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows (PG-13)**
Megan Fox, Will Arnett
- 8. **Me Before You (PG-13)**
Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin
- 9. **Alice Through the Looking Glass (PG)**
Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp
- 10. **Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)**
Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. **Zootopia (PG)**
animated
- 2. **13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (R)**
John Krasinski
- 3. **Hail Caesar! (PG-13)**
Josh Brolin
- 4. **Deadpool (R)**
Ryan Reynolds
- 5. **How to be Single (R)**
Dakota Johnson
- 6. **Dirty Grandpa (R)**
Robert De Niro
- 7. **Gods of Egypt (PG-13)**
Brenton Thwaites
- 8. **Triple 9 (R)**
Casey Affleck
- 9. **The Finest Hours (PG-13)**
Chris Pine
- 10. **Race (PG-13)**
Stephan James

- 1. How many names has Sweet had? What was their first hit?
- 2. Chris Kenner, Cannibal and the Headhunters, and Danny and the Memories all released the same song. What was it?
- 3. Which 1942 song was popularized by The Righteous Brothers?
- 4. Name the band that started out as "Mr. Crowe's Garden." What was their first hit?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Till the sheep in the valley come home my way, Till the stars fall around me and find me alone, When the sun comes a-singin' I'll still be waitin'."



1. They were originally called Sweetshop, and then The Sweet. Their first hit was "Funny Funny" in 1971. The British glam-rock band had 13 Top 20 hits in the '70s. 2. "Land of 1000 Dances," written by Chris Kenner in 1963. 3. "White Cliffs of Dover," in 1966. 4. The Black Crowes, organized in 1989. "Hard to Handle" was their first No. 1 single. 5. "Jean," by Oliver in 1969, and singer-songwriter Rod McKuen in the film version of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie." McKuen was nominated for an Oscar for Best Song, with Maggie Smith taking Best Actress for her portrayal of Jean, a teacher.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. Who was the first major-league rookie to have 30 or more home runs before the All-Star break?
- 2. How many times during his 22-year major-league career did Barry Bonds have more walks than hits in a season?
- 3. Who was the last University of Pittsburgh running back before James Conner in 2014 to get first-team All-American honors?
- 4. Who was the last person before Golden State's Steve Kerr in 2015 to guide an All-Star team in his first NBA season of coaching?
- 5. Which NHL team holds the record for most victories in a season?
- 6. In 2016, Chase Elliott became the youngest NASCAR driver (20) to win the pole for the Daytona 500. Who had been the youngest?
- 7. True or false: John McEnroe won more tennis grand slam championships in doubles than he did in singles.

1. Oakland's Mark McGwire, in 1987. 2. Six times (2001, '02, '03, '04, '06 and '07). 3. Craig "Ironhead" Heyward, in 1987. 4. Indiana's Larry Bird, in 1998. 5. The Detroit Red Wings had 62 wins in the 1995-96 season. 6. Austin Dillon was 23 when he captured the pole in 2014. 7. True -- he won seven Gr



Scene from "The Dark Horse"
[Koch Media/Neue Visionen]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of July 11, 2016.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Everybody Wants Some!!" (R) -- It's a hot August in southeast Texas in 1980 when freshman Jake (Blake Jenner) slips into his new digs with the baseball team at an unnamed university. There's good music on the radio, beautiful girls and a weekend to fill with hijinks before classes start. Jake is introduced to the macho posturing and good-natured ribbing of his teammates with whom he must share a house, and stirs up romance with Beverly (Zoey Deutch), a performing-arts major and welcome reprieve from the jock-a-thon.

Richard Linklater has made it very clear that this film is the sorta sequel to 1993's "Dazed and Confused," which gave a similarly plotless but endearing ride through teen life in the late 1970s. It's not about a guy getting the

girl, winning the big game or getting over childhood baggage. It's a nostalgic look back at very particular transitional moment in time, like watching a fiery sunset with its own soundtrack cassette.

"The Dark Horse" (R) -- Gifted with a talent for speed-chess and burdened with bipolar disorder, Genesis Potini (Cliff Curtis) struggles to take control of his life and find purpose. A native New Zealander, he shuffles about his impoverished Maori neighborhood between hospital stints until he finds his mission: sharing his chess gifts with a club of local kids and inspiring them to take on the more privileged clubs. Gen also looks out for his teen nephew, Mana (James Rolleston), who's being recruited into a local gang.

So sure, the genre-lines are showing: A down-and-out loner leads a ragtag team of underprivileged underdog youngsters to a big-deal tournament in the final act. Yet this movie is still effective and engaging despite all of that. Curtis' performance defies expectations -- he packed on more than 65 pounds to play a real-life guy and did justice to his complicated issues.

"The Divergent Series: Allegiant" (PG-13) -- This young-adult franchise continues its downward trend with this latest installment in which our young heroes (Shailene Woodley and Theo James as Tris and Four) discover that their dystopian society is actually contained within a larger, more dystopian dystopia. Jeff Daniels speaks for the shady bureaucracy of this bigger society, and his explanations and discussions of various plot elements seem as if they will last into the next collapse of civilization. The action is toned down, and this already derivative series fades evermore into the background.

Sudoku answers on page 32

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD

Henry comic strip by Don Trachte. Panels show Henry talking to a friend about a piggy bank and a soda.

The Spats comic strip by Jeff Pickering. Panels show two characters talking about a birthday gift and love.

HOLLYWOOD By Tony Rizzo

Julia Roberts, fresh off "Money Monster" with George Clooney, is now shooting "Wonder" for an April 7, 2017 release. She's playing the mother of a boy born with facial differences that prevented him from going to a main-stream school until fifth grade, when he suddenly becomes an unlikely hero.



Julia Roberts [depositphotos.com]

Raquel Welch, last seen with Reese Witherspoon in "Legally Blonde" (2001), Burt Reynolds in "Forget About It" (2006) and the TV film "House of Versace" (2013), is returning to the big screen. She'll appear with Rob Lowe and Kristen Bell in "How to Be a Latin Lover," which has Mexican film star Eugenio Derbez in the title role.

Molly," and producers assumed she was too busy. But she made it known she would go back if asked, and they did.

Money was never a factor, because McCarthy really wanted to revisit Stars Hollow. Now that "Ghostbusters" is ready for a July 15 release, with Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Chris Hemsworth, she has no series or films planned yet, so "Gilmore Girls" hits at the right time.

Since leaving "Gilmore Girls," Jared Padalecki (Dean Forester) landed his own series, "Supernatural," on which he's been a hit since 2005. Matt Czuchry (Logan Huntzberger) was a regular in "The Good Wife" from 2009-2016 as Cary Agos. Milo Ventimiglia (Jess Mariano), filmed a spin-off pilot as Jess, but it didn't fly. But he did have a recurring role in "Gotham," made the Jason Statham film "Wildcard" and acted with Nicole Kidman in "Grace of Monaco."

Melissa McCarthy will rejoin the cast of the Netflix reboot of "The Gilmore Girls" four-part series, "A Year in the Life," after all. Her films "Spy" and "The Boss" both were hits, with a lot of the profits going to her and husband Ben Falcone (who directed and co-wrote it with her and Steve Mallory). At the time the "Gilmore Girls" reboot was announced she was still doing "Mike and

King Crossword

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POPEYE comic strip. Panels show Popeye and Bluto talking about living in a small town and a big city.

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Wednesday, July 27, 2016

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FROM THE PROS AT AMITY GARDENS

SUMMER CARE FOR SHRUBS, TREES AND LAWNS

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products for virtually any variety of shrubs and trees.

Lawns are another subject for summer fertilization and grub control. We suggest starting with an organic like the Jonathon Green product line – a veteran, proven producer of fertilizer for lush, green lawns. Use a mechanical spreader to measure out the exact amount per square foot. Or, if hand feeding, a thin coat spread evenly over the grass surface will do. Make sure you water in well. Apply every 6 weeks during the year, keeping your



Geno Sardo

lawn moist in the sizzling months of July and August. Again, a wide choice of Jonathon Green lawn products are available at Amity Gardens.

For annoying grub action and weed control, consider applications of Bayer Grub Treatment and Weed & Feed to control pesky weeds. The Bayer product eliminates grubs with no damage to the grass. (Occasional brown spots will indicate the grubs are at work underground on the grass roots.) Weed & Feed does exactly what the brand name

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LaROCCA RECOGNIZED AS JULY PERSON OF THE MONTH

First Selectman Ellen Scalett recognized Mary Ellen LaRocca as the July Woodbridge Person of the Month. Scalett initiated the Woodbridge Person of the Month Recognition program to spotlight the many Woodbridge residents, volunteers and employees who go above and beyond the expected in their dedication and commitment to Woodbridge and its residents.

LaRocca is the Town's Director of Human Services and oversees the Senior Center and Youth Services. She has worked for the Town of Woodbridge since 1989. Recently, LaRocca saved the life of a Senior Center visitor who was choking during a luncheon. She performed abdominal thrusts (aka the Heimlich maneuver) on the resident while an ambulance was en route.

"Woodbridge residents know to rely on Mary Ellen when they need help, and this episode was a particularly noteworthy example of her dedication," said First Selectman Ellen Scalett. "Mary Ellen saved a resident's life and never boasted about it or even mentioned

it. That speaks volumes about what a caring, passionate and discrete person she is."

LaRocca and her department look out for our most vulnerable residents. LaRocca organizes a food and gift basket drive in the winter. Under her leadership the department offers yearly CPR training for Town staff and residents, provides hot, healthy and inexpensive meals for our seniors and disabled residents, processes home heating oil assistance for low-income residents, maintains

a food pantry for low-income residents and offers income tax assistance.

Twenty-eight years ago LaRocca wanted to honor the plethora of volunteers that assist her department and ever since then she has been hosting a Volunteer Tea Ceremony to publicly thank them. LaRocca also serves as the Town's Veterans' Advocate and participates on the Town's Safety Committee.

If you know a Woodbridge employee, resident or volunteer who's gone above and beyond expectations, please nominate that person for this award by contacting Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org or 203-389-3403.



NATE CASE RECOGNIZED AS JUNE PERSON OF THE MONTH

First Selectman Ellen Scalett recognized Nate Case as the June Woodbridge Person of the Month. Scalett initiated the Woodbridge Person of the Month Recognition program to spotlight the many Woodbridge residents, volunteers and employees who go above and beyond the expected in their dedication and commitment to Woodbridge and its residents.

"Several Woodbridge residents nominated Nate Case to be honored as Person of the Month," said Scalett. "His modesty, energy, leadership skills and level of dedication to Woodbridge are exceptional, even in our Town which has so many great volunteers."

Case serves on the Alice Newton Street Park Association Board and volunteers as head of the Park's maintenance committee. He is also a volunteer firefighter and serves as a driver and a firefighter; he is a member of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Association's executive board. Case is also active in Boy Scout Troop 907; he is the troop's Life to Eagle Scout Coordinator and serves on the Scout Committee. Previously, he was the Troop's Scout Master.

Case is involved in some of the Town's

most important activities – the maintenance and beautification of open space, the nurturing and mentorship of the Town's young people and the safety and security of all residents.

Even before he joined the Park Association Board, Case walked the trails at Alice Newton Street Park on a daily basis. As he walked, he would pick up debris and trash along the trails to help maintain the park's natural beauty.

Case became involved in the Boy Scouts when his two sons were young (he also has a daughter). His sons achieved Eagle Scout rank and Case is still involved in helping other young scouts obtain that prestigious rank. Currently he is the sponsor for an Eagle Scout project at Alice Newton Street Park.

Professionally, Case taught special education in Waterbury and retired in 2012. He has coached rowing at Hopkins School for the past eight years.

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TASTE OF WOODBRIDGE EVENT COINCIDES WITH FREE CONCERTS

The third annual Taste of Woodbridge will coincide with the kick-off to this year's free summer concerts in July.

The summer concerts are held on every Tuesday in July from 6 – 8 p.m. on the Woodbridge Town Green.

On July 5, the Taste of Woodbridge will be held during the Cold Spring Harbor concert (Billy Joel tribute band). During this event Woodbridge restaurants and others in the local food industry will provide free samples to attendees. Residents can taste a wide variety of free food from Café Blake, Grimaldi's Pizzeria, Massaro Community Farm, The Spice is Right, Sweet Seidner's Bake Shop, and Village Café.

In addition, food and snacks will be available for purchase from the following food trucks at all the concerts: Christiano's Pizza, Christiano's Miniature Donuts, Firedog, Four Flours Baking Company, Poppy's Pizza and Sweetheart Ice Cream.

On July 19 the Recreation Department will add a new event: Rec-A-Rama. Rec-A-Rama will showcase various Recreation Department child and adult programs. The public will be able to participate in a few demo classes. Participating in this event are: Bricks4Kidz (Lego programming), yoga, Arts in Connecticut, World Champion Tae Kwon Do, Massaro Community Farm, volleyball and more.

"Please join us for our summer concert series," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "The concerts and ancillary events, organized by our Recreation Department, provide an opportunity

for us to come together to celebrate our community and the season."

"The Recreation Department is pleased to offer these additional fun events for the residents of Woodbridge and show off the variety of programming we offer," said Recreation Department Director John Adamovich.

The rain date for the Cold Spring Harbor concert is July 6. If it rains on July 6, the concert will be held in the Center Gym. On July 12 Joe Neumann and the Big Beat (music from the 1950s and 60s) will play. The rain location for the July 12 concert is the Center Gym. The July 19 concert will be performed by Angelo Ruggiero (standards from Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and more). The Vybrations (music from the 1960s and 70s) will play on July 26. The rain date for The Vybrations is July 27. If it rains on July 27 the concert will be in the Center Gym.

The concerts are possible thanks to sponsors, including Group Insurance Associates, Latricte International, Regent Wealth Management Group, Servpro – CKG Associates, Deankin Edwards & Clark, M.H. Schaefer Inspection, Christianos Mobile, People's United Bank, Four Flours Baking Co., Hershman Legal Group, Firedog, Sweetheart Ice Cream, Poppy's Pizza, Massaro Community Farm, Senator Joe Crisco (paid for by Crisco 2016, Pat Crisco, Treasurer), Law Offices of Resnik and Resnik, Ming Xiao, Phylis Liu O.D., F.C.O.V.D. Behavioral Optometrist, Bladen Valley Sprinkles.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



PET FIRE SAFETY

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

Pet fire safety day is July 15 and our pets are treasured family members and need protection. Sadly, some 500,000 pets are affected by fires each year, and over 40,000 of them die. Most fire victims die from smoke asphyxiation. A fire needs oxygen to burn, so lack of oxygen or inhaling smoke is more often the killer than the fire itself.

Be sure you have working smoke detectors on every level of the home.

- Place detectors near bedrooms and in the kitchen, either on the ceiling or 6–12 inches below the ceiling on the wall, well away from air vents.
- Be sure detectors are in good working order. Mark your calendar to remind yourself to check the batteries regularly (for example, at the start of a new season).
- Another smart home safety measure is to install a carbon monoxide detector in your home. Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that can cause severe illness or death to both people and pets.

Have an emergency exit plan that includes your pets, and practice the plan regularly. Once a fire starts, it spreads rapidly, so everyone should know what to do to escape.

- Affix window decals around your home so rescue workers know there are pets inside.
- Fire experts report that many dogs perish in fires because they are confined in a crate or room and cannot escape. Be sure your fire plan accounts for crated dogs.
- Keep leashes at hand so you can leash your dog to prevent him from escaping in panic.
- Keep pets on a ground floor of your home to make rescue easier.
- Keep hallways and exits free of clutter to allow you to get out of a burning house more safely.
- Make sure pets always wear current identification.
- Research a safe place to take your pets. Ask friends or relatives if they can shelter you and your pets, and check with local pet boarding facilities, humane societies and animal shelters.

- Assemble a dog disaster kit with dog food and his medications, copies of his health records, your veterinarian's phone number and list of facilities you can take your pet, recent photo taken of you with your dog, favorite toy or bedding, and extra leash and collar affixed with the pet's I.D.
- Give a key to a trusted neighbor, and make sure he knows where the dog might be located within the house so he can inform firefighters.
- Ask your local fire department if the fire trucks carry pet oxygen masks. If they don't, ask neighborhood pet owners to join you in making a donation to buy masks for the fire department.
- Listen to your dog! Canines have a keen sense of smell and can detect smoke long before humans. If your dog is acting strangely, look into the situation promptly and be prepared to gather your family and follow your evacuation plan.
- If you must evacuate and can't find your dog in the house, leave an outside door open and then call your dog's name once you get out. He may be able to hear you and escape.
- If your dog was in a smoke-filled building or if you can smell smoke on his fur, take him to your veterinarian. Toxic fumes can be deadly.
- Prevent fires from happening by ensuring your dog doesn't have access to dangerous combustible items.
- Keep electrical wires and batteries out of your pet's reach. Chewing or biting anything electrical can cause him shock or burns, or could start a fire.
- Don't leave lighted candles unattended. A lit candle knocked over by a swinging tail can burn your pet or cause a fire.
- Remember, in the event of a fire, your pets need protection as much as the rest of the family.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You dislike waiting for promises to be fulfilled and for commitments to be kept, but resist your headstrong tendency to push things along. Your patience will be rewarded.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect continuing opposition to your plans from die-hard detractors. However, your determination to see things through will carry the day. A Pisces has romantic ideas.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might be too close to a troublesome workplace situation to deal with it successfully. Step away in order to get a better perspective. A solution soon becomes obvious.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might suspect that someone you trust has misled you on an important matter, but a more balanced view of things reveals a misunderstanding to be the culprit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's animal magnetism has rarely been stronger. You can either just bask in all that admiration or use it to your advantage, especially in the workplace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone who previously balked at cooperating with you on a project suddenly has a change of heart. Accept

both help and advice with grace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some hazy issues still need to be cleared up before you can move on with your new plans. A friend from the past reaches out to re-establish old ties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Continued positive fall-out follows that risky workplace decision you made some time ago. Your payoff will soon prove to be more substantial than you expected.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A personal relationship continues to be affected by a recent unexpected turn of events. Things need to work themselves out without finger-pointing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a wonderful week for all you capricious Goats to kick up your heels with friends or family members in some well-earned fun and frivolity.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Caution is advised before making a financial commitment to someone you don't really know. There are better ways to build friendships than with risky fiscal dealings.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Travel plans continue to be favored. A change of scenery brings new opportunities, both personally and professionally. Be open to the possibilities.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of loyalty that shows itself best in your relationships with family and friends.

HOME ALONE

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 1-year-old dog, "Clemente," gets extremely anxious whenever I leave home. He barks nonstop, as my neighbor has mentioned repeatedly. I put him in his crate whenever I leave, but it doesn't matter if I'm gone for 20 minutes or all day -- he will not stop barking until I get home.

I tried leaving him out of the crate when I go out for short periods, but then he just barks, claws at the door and scatters my shoes everywhere. What else can I do? -- Beth N., Brooklyn, New York

DEAR BETH: Reducing your pet's anxiety when you leave home can be really tough. Regardless of his history -- whether he was a shelter adoption or brought home from a litter -- Clemente's perception is that you are leaving, and he doesn't know why or for how long. How will he eat if



you're gone for days? Why won't you take him with you? A lot of things are running through his mind.

Even if you just go out of sight for a few minutes, some pets get really worried. I've come out of the bathroom to find my dog and cats clustered together, staring up at me mutely with eyes that seem to say, "Where did you GO?"

There are many things to try, all of which involve reassuring Clemente that you will come home. Contact a trainer who specializes in easing anxiety (Clemente's vet may have some good recommendations). Most importantly, do it soon. Right now he's got some anxiety, but that could develop into more destructive behaviors. Now is the time to really build that relationship with your dog and help him feel more confident that you are always there for him.

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