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Beecher custodians Ronny Casaverde and Carlos Rodrigues put in countless hours helping to get the school ready for opening day.

BEECHER READY TO WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

'Elves' to Continue Upgrades While Students Are Out

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

For the past eight weeks, Beecher Road School Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella couldn't enter his school unless he was wearing a hard hat, but starting this week, he can put the hat away, at least temporarily. With the construction project at Beecher Road School continuing at a frantic pace, Dr. Stella expects things to be in order and ready to welcome back first the teachers, then students on Tuesday,

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PEASE PLACE SCHEDULED FOR FALL GRAND OPENING

The inclusive playground will provide a safe and fun place to play for children of all abilities. The playground is possible thanks to a state grant, grants from private foundations, many private donations from local residents and businesses, Town support and the hard work and leadership of the Woodbridge Community Playground Committee and its co-chairs, Colleen Inclima and Teri Schatz.

The Woodbridge Community Playground Committee and Town of Woodbridge are working together to come up with a cost-effective solution to deal with unforeseen water table issues. "If not addressed, the underground water would have made play a very wet experience," says Colleen Inclima. "Also, it would have caused unnecessary future costs to the Town." "We've all been working diligently for the last few months to correctly fix the water drainage to ensure that the playground

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It may be a low budget film, but Amity graduate Colin Theys is working with some big talent as the director of Wally

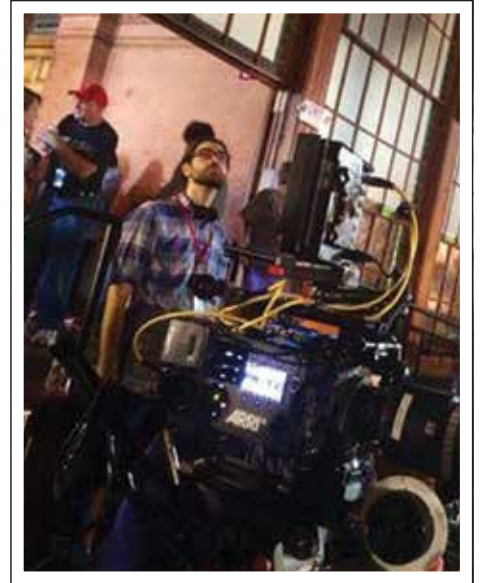


Laura Fantarella

Lamb's "Wishin' and Hopin'", a light-hearted Christmas story that will hit the theaters for the holidays. Described on Amazon.com as a "vivid slice of 1960s life," the tale takes

place at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parochial School when the sudden arrivals of substitute teacher Madame Frechette and feisty Russian student Zhenya Kabakova leads to "one outrageous Christmas". The movie, based on the book written by Connecticut native Lamb, is the first adaptation of the best-selling author's works.

For Theys the experience meant directing seasoned performers like Molly Ringwald, Conchata Ferrell, Meat Loaf, Sosie Bacon and Blanche Baker as well as the challenges of directing a period piece and working with many child actors. "Although it is a small scale story, in some ways it was my biggest production by virtue of it being a period piece and since there were so many children and parents on the set there were also complicated child labor laws," he said. "We had to fill a whole parochial school with children.



Colin Theys

It was challenging and stressful but it all came together and that's what makes it worth it." It was also the best time he's ever had at work, in part because the story itself is fun and wacky, but also because of the close bonds that developed among the cast and crew and the opportunity to work beside Wally Lamb himself. "I'm a big fan of his work. It was really exciting to meet him and an honor to be able to work on an adaptation," Theys said. "He was involved throughout and on the set every day."

Theys dabbled in acting as a student at Amity High School and later at Wesleyan University, an experience that made him realize it wasn't his forte. "I had a lot of fun but I wasn't that great. But it definitely helped me learn as a director how to approach actors and how to talk to

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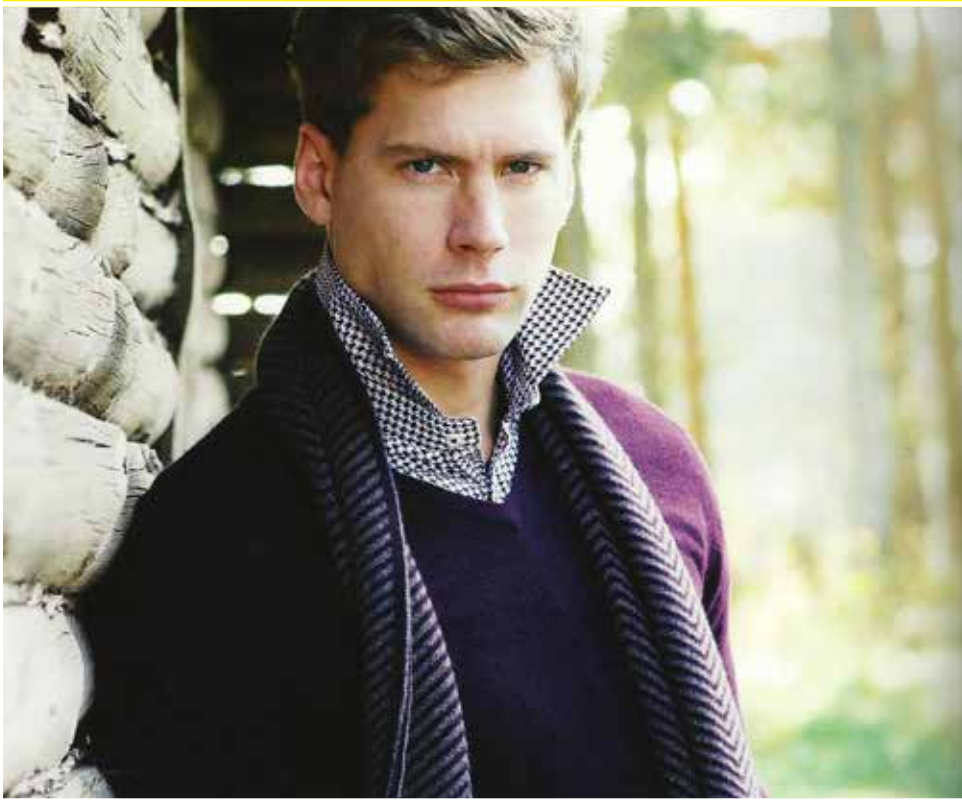
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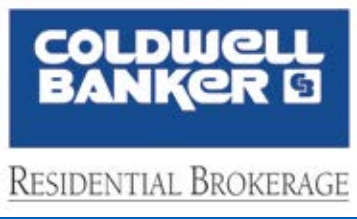
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While area fans are still talking about last year's Labor Day concert which featured, for the first time in Connecticut, "Brass Transit" – celebrating the musical hits from the group "Chicago", the Orange Town News, in coordination with the Town of Orange, has once again reached north of the border and signed "Dreamer – The Supertramp Experience" for this year's Labor Day Concert to be held at the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange on Sunday, August 31st.

The eight person cover band which hails from Montreal, Canada will perform hits from the legendary rock group "Supertramp". Led by Emmy Award Winning Vocalist Phil Naro, "Dreamer" will entertain with a 2 hour - 17 song set of classic Supertramp material. The first set of the night will be Supertramp's 1974 album "Crime of the Century" which will be performed end to end. The album features some Supertramp staples such as School, Bloody Well Right, Rudy and Dreamer. The second half of the concert consists of Supertramp's other big hits including: Fool's Overture, Give a Little Bit, Take the Long Way Home, It's Raining Again, Goodbye Stranger and The Logical Song (www.dreamerconcert.com).

The Orange Town News is producing the show for the third consecutive year in coordination with the Town of Orange in a public/private partnership. The concert will begin promptly at 7:00 pm with welcoming comments from Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli. The concert is free, food vendors will be available. Get your spot early. A suggested parking donation of \$5 will benefit the Amity Teen Center. Woodbridge residents are welcome!

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WOODBIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

REDUCED/FREE MEAL PROGRAM

The Woodbridge Board of Education announced its policy for determining eligibility of children who may receive free or reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch Program. Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced price meals in the Child Nutrition Programs.

Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income	Number in Family	Annual Gross Income	Monthly Gross Income	Twice Per Month Gross Income	Every Two Weeks Gross Income	Weekly Gross Income
1	\$15,171	\$1,265	\$633	\$584	\$292	1	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$900	\$831	\$416
2	20,449	1,705	853	787	394	2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	25,727	2,144	1,072	990	495	3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
4	31,005	2,584	1,292	1,193	597	4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	36,283	3,024	1,512	1,396	698	5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	41,561	3,464	1,732	1,599	800	6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	46,839	3,904	1,952	1,802	901	7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	52,117	4,344	2,172	2,005	1,003	8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
Each Add'l Family Member	+5,278	+ 440	+220	+ 203	+102	Each Add'l Family Member	+ 7,511	+ 626	+313	+ 289	+ 145

To determine annual income: If income is received: Multiply by:
 Weekly 52
 Every Two Weeks 26
 Twice Per Month 24
 Monthly 12

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk. Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office at each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purposes of determining eligibility and for administration and enforcement of the lunch, breakfast and milk programs. Note that the district MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. This information may also be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

No application is required if the district directly certifies a child based on a household member receiving assistance from:

- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or
- Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program.

All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren).

Households receiving SNAP benefits or TFA for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by October 1, 2014. If a child is not directly certified, the household should complete a free and reduced price meal application form. The application for the SNAP or TFA households require the name of the person in the household receiving the SNAP or TFA benefits and their case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required. Households receiving assistance under the SNAP/TFA programs will be notified of their eligibility and their children will be provided free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits.

When known to the district/school, households will be notified of any child's

eligibility for free meals if the individual child is Other Source Categorically Eligible because the child is categorized as either: Homeless; runaway as defined by law; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start, Even Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the district or school about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for other children. If households/children receive benefits under Assistance Programs or other source programs are not notified by the district/school of their free meal benefits, the parent/guardian should contact their school. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the LEA or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits.

Application forms for all other households require a statement of total household income, household size and names of all household members. The last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member must be included or a statement that the household member does not have one. The adult household member must also sign the application certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. A foster parent does not have to complete a free/reduced meal application if they can submit a copy of the legal document or legal court order showing that the child is a foster child. Additionally, a foster child is categorically eligible for free meals and may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits. If the foster family is not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, it does not prevent a foster child from receiving free meal benefits. Note however, that a foster child's free eligibility does not automatically extend to all students in the household.

Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced price meals, the Principal, Gina M. Prisco will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he/she wishes to make a formal appeal, a request either orally or in writing, may be made to the Superintendent's Office for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure. Each school and the central office of the school district has a copy of the policy which may be reviewed by an interested party.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes at any time, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced price meals, free meals, or free milk, if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

RUNNING: A GUIDE TO HEALTHY TRAINING

Running injuries can happen at any skill level, whether you are just starting out or a seasoned marathoner. There are several ways to prevent injuries which will keep you running. In my experience there are a few areas to focus on such as proper footwear, pre- and post-stretching, and cross training.

One way to prevent an injury is to have proper footwear. To get the right shoe for you and your running style it is best to leave it up to professionals. There are several running stores in the area that will custom measure your feet and fit you into the proper shoe that suits your needs. Whether you have a high arch or are extremely flat footed, there are different shoes for each foot type. By starting out with the proper equipment, plantar fasciitis, stress fractures and neuromas are reduced significantly. Minimalist shoes (shoes that have minimal support or "barefoot" shoes) are becoming popular in the running community and would be most suited for someone that has a strong arch that can support impact with each stride. This would not be a good option for a runner that has flat feet or pronates when running/walking; they would need something with more support. Finally, don't overuse your running shoes. After 300 to 500 miles of running they do not have the same qualities to help support your feet and you should be getting new shoes at that point. This is about every 3-6 months if you run 20 to 50 miles per week, assuming you are using the shoes only for running.

Another area of focus should be in your pre- and post-stretching routine. Before your run, the best way to warm up is dynamic stretching which is moving while stretching instead of holding a position. One example of a dynamic stretch would be holding onto something to maintain balance and slowly start swinging your leg back and forth with your leg straight. As you start to loosen up, you will be able to increase the intensity of the movement. This should be performed for 30 repetitions. There are plenty of other dynamic stretches that can help warm you up prior to your run. Following your run, static stretching should be performed. Static stretching is holding a position for a period of time. Typically for runners, the most important areas to stretch are calves, hamstrings, quads and lateral hips. In our clinic, we have incorporated many of these techniques and have customized stretching programs for different athletes depending upon their restrictions.

Finally, the last area to help avoid injury is cross training. Constant running without other forms of training can lead to significant weaknesses in other areas of the body that translate to injuries. Some signs and symptoms that runners may experience that are primarily due to a lack of cross training are low back pain, lateral hip pain and knee pain, just to name a few. Lower abdominal and gluteal strengthening can be key in keeping a stable pelvis and decrease chance for developing an abnormal running pattern with muscle imbalances in your body. In our clinic, we see these problems all too often in runners. By adding in pelvic tilt exercises along with hip strengthening exercises such as clams and hip squeezes can help tremendously. Another exercise that can be simple and also help build lateral hip muscles can be walking sideways, side shuffling on a treadmill, or on pavement. Exercises like these would be beneficial to add into a daily program.

These simple but useful tips will help keep you on the road running and help avoid injuries or running through pain.

Michael Demetriades DPT received his doctorate degree from Quinnipiac University. He has experience in working with all ages and injuries. Michael is a previous varsity hockey and baseball player who is well versed in the modern athlete. He can be contacted in Branford at (203) 433-4683.

CHAPEL HAVEN OPEN HOUSE

Families of young adults with developmental and social disabilities are cordially invited to attend an open house September 12 at Chapel Haven, an award-winning school that teaches independence. Registration is required online at www.chapelhaven.org. Chapel Haven is located at 1040 Whalley Avenue.

The open house is from 10 a.m. to noon. Chapel Haven invites families to come and see independent living in action. The event will include a light breakfast, an overview of Chapel Haven, student panels and a tour of Chapel Haven's two residential programs, REACH and Asperger Syndrome Adult Transition program.

An evening open house will also be held October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the New Haven campus. The event will include a light dinner. Pre-register for this event at www.chapelhaven.org.

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LESSONS LEARNED

By Roberta L Nestor

One doesn't have to go back very far into investment history to find out what can potentially happen to a portfolio when the markets turn negative. Unfortunately, many of the lessons learned from severe market downturns has been at the expense of the small investor. It seems like the investment industry, Congress and other interested parties add safeguards and new regulations after the fact.

Remember Enron, that huge energy company that filed for bankruptcy in December 2001? Investors unwittingly learned that even though they did not directly own shares of Enron stock several of their portfolios may have. The demise of Enron affected investors one way or another, mostly negatively. However, something positive did come out of the Enron debacle and it is now known as the "Enron Rule". Typically large corporations contributed matched 401k contributions in the form of company stock. Prior to Enron, employers could have restrictions that forced the employees to maintain employer stock until they retired or separated from service. The "Enron Rule" now forces employers to have different investment options for employer contributions so that employees are not forced to own company stock.

So, after Enron investors decided to be more cautious and rethink having a high concentration in company stock. The late 1990s was an exciting time for investors, it was the beginning of the dot com era. This time it was with intent that investors over-weighted their portfolios with investments focused around technology - remember IPOs that were going up 30% - 50% in one day? Investment portfolios were littered with tech stocks. That bubble began to burst in the year 2000 and continued through 2002 with 3 consecutive years of severe stock market losses. Diversification once again was on the front burner and "target date" options became more well-known.

At the end of 2002 and the end of devastating market losses, growth of target date assets had been mild. Target date offerings started in 1993 and over the next 9 years the growth of target date assets had risen from zero to \$15 billion

(Target Date Analytics, LLC). But in the following five years, by the end of 2007, assets soared from \$15 billion to \$179 billion. Apparently investors thought (or were told) that these might be a better alternative than trying to put together your own diversified portfolio.

Then came along the financial crisis. By 2008, the stage was set for disaster and the only surprise accompanying the devastation to individual accounts was the amount of surprise expressed by advisors, investors and legislators alike who were shocked to learn that target date funds had widely divergent strategies as the target date approaches. Acting under pressure from Congress, the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) held their first joint hearing ever in June of 2009, to look into the "problem" of target date funds.

While learning from your mistakes is what makes us stronger, somehow investment mistakes seem to weaken not only our wallets, but our resolve to save. As markets, once again, reach all-time highs, many are wondering when the next shoe will fall and what is it we will learn from the next market crash. Maybe it is a good time to rebalance and revisit your investment portfolio, when things are going good. Don't wait for another market downturn before you call your advisor to discuss the "what ifs", having a plan and a solid understanding of what you own is the first step.

Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network - a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products offered through Nestor Financial Network are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. Commonwealth Financial Network or Nestor Financial Network does not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation. Roberta can be reached at Nestor Financial Network, 203-876-8066 or roberta@nestorfinancial.com.

TAG SALE AT ODYSSEY: A GREEK FESTIVAL

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced details regarding Treasures 'n Junque at ODYSSEY 2014: A Greek Festival, to be held August 29-September 1. This 4-day Tag Sale has something for everyone. Find electronics, house wares, gift items, collectibles, linens, framed art, books, vinyl records, CDs, toys, seasonal treasures, and more. Many items are new or barely used. Treasures 'n Junque can be found in the lower level of Saint Barbara Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange.

For 33 years ODYSSEY has delighted the senses with a feast of Greek cuisine, the thrill of Greek dance, the sounds of the bouzouki, and the ethnic flavor of the Agora (Marketplace). Stop by Saint Barbara's ODYSSEY for Connecticut's greatest "Greek Party," a rain-or-shine Labor Day tradition!

LOCAL RESIDENT COMPLETES WILDERNESS EXPEDITION

Gordon Bogardus, 20 of Woodbridge, Conn. recently completed a semester-long wilderness expedition traveling in New Zealand with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). On February 2, Bogardus and eight other students embarked on an expedition where they did not have access to modern conveniences and were challenged to step outside their comfort zones. A NOLS education stresses leadership can be learned and is based on the belief that the outdoors is a challenging environment where students will learn technical skills and about themselves.

The NOLS Semester in New Zealand was split into three sections: backpacking, sea kayaking and sailing; two to three instructors who are experts in the field accompanied students on each section.

Bogardus, eight coursemates and three instructors began the semester with 35 days of backpacking. The group traveled over 150 miles on foot, during which they climbed peaks, cruised through valleys and scrambled spurs. Curriculum focused on leadership, navigation and wilderness first aid. The section culminated with a six-day independent student expedition, where students earned the opportunity to travel without instructors.

Transitioning to the sea kayaking section, Bogardus, his coursemates and two instructors paddled 121 nautical

miles. Conditions were calm, stable and sunny, which allowed freedom to travel. Students helped plan the route and agreed on a strategy of short moves. There was time for reflection and relaxation after the challenging backpacking section. All students gained a basic introduction to sea kayaking and seamanship while focusing on communication, vision, planning and accountability for their decisions.

Sailing was the final section of the semester, and two instructors accompanied the group. The course traveled on two vessels, which were sloop rigged with roller-furled jibs. The first days were spent learning basic sailing skills including raising and trimming sail, tacking and gybing, as well as vessel systems. Next, more advanced sailing skills such as heavy weather sailing, sail theory and coastal navigation were introduced. Students took turns rotating through the roles of crew, steward and first mate. Highlights of the sailing section included viewing dolphins, shore hikes and student independence on vessels. Overall, this section lasted 10 days and covered 135 nautical miles.

This expedition began with nine students three months ago, and all students graduated from this course as competent and confident wilderness travelers and leaders. They join the NOLS alumni network of over 221,000 graduates.

FIRE RIPS THROUGH HELPING HANDS WAREHOUSE

Just after 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 10th, a fire hit the West Haven warehouse of Helping Hands Community Thrift Store & Furniture Bank. The fire spread from a dumpster in the back, to the loading dock, and into the building. It took firefighters approximately 30 minutes to put out the blaze. Deputy Fire Chief Scott Schwartz said that the cause of the fire was still under investigation, but that it has been deemed suspicious.

Helping Hands works with over 180 non-profit organizations around the State of Connecticut. It provides much needed furniture to families in need, raises money for local non-profits through sales in its Thrift Stores, and offers job training opportunities for young adults in programs through Yale University and Gateway Community College.

The warehouse stores the majority of the inventory for its Thrift Stores, located at 334 Boston Post Road in Orange and 77 Street State Street in North Haven, and for its Furniture Bank. The majority of the items in the 15,000 square foot warehouse is now unusable.

Helping Hands needs the public's help to restock its new warehouse. It needs donations of furniture, small appliances, housewares, clothing, linens, books, and more. When items are donated, donors can select which non-profit receives a portion of the proceeds. All donations are tax deductible.

"Our goals are to avoid laying off our employees and to continue providing much needed funds to our non-profit members through our Thrift Store and furniture essentials to the clients of our social service members through our Furniture Bank," according to Steve Greenberg, one of the owners of Helping Hands. "Although this has been devastating for Helping Hands, our members and their clients have also been affected. The Jewish Family Service Food Pantry relies on Helping Hands to help keep its shelves full, The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation relies on Helping Hands to provide money for scholarships to arts programs for kids. Our members work with kids, seniors, pets, veterans, homeless people and people with disabilities. Whoever started this fire needs to understand how they have negatively impacted a "community", not just Helping Hands.

While this fire may have been a major hit to them and the non-profits these donations benefit, Helping Hands is hoping that the "community" will help them rise out of the ashes. To schedule a pick-up of larger items, please call 203-782-4800. Donations of smaller items can be made at the Thrift Stores. Anyone with information about the fire is asked to call the West Haven Police Department at 203-937-3900.

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Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include September 12th, October 3rd, and October 24th with corresponding issue names and dates.

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

FROM OUR READERS

Family Talk About Drinking

Helping teens make good choices is as simple as starting a conversation, and back-to-school is an ideal time for parents to talk about avoiding peer pressure to drink underage.

Dichello Distributors, Inc. wants to remind parents about the Anheuser-Busch Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide and Facebook community designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children to help prevent underage drinking.

Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking. For more information, please visit Facebook.com/ABFamilyTalk.

Sincerely,

Tony Lota

Alcohol Awareness Coordinator, Dichello Distributors, Inc.

To the Editor

Much has happened since our community's April meeting with the DOT regarding the construction at Routes 63 and 67. At this meeting, we were confronted with a bureaucracy that would not listen to our concerns, was unwilling to compromise, and had made up its mind to just move ahead without having communicated with us for close to a decade about this project.

I was asked to continue the conversation with the State to get a positive response to our legitimate concerns. I formed a core group including Anne Boucher, Lynn Tinker, and Dave Schneider to determine if the State had adequately justified the need for all the elements of the construction.

See "From Our Readers" continued on Page 30



WTN Letters Policy

Submit your letters for our "From Our Readers" section to: Woodbridge Town News, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477 or email: letters@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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is dry and safe for play," stated Teri Schatz.

The site work is now in progress and the drainage is scheduled to be installed within the next few weeks. Once the site work is completed, the playground installation will require about another month of work.

The Woodbridge Community Playground Committee is planning a great Grand Opening this fall. If you have a food truck or would like to provide a service for the event, please contact Inclima at 203.927.3160 or Schatz at 203.605.6005.

"We plan to make this a celebration for all involved and the community at large," Inclima stated. "This is the first all-inclusive playground for the town and we are just thrilled that this amazing amenity will be available to residents," added Schatz.

"On behalf of the Town I would like to thank Colleen and Teri for working tirelessly to make this project a reality for all Woodbridge children," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #5 By Charles Dumais

Dear Amity Community

I wish to thank you for your patience and support as I transitioned, mid-year, into the position of Superintendent of Amity Regional School District #5. I have learned a tremendous amount about our students, our staff, our schools, and our community. In the last six months, I have seen the commitment, energy, and passion that the Amity staff has for our students. I have seen the support and positive involvement that our community has for our schools. I have seen collaboration, hard work, and imagination that will drive student learning to higher levels.

The student experience that was once realized mostly within the walls of the school building (e.g., seat time, lectures, final exams ...) with a focus on "lifelong learning" has shifted to a need to personalize the student experience. As Joseph Blatt of the Harvard Graduate School of Education describes, an acute awareness of "lifewide learning," which is an explicit understanding that learning happens in every aspect of a student's life, will be an integral part of a high quality education. These shifts will require schools and districts to do things differently, no matter how well they are doing them now.

In the Amity schools, with the help of families and community partners, we will be increasing our efforts to personalize the student learning experience and further promote the success of every student. I have asked every teacher, as they develop their annual goals, to think of ways to foster creativity and innovation in the work that we do and the work that we ask students to do. As the landscape of education changes, we will continue to create opportunities for students that will prepare them with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed.

We are an organization that is continuously learning and growing. I would love to hear how you think that we are doing.

Looking forward to a great year,
 Charles Dumais
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STUDENT NEWS

Dean's List

Kimberly Lovejoy Named to St. Lawrence University Dean's List

Canton, NY -- Kimberly C. Lovejoy of Woodbridge has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Spring 2014 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Lovejoy is a member of the Class of 2015 and is majoring in economics and government. She graduated from Amity Regional High School. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Lisa Israel Named to the University of Rhode Island Dean's List

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 4,000 undergraduates have qualified for the Spring 2014 Dean's List. Lisa S Israel 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.

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WOODBIDGE RECREATION FALL PROGRAMS 2014

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MONDAY

BOWLING – Grades K-6 Amity Bowling Center September 15 - November 10 – Busing to Amity Bowling will be provided and is included in the cost. Cost also includes the rental of bowling shoes. Food may be purchased @ refreshment stand at additional cost. TIMES: 3:30 – Leave for bowling and 5:15 pick up at Amity Bowling Center BY PARENTS. FEES: \$100.00/Residents, \$110.00/Non-Residents.

TENNIS – Grades k-6 3:25-4:25pm September 15– October 27 – \$100/Residents, \$110/Non-Residents. Beecher North Tennis Courts. Pickup is required at 4:25.

TAEKWONDO – Grades K-6 World Champion Taekwondo, Amity Road, September 15 – November 10 –\$169.00. Busing to 152 Amity Road will be provided and is included in the cost. 3:30 Leave for Taekwondo and pick up between 4:30 - 5:00 at World Champion Taekwondo at 152 Amity Road BY PARENTS.

RUNNING CLUB – Fitzgerald Trails – Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7:15am-8:15am, September 15 – October 31. Bus Transportation provided to Beecher Road School at the end of each morning. \$85.00.

KUMON-math.reading.success – Grades K-6 September 15 thru November 10 after school math & reading program. Busing to 152 Amity Road will be provided and is included in the cost. 3:30 Leave for Kumon and pick up between 4:30 - 5:00 at Kumon of Woodbridge at 152 Amity Road BY PARENTS \$280.

FARM FRESH! COOKING FROM THE FARM WITH MASSARO – Grades 4-6 4:00pm – 5:15pm Senior Center Café September 15 thru November 10, \$90/Residents, \$100/non-Residents. Busing to 4 Meetinghouse Lane will be provided. Pick up 5:15 at Senior Center Café BY PARENTS.

ART CLASS OR THEATER CLASS – Grades K-6 September 15 thru November 10. Busing to 131 Bradley Road will be provided and is included in the cost. 3:30 Leave Beecher and pick up 5:15 at Alexander Music Studio, 131 Bradley Road BY PARENTS \$100.

No Program October 13

TUESDAY

BASKETBALL – Grades K-2 Beecher South Gym September 16- November 11, Times: 3:30 to 5:00 pm, FEES: \$85.00Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents.

LITTLE SCIENTISTS K-5 3:30-4:15 Rotunda September 16 – November 11 \$148.

No Program October 14

WEDNESDAY

FLAG FOOTBALL – Grades K-6 Beecher South Field September 17 - November 12, Times: 3:30 to 5:00pm, FEES: \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents.

CHESS – Grades 1-6 September 17 – November 5, Rec. Dept Office \$70, Time: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

GUITAR – Grades K-6 Beecher South Assembly September 17 – November 5, Times: Beginner 3:30 to 4:30, Advanced 4:30-5:30pm, Fees: \$100.00/Residents, \$110.00/Non-Residents.

ULTIMATE TEAM SPORTS – Grades 4-6 Beecher South Gym September 17 - November 12, Times: 3:30 To 5:00pm, Fees \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents,

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THURSDAY

BASKETBALL – Grades 3-6 Beecher South Gym September 18 - November 13, Times: 3:30 to 5:00pm, Fees: \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents.

JUNIOR ARCHITECTS – Grades K-6 Rec. Dept. Office September 18 – November 13, 3:30 – 4:30, Fees: \$100.00/Residents, \$110.00/Non-Residents.

WORLD DANCE – Grades K-6 Beecher South September 18-November 13, Times: 3:30 To 4:30pm, Fees: \$80.00/Residents, \$90.00/Non-Residents.

KARATE – Grades K-6 October 2 – November 13 Rotunda 3:30 – 4:15pm, \$70/Residents, \$80/Non-Residents.

HULA HOOP with BRINGTHEHOOPA – Grades K-6 October 2 – November 13 Beecher South 3:30-4:30pm, \$70, Adult Program 4:30-5:30pm \$70.

No Program September 25 & October 16

FRIDAY

STICKBALL – Grades 3-6 Beecher North Tennis Courts September 19 - November 14, Times: 3:30 to 5:00pm LIMITED ENROLLMENT: MAX 36, Fees: \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents.

MOVE & BE HAPPY – Aerobics For Kids Grades K-6 Beecher Rotunda September 19 - November 7, Times: 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Fees: \$80.00/Residents, \$90.00/Non-Residents.

PIANO Grades 3-6 Beecher South Assembly September 19 - November 7, Beginners 3:30-4:30, Advanced 4:30-5:30 \$100.

SATURDAY

BASKETBALL Center Gym Dates: September 20 – November 15 If you do Tues. or Thurs. basketball GRADES K-3 Time: 9:00 to 10:00am Saturday, basketball is only \$20.00 for full session. GRADES 4-8 Time: 10:15am to 12:00 noon, Fees: \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Resident.

No Program October 4 & 11

GYMNASTICS – Beecher South Gym Dates: September 20 – November 15 Pre-K: 9:00 to 9:30 am; Grades K-1: 9:30 to 10:15 am; Grades 2-6: 10:15 to 11:15 am Fees: \$85.00/Residents, \$95.00/Non-Residents.

No Program October 4 & 11

TENNIS – Center Road Tennis Courts September 20 – November 1 Munchkin 9-10am, Beginner/Advanced 10-11am \$100/Residents, \$110/Non-Residents.

No Program October 4

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS! PARENTS MUST NOTIFY TEACHERS THAT A CHILD IS ATTENDING AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM! No Peanut Butter Snacks!

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Mail Registration to: Woodbridge Rec. 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525

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5 K Run & Walk: 10:30 AM \$25.00 Start at Town Library

ADULT PROGRAMS

BADMINTON – Wednesday evenings beginning October 1, 2014 – May 27, 2015 \$85

TENNIS – Center Tennis Court Saturdays September 20 – November 1 9:00 am – 10:00am, \$100/Residents, \$110/Non-Residents.

YOGA – Please call for Monday thru Friday Morning classes, and Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday Evening classes. Center Room 16.

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund



Woodbridge Job Bank Benefits Residents

The Woodbridge Job Bank is looking for young residents between the ages of 13 and 17 who are interested in earning some money. Teens willing to do yard work, office work, child care, pet care, housework, tutoring or party help should contact Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429 to join the Job Bank. It's a great way to gain work experience close to home.

Hire Woodbridge Teens

Woodbridge Job Bank teens will work for Woodbridge residents who want to hire someone to assist with odd jobs like yard work, party help, cleaning, tutoring, and moving furniture or boxes. Please contact us at 203-389-3429 for more information.

Need an Occasional Babysitter?

The Woodbridge Job Bank has numerous teenagers who are experienced in babysitting. Many have completed the American Red Cross Babysitters Training Course. If you are a Woodbridge resident and would like more information about babysitters or Mother's Helpers, call Woodbridge Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Woodbridge Youth Services Offers After School Programming at Amity Middle School- Bethany Campus - Call to sign up now!

Digital Photography for Teens - Instructor TBA

This is an introductory class on digital photography for students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their photographic skills as well as for those more experienced students who want to enhance their skills. The class will be offered one day per week in the computer lab at the Middle School from 2:25pm-3:55pm. The course will cover camera basics while working through creative assignments on composition, natural and artificial light and color. Students will work in Adobe Photoshop in the computer lab learning professional techniques to maximize their photography. Weekly projects will allow plenty of time for experimentation. If a student does not have access to a camera, arrangements may be made. A materials fee of \$80.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance may be arranged for qualifying families. Class will meet Thursdays beginning October 2nd after school in the computer lab at AMS-B. For more information, to sign up and complete a permission slip, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Fun Fitness Cooking with Instructor John Bencivengo Jr.

Learn how to cook in a hands-on, fun environment! This 10-week class will be offered in the Middle School's kitchen after school on Tuesdays from 2:25-3:55pm. Class is limited to 12 participants. Students will receive a notebook with recipes, nutrition and food safety information, a glossary of techniques and terms and an apron. We'll start with basic skills and techniques and enhance the fundamentals to help develop a lifetime of great cooking and creativity. A great after school activity! The materials fee of \$100.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance may be arranged for qualifying families. Class will begin September 30th. For more information or to sign up, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

TOWN LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN STATEWIDE PASSPORT PROGRAM

The Connecticut Library Association is proud to sponsor the first Passport to CT Libraries program, running in all participating public libraries from September 2nd through September 30th, including the Woodbridge Town Library! Based on the Wine Trail Passport Program in CT, this program will run during Library Card Sign Up Month in September. Every library will offer a Passport to its patrons that each patron will take to any participating library to be stamped and receive a small gift. At the end of the month, patrons will turn

in their passports to any participating library to be entered in two drawings: Most Libraries Visited and one Random Drawing for all participants. The drawing will be for two adult prizes of \$150.00 each and two children's (under 18) of \$100.00 each. You can learn more about the program online at: <https://www.facebook.com/passporttoctlibraries>. Make sure to visit the Woodbridge Town library during the month of September to pick up and stamp your passport. Passports will be available on September 2nd.

FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar



This summer's weather has been extraordinary, and I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the beauty of our Town at its finest. As we look forward to autumn and, for many, the beginning of the school year, I take this opportunity to update you on a few matters that I thought would be of interest.

First, though, I note with sadness the death of a Woodbridge young man, Sam Shekman. As you may know, Sam was hiking on West Rock and had a tragic accident. Our hearts go out to his family and our appreciation goes to the Woodbridge police officers and volunteer fire firefighters for their exemplary service and professionalism.

-The Beecher Road School renovation project began this summer. The contractors have been working weekends and long shifts to accomplish as much as possible before school starts. Once again I thank Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella, Principal Gina Prisco, Assistant Principal Nancy White, the school staff, Recreation Department staff, Amity Regional High School, and our neighbors Ezra Academy, Our Lady of the Assumption Church and Hopkins School for their flexibility and generosity in making all summer programs a success at their temporary locations.

-We have received two responses to the Town's Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding the Country Club of Woodbridge property (CCW). The members of the CCW ad hoc committee have begun their review of the proposals and will make a non-binding recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. If the Selectmen decide to move forward with any proposal, it will be

brought to the Town for a vote. While it is hard to predict, we expect this process to take several months.

-This summer, for the first time, Woodbridge hosted a Farmers' Market. It provides us an opportunity to support local farms, take advantage of the season's bounty and interact with friends and neighbors. There is one remaining market, located between the library and the Old Fire House: September 24 from 3-6 p.m.

-August is always paving month, and this year was no exception. The Town follows a paving plan to keep our roads in good condition. This year's project includes Northrop Road, Spector Road, Wedgewood Drive, Westward Road (between Rimmon Road and North Racebrook), Lunar Drive, Fieldstone Drive, Tanglewood Lane and South Bradley Road. Paving was scheduled to be completed during the last week of August, but may change depending on weather and other conditions.

-Lastly, Lucy Street and Litchfield Turnpike, between Lucy and Landin, will soon have new sidewalks. A state grant is paying the entire cost of the project. This work is scheduled to be completed by October.

For the most timely information on these and other topics, you can follow us on Facebook (Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT) or email Betsy Yagla (byagla@woodbridgect.org) to sign up for the Town's e-newsletter.

As always, I look forward to your questions and comments and to seeing you at meetings, farm markets, the library and cornfield, and other great places around Town.

FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR

By Joseph Crisco



Sen. Crisco Announces Date for D.O.T. Meeting on Route 63 & 67 Upgrades

State Senator Joseph J. Crisco (D-Woodbridge) announced that representatives from the state Department of Transportation will once again travel to Woodbridge to answer some citizens' questions about the ongoing upgrades to the intersection of Routes 63 and 67. The meeting will take place Monday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of Woodbridge Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge.

"DOT was here in the spring, now they're back to answer another round of questions," Sen. Crisco said. "I've been in regular contact with a group of local citizens who have some ongoing questions about the redesign, and I'd like to get their concerns addressed once and for all."

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

MARRAKECH, INC. SELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

Marrakech, Inc. is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has selected a new President and CEO, Heather LaTorra, a 28-year employee at the organization. Heather replaces Frank McCarthy who retired at the end of June 2014 after serving Marrakech as President and CEO for 27 years.



Heather LaTorra

Heather has many years of experience teaching and supporting individuals and families. She received her Bachelor's Degree, then her Master's of Science in Special Education at Southern Connecticut State University. In addition to her years of service at Marrakech, Inc., Heather has worked for the Brooklyn School for Special Children and as an adjunct instructor for the University of Bridgeport's IDEAL program and at Southern Connecticut State University. Heather serves as a volunteer on several local nonprofit Boards.

Heather started at Marrakech in an entry level position and grew along with the organization, pioneering new supports and services as well as implementing sound business and administrative practices. "Marrakech is an extraordinary organization comprised of professional, hard working and dedicated staff, volunteers and inspiring individuals that I am proud to be associated with for all of these years. I am honored and looking forward to entering this new chapter as leader," says LaTorra.

Marrakech is a diverse nonprofit organization that has been providing person centered, unique, and cost conscious human services for children and adults, with and without disabilities, in Connecticut for over 40 years. The supports provided include career training and support, intensive medical and behavioral treatment, safe affordable housing, family services and access to community resources. Out of the multitude of services provided, the two shared outcomes are improved self sufficiency and quality of life.

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Currently a resident of West Haven where she lives with her husband, Carolyn can be reached at 203-795-2700 or cgargano@weichertpr.com.

DR. JENNIFER BOTWICK, ND OPENS IN NEW LOCATION

Dr. Jennifer Botwick, ND, owner of the New Haven Naturopathic Center, is now practicing at a new location, 1 Bradley Road, Suite 503, Woodbridge Office Park, Woodbridge Connecticut. There will be a grand opening event from 6 to 8p.m., September 4th, Botwick's tradition of successful naturopathic treatments, integrated with compassionate listening, continues at the new location, where she offers acupuncture, botanical medicine, counseling, craniosacral therapy, homeopathy, lifestyle and stress management, massage therapy, nutrition, Reiki, reflexology, and yoga.

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SKLAR ELECTED TO ARTS COUNCIL OF GNH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ms. Lindsay H. Sklar, a Woodbridge resident and attorney with the law firm Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C., has been elected to the board of directors of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven and will also serve on the Board's Development Committee. The mission of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven is to promote, advocate and foster opportunities for artists, arts organizations and audiences. The Arts Council actively develops partnerships with civic, corporate, institutional, and medical sectors, advocates for local artists and connects artists with diverse audiences.



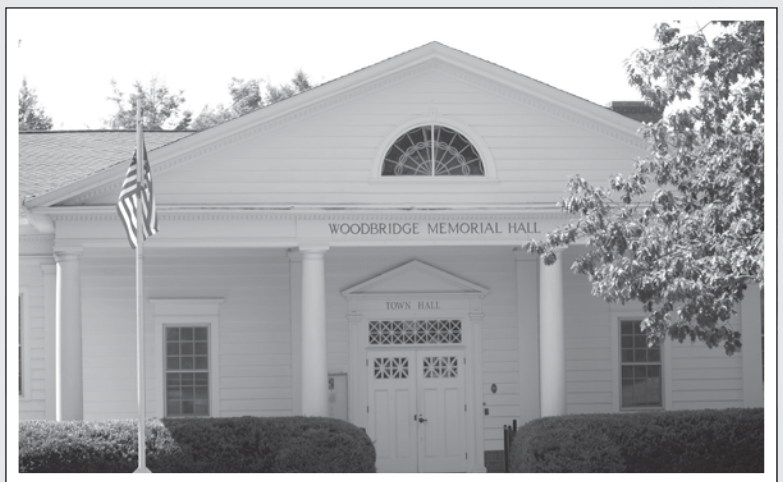
Lindsay H. Sklar

Attorney Sklar is well versed in the world of art and entertainment. As an undergraduate at Haverford College, she minored in Theater and was a member of an a cappella group and an improvisation comedy troupe. In law school at Fordham University School of Law, she was a member of the Media and Entertainment Law Society and interned with the legal department of Time Inc. and the Children's Advertising Review Unit. As a child Ms. Sklar took acting classes in New Haven and she is now thrilled to have the opportunity to give back to the very community that sparked her early interests in the arts. "The arts – especially theater – has been my passion for as long as I can remember," states Ms. Sklar. She looks forward to working on the Arts Council board and describes the organization as a pillar of support for the arts in New Haven.

Attorney Sklar will be working with the Development Committee to plan the upcoming annual Somewhat Off the Wall event, scheduled for September 20, 2014. The event will feature drawings, jewelry, paintings, photography, pottery, prints, textiles, and glass by 52 artists. This exciting and unique event, where some guests will take home original artwork literally from off-the-wall, raises funds for the Arts Council and awareness of the artists' extraordinary talent. For more information and to attend this year's Somewhat Off the Wall event, visit www.newhavenarts.org/save-the-date.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2014

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



Town Hall

9/2	CUPOP	7:00pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/3	Police Commission	6:00pm	Police Department
9/8	Library Commission	6:00pm	Library
	Human Services Commission	7:00pm	The Center
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/10	Board of Selectmen	6:00pm	Town Hall
9/11	Economic Development Comm.	7:00pm	Town Hall
9/18	Investment Committee	5:00pm	Reg. Water Authority
	Board of Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
9/22	CC of Woodbridge Commission	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Recreation Commission	7:00pm	Town Hall
9/23	Government Access TV Comm.	7:15pm	Town Hall

AASCC ANNOUNCES OPENING OF SS DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

AASCC is pleased to announce the opening of its Social Security Disability Assistance program. Since the inception of the Aging and Disability Resource Center in 2008, the Agency has become increasingly aware of the difficulties people with disabilities encounter when trying to get their Social Security benefits. Last year in CT 248,000 people applied for disability benefits and 210,000 were denied and had to apply for an appeal to have their case reconsidered. The Agency on Aging has seen how difficult it is for people to go through the appeals process and has set up the SSDA program to help people through this process. The Agency is a non-profit organization and is committed to providing help to anyone who feels they were unfairly denied disability.



Tom Davis

Program Director Tom Davis heads this endeavor. "I've been an advocate for thousands of clients seeking assistance through the Agency over the years" says Tom. He added, "I'm honored to be a part of this new program to assist those with disabilities in accessing their benefits. While law firms charge 25% of the past due benefits, the Agency has a non-profit status and we are able to offer a sliding scale based on individual's situation."

Another aspect of this program is the Agency's ability to help individuals access financial help by applying for state and federal support. Many of those waiting for their claims to be reviewed are eligible for food stamps, state cash assistance, Medicaid, and pharmaceutical assistance programs. The Agency will research each case to identify and obtain all the programs which may benefit each person.

To find out more information about the Social Security Disability Assistance Program, please call (203) 752-2959, email tdavis@aoascc.org or visit the website www.aoascc.org/ssda.

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them on set," he said. After graduating he went to work for Synthetic Cinema, an independent production company best known for producing horror films. A connection between Lamb and a co-worker led to the movie project. Though Lamb has been involved in negotiations with larger film companies to produce his work, no deals have yet to come about. "We're a smaller company and we're more able to move quickly," They said. "We don't have a big budget, but when we say we are going to do the movie we do it." In fact, adapting the book to a script, casting accomplished actors from around the country and shooting the film was completed in just seven months – a whirlwind in the movie business. The 90-minute movie is expected to hit select theaters this holiday season. Most of the filming took place at the Norwich Free Academy which was the setting for the parochial school with other scenes shot in the Willimantic area.

For 29-year-old Theys, the best part of the project is seeing the performances and the look of the movie all come together. "Filmmaking is a full time plus occupation, it never really stops," he said. "It takes a lot to stick with it, and everyone works crazy hard to make it all happen."

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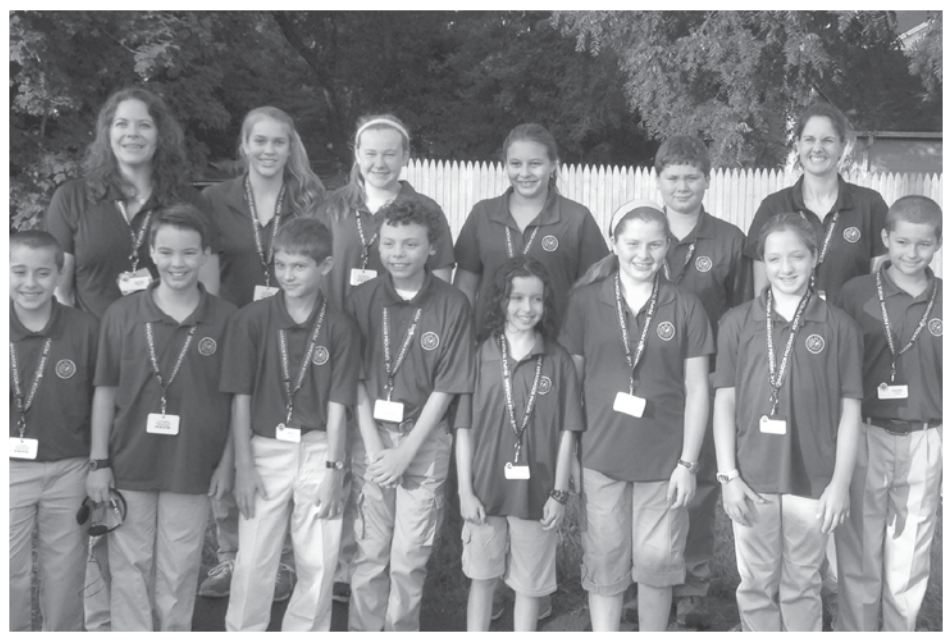
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Natasha VonBeeden a Beecher Road student was accepted to travel to Alaska with 17 other students as a People to People Ambassador. People to People's mission is to bridge cultural and political borders through education and exchange, creating global citizens and making the world a better place for future generations.

In Alaska the Ambassadors hiked Denali National Park, helped farmers in the Matanuska Susitna Valley, assisted at an Iditarod training kennel, panned for gold, prepared local cuisine including reindeer salmon, crab and elk, and hiked Exit Glacier.

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Busy Bees

Fall is a great season for outdoor festivals. Bright sunny days highlight the stunning fall foliage. Fall harvests of apples and pumpkins bring families and community groups out for a day of fun. Apple, pear and peach picking is an activity enjoyed by all; long remembered by a young one and still exciting to us older ones. But watch out! There are other creatures that enjoy the season as much as you do. They fill the fields and farms, and visit the festivals, buzzing about their work. As you pick an apple off the branch or are enjoying your cider doughnut, they seek revenge on the nearest human target who threatens their work.

Bee stings can be quite painful. For most people, a bee sting will cause pain at the site of the sting and a local reaction that may include itching, some swelling at the site and redness. 10-15% of those stung may have a larger local reaction that can last up to 10 days. But for 1-3% of the adult population (and less than 1% of children) bee stings can be life-threatening.

People who know that they are allergic to bee stings usually carry medication to take if stung. If you are allergic to bee stings, you should always carry the medication with you, especially at outdoor events, as well as wear a medical bracelet that will let others know about your allergy. People who don't know that they are allergic will not have emergency medications available. A severe allergic reaction (called anaphylaxis) to a bee sting may have one of more of these symptoms: nausea, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the lips or throat, a feeling that their throat is closing, dizziness, confusion, rapid heartbeat, or hives. If the person who has been stung experiences any of these symptoms, get immediate medical help.

There are lots of "folk" remedies for treating bee stings, including meat tenderizer or baking soda pastes applied to the site or rubbing the area with an aspirin. The FDA Consumer Health Information website recommends:

- Remove the stinger with a side-to-side scraping motion with a straight-edged object like a credit card or a ruler. (It does not recommend using a tweezers as that may push more venom-the bee's poison-into the skin.)
- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Apply ice or another type of cold compress to relieve the pain.
- Some other sources state that a pain-reliever (such as acetaminophen-Tylenol) may help with discomfort and a topical antihistamine cream (like a Benadryl-type product) may help to relieve itching.

Actions you can take to reduce your chance of getting stung include:

- If you see two or more yellow jackets near the ground, you may be near an underground nest. Stay away from the area.
- Trim hedges in late evening or on cool, overcast days when stinging insects are less active.
- Wear shoes. Stepping on insects is a common cause of bites.
- Avoid orchards when fruit is fermenting.
- Avoid wearing bright colors, which attract bees.
- Don't wear aftershaves, perfumes, or other strongly scented products at outdoor functions. This attracts insects.
- If a stinging insect lands on you, remain calm. Accidental pressure on an insect's body can provoke a sting. Walk away from groups of bees calmly.
- Watch your drink when you are outdoors. Bees (and other stinging insects) are attracted to sweet drinks and may land in yours!
- Move garbage and trash cans away from the people at your outdoor event.
- Insect repellents will not help with bees or other stinging insects. But they will help to prevent tick and mosquito bites, which is important to prevent Lyme disease and West Nile Virus.

Bees can be a real nuisance at picnics. Keep the foods on the serving table covered as much as possible. If you have open cans of soda or beer, be careful. Bees are attracted to the sweetness of the beverage and may land in the can. When you drink, you may get stung in the mouth. For free written information on stinging insects and/or allergic reactions, District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) can call Quinnipiac Valley Health District, 203 248-4528 or request on line, dculligan@qvh.org. This column is authored by V. Deborah Culligan, Health Educator.

TAG SALE AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society will hold a tag sale on the grounds of the historic Thomas Darling House at 1907 Litchfield Turnpike in Woodbridge on Saturday, September 20th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Come and find a treasure, or reserve a space to sell your stuff. tagsale@woodbridgehistory.org. Free coffee!

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AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Lee Canning

Creative Happenings Newsletter

"Creative Happenings Newsletter" is published monthly and may be received by mail, email or accessed online through the town website: www.woodbridgect.org/ click on Departments, Senior Center, Current Creative Happenings Newsletter. If you are not currently receiving a copy and wish to do so, please contact the Senior Center at (203) 389-3430. We are pleased to announce, starting this Month, Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services will begin co-sponsoring our Creative Happenings Newsletter.

Shopping At Amity Shopping Center Every Wednesday Morning

If you need a ride to pick up groceries, do banking, go to the drug store, etc.; please call the office at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation. The cost is \$4.00.

Zumba Gold Class

The class runs weekly at 9:00 am on Fridays and will meet in the cafeteria. All are welcome! Cost for the 6 week class is \$30.00. Payment is due when you register. Zumba Gold was designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and/or people who are not used to exercising, or people who may be limited physically. It is done at a low intensity. Zumba Gold classes strive to improve our balance, strength, flexibility and most importantly, the heart. The schedule for the next session is September 5, 12 & 19. To register call 203-389-3430.

Lunch Bunch

Meets on the last Monday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join us and share lunch and friendly conversation. The lunch is "Dutch Treat" and van transportation can be arranged for a \$3 fee. Please call Lee at 203-389-3430 to make a reservation for the lunch and/or transportation.

The Walking Group

Meets every Friday (except in bad weather) at the Cornfield at 10:00 a.m. We welcome all runners, walkers or strollers. Walking is a very low-impact exercise and is a great way to meet new people, catch up with friends and get some exercise.

Ping Pong/Table Tennis

A Ping Pong table has been donated to the center and is available for use. Ping Pong is great for eye-hand coordination, reflexes, balance, planning, strategy and a stress reliever, exercising the mind and body in a safe activity for everyone. If you are interested in playing, please call 203-389-3430.

Energy Efficiency Program

The "SMART LIVING CENTER" will be sponsoring an energy efficiency program on Sept. 12th after lunch. Discussion and hints on how to save on your energy bill.

PROGRAMS SEPTEMBER 2014

Sep 8 Mon	AARP Driving Safety 9:30 - 1:00
Sep 9 Tues	Angelo Ruggiero - Entertainment
Sep 12 Fri	"Understanding Lighting" presented by the Smart Living Center
Sep 16 Tues	Pepper Giannattasio - Entertainment "L. G. HEART AND SOUL"
Sep 17 Wed	The "Big E" Fair
Sep 19 Fri	Farm - To - Chef lunch
Sep 23 Tue	Dr. Bev Kidder "The Gift of Caregiving"
Sep 24 Wed	"Tai Chi" 12 week classes
Sep 29 Mon	"Lunch Bunch"
Sep 30 Tues	Jay Sabot will present information on Medicare Insurance Plans

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Oct 2 Thur	"bring the HOOPLA" 6 week classes begin
Oct 2 Thur	"Live Well Workshop" 6 week classes begin
Oct 8 Wed	"Cooking Demo" by Executive Chef Bencivengo, Jr. of Chowder Pot in Branford
Oct 20 Mon	Flu & pneumonia clinic 3:30 to 5:30
Oct 21 Tue	"Oktoberfest" trip departs

"The Gift of Caregiving"

Tuesday, September 23, 12:45 Dr. Beverly Kidder, Director - Aging and Disability Center, Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. Dr. Kidder, author of "The Gift of Caregiving" will be at the senior center to talk about what inspired her to write this book. She will also speak about the impact of caregiving on the life of the caregiver and discuss how caregiving is a gift from care recipient to caregiver. Discover more about your role as a caregiver and how it effects your life outlook. All proceeds from the sale of her book will go to the Agency on Aging.

"TAI CHI to Prevent Falls"

This 12 week class will help you learn about Tai Chi, increase balance and stability, maintain bone density, and improve circulation and flexibility. Classes will be on Wednesdays for 12 weeks, starting September 24th through December 10th at

the Senior Center. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please make checks payable to "VNA Community Healthcare".

"LIVE WELL WORKSHOP" - CHRONIC DISEASE SELF MANAGEMENT

If you have an ongoing health condition like diabetes, depression, heart disease, arthritis, chronic pain or anxiety or you are caring for someone with an ongoing health condition, this workshop is for you! The FREE 6 week workshops are each 2 ½ hours in length, and will be held at the:

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This program is sponsored by Griffin Hospital, the State of CT Aging Services Division and the CT Dept. of Public Health.

Lunch Tuesday and Friday

Every Tuesday & Friday Lunch is served at the center at 12:15 p.m. Meals cost \$3 and include salad, bread, juice, coffee/tea, & dessert. Take Outs meals are \$4.

Free Friday Afternoon Movies

Movies are shown at the Senior Center on Friday afternoons at 1 pm. Join us at 12:15 for a nutritious \$3 lunch, followed by a movie with free popcorn (or just attend the movie at 1 pm).

National Family Caregiver Support Program

The National Family Caregiver Support program is available to assist family caregivers in several ways. Information counselors are available by telephone to provide information about community resources that are available to assist you with your caregiving responsibilities; care managers are available to provide counseling to help you with making plans for your relative; respite services are available to help provide a break from your caregiving responsibilities and caregiver trainings are provided several times each year to help you enhance your caregiving skills. Additionally, the Agency on Aging maintains a resource library on its website and provides information monthly, about caregiving in its newsletter. If you are a caregiver and have questions about caregiver services, please contact the Agency on Aging at 203 785 - 8533.

Cooking Demo - Wednesday - Oct 8, 2014

The Woodbridge Senior Center is sponsoring a Cooking Demonstration with Executive Chef John Bencivengo, Jr. of The Chowder Pot in Branford. The cooking demo will be held in the Senior Center Cafeteria at noon. Join us for the demonstration and enjoy the delicious food prepared by Chef Bencivengo. Reservations are required. Please call the Senior Center at (203) 389-3430 by October 1, 2014. A \$5.00 per person charge will be collected on the day of the event. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this fun and entertaining afternoon.

"Friendly Visitor Program"

Do you have some extra time and would like to help your neighbors? Our "Friendly Visitor" program is always looking for volunteers of all ages to visit those who are shut-in and would enjoy company. Training is available through the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. Please call Mary Lee Raro in Human Services (203) 389-3429 for more information.

Correction To August 1, 2014 Issue

The correct days that our social worker Mary Lee Raro will be available are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Call the Human Services Dept. at 203-389-3429 to arrange an appointment.

AARP Smart Driver Course

The classroom course costs only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Checks are payable to AARP 09/08/2014 09:00 AM - 1:00 PM (203) 389-3430. 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 auto-mobile insurance.

FUTURE TRIPS

September 17, 2014—Wednesday—The Big E. \$49 includes transportation, admission to the "Big E" and driver's gratuity.

October 21, 2014—Tuesday—Oktoberfest. \$85 includes transportation, festivities and family-style luncheon at Platzl Brauhaus, and driver's gratuity. Call 203-389-3430 to register. Trips must be paid for at time of registration and checks are payable to Getaway Tours.

TRIP CANCELLATIONS FOR DAY TRIPS — Unfortunately NO REFUNDS can be issued for any cancellations made less than 30 days before a scheduled trip or event.

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SENIOR CENTER



Pictured left to right at the check presentation is: Rose Spinelli, Admissions Director, Peter Mongillo, Administrator and Lee Canning, Senior Center Director.

WILLOWS CARE & REHABILITATION CENTER CHECK PRESENTATION

The Willows Care & Rehabilitation Center sponsored an Auto Show fundraiser on Saturday, July 26, 2014 and the proceeds were donated to the Woodbridge Senior Center.



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Genesis Healthcare, The Willows, held its 2nd Annual Car Show on July 26th. Over 70 cars attended the event. Local businesses showed their supported by displaying food and services.



Pictured left to right: Karl Rainey from Public Works, Trish DiBuduo, Kitchen Assistant, Elaine Marcucio, Kitchen Supervisor and Bob Hauser from Building Maintenance who cooked a variety of picnic foods for the seniors.

WOODBIDGE SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC

The Woodbridge Senior Center recently celebrated its Annual Summer Indoor Picnic on August 8th at the Senior Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Police Department. Approximately 80 seniors attended the event.

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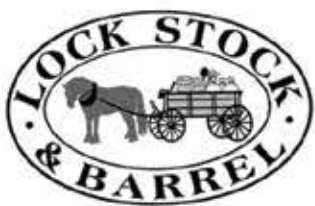
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SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT THE JCC

Airborne Jugglers Free at the JCC

Sunday, September 7, 7am-4pm

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Contact: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522, url: <http://www.jccnh.org>.

Bagels and Books

Sunday, September 14, 10:30-11:15 AM

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Location: JCC. Contact: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522.

JCL Information and Orientation Session

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 AM

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Holiday Prep Class 1 : Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

Thursday, September 18, 5:30pm

Need a crash course or a refresher in the fundamentals of celebrating the Jewish holidays? Is it your first time hosting/practicing the holidays in your home? JCC's Holiday Prep Classes provide a space to learn about the holidays and how to tailor the ritual to fit your family's needs. No sitter? No problem! Babysitting is available from 5pm-7:30pm at a discounted rate for attendees.

Location: JCC. RSVP: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522.

4th Annual JCC Murray Lender 5K Bagel Run & Kids Run

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- \$20 early registration and \$25 day-of registration. 8 AM - Race Day registration and packet pick-up opens.
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On the Road with PJ & LJ: Apple Picking at Drazen Orchards

Sunday, September 21, 2:30 PM

Celebrate the holidays with PJ Library and LJ from the JCC! Enjoy all that Drazen Orchards has to offer in a fun and educational way and meet some new friends along the way!

Location: Drazen Orchards. RSVP: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522.

WOODBIDGE GARDEN CLUB EVENT

The Garden Club of Woodbridge is presenting "Herbs, Vinegars, & Organic Greens", Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Deborah Queen, TV celebrity, Chef Queen, The Queen of Greens, will prepare a healthy 'green' salad while teaching us the merits of organic ingredients. A light lunch will be served. Please join us at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT at 11:45am. \$5 cost for guests.

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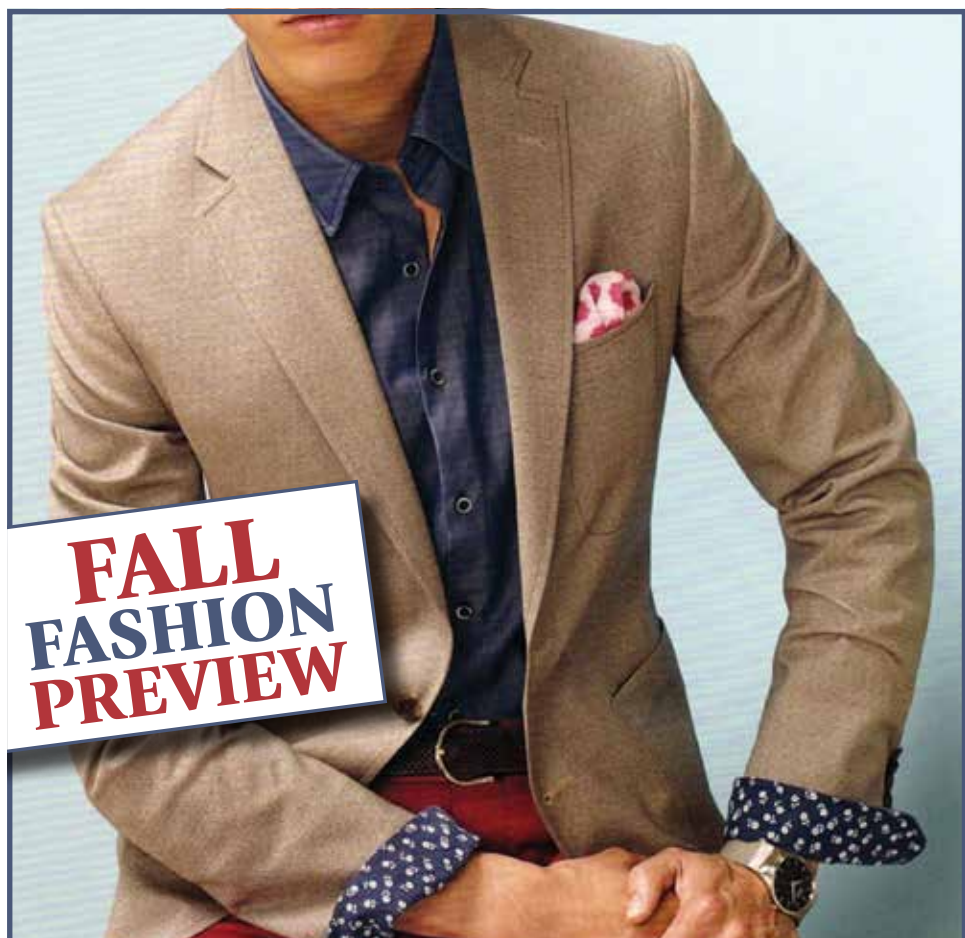
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POPULAR SPOTS TO "TIE THE KNOT"

I have been a Justice of The Peace for a few years and have performed well over 100 wedding ceremonies and vow renewals. Many couples today are getting away from the traditional church ceremony and have become very creative in choosing a location to say "I do!"

I have performed ceremonies at a wide range of locations including country clubs, beaches, state parks, farms, yacht clubs, mansions, castles, American Legion & V.F.W. Halls, piers, boardwalks, town greens, a senior citizen housing dining room, backyards, my own living room, and, of course, the many popular local wedding venues that specialize in making it the perfect day for the Bride and Groom. Here are a few of my favorite places for that special day. You will also be pleasantly surprised to hear that many of these well known establishments have renovated and redecorated over the past few years with amazing results. The venues are listed alphabetically:



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Final notes: If you have a wedding or vow renewal in your future, these are some of the special locations to consider and, of course, my living room is always available! Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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Adam Korson

Q: I had been watching this new show on the CW network called "Seed," and I really liked it. Now I can't find it anywhere. Can you tell me what happened to it? -- George S., via email

A: The Canadian comedy (to which the CW bought the rights) is about a 30-something ne'er-do-well -- and previous sperm donor -- who becomes acquainted with the offspring he never knew he had. It didn't do so well in the ratings and was canceled after two shows. The CW has not said whether it plans to air the remaining episodes in any form (either online or via DVD or Video On Demand).

This truly is a shame for American audiences, because "Seed" really is a delightful show. Hmm ... maybe TBS could pick it up? In Canada, "Seed" has aired a full first season and already has been renewed for a second, so the episodes are out there if you are interested in continuing to watch.

I recently interviewed series star **Adam Korson**, who is one of the nicest people you could ever meet. In Adam's words: "This is a show for those who want a half-hour to laugh and escape from your everyday life. You're going to watch it, and you're going to relate to it. I remember as a kid I would tune into 'Seinfeld' because I knew for that half-hour, I was going to be laughing and be taken on a crazy journey. I think that's good television, and that's what our show is."

Q: I've loved **Portia de Rossi** ever since "Ally McBeal," and especially in "Arrested Development," but I haven't seen her in anything lately. What can I see her in next? -- Kellie Y., Bowling

Green, Ohio

A: The gorgeous and talented actress -- and wife of **Ellen DeGeneres** -- will be hitting the small screen this fall when she appears in a multi-episode arc of the hit ABC political drama "Scandal." And what better way to announce your next project than by your wife "accidentally" letting it slip on Twitter? Ellen recently announced to her millions of Twitter followers: "So annoying when people brag on Twitter, and that's why I'm not tweeting that Portia just signed on to do a top-secret arc on Scandal. Oops." "Scandal" returns for its fourth season on Sept. 25 at 9/8c. (Note the time change from last season.)

Q: Will my favorite show, "Fargo," be back for another season? -- Paul R., via email

A: You betcha! FX has renewed the critically acclaimed drama -- which is based on the **Coen brothers'** hit movie of the same name -- for a second season, especially after it racked up 18 Emmy nominations! Season two, which will consist of 10 episodes, most likely will air in fall 2015, although no specific date has been set.

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ART LEAGUE RECEPTION

The Bridgeport Art League of Huntington invites Orange/Woodbridge residents to join us for our opening reception on Monday-September 15th at 11:30 a.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Parish Center-25 Church St., Huntington, Ct. Have coffee and cake and meet the artists who teach our classes in watercolor, oil, drawing, decorative painting and porcelain. All are welcome - this is a Free event. Visit our website-bridgeportartleague.org

GNH COMMUNITY CHORUS PREPARES FOR FALL CONCERTS

Greater New Haven Community Chorus (GNHCC), a non-auditioned, four part (SATB) chorus is currently inviting singers to join its choral group for the 2014 - 2015 season. Currently the chorus has a special need for tenors and basses, but is accepting all voice parts.

The GNHCC Fall 2014 Concert - War and Peace- Reflection, Honor and Hope - is a concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II, honoring those who served, and the hope for peace. The program will feature Requiem for the Living (with chamber orchestra) by noted composer Dan Forrest, new compositions on historic war texts by composer Matthew Cramer, and other selections celebrating peace, hope and love. The concert is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 13 at Battell Chapel.

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 4. Prospective members are invited to attend three rehearsals as guests before committing to join the chorus. This provides an opportunity for interested singers to meet the chorus and Noah Blocker-Glynn, Artistic Director, to see if GNHCC provides an appealing atmosphere. The fall enrollment period is September 4 - September 18, 2014. Interested singers may visit any rehearsal during this period. Rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church,

at 704 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Information about location, parking, registration, and repertoire for the upcoming season can be found at www.gnhcc.org.

To fulfill its mission of achieving the highest possible standard of choral music performed by a non-auditioned chorus, singers must be able to attend and actively participate in weekly rehearsals. A strong commitment to performance excellence is expected and there are opportunities for small ensemble work and solos by audition, including the auditioned GNHCC Chamber Choir. In addition, members are always encouraged to share their individual skills and talents with the various GNHCC committees or audition for the GNHCC Chamber Choir, a 30-voice ensemble that performs unaccompanied selections and focuses on community outreach.

GNHCC consists of approximately 100 voices and draws its membership from throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. GNHCC was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction.

For more information about GNHCC, please visit www.gnhcc.org or email: info@gnhcc.org.



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DARE ME FOR CHARITY

On Friday, August 1st Amity Teen Center teens and staff participated in the “Dare Me For Charity” fundraising event in Hartford. Non-profit organizations in 32 cities took part in these events this summer. The challenge was to jump from a high platform onto an airbag. The platform could go up to 40 feet (the equivalent of about 4 stories). Sponsors bought \$15.00 tickets that gave each contestant 3 chances to jump. It was all very safe. The Teen Center completed a total of 117 jumps! One of our sponsors was Liberty Bank which sponsored 10 jumpers and gave each contestant a backpack. The Teen Center was awarded \$290.00 in prize money.

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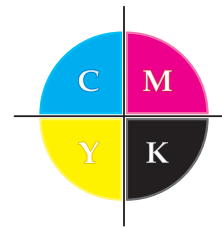
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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FALL EVENTS

Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays 7:45 am: Get the day started service. Experience a contemplative service with a relevant message and communion. Begin or end your week with some time for you and God. Peaceful and meditative atmosphere.

Sundays 9:00 am: JAM (Jesus and Me) Community Worship tailored for busy families. 50 minute service with lively music, a message of Jesus' love for your children, participation of children in all aspects of the service with communion and refreshments. Experience church in an atmosphere of Joy, love and acceptance no matter where you are on your faith journey.

Sundays 10:30 am: Experience the Episcopal tradition at its best with a sung Choral Eucharist, Biblical preaching that engages both heart and mind where all are welcome wherever you are in your faith walk. This service is followed by coffee and conversation. On the last Sunday of each month, healing prayer with laying on of hands will be offered after communion.

Special services will be offered throughout the year including Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 5th at 9am. Bring your furry, feathered, scaly friend to church for a blessing and treat.

Opportunities for Going Deeper in Your Faith

Monday September 22nd—November 3rd, 730 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd Seven Big Conversations about Faith—Topics include: God/faith is a Quest, Religion/Spirituality is not enough, Jesus/The revolution of love, Salvation/Abundant life now, Cross/Where God is, Bible/A book like no other, Church/An imperfect Family relationships.

Youth Group for 6th-12th Graders—Young people in 6th—12th grade are invited to experience God's love through fun, friendship, service projects, mission trips, discussion, prayer, retreats, building new relationships in a judgment free Zone of love and acceptance. All are welcome whether you belong to a faith community or not. For more information, call Church of the Good Shepherd at 203-795-6577. Parent meeting September 7th at 1pm.

Coffee Talk with Rev. Ann—8:30-10am Thursday Mornings beginning September 11th at the Dunkin Donuts beside the Redfish Grill on the Post Road in Orange.

Thursday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, Redfish Grill, Post Road, Orange: Grain and the Grape Theology: Stop by for a beverage, appetizers, and make new friends as we discuss a variety of theological topics. Beginning Thursday September 11th. For more information contact Ann @ 203-795-6577. All are welcome.

Choir Camp and Singing Opportunities: Have you always wanted to sing? Are you in High School or older? Here is your opportunity to dust off the pipes and join a bunch of like-minded folks who love singing for fun and for worship. A variety of musical genres will be performed and this group will provide musical leadership at our Sunday 1030am service. There will be other opportunities for performance as well throughout the year. For more information, call 203-795-6577. Choir camp will take place at Church of the Good Shepherd from 10am—1pm on Saturday, September 6th. Choir rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings beginning September 4th at 630pm-8pm.

Church of the Good Shepherd seeking musicians for JAM Band: Church of the Good Shepherd JAM band is seeking new members. If you like singing contemporary Christian music or play an instrument, and have wanted to be part of a band this opportunity is for you. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 815—10pm. Rehearsals begin September 4th. For more information, call 203-795-6577.

K1P2 (Knit one, pray 2) Prayer shawl ministry. If you like to knit and make a difference in the lives of those who are sick and hurting, you are invited to participate in this ministry of Church of the Good Shepherd. Each month, knitters gather to make prayer shawls for those in our community who are sick or in need of comfort. This powerful ministry makes a difference in the lives of so many including veterans, cancer patients and those in nursing homes who are just some of the recipients of these beautiful and prayer physical reminders of God's love. For more information on this ministry please contact Kathryn Bellis at KBroadwarrior@yahoo.com or call 203-795-6577.



Church of the Good Shepherd



Bob Kolb (sax), David Childs (piano), Steve Roane (bass)

THE BOB KOLB JAZZ TRIO TO PLAY "JAZZ AT THE MOVIES"

The Bob Kolb Jazz Trio, featuring alto and tenor sax, clarinet and flute player Bob Kolb, pianist David Childs, and bassist Steve Roane, will present "Jazz at the Movies" on September 13, 2014 at the First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane.

The Trio will perform popular movie music by Cole Porter, Henry Mancini, Irving Berlin, Kurt Weill, Jerry Boch, Michel Legrand, and others. Cost of the program is \$5.00 and will be followed by a free-will offering spaghetti dinner in the Parish House adjacent to the church. For reservations for the dinner (required), call 203 389-2119 or email to reply@uccw.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD INVITES COMMUNITY TO "COME TOGETHER"

On Saturday, October 18th, the Church of the Good Shepherd will host its 3rd annual gala. This year's event titled "Come Together" features an evening of Beatles music, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the British invasion. The event also includes buffet dinner, dancing, and silent and live auction. For those who remember seeing the Beatles on "The Ed Sullivan Show" as well as those who grew up listening to their music, the Beatles appeal to all generations. Guests are going to "twist and shout," and it will be "A Hard Day's Night" not to have fun. "With a Little Help from My Friends," the Church of the Good Shepherd will use the funds raised from the gala to support its mission.

"On a daily basis, the Church of the Good Shepherd serves the community of Orange, Connecticut, and the surrounding areas through mission, ministry and outreach regardless of individuals' religious affiliation. Our good works depend upon the generosity and support of dedicated volunteers and donations from the larger community", says Rev. Ann Ritonia, Rector for the Church of the Good Shepherd. "We hope to see many of prior year's guests return this year as we "Come Together" to celebrate and support our community."

The Church's most well-known program is The Shepherd's Table, a weekly free lunch program available to all, each week serving more than one hundred area residents, mainly seniors who come together for fellowship and a warm meal. Additional meals are prepared and delivered throughout the community to those who are too frail or ill to travel. Funds raised will support Shepherd's Table and other mission and outreach activities which support the needs of the greater community as well as Fisher House at the West Haven VA Hospital.

Ballroom doors will open @ 6pm. Guests will enjoy a silent auction; dinner, dancing, and dessert will be enjoyed throughout the evening of music provided by Sgt. Leffert's Phony Hearts Club Band. There will be an amazing live auction. We will return to St. Barbara's beautiful ballroom on Racebrook Road. Tickets are \$75 per person until September 1st. Table packages and journal advertisements are also available. We expect another sold out event; to get yourself "A Ticket to Ride," please order your tickets soon by calling the Church of the Good Shepherd at (203) 795-6577 or ordering online at www.thegoodshepherdorganect.org.



Church of the Good Shepherd

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERVICE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 7TH

Bethany Christ Episcopal Church, 526 Amity Road, Bethany, announces that its new Children's Chapel will begin at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 7th. "Rather than dividing children into traditional separate Sunday School classes while parents attend church, we want to focus on church as a place that supports families in exploring faith together," declares Elsa Worth, priest at Christ Church.

Families will start worship together, and then during the sermon children from age five through grade five may process to the Parish House for Children's Chapel, where there will be a creative, age appropriate exploration of the same Bible passage used for the adult's sermon, giving families the opportunity to later discuss what they both heard. Children's Chapel will also include music and prayers adapted for children. After Children's Chapel, children will return to church and join with the entire community to celebrate communion. "Christ Church aims to give families the chance to share in worship, make friends, and discover how God is calling us to make a real difference in our hurting world," explains the Rev. Worth.

Everyone is welcome at Christ Church where every Sunday, beginning September 7th, there is a quiet, contemplative communion service at 8:30 in addition to the festive service with Children's Chapel at 10:30. For more information about the church and/or the Children's Chapel, visit www.christchurchbethany.org. or e-mail Elsa at elsa@christchurchbethany.org.



Rise Siegel lights Shabbat candles at Temple Emanuel's recent Shabbat Under the Stars as Rabbi Michael Farbman looks on.

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS & FAMILY BBQ AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Come welcome Shabbat under the stars at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven on Friday, September 5. The evening begins at 4:30 with entertainment for kids of all ages, including face painting, a "tzedakah well" and other activities with Jewish themes. At 5:30 we will have a barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads and more.

Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service starting at 6:30 on the lawn outside the sanctuary. 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.

Not a member of TE? Come check us out. There is no charge for this event, but please let us know if you plan to attend. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue (Rt. 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.



B'NAI JACOB PRESENTS JSCREEN GENETIC TESTING

What does it mean to be a genetic disease carrier? Why it's important to get tested? How does it work and who is the most vulnerable?

On, Sunday, September 7th at 10:30am, Daniel Sperling, the Program Director of The Marcus Foundation, together with Karen Arnovitz Grinzaid, JScreen Senior Director, will give a comprehensive overview of testing for genetic disorders. Of utmost importance for anyone with Jewish ancestry, this multi-media informative presentation will also cover topics of prevention, misconceptions, implications, costs, test kits and screening.

This FREE program will take place in the Youth Lounge of Congregation B'nai Jacob 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge CT, 201-389-2111, <http://www.bnaijacob.org>.



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WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

The library will be changing over from Summer Hours to Regular Hours on September 2nd. Our regular hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-8pm, Friday and Saturday from 10am-5pm.

Adult Programs

Passport to Connecticut Libraries

Tuesday, September 2 – Tuesday, September 30th

The Connecticut Library Association is proud to sponsor the first Passport to CT Libraries program, running in all participating public libraries in September, including the Woodbridge Town Library! Based on the Wine Trail Passport Program in CT, this program will run during Library Card Sign Up Month in September. Every library will offer a Passport to their patrons that each patron will take to any participating library to be stamped and receive a small gift. At the end of the month, patrons will turn in their passports to any participating library to be entered in two drawings: Most Libraries Visited and one Random Drawing for all participants. The drawing will be for two adult prizes of \$150.00 each and two children's (under 18) of \$100.00 each. Stop by the Woodbridge Town library to get your passport any time after September 2nd.

Woodbridge Park Association Art Exhibit Opening Reception

Saturday, September 6 from 2-4pm

The Woodbridge Park Association will host a Photo Exhibition of Woodbridge Green Space in the library Meeting Room during the month of September. Photos have been submitted by residents and are on display as part of the WPA's 85th anniversary celebration. The public is invited to an Opening Reception on Saturday, September 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The exhibit will run from September 3rd through the 30th in the Library's Meeting Room and along the hallway to the Woodbridge Room.

Sinatra & Me – An Intimate Look at the Legendary Frank Sinatra with Franz Douskey

Tuesday, September 9th at 7pm

Come and hear about the life of Frank Sinatra through the stories of Tony Consiglio, who was a boyhood friend of Frank Sinatra and remained his friend and confidant for over sixty years. Consiglio is one of the founders of Sally's Pizza in New Haven. Join us to hear Consiglio's stories about Sinatra as he told them to Franz Douskey. Douskey is a Pulitzer Prize nominated writer who has been published in over 200 publications including the New Yorker and Rolling Stone. Registration required. Please register online, stop by the Circulation Desk, or call 203-389-3433.

Get Started with Transparent Language Online

Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30pm

Woodbridge residents come and learn about our new language learning program, Transparent Language Online. This program is perfect for you if you want to learn a new language, want more practice with a language you have been studying, or if English is your second language and you want to refine your English language skills. In this presentation you will get an overview of the program, learn how to get started, and create your own account. You must be a Woodbridge resident with a valid library card to create an account. Registration required. Please stop by the Circulation Desk, call 203-389-3433, or register online.

Moth at the Window – Author Visit with Mary Lachman

Tuesday, September 16 at 7pm

Join local Bethany resident Mary Lachman as she shares her newly published poetry book with us. Mary Lachman was raised on a farm in Ohio. Each summer she visited her grandmother in southern Indiana. Stories from those travels, woven together with historical tidbits and her grandfather's poetry, form her new book, *Moth at the Window*. Lachman is a pathologist, author of numerous original scientific manuscripts, several book chapters, and has published articles in *Quilting Arts Magazine* and *Country Living*. She has a B.S. from The Ohio State University and a M.D. from the University of Toledo Medical Center.

Watercolor Workshop - Painting an Autumn Landscape with Palette Art Studio

Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30pm

Space is limited. Registration Required. Please call 203-389-3433 to register.

In this workshop, students will learn how to create a beautiful autumn landscape painting with watercolors. First, students will be introduced to various watercolor techniques, such as painting on wet paper, painting on dry paper, and working with different widths of brush stroke. We will talk about how each of these techniques can be used to create a particular element in a landscape. We will also be discussing how warm and cold colors can be used to create depth and perspective. Students will work on a series of exercises in order to become comfortable with these techniques. They will then apply these methods to a final painting, which will be created

with the guidance of step-by-step demonstrations along the way. No prior painting experience necessary!

The Gift of Caregiving

Tuesday, September 23 At 12:45pm At The Woodbridge Senior Center Cafe

Join Dr. Beverly Kidder, Director of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut and author of *The Gift of Caregiving*, as she speaks on her book and her experience as a caregiver. Learn practical tips and resources that are available to caregivers. Dr. Kidder will be selling and signing copies of her book after the presentation. This program is co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Senior Center and the Woodbridge Town Library. Please call the Woodbridge Town Library at 203-389-3433 to register or register online at <http://www.woodbridge.lioninc.org/events/the-gift-of-caregiving/>.

Taste Of Korea: A Cooking Demonstration & Tasting with the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP)

Tuesday, September 23 At 6pm

Did you know that Korean cuisine has many health benefits? Join us for a demonstration of 5 Korean dishes, learn about the health benefits of Korean cuisine, and enjoy a full meal (including dessert) prepared by the KSCPP. You will receive the recipes so that you can make them at home too. Dishes demonstrated include: Kimchi Salad, Rice with Mixed Vegetables, Soy Sauce and Honey Marinated Beef, Braised Soybean Curd, and Sweet Potato Noodles with mixed vegetables. Please register online, stop by the Circulation Desk, or call 203-389-3433.

Farmers' Market

Wednesday, September 24 from 3-6pm

Join us at the final Farmers' Market of the season. Stop by and purchase delicious fall produce from your favorite local farms including Darling Farm, Massaro Community Farm, Merry Mountain Farm, Mapleview Farm, Amity Garden Center and more.

Save The Date! The Evolution of the Literary Detective with Dr. Mark Schenker

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 @ 7pm

Registration for this program begins September 2.

The detection of crime has been a subject in literature since the time of the Bible and Oedipus Rex. Mark Schenker, Senior Associate Dean in Yale College, will lecture on the evolution of the detective in the literature of the English-speaking world, from origins in the 19th century in the works of Edgar Allan Poe, Wilkie Collins and Arthur Conan Doyle, through classics of the early 20th century (by authors as different as Agatha Christie and Dashiell Hammett), to the development of the police procedurals that rose to prominence after WW II. Along the way, he will consider influences as varied as religious myth, the Western, film noir, and contemporary television.

Children's Programs

Eager Readers Book Group

September 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm for grades K-2

Where's the coolest place to be? Someplace you can be a princess on a throne or a dinosaur in a forest? Give up? Stop by the Children's Desk to check out your copy of *Hot City* to read at home. Join us at the library on September 15 for a book chat and cool craft! Advance registration required. Copies of the book are available at the Children's Desk.

Boredom Busters

September 20, 2014 At 2-3:30 Pm For Grades 2-5

Bored? Challenge your creativity at our special Boredom Busters program! Crack a secret code, make a rubber band car, construct a spaghetti tower with marshmallows, and enter our marble race! This is a 90 minute hands-on program. Space is limited. Online registration is required. Registration for this program begins on September 1st.

Reading Together in Kindergarten

September 29, 2014 At 6:30 Pm For Parents And Children In Kindergarten

Reading Together is an approach that encourages conversation and helps children learn how to love reading. We'll show you how it works with stories you can share at home. Learn how to read the pictures as well as the text and ask the questions that

HISTORY CORNER

All Good Things...

All Good Things.....

Milestones. In historical parlance, they were the stone markers placed along a highway that helped the traveler know just how far they had come on their journey, or how close they were to journey's end. Today we use the term to refer to major events along "life's highway". Unlike the carefully spaced, uniform stone slabs of the turnpike era, the milestones of our lives are usually more event driven and, as such, they tend to be much less evenly spaced. Certainly a birthday can be a milestone, but so also is a graduation, a wedding, winning the Lottery, a new job, a retirement. I've hit a milestone recently, and it's a biggie.

I came to the realization a few months ago that 2014 marks the 30th year of my involvement with the Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society. That's a milestone in and of itself, but when I realized, "Hey, that's half my life!" it really got me thinking. Naturally, it got me thinking about the fleeting quality of our journey here on the Earth; how time marches on, and all that philosophical stuff, but it also got me to come to grips with the fact that all of us who do volunteer work, who get involved with things we are passionate about, can't do it forever. At some point, it must become someone else's turn.

I figure it this way: A wise leader should be able to sense the right time to hand over the reins and let others forge on ahead. If one has accomplished what one has set out to do, then stepping aside becomes an option, or maybe even the responsible thing to do. One should not leave with major projects unfinished if at all possible. One should not leave if those remaining to carry on are untrained or unmotivated. One should not leave in the middle of a crisis.

I have been blessed with a remarkably wonderful group of people to work with for the entire thirty years I have been associated with the Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society. I count them all as friends. Together, we have worked hard and had fun and kept a good organization running. We have done our best to preserve and protect the history and historical objects of our great Town of Woodbridge. From the smallest document, to the Darling House museum, we have all worked to make these things relevant in our modern world, and that is no small task. We have developed programs for young and old, aimed at giving folks an

education, a perspective on how far we have come as a community, and how, at the end of the day, we need to appreciate each other. We are all just sojourners here, not unlike our predecessors. We don't just preserve an old thing because we like old things, we preserve it so that those around us can learn to like it too, or for those who come after us to enjoy the beauty of its form or the way it was made.

With the constant help and guidance of those who serve or have served on our Board of Directors (and other dear friends), I really have accomplished all I have set out to do. And all of that revolved around the simple idea that we need to find ways to involve the community in whatever we do. We have developed programs designed to invite folks of all ages to come and see that local history is interesting, important, and fun. The wonderful environs of the Darling House needed to become a living museum. Our program for the Beecher Road School Third Grade classes draws rousing cheers every year. The kids get to do things like churn butter, or grind apples and press them into cider. They begin to get a sense of perspective, comparing their lives now to the lives of kids 200 years ago. Our Tavern Nights at the Darling House kind of do the same thing for adults! Twice a year we turn the museum into a Tavern, replete with live music, open hearth cooking, and suitable grog. We only wish we could do it more often, so that more residents could enjoy that experience. Our Holiday Open House in December is focused around the sweet sounds of the Amity High School Chamber Singers, and the sound of an 1880 Steinway piano giving life to the Victorian Christmas atmosphere. We have successfully restored the last remaining unaltered one-room schoolhouse in our Town. Old South School stands as a testimony to perseverance and community spirit. It is already being used for meetings, and we hope to develop a workable curriculum for use by any elementary grade level. We have fought for historic preservation in our Town, and to help keep our rural character intact. We helped move and install Benjamin Woodbridge's memorial tombstone table into a display case in the Library, securing its future for a long time to come. When you surround yourself with good people, good things happen.

And that is where we are right now at the Historical



Society. We are in a good place. So it is with a heart full of joy and optimism that I can announce to you that after 21 years, I will be retiring from the Presidency at the end of this year. Fear not. The Amity & Woodbridge Historical Society is in not just good hands, but the best of hands. The organization is ready to take on the technological requirements necessary for success in this age of less paper and more terabytes. (By the way, we had an active website long before others in our area, and have just rolled out a new, much improved site.) We have set up an endowment fund through The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to tap into for special projects. We have the best people keeping watch over the welfare of the museum and its contents.

But of course, Tom and Abigail Darling will continue to greet those who step across the threshold of their simple, yet elegant home so that all who enter know that they are welcome!

It really has been a good run. Thank you all for your support. And so as Mr. Darling might say,

I remain, dear friends, your humble and most obedient servant,

Don Menzies

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jumpstart conversation and get to the heart of a story. Children in kindergarten are welcome to attend with their parents. Bonus! Special children's craft at the program!

Ongoing Fall Programs (No Registration Needed) Begin in September

Tuesday Storycraft For Children In Grades K-3.

Join us for a literature based program of intermediate stories with thematic crafts.

Wednesday Baby & Toddler Sessions

10:30 - 11 a.m. Rhymes, finger plays and simple stories for ages 12-24 months.

11:30-12 noon Action songs, rhymes, and fun for little ones newborn to 12 months.

Saturday Stories! Starting September 6

11 - 11:30 a.m. For ages 3-5 Come savor some stories with us on Saturday mornings!

Thursday is CRAFT NIGHT!

6:30 PM for children in grades 3-6. Join us in the craft studio! Each week there's another great project!

Teen Programs

Teen Slap Art

Monday, September 8th @ 3:30pm For High School Students

Teens - join us at our September Art Session and use brilliant stones & mirrors to create.

PSAT Practice Test

Saturday, September 13 @ 11am

Worried about the PSAT? Take a free practice test with KAPLAN under realistic test taking conditions and receive your score with an analysis of your strengths and weaknesses. Test is 3 hours long. Please bring number 2 pencils and a calculator (any kind). Limited space, please register in person at the Circulation Desk or by phone at 203-389-3433.

Tens To Teens Art Session

Wednesday, September 17th @ 6:30pm Ages 10 To Teens

Reminders are important; where do you post your important notes? At our next Tens to Teen session we will paint message boards creating a place to post those very essential messages. Join us, but don't wear your favorite clothes; we'll be painting!

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study by the DOT and points out inconsistencies in the data itself and questions the need for most of the project.

We obtained a traffic study from the Woodbridge Town Planning and Zoning Commission, written by the firm of Milone & MacBroom, designed to help revise our Town Plan of Conservation and Development. This 2012 report (most recent data 11/12 – 12/12), employing the same DOT’s Average Daily Traffic Volume count, indicated, contrary to the DOT’s assertion of a 10% increase, that in actuality “traffic volumes have declined sharply since the counts taken in 2006.” The town report indicated traffic volume dropped on 63 and increased on 67; we found that the volume on 67 is considerably less than that on 63.

Senator Crisco and Representative Klarides met with Commissioner Redeker in July. Senator Crisco indicated representatives from our community could not attend. Initially they supported the position of the DOT. In a meeting held with Crisco, Klarides and Ellen Scalettar on Tuesday August 19th we were told they were not engineers, could not evaluate the conflicting technical data and could not fully support the community of ~500 families living in and around the intersection.

Senator Crisco offered to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner and his decision-makers with a few representatives of the community to address our legitimate concerns. His office called on Friday August 22nd saying the Commissioner would not meet with us but that a meeting could be arranged on a specific date in September in Woodbridge with no promise to send high level decision-makers who could help in creating a compromise and adjusting the proposed project for those of us who live in this area and use this intersection throughout the day.

On August 22nd I sent a letter to Commissioner Redeker asking for a meeting with him, as previously described, and a letter to Governor Malloy asking for his help in making this meeting happen and in addressing and resolving our concerns:

A traffic light will
increase traffic tie ups on roads coming into this intersection
present more difficulties in the winter getting up the approaching hills – the grade will be steeper per the DOT
increase pollution and accidents from stop and go traffic
present hazards trying to access from side roads/driveways
cause morning rush congestion on Newton Road and at Amity HS – cars will turn off to avoid the traffic build up
increase congestion on Route 63 – an additional back up to the one already created by the light at Center and Amity Roads
Lowering the intersection will result in cars going faster and attract more truck traffic.

Installing a walk signal in this very rural area with no pedestrian traffic or sidewalks.

Not address where the most serious accidents occur, on the curve between Dillon and Fieldstone Roads.

Employ blasting in an area with very old septic systems, shallow wells and homes on the national registry. Viable alternatives are available.

Not destroy the rural, historic nature of our community.

We live in a representative government. The only protection we have from a government that dictates to us but does not include us in a decision that will profoundly affect our lives and property is from our elected officials. Who do our elected officials feel they represent? I pose the question for all of us in Woodbridge and Bethany - Why don't they step up in a forceful way and tell these publicly paid officials that they have a duty to the citizens of this State to include us in important decisions that will affect our lives, to listen to our concerns, and to address those concerns? Their job is to support their constituency.

Peter Aaronson



Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



FALL IS TIME FOR “BIG REDS”

Labor Day is upon us and it is time for us to follow the traditions of great Mediterranean cultures and rack our light warm weather whites and get out our big red wines. The big reds are higher in alcohol and explosive in flavor so we need to match them with heartier foods such as steaks and chops and prime ribs and big tomato pasta dishes. The super Tuscans are some of my very favorites. They are Italian Sangiovese wines which is the primary grape used in Chianti that are mixed with other grapes, usually Cabernet. They are spectacular! One of very first was developed by the Antinori family in Italy. They used 80 % Sangiovese and 20% Cabernet. They rack the wine in small French Oak Barrels and the results are spectacular. They call it tiganello.

Another great Italian is Brunello di Montalchino. The brunello clone was first isolated and propagated by the Biondi-Santi family around 1870. They were the only producers until after the second world war when many other producers followed suit. They are placed in Slovenian oak casks, where they evolve painstakingly slowly. The wines are super!

Ruffino makes a classic Chianti classico that is terrific flavor-packed wine basic Chianti. Classico reserve called Riserva Ducale is the jewel in the crown and it is terrific. The great French Bordeaux wines are wonderful and the reds are big hearty wines. They include Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Merlot and petit Verdot. All of them are wonderful and the Bordeaux blends are super wines. They won't tell anyone what percentages of each they use. They did their wines by regions rather than grape blends. They are super.

The South Africans make some terrific wines. Their Pinotage is a great secret and a super big red. An Australian Shiraz is of outstanding quality and a great bargain. There are many Spanish, Chilean and Argentinean Reds that will knock your socks off. Email me your favorites and I will share it with everyone.

In the meantime as fall approaches enjoy some big red wines in our wonderful town, Orange, Connecticut, founded on seven hills, just like Rome.

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September 2. “What we want to display is a “yes, can-do attitude,” he said, as all stake-holders, including staff and administration, but also the construction crew, custodial staff and parents work hand-in-hand to move the building project ahead.

This is the first leg of an 18-month, \$13.4 million building upgrade, which includes a new roof and a total HVAC overhaul. “We have two goals,” Dr. Stella said, “to cooperate to get the project done, and to get it done with minimal impact.” Collaboration, determination and diligence are what’s needed to ensure a successful educational experience for the students.

Dr. Stella expects all classrooms to be ready for the opening of school, however, some construction activity will continue after the start of school. In particular, the window walls in the first-grade wing still need to be replaced. The work will be done predominantly during the weekend of September 6 and 7, and at night, and yet some first grade classrooms may be moved for a day or two to allow the work to go forward, one classroom at a time.

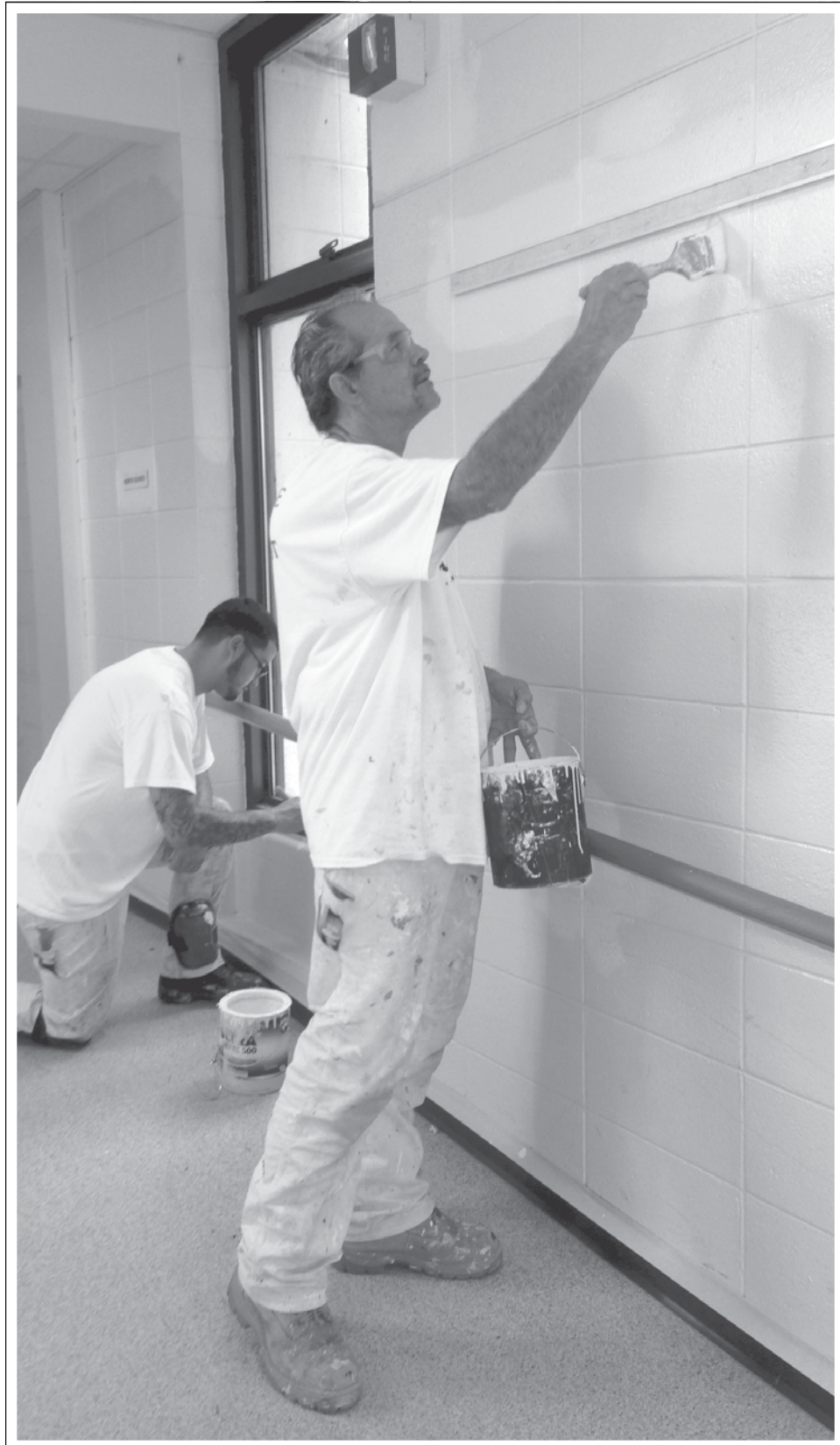
The students will be taught in the library during those days, he said. Other than that, the students will have full use of the school, including the hallways and the outdoor spaces. Bus drop-off procedures will be the same as always.

The ever-popular ice cream social will be on for Monday, September 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and back-to-school open house events are scheduled for September 4 (grades 5/6); September 9 (grades 3 and 4 and Multi Age Group); and September 16 for Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2.

He said construction of a “sally port” — an entry area that requires those accessing the school to be buzzed in twice, is planned for this fall, but he wasn’t ready to elaborate. The sally port and additional cameras are part of the security updates as part of the project. “A lot has been done and a lot more needs to be done,” Dr. Stella said. “I appreciate everybody’s flexibility and resiliency.”

The work done this summer includes:

- Lighting upgrades,
- New pumps and piping in the boiler room,
- New mill work (cabinets and counter tops) in the A-, B- and C-Wing (the oldest part of the school),
- Substantial work on the A wing roof,
- Computerized controls for new fan coil units in the S wing (near the Rotunda).



Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella wore his hardhat a lot this summer.

These controls allow remote temperature controls. During snow days, for instance the temperature can be lowered while there are no occupants in the school, and increased before students arrive.

- Asbestos remediation from the panels below the windows in first-grade wing, and
- All toilets throughout the building have been replaced.

He said the health inspector visited the school August 21 for air testing, and the fire marshal has been keeping track of the work. Conditions will be safe for the opening of school.

A coat of paint will make the classrooms look fresh and new, however a lot of the work done cannot be seen, Dr. Stella said. “We are not building the Taj Mahal. We are creating a more comfortable environment.”

As it goes with construction updates, they may require some flexibility before the work’s resulting upgrades can be enjoyed. The targeted completion date is December 2015.

Summer programs went on without a hitch. Dr. Stella said the school community already displayed the kind of flexibility he was hoping to see during the summer months, when Beecher programs were moved to other facilities in town. The bulk of activities, in particular Summer Enrichment and Extended Day programs, were moved to Amity High School. A literacy clinic with the focus on science literacy, made good use of the pond in front of the high school. “We could have closed up,” Dr. Stella said, but in the interest of the children and families of this community, programming went on as in any other year.

One incoming kindergarten student happily pronounced that “this was the best day of his life,” Dr. Stella reported, and another student said “this feels like college”.

“Everyone had to work together as a team,” Dr. Stella said. The cooperation helped build a bridge with the neighboring educational institutions, especially Amity and Ezra Academy. “It took a lot of work,” to make the programs work, he said, particularly for the teachers running the programs in unfamiliar surroundings.

The drama teacher’s family members, for instance, helped create the scenery for the classroom. The teachers who organized “Cup Cake Wars,” baked the cupcakes in their homes. Thanks to these efforts and others, learning for Beecher students didn’t stop during the summer.

Enrollment

The influx of young families into this community seems to continue, with Beecher Road School maintaining six kindergarten classes for the 2014-15 school year. The enrollment as of August 22 was 788 students, Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella said, up from last year’s 770. He cautioned however, that changes were still possible. The official census reported to the state will be taken on October 1.

Every grade level, with the exception of fourth grade, now has six classrooms. In addition, all classrooms fall within the Board of Education recommended class size of 19 students in grades kindergarten to third grade and 21 for grades four and up. “We are looking forward to the year with hope and enthusiasm,” said Dr. Stella, following a two-day session with his administrative team.

Educational Initiatives

In spite of spending a lot of time on the physical plant this summer, work continued on new educational initiatives, Dr. Stella said. Maureen Krawek and Jean Molot, the schools math specialists, introduced a group of teachers to the new math curriculum. New support materials, “Investigation,” will be used. The approach of the new curriculum is to help students become problem solvers, without losing sight of basic math facts, he said. The program emphasizes differentiation of instruction in the classroom, including for advanced and excelling students.

The school will be working on a self-study of its math program this year in anticipation of a Tri-State Consortium visit in late May 2015. The visit is of 12 to 15 educators who “come in as thought partners,” Stella said. They will visit the school for three days and “help us determine where we are and where we want to go,” in terms of math instruction. The new materials are aligned with the middle school math curriculum, he said.

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)**
Chris Pratt, Vin Diesel
- 2. Lucy (R)**
Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman
- 3. Get on Up (PG-13)**
Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis
- 4. Hercules (PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson, John Hurt
- 5. Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)**
Gary Oldman, Keri Russell
- 6. Planes: Fire and Rescue (PG)**
animated
- 7. The Purge: Anarchy (R)**
Frank Grillo, Carmen Ejogo
- 8. Sex Tape (R)**
Jason Segel, Cameron Diaz
- 9. And So It Goes (PG-13)**
Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton
- 10. A Most Wanted Man (R)**
Grigoriy Dobrygin, Philip Seymour Hoffman

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Non-Stop (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson
- 2. Heaven Is for Real (PG)**
Greg Kinnear
- 3. The LEGO Movie (PG)**
animated
- 4. 300: Rise of an Empire (R)**
Warner Bros.
- 5. Lone Survivor (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
- 6. RoboCop (2014) (PG-13)**
Joel Kinnaman
- 7. The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)**
Ralph Fiennes
- 8. Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)**
Chris Pine
- 9. Tyler Perry's The Single Moms Club (TV)**
Brad Jones
- 10. Ride Along (PG-13)**
Ice Cube

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. MAGIC!**
"Rude"
- 2. Iggy Azalea feat. Charli XCX**
"Fancy"
- 3. Sam Smith**
"Stay With Me"
- 4. Nico & Vinz**
"Am I Wrong?"
- 5. Ariana Grande feat. Iggy Azalea**
"Problem"
- 6. Maroon 5**
"Maps"
- 7. Disclosure feat. Sam Smith**
"Latch"
- 8. John Legend**
"All of Me"
- 9. Sia**
"Chandelier"
- 10. Calvin Harris**
"Summer"



Jason Aldean

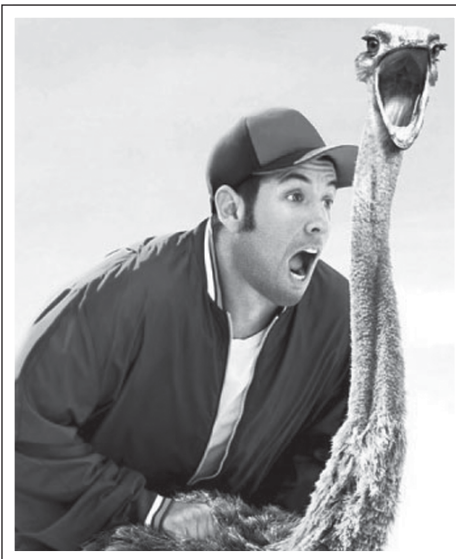
Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Jason Aldean**
"Burnin' It Down"
- 2. Florida Georgia Line**
"Dirt"
- 3. Kenny Chesney**
"American Kids"
- 4. Dierks Bentley**
"Drunk on a Plane"
- 5. Lee Brice**
"I Don't Dance"
- 6. Lady Antebellum**
"Bartender"
- 7. Joe Nichols**
"Yeah"
- 8. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan**
"This Is How We Roll"
- 9. Miranda Lambert/Carrie Underwood**
"Something Bad"
- 10. Sam Hunt**
"Leave the Night On"

- Which group released "Maxwell's Silver Hammer," and when?
- Name the one hit by Norma Cecilia Tanega.
- "Anthem" and "Skybird" were on which Neil Diamond album?
- Which song mentions flip-flops, pop tops and a blender.
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Oh, I used to love to make you cry, It made me feel like a man inside, If I had been a man in reality, You'd be here, baby, loving me."



1. The Beatles, 1969. After many takes and overdubs, Paul McCartney put down a layer with a Moog synthesizer, one of their first experiments.
2. "Walkin' My Cat Named Dog," in 1966. While Tanega never had another hit of her own, she did pen a few for Dusty Springfield, including "No Stranger Am I."
3. "Jonathan Livingston Seagull," the soundtrack to the 1973 film by the same name.
4. "Margaretville," by Jimmy Buffet, in 1977.
5. "Working My Way Back to You," most recently done by The Spinners in 1979. The song originally was released in 1966 by the Four Seasons. While it's the Four Seasons' version people remember, it never cracked the No. 9 position on the charts. The Spinners' version went to No. 2.



Adam Sandler in "Blended"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of August 25, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Normal Heart" (R) -- Mark Ruffalo stars as a Ned Weeks, an activist fighting in the early days of the HIV/AIDS crisis. Set in the early 1980s, Ned sees friends slowly die as the disease spreads through New York's gay community. There isn't any medical treatment available at this point, and it's not really a priority. Weeks is a passionate and controversial activist, unwilling or unable to tone down. This HBO made-for-TV feature is based on the 1985 play of the same name. The play was an outcry for support,

and delivered a demand that people remember what happened and how a killer disease was ignored because it was prevalent among gays. That energy is still present, but anger is only a fraction of the emotional weight in the movie adaptation.

"The Double" (R) -- In a dimly lit office built like a bunker, Simon (Jesse Eisenberg) works away his little life as one of the people who goes mostly unnoticed. Then a guy named James (also Eisenberg) comes into the office, and he fits right in. Simon and James look exactly alike, except Simon is nervous and quiet, where James is cocky and impulsive. James is so much better at life that he starts to move in on Simon's life, talking to his crush (Mia Wasikowska) and winning all the praise at work. This movie is just off-putting enough to have fun with social anxiety.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"Blended" (PG-13) -- Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore play single parents who can't stand each other after going on a disastrous blind date. By sheer coincidence, Sandler takes his three daughters to the same resort in South Africa as Barrymore and her two sons. Then it's a safari through dense patches of Sandler-humor and sappy bogs of Sandler-schmaltz. There are some moments of dry humor, or genuine wit -- but each time it's a surprise in the regular routine of poop jokes, bouncing bodies and make-fun-of-the-weirdo gags. There's also the backdrop of troublesome African stereotypes. If you want an easy night of lowbrow laughs with the family, look elsewhere. "Blended" might give you the boring and uncomfortable evening you were trying to avoid.

Sudoku answers on page 36

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

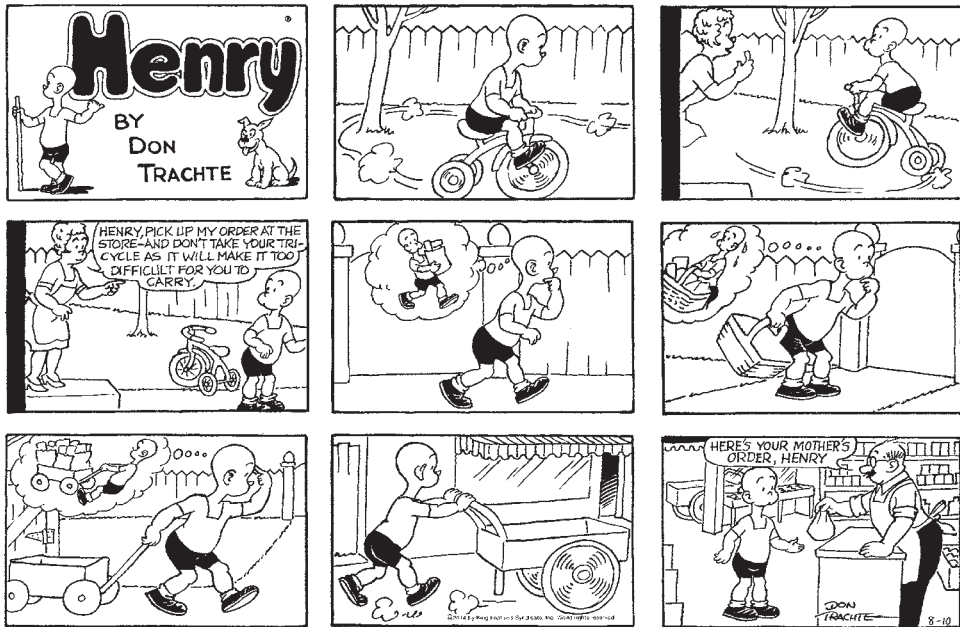
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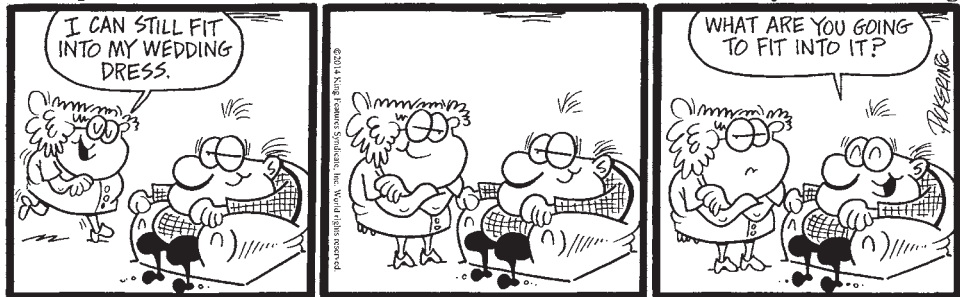
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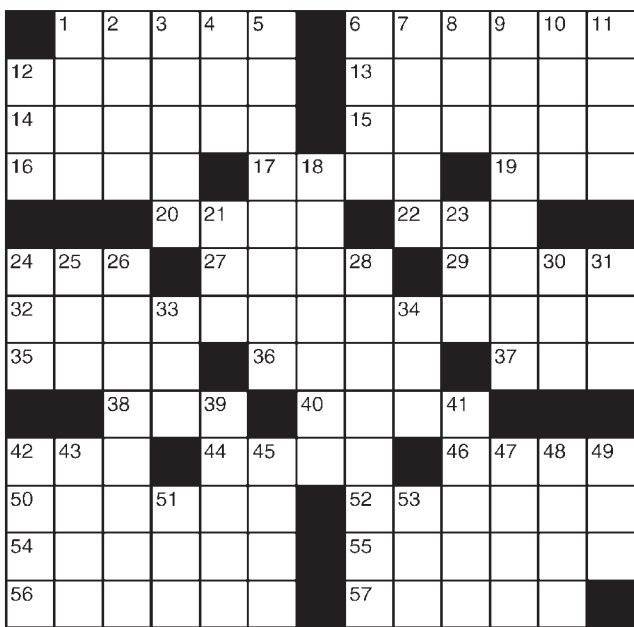
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- 17 Tournament format
- 19 DDE's WWII command
- 20 Rooney of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"
- 22 Frat party prop
- 24 Lamb's dam
- 27 Showbiz egotist
- 29 Frat-party garb
- 32 Place for doctors-to-be
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- 38 Coquettish
- 40 Blood line?
- 42 Grazing land
- 44 Somewhere out there

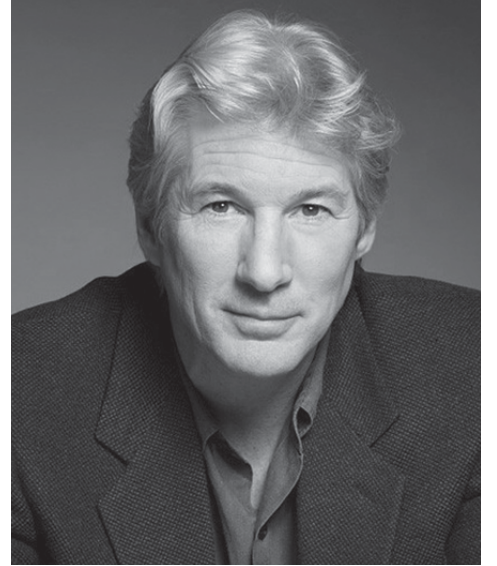


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- 31 Hearty brew
- 33 Altar affir mative
- 34 Vegas-based TV series
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- 41 Eccentric
- 42 Asian nation
- 43 Sicilian spouter
- 45 Accomplishment
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- 48 — out (supple mented)
- 49 Witness
- 51 Square root of IX
- 53 Born

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Richard Gere

HOLLYWOOD -- Amidst all the talk and plans for his upcoming wedding, George Clooney has picked his next two projects. Autumn will find him shooting "Hail Caesar" for the Coen brothers, about a 1950s movie studio string-puller. Already onboard are Josh Brolin and Scarlett Johansson. Ironically, Johansson, who's expecting her first child (with French journalist husband Romain Dauriac), will play an actress suddenly discovering she's pregnant. Also ready to sign for the film is Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Tilda Swinton and Ralph Fiennes. Then spring will find George shooting "Money Monster," being directed by Oscar-winner Jody Foster. Clooney's next film in theaters is "Tomorrowland," which Disney will release in May.

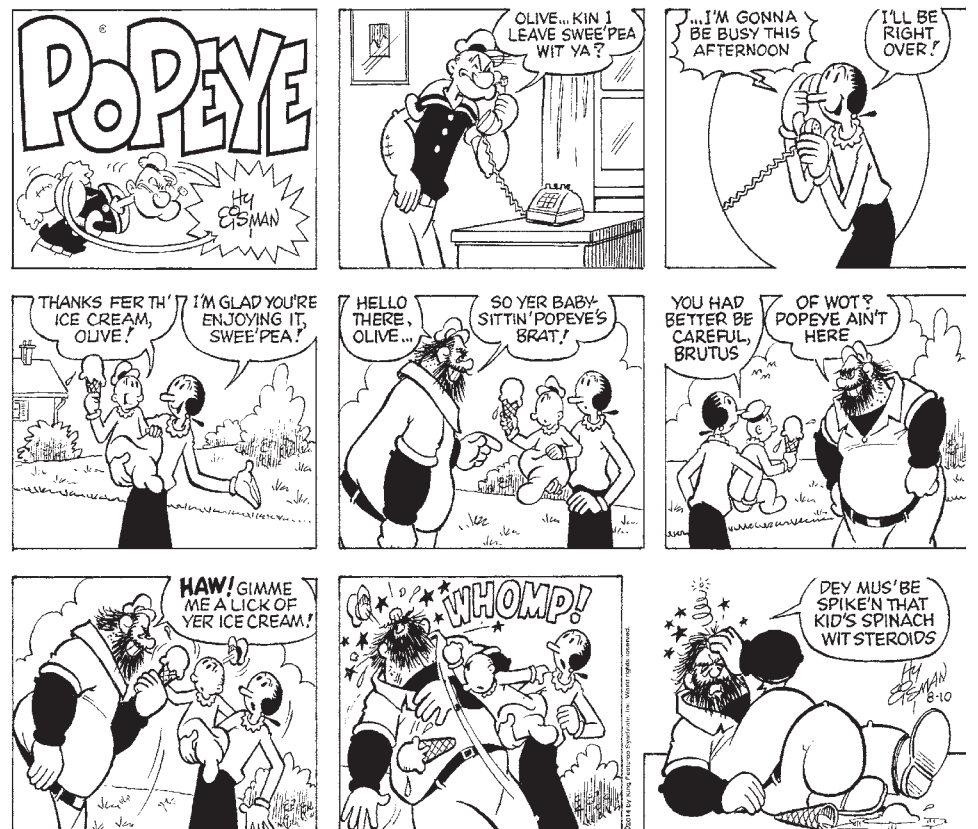
Richard Gere is still going strong at 64. February will bring him to theaters in "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 2," with Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith, and later next year in "Franny," with Theo James and Dakota Fanning. Gere currently is shooting "Time Out of Mind" on the streets of New York with Kyra Sedgwick ("The Closer"), in which they both play homeless people.

Ben Affleck's new film, "Gone Girl," with Rosamund Pike, Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry comes out in October. He's currently before the cameras filming the May 2016 release of "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice." Affleck is reprising his 2003 "Batman" role as Bruce Wayne/Batman. Henry Cavill again is Clark Kent/Superman, Amy Adams is Lois Lane, Laurence Fishburne is Perry White, Diane Lane is Martha

Kent (Clark's adoptive mother), Jesse Eisenberg is Lex Luthor and Jeremy Irons assumes the role of Alfred, Batman's butler, best friend and mentor.

The new Wonder Woman will be Israeli actress and supermodel Gal Gardot, who was Gisele Harabo in "The Fast & the Furious" film series. Affleck, Cavill and Gardot are expected to return for the next "Justice League" film being helmed by director Zack Snyder.

A friend of mine lives in the same Beverly Hills condo complex that Justin Bieber now calls home. Recently her son was detained by a building security guard because of all the noise coming from their apartment. Her son is a lawyer who is rarely home, and he finally got them to understand he wasn't Bieber and didn't live in that apartment, but the one below him. Seems all of Bieber's bodyguards and late-night parties have been making the tenants very mad, and they want it to stop. How would you like to have him as a neighbor? Seems wherever he lives, trouble follows. Bet you wouldn't care how famous he is if he keeps you up nights! Guess it would make a non-Belieber out of anyone!



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Alzheimer's Community Caregivers Support Group, 2nd Thursday

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

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months) and Family Manners Classes/Obedience & Canine Good Citizen; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Pawz for Wellness in Shelton, CT. For registration and/or information, call 203-450-9485 or email tfkctraining@gmail.com. Trap Falls Kennel Club is a non-profit member club of the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Amity Parent Support Group, meets every other Friday morning, 7:45am, Woodbridge Senior Center Lounge, 4 Meetinghouse Lane, sponsored

by Amity High School, Woodbridge Youth Services and the Orange Drug and Alcohol Action Committee, local parents who struggle with children who are, or may be involved with, substance abuse share experiences and concerns in a confidential setting. For more information, please contact Nancy Pfund at 203-389-3429, or e-mail npfund@woodbridgect.org.

New Haven's Newest Improv Group, Tiny Dictator, a night of high-energy comedy, Friday, August 8, 2014, Doors open at 7pm, show at 8pm, Inspired Turkey, 82 Crown Street, New Haven. Turkey meals with side dishes served starting at \$5. Admission/\$10, BYOB with a \$5 corking fee, Reduced-rate parking validation available at Chatterton Lot on the corner of George & Orange streets.

First Church of Christ Presents the Bob Kolb Jazz Trio "Jazz at the Movies", Saturday, September 13, 2014, 5:00pm, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, popular movie music by Cole Porter, Henry Mancini, Irving Berlin, and others, \$5. Following the concert there will be a free-will offering spaghetti dinner at Parish House. Dinner reservations required 203-389-2119 or reply@uccw.org.

The International Order of Rainbow for Girls Seeking Members, Masonic based leadership and service group, looking for girls ages 9 - 15, to participate in community service activities, prospective member open

houses on: September 15, October 6, and October 20, 2014, activities begin 7:00pm, Hamden Masonic Lodge, 3732 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, refreshments will be served. For additional information, contact CTIORG.org.

The Bridgeport Art League Of Huntington Opening Reception, Monday, September 15, 2014, 11:30am, St. Paul's Episcopal Parish Center, 25 Church Street, Huntington, coffee and cake, meet the artists who teach our classes in watercolor, oil, drawing, decorative painting and porcelain. All are welcome – this is a Free event. Visit our website- bridgeportartleague.org.

The Amity And Woodbridge Historical Society Tag Sale, Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8:00am-2:00pm, on the grounds of the historic Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge on from. Come and find a treasure, or reserve a space to sell your stuff. tagsale@woodbridgehistory.org. Free coffee!

PetsAffair '14, An Event to Support Rescue & Placement of Racing Greyhounds, Saturday, September 27, 2014 (rain date: September 28, 2014), 10:00am-4:00pm, 105 Fairwood Road, Bethany, Silent Auction open 10:00am-3:00pm and the list is growing daily.

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RENTERS PROGRAM

Town of Woodbridge

Applications for the Renters Program may be filed with the Town's Assessor between April 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014.

Those residents of Woodbridge who:

1. Have attained the age of 65 on or before 12/31/13.
2. Hold full time residence in Woodbridge.
3. Total income does not exceed 34,100 for a single person or 41,600 for a married couple.

Those on social security disability are exempt from the age requirement.

Applications can be filed at the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, 11 Meetinghouse Lane, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Proof of 2013 income and social security earnings is REQUIRED along with receipts of ALL 2013 RENT AND 2013 UTILITIES (exclusive of phone & cable).

If you have any questions concerning this program, please call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416.

EXEMPTIONS TO BE FILED

Town of Woodbridge

The Woodbridge Assessor's Office reminds you that Veterans who have not filed their honorable discharge papers (DD-214) with the Town Clerk must do so by September 30, 2014.

Veterans with a disability rating from the Veterans Administration are reminded that these papers must be filed in the Assessor's Office by September 30, 2014.

Additionally, Certificates of Legal Blindness and Social Security Disability Certificates should be filed in the Assessor's Office by September 30, 2014.

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INSURANCE SERVICES - If you have questions about Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage plans, life, disability or health insurance, Tzedakah House Insurance Agency will either have the answer or get you the answer. Free, no obligation consultations. Let our 30+ years of experience work for you. We are located at 8 Lunar Drive in Woodbridge. Call 203-387-2266 to make an appointment.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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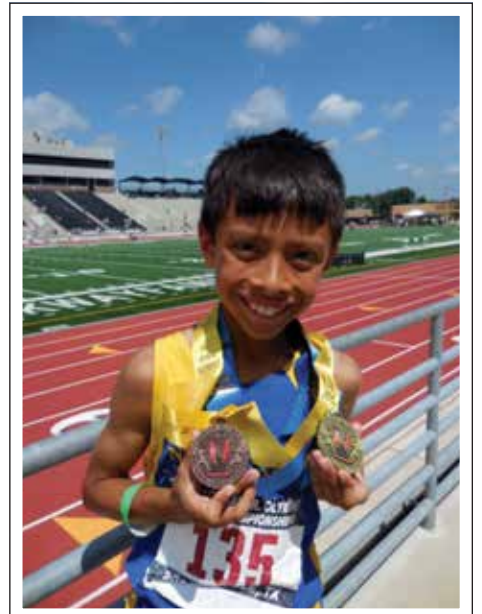
LOCAL SPORTS



The Beth-Wood Baseball League would like to congratulate and recognize the Burlington Bees for capturing the Minor League championship this Spring (pictured here holding their trophies) Back Row: Coaches Greg Coyne, John Turski, Mark DeRienzo, Matt Russ, Rob Barakat and Chris Paragas. Middle Row: Michael Coyne, Kyle DeRienzo, Jacob Cha, John Turski and Maurice Barakat. Bottom Row: Kevin McSherry, Parker Paragas, Dylan Russ and Frank Cusano. (Missing from Photo: Jacob Alguard and John Eric Santangelo)

JEREMY SAXE MEMORIAL AMITY BOYS SOCCER ALUMNI GAME

The Jeremy Saxe Memorial Amity Boys Soccer Alumni game will be played Saturday August 30, 2014 at 11AM on the Amity High School soccer field, with a rain date of Monday September 1st, Labor Day. Participating Alumni are asked to donate \$20 to play, which will include a commemorative game shirt. A portion of the donations will be going to the Jeremy Saxe Scholarship Fund. We will also be accepting additional donations for the scholarship.



WOODBIDGE RESIDENT WINS GOLD!

Parker Paragas from Woodbridge and a member of the New Haven Age Group Track Club recently competed at the 2014 USA Track and Field National Jr. Olympic Championships in Houston, TX, July 21st – 27th. Parker won Gold in the 9-10 year old division for the 1500 meter race with a time of 4:49.73. He also placed 4th in the 800 meter race with a time of 2:26.47. In addition, he was recently awarded Outstanding Athlete in the 9-10 year old division by the United Age Group Track Coaches Association (UAGTCA).

The New Haven Age Group Track Club is a local track club founded in 1975. They welcome athletes ages 6 to 18 and are comprised of athletes from several local towns. You can learn more about the New Haven Age Group Track Club on Facebook or its website, www.newhavenagegrouptrack.org.

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SWIM LESSONS (two days per week only)

Tuesday & Thursday

SEPTEMBER 6TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 13TH

There will be NO Classes October 14 & 16

3:35 - 4:05 (ALL LEVELS) OR 4:10 - 4:40 (ALL LEVELS)

PLEASE NOTE:

THE 3:35 CLASS WILL GO TO THE NORTH GYM DIRECTLY FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISMISSAL, WHERE THEY WILL BE SUPERVISED UNTIL SWIM CLASSES BEGIN.

THE 4:10 CLASS WILL GO HOME AFTER SCHOOL.

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION PROVIDED FOR THIS CLASS.

FEE	WITH POOL MEMBERSHIP	W/OUT POOL MEMBERSHIP
RESIDENT:	\$95.00	\$130.00
NON:	\$130.00	\$150.00

SATURDAY SWIM LESSONS (one day per week)

SEPTEMBER 20TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 15TH

ALL LEVELS 10:30 - 11:00 OR 11:15 - 11:45

FEE	WITH POOL MEMBERSHIP	W/OUT POOL MEMBERSHIP
RESIDENT:	\$50.00	\$70.00
NON:	\$70.00	\$80.00

SIGN OUT OF ALL CHILDREN AFTER SWIM LESSONS IS REQUIRED.
LOCKER ROOM ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS ARE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS!
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BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Back-to-School for Families with Dogs

When children go back to school, the stress can be huge on the family, including the dog. This abrupt change in routine can seriously affect our furry friends, who are creatures of habit. But with a little understanding and preparation before the first day of class, families can avoid many of the back-to-school behavior problems their dogs might display.

Separation Anxiety: With everyone gone to work or school during the day, dogs left alone can become stressed, often resulting in destructive behaviors and endless barking. These tips can help reduce the potential anxiety of separation.

Pay less attention to him: While your dog may be the center of attention when the kids are home all day, you need to change this scenario before they return to school so that he can adjust more quickly to the quiet time. About a week before school starts, pay increasingly less attention to your dog each day.

Start early: A few weeks before your children return to school, get your dog used to being alone. Begin by separating him from the kids and the rest of the family. For example, if you frequently take your dog with you to run errands, leave him at home.

Practice leaving the house: Go through the motions of leaving the house, go out the door, but then come right back in again. The dog will cease associating the routine of your leaving the house with your departure. This will help him to be more relaxed when you actually leave.

When you leave: As the last person leaves the house for the day, don't confuse your dog by saying in a sweet voice, "It's okay, Buster—we'll be home soon. Be a good boy." If he is feeling concerned that you're leaving, your happy, high-pitched voice can make him think it's okay to feel anxious. Dogs are pack animals and so they expect their leaders to be strong when they leave the pack. Therefore, ignore your dog for about 10 minutes before you leave.

Boredom: Dogs sleep a lot during the day, but when they wake up, they want something to do. It doesn't take much to entertain a dog, even when you're not at home.

Toys: Dogs love toys, but they can quickly get bored with or destroy them. Buy high-quality, virtually indestructible puzzle toys that your dog will always enjoy, such as those that hold treats like the Buster Cube™ and KONG™. Every few days, rotate what toys are available to him. This gives your dog something new and fun to hold his interest.

Scatter food: Dogs are natural foragers who enjoy looking for food on the ground—and will literally spend hours doing so. Scatter a variety of foods—such as bits of raw vegetables, dog kibble, and other foods that won't attract wasps—around the yard when you leave. Try hiding a few treats so your dog spends extra time looking for them. And always provide lots of fresh, clean water to keep your dog well hydrated.

Shelter: Dogs need to have their own "home," a place where they feel secure and comfortable. If your dog doesn't already have a place of his own, create one for him.

Crate: Most dogs love the safety of a crate. Because they are descended from animals that live in dens, a crate is a natural shelter for a dog because it has the same characteristics of a den. If your dog hasn't been crate trained, don't start training him the day the kids leave for school. That's too late and can actually add to his stress. When your dog has become accustomed to his new crate, do not leave him there for extended periods of time. If you plan to be away longer than 10 hours for a dog and 6 hours for a puppy, ask a friend to come by to let your dog out to toilet during that time.

Laundry room: If your dog will be inside all day and you are concerned about him toileting in the house, enclose him in a small room (which inhibits the tendency to toilet) and has an easy-clean floor of vinyl or tile (in case he has an accident). Place a soft bed and toys in the room for him too.

Doghouse: If your dog will be kept outside while you are gone, be sure he has shelter in which to get out of the weather. Dogs are more relaxed when they are covered and in familiar surroundings. Place the doghouse next to the house so that he feels like it is an extension of the larger "den," and provide a blanket or other comfy bedding.

Unusual Behavior: When dogs are stressed, they can begin to exhibit unusual behaviors, such as jumping up or even biting. It is not uncommon for children to come home from school and be greeted by the dog in an unnecessarily rough manner, even knocking a child to the floor. After being left alone all day, the dog has pent-up energy—and when he sees the kids, his excitement might cause him to overreact.

Train the kids: Parents need to train their children to avoid going right to the dog's area as soon as they get home. Kids should ignore the pet for five minutes or so to allow him to settle down. With young children, it is always best to have a parent present to reduce the chance of a problem. Once your dog learns the routine, he will relax.

Train your dog: It is amazing how quickly dogs learn what is acceptable and what is not. Dogs have a language of their own and once we understand it, we can easily control them by "speaking their language". Bark Busters specializes in using dogs' natural, instinctive communication methods as the way to train them. It's simple and it works.

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

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Despite your Aries penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge. But you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for that important upcoming family event you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises her or his excitement level, and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An offer could have many good things attached to it that are not apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A difficult workplace situation begins to ease, but there still are matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand it comes from a warm, loving heart.

ADULT DOG FORGETS ITS HOUS TRAINING

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My border collie mix, "Rex," was difficult to houstrain when he was a puppy, but things smoothed out for several years. Now suddenly he's pooping all over the house again. I scold him, he looks ashamed and whines, but then it happens again. How do a retrain an old, stubborn dog? -- Clark in Kansas City



DEAR CLARK: Take Rex straight to the vet. When an adult dog that had no issues with houstraining for several years suddenly develops issues, it's not a problem of stubbornness. Something else is going on.

Incontinence is a somewhat common problem in senior dogs, as they develop various physical problems with bladder, kidneys or muscles. In adult dogs that haven't reached their expected senior age, eliminating in the house can signal an infection or other disease. In both cases, pets need to be evaluated by a veterinarian.

Working out an appropriate treatment may take additional testing and, depending on Rex's diagnosis, a bit of time to work out the right medications to give, if any. You'll also need to accommodate his problem, hopefully on a temporary basis, by setting up disposable pee pads appropriate to his size in each room he frequents.

A side anecdote: When my mother's aging German shepherd became incontinent, she rolled out spare carpet strips wherever he walked or rested. These she could clean or dispose of when he had an accident.

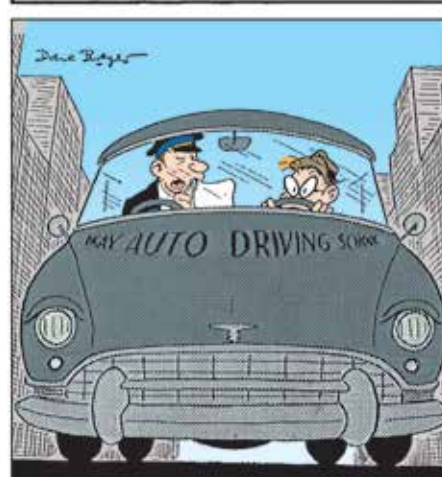
Train Rex to use the pads similar to his original houstraining outdoors.

It's important to keep up his routine as much as possible: Take him for his walks at the same time as usual and feed him at the same time (unless otherwise directed by the vet).

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phippe



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"And now lesson 14 — 'Dirty Looks for Truck, Taxi and Lady Drivers'..."

LAFF-A-DAY



"Your brother coming over for dinner tonight?"

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Darling, we can't go on seeing each other like this."

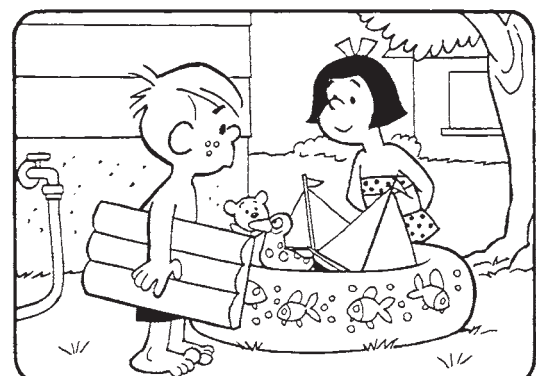
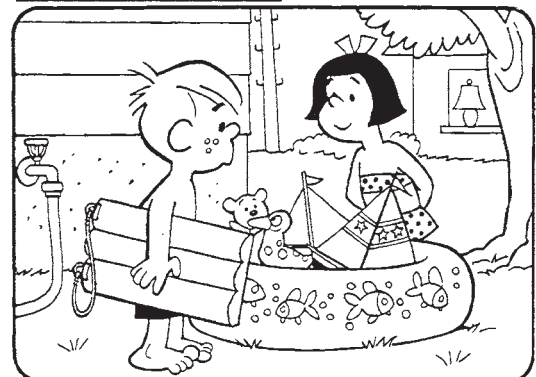
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