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NEW COUNTRY CLUB PROPOSAL VIEWED FAVORABLY

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The Woodbridge Board of Selectmen on August 1 unanimously voted not to pursue negotiations with Toll Brothers regarding a 44-acre development on the Country Club of Woodbridge property. Instead the board authorized the First Selectman to continue negotiations with Redan LLC about a potential purchase of the whole 153-acre property. Selectmen also voted not to renew the town's contract with Billy Casper Golf, which has been managing the 18-hole golf course for the past three years.

The Toll vote closes a very divisive chapter in the town's history regarding the question how much development – if any – townspeople are willing to allow to offset the cost the town assumed with the 2009 purchase of what was formerly known as the Woodbridge Country Club. At a hearing on July 27, town leaders heard overwhelming support for a new proposal, brought forward by businessman and Yale alumnus Roland Betts. Betts presented his proposal for a "Redan Reserve" at the hearing in a steaming hot Center building gym to some 300 residents in attendance.

Betts suggests to purchase the Country Club of Woodbridge for \$3.5 million and develop it as part of a larger, top 100 golf destination. The proposal would be in conjunction with a 99-year lease of the Golf Course at Yale, which he also plans to upgrade and where he plans to build a hotel. Details of the proposal, including a site plan, are available on the town website, http://www.woodbridgect.org/filestorage/6587/14095/Redan_Reserve_Presentation_July_27_2016.pdf.

Betts said there may be too many golf courses in the area, but the golf industry is growing in certain segments, namely courses that are ranked. The closest public golf courses that are ranked among the top 100 are on Long Island and in North Carolina. "The opportunity for the public to play on a ranked course is very slim," he said when he presented his proposal.

BEECHER COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

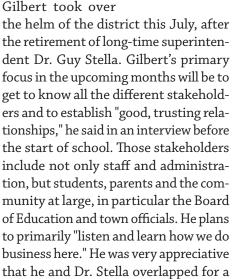
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Superintendent Robert Gilbert

When the buses pulled up at Beecher Road School for the first day of school on Monday, August 29, summer came to an end and things returned to normal in Woodbridge. It's a new normal, though, given the fact that Robert Gilbert greeted students

for the first time in his role as the new Woodbridge school superintendent.

Some of the students already had met the incoming superintendent, as he had ventured out to meet with the community at the summer concerts and at informal meet-and-greet events at the school.



during his tenure was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

He started his career in education as a music teacher, and counts playing the piano and the organ still as one of his passions. His wife Eileen also is a

freelance musician. They have three adult daughters.

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In addition to the superintendent, the district also is welcoming four new teachers this year, two of whom are already familiar with the Beecher community. Nicole Chick, formerly a first grade teacher, moved to take on a kindergarten class after the retirement

of Adrienne Coleman. Kim Kline Franklin, formerly a substitute teacher, joined the sixth grade team after the retirement of Joe Holowienko. New to the school are physical education teacher Meaghan Cleveland and technology teacher Larissa Crocco. Cleveland previously taught in North Haven, Crocco in Hamden.

Enrollment as of August 22 was 772, very similar to the beginning of the last school year, Principal Gina Prisco reported at the Board of Education meeting. However, families were still moving into the district and signing their children up. So far administrators have met class size guidelines in all but one third-grade classroom, where they are over by one student (20 students instead of the rec-

Betts is experienced in developing

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week, to facilitate a smooth transition.

Gilbert comes to Woodbridge from Granby, where he served as director of teaching for the K-12 district, and before that he served 19 years as principal of Kelly Lane Elementary School, which

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Chantel Malin, a student at Hopkins School and a Woodbridge resident, has joined the fight against adolescent and young adult cancer, working with the Dear Jack Foundation. She invites others to join her. On August 17, the familyowned Country Corner Diner in Bethany generously donated 15% of the proceeds from meals to the Dear Jack Foundation, which was founded in 2006 by musician and leukemia survivor Andrew McMahon. This foundation supports organizations and provides programming that addresses the unique challenges of cancer patients and survivors aged 15-39, working to create more positive health outcomes and improved quality of life for all young adults in this fight.

To read more about the Dear Jack Foundation, go to: http://www.dearjackfoundation.org/. If you would like to support the cause, go to: https://dearjackfoundation.dntly.com/fundraiser/ chalk-it-up-for-100k#/.

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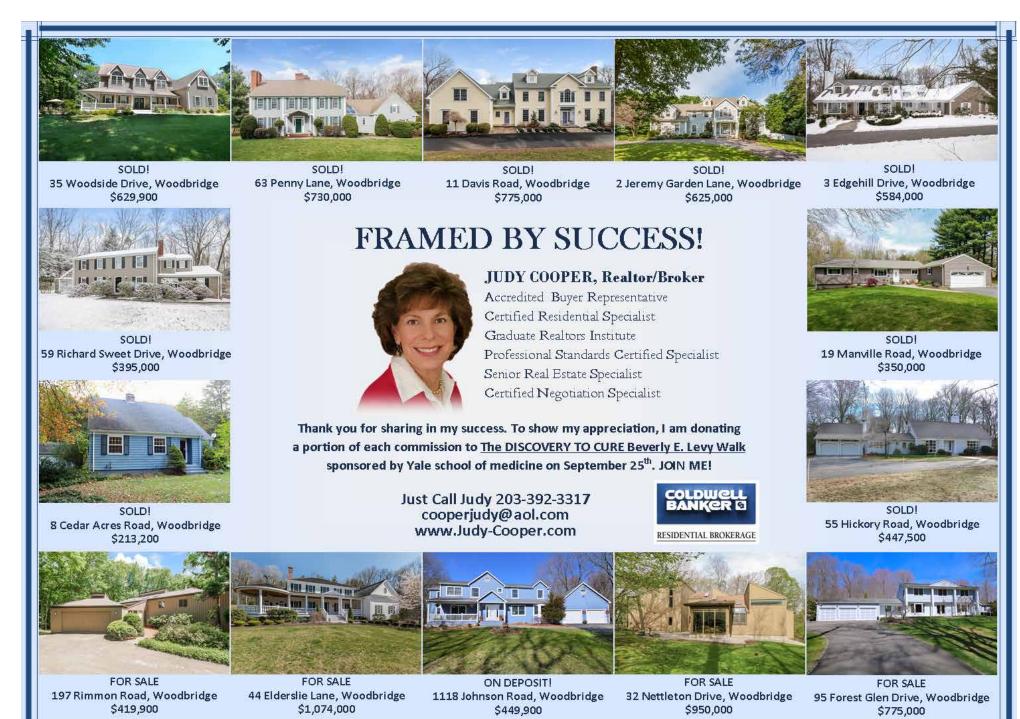


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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



WOODBRIDGE RESIDENT AMONGST FOUR ATTORNEYS RECOGNIZED

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GRAND OPENING OF HOLLANDER SPINE, SPORT AND DIAGNOSTICS

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar recently attended the grand opening of Hollander Spine, Sport and Diagnostics, a new Woodbridge business.

Engaged couple Brian Hollander and Jessica Pappas recently opened the new practice at 21 Hazel Terrace. Prior to meeting each other, they had their own businesses – CORE Chiropractic and Pappas Diagnostics.

The new combined holistic practice has a massage therapist and a fitness expert on staff. The business is an all-inclusive medical facility, Pappas says. Services include blood work, drug testing, paternity testing, physicals, chiropractic care, fitness classes, massage therapy and yoga. "Brian and I have always wanted to open a facility in Woodbridge," said Pappas. "So far I've had such a positive response from other businesses, we've been invited to the Economic Development Commission and we've received a visit from the First Selectman. This is a very welcoming place to do business."

"I am always happy when a new business chooses to make Woodbridge its home," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I congratulate Jessica and Brian on this new venture and welcome them to Town. Woodbridge is now home to a wide variety of high quality healthrelated businesses and Hollander Spine, Sport and Diagnostics is a welcome addition."



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Prisco said the school invited new families to a tour of the school, where they also got to meet the administrators. Twenty-five families took advantage of the invitation. Separate from the tour, Kindergarten students and their parents together had a chance to take a bus ride a week ahead of the first day of school. Prisco said on the first day of school, the youngest students are being separated from their parents when they get to meet their classroom teacher while their parents will meet with the principal. The kindergarten students then go home after an hour or so, but stay a little longer with each passing day. By the end of the first week, they will spend a full day in school.

"Generally this works really well," she said.

Educationally, the focus this year will be on three areas, Prisco told the Board of Education, namely the writing process; in math, continuing implementing the Investigations math program; and continuing work on the safe school climate.

As for the superintendent, in a letter to the parents, he pledged to do as much learning as he can in the months to come. He will hold "Listen and Learn" sessions for parents, which will "provide me an opportunity to hear about the great things going on as well as your hopes and dreams for our students and school."

LONE WOLF - STILL TRUCKIN' AT 25

Lone Wolf Advertising, known for its award-winning consumer ad campaigns, has just "turned" 25. Gi and Russ Madison, Co-Creative Directors, have been at the wheel of the agency long enough to embrace former and current clients as diverse as Lenders Bagels, Annie's Homegrown Macaroni & Cheese, Quinnipiac Bank & Trust and, most recently, HTG Supply, a national producer of hydroponic systems and grow lights for the gardening market. The latter, based in Western Pennsylvania, is a national retailer with stores from Maine to Colorado.

The agency's creative mantra, "make it

new!", has produced many breakthrough marketing campaigns earning the Woodbridge pair "The Best Bank Marketing Agency in Connecticut" in both 2010 and 2015-- an award granted annually by The Commercial Record. Lone Wolf has established itself as a creative specialist in the highly competitive Community Bank marketplace. Its campaigns for both Quinnipiac Bank & Trust and Bankwell N.A. were highlighted in the award.

On the personal side, both Gi and Russ Madison are published novelists, live in Woodbridge, CT and have six children.



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September 23rd	Columbus Day Issue September 30th
October 21st	<i>Election Issue</i> October 28th
November 11th	Thanksgiving Issue November 18th
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank yo	<i>DU</i> .

FROM OUR READERS

Town Needs to Live Within Its Budget

Ellen Scalletar recently published a letter in the bulletin commending herself on what a fiscally responsible leader she is. She is certainly entitled to her opinion, but keeping revenues and expenses even only works if you live within a budget, not when you keep raising taxes. My own taxes, over \$13000 annually, were just \$8000 when I bought my house in 2000. Same house.

She has made the sale of the CCW the focus of her tenure, or I might say the lack of focus. She has repudiated her civic responsibility to preserve town assets by essentially walking away from the clubhouse. She has used the inflated repair estimates of Silver, Petruzelli as her benchmark to support her case that we can't afford to rehab the clubhouse, despite the more reasonable numbers of Herb Newman, who designed the club and lives in town. Check out his figures on the town website, under future of CCW and preliminary budget report on CCW options. He calculated \$632,000 to get the clubhouse repaired and rentable. BCG figures a \$350,000 revenue stream from a food and beverage service.

Ellen, by deciding to hold out on a contract with BCG, has essentially killed

their business, preventing them from booking over \$200,000 in golf outings. They have been a good partner with the town, and have resuscitated several golf courses in the state laid waste by MDM golf. They deserve better.

But the saddest part of this whole fiscal responsibility fiction is that the six year capital improvement budget has \$22,000,000 in bonding. Run up the credit card and send the taxpayer the bill. And the waste in that budget is incredible. \$5.2 million for police station improvements, \$1.1 million for rehabilitaiting the old firehouse, \$1m for building a new firehouse garage to contain all the stuff taken out of the old firehouse. That's over \$7 million to rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic. Ellen still believes she is fiscally responsible. I am just presenting the facts.

If you want to be appalled, go to the finance department at the town website and pull up the budget. Look especially at the last section which contains the capital budget, which was never presented at the town budget meeting because the democrats were told to stay home, preventing a quorum. Remember that if you sell the club, that is what you will get and I guarantee that the next budget meeting will also fail to have a quorum. *David Lober M.D.*

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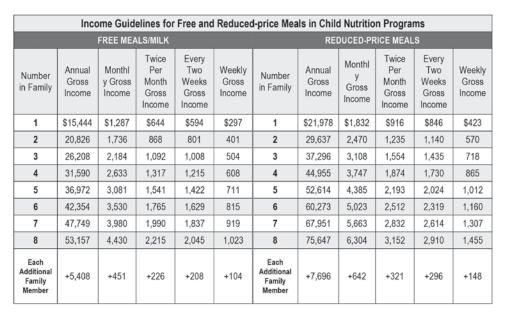
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USDA SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The Woodbridge School District announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The following income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Programs.

The above income calculations are made based on the following formulas: Monthly income is calculated by dividing the annual income by 12; twice monthly income is computed by dividing annual income by 24; income received every two weeks is calculated by dividing annual income by 26; and weekly income is computed by dividing annual income by 52. All numbers are rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

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 in the first day student packet. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school office. Additional copies are available at the principal's office. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced- price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. 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.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year, eligibility from the previous year will continue within the same local educational agency (LEA). When the carry-over period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children must pay full price for school meals and the school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

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 the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) program. All children in these households are eligible for free meal benefits. 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 determining official that it chooses to decline benefits. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the district or school to have free meal benefits extended to those children. Households receiving SNAP or TFA benefits for their children should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by September 30, 2016. 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 SNAP or TFA case number. The signature of an adult household member is also required. Children in households participat-.....

AMITY ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION FALL CLASSES

Registration is now open for the fall session of Amity Adult & Continuing Education with classes beginning on October 4th, at Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge. A wide variety of courses are being offered in such categories as: Finance, Arts & Crafts, Computer, Dance, Health & Wellness, Fitness, Languages, Spirituality and SAT Prep.

This fall, Woodbridge's own Dr. Bernie Siegel will be presenting a one-session class titled "Life, Health & Healing", and published author, Bette Isacoff, will again be offering her "Memoir Writing" course. Choose from a wide variety of Finance classes covering topics such as College Planning, Retirement, Estate Planning and more! Want to learn to fly fish, make beautiful holiday cards, play the ukulele, guitar or harmonica? We've got the class for you!

We're again offering "Real Estate Principles and Practices", a 60 hour course presented by Alliance Real Estate School. Completion of this course will qualify the student for application for the State Real Estate Exam to obtain a license.

Some other returning favorites include: Amazing 1-2-3 Acrylic Painting, Ballroom Dancing, Babysitting Basics, CPR for Adult, Child & Infant, First Aid, Tai Chi, Yoga, Zumba, Hula Hoop Fitness & Dance, Stained Glass, Replacement Window Workshop, Boating Safety, Calligraphy, Excel, Microsoft Word, Interior Design, Introduction to Angels and Digital Photography.

Bus trips this fall include: New Hampshire Fall Foliage, A Day in Salem Halloween Adventure, Boston Seafood Tour & Quincy Market, Holiday Train Show NY Botanical Garden, Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Park Zoo, Holiday Sparkle in the Big Apple, Lobster Bake & Kittery Outlets, and Newport Holiday at the Breakers.

For full course descriptions, and to register for classes, view the complete Fall 2016 Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog at www.AmityAdultEd. MyProgramPlus.com. For more information, please contact Karen Wade at 203-392-2005.

AMITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION

Amity High School class of 1966 50th reunion will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016, from 6-11 p.m., at Zandri's Stillwood Inn, 1074 South Colony Road, Wallingford. The evening will include a buffet dinner, open bar, and dancing to a DJ for \$75. There will be an informal gathering on Friday, October 14, beginning at 7 p.m. at Harry's Sports Grill in the Best Western Plus in North Haven. A tour of Amity High School is being arranged for Saturday, October 15. More details soon.

If you are a graduate of that class and haven't been contacted or if you know a member of that class, please contact



Amity High School

daypitney.com, or his administrative assistant Kathy Boardway at kboardway@ daypitney.com.

Check out Facebook at: Amity High Class of Nineteensixtysix. Help is needed in locating updated addresses

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Ernie Mattei, 860-275-0201, ejmattei@ and missing classmates.

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STUDENT NEWS

Dean's List Binghamton University Announces Dean's List

Binghamton, NY - Binghamton University has announced the Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester. This honor recognizes students who have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. From Woodbridge, CT Jonathan Gelernter was named to the Dean's List.

Zachary Saxe Has Been Named To The Champlain College Dean's List For The Spring 2016 Semester

Burlington, VT -- Zachary Saxe of Woodbridge, CT has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2016 semester. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester. Saxe is majoring in Management of Creative Media.

Union College Announces Annual Dean's List Honorees

Schenectady, NY -- Students with at least a 3.50 grade point average were honored with the academic achievement. Those from Woodbridge attaining this achievement are: Max Hurwitz, Class of 2018 majoring in Psychology and Philosophy; Christopher Katz, Class of 2017 majoring in Political Science and History; Jessica Malinconico, Class of 2016 majoring in English; Alexandra Schwaber, Class of 2016 majoring in Psychology; Alexander Tellides, Class of 2019 majoring in Liberal Arts (Humanities); and Ariella Yazdani, Class of 2016 majoring in Neuroscience.

Lisa Gorham Named To Dean's List At Washington University In St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo. – Lisa Gorham of Woodbridge was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Gorham is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Graduations Fairfield University Announces Spring 2016 Graduates

The following Woodbridge students graduated from Fairfield University on May 20, 2016: David M. Horwich, Meredith W. Kazer, and Morgan S. Meaney. At the time of graduation, a student must have earned a minimum of 120 credits and completed at least 38 threeor four-credit courses, depending on the course of study, and have an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better at the conclusion of the senior year.

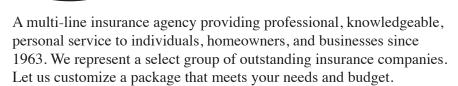
Southern Connecticut State University December 2015 Graduates

SCSU announces the following Woodbridge residents as December 2015 graduates: Sharon Brostrom, MS EVE; Kelly Ann Carpentier, BA LBS; Marcel Shteirman, BS Business; and Caterina Zdrowski, SYC EDC.

Southern Connecticut State University Spring 2016 Graduates

SCSU announces the following Woodbridge residents as Spring 2016 graduates: Elisa Albert, BA PSY Cum Laude; Daniel Battat, BA Music; Matthew Cohen, MS MAT; Marissa D'Angelo, BS EDU Cum Laude; Marissa D'Angelo, BA LBS, Cum Laude; Jessica Hoffer, BS History, Summa Cum Laude; Shelby Komisar, BS Nursing; Candice Landau, BS Communications; Ryan Lockhart, BS Business; Garan Mullin; ED D EDL; and Stewart Nodelman, MS ARE.

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WOODBRIDGE TOWN LIBRARY TO FULLY REOPEN SOON

Progress is being made on fully reopening the Woodbridge Town Library after a broken toilet valve caused extensive water damage to both floors over the Fourth of July weekend. The main floor re-opened in late July, but the Children's Department has remained closed for repairs. New carpeting is being installed in the upstairs Children's Department starting the week of August 29 and the library hopes to have a grand re-opening by mid-September. In the meantime, the first floor is open for patrons to check out items, use the computers, or just have a cozy place to read the newspapers.

The library is currently collaborating with the JCC of Greater New Haven for the "One Community, One Read" program. Both organizations are encouraging community members to read The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure and to join in a discussion with the author himself on Wednesday, September 14 @ 7pm at the JCC. Artscapades will also host a lecture titled "Art Under Siege... Paris from 1937 to 1945" on Thursday, September 8 @ 7pm in the cafeteria of the Center building (next door to the library) on art during WWII.

In addition, the library will be partnering with Long Wharf Theatre on a collaboration surrounding the Steve Martin play Meteor Shower. The library will be hosting an event in the Center Gym on Tuesday, September 20 @ 7pm where patrons can learn more about the show, listen to a reading of part of it, and hear from someone behind the scenes. In addition, on Thursday, October 13, Long Wharf Theatre will be hosting Woodbridge Night at the theater. Woodbridge residents can purchase discounted tickets for the 8pm show this evening and attend a special reception before the show.

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FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

It's back to school and a time to reflect on the extraordinary learning that goes on in our schools and the exceptional knowledge that resides here in Woodbridge. Fortunately, we do not face the frightening controversy happening across the country and at the federal level as to whether we are a people that believes in scientific evidence. We know that the overwhelming conclusion of climate scientists is that global warming (climate change) is happening and that it is caused by human activity. And we have taken action, here in our small town.

Woodbridge is taking innovative steps to do our part for a sustainable energy future. We have facilitated individuals making a difference themselves and our efforts at the municipal level will slow pollution and save money and energy.

Fuel Cell Powered Microgrid: This month we will see new evidence of our commitment to clean and reliable energy when a fuel cell is installed at Amity High School. In the event of a prolonged power outage, this fuel cell will power the underground microgrid that will provide back-up power, not only to the high school, but to our other Town Center buildings, including our emergency shelter. We expect the microgrid construction to begin this fall. With super storms becoming more prevalent, we will need this sort of reliable, back-up power. This project is funded through a state grant that former First Selectman Ed Sheehy had the foresight to apply for.

Energy Conservation and Home Energy Audits: Since 2009 Woodbridge has been promoting home energy audits and it has paid off. Well over 200 Woodbridge homes have gone through the audit and received important advice about how to make their homes more energy efficient. Environmentalists tell us that a "Nega-Watt" –a watt not used - is three times more cost-effective and non-polluting than a newly generated watt. That is, conserving energy is the most important step we can take.

Solar: Woodbridge is a state leader in solar applications per capita. The amount of solar in Town has increased dramatically in the past decade: Amity High School, Beecher Road School, the JCC, Massaro Farm, approximately 100



the capped landfill.

Transportation: Transportation is a major contributor to the build-up of greenhouse gases. The Town has taken advantage of a state grant to install two Electric Vehicle hook ups - a move that encourages the transition to fewer fossil fuel propelled vehicles. We also participate in the school bus "no-idling" campaign - another way to encourage the reduction of fossil fuel use and pollution.

Best Organic Practices for Town-Owned Lands: For the past several years we have had a Town ordinance prohibiting, with certain exceptions, the use of pesticides on Town-owned land. More recently, we are looking at guidelines that will help promote practices that encourage butterflies, bees and birds; we have taken steps at the Fitzgerald property to begin adopting those practices.

Open Space: Woodbridge and its conservation partners hold an impressive amount of open space lands with ~3000 acres of protected open space (~25% of the Town area) and another 1500 acres of other open land (~12% of the Town Area). We are also home to many miles of beautiful hiking trails.

Food: Many of us don't think of food production as a major polluter, but indeed it is. And we are also learning more and more about the advantages of locally grown and organic foods. Woodbridge has become an active supporter of Town farms. We have made the nearly 60 acres of the Town-owned Massaro Farm property available at no charge to the not for profit Massaro Community Farm; our Library has started a summer Farmers' Market where locally grown produce as well as locally raised organic meat is available.

Town Residents and Employees: Our town could not make these advances in fighting climate change and promoting a healthy environment without our dedicated Town employees, who promote best practices in their work every day, and our Town residents who so generously share their time and considerable expertise in guiding our decisions.

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FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Until very recently, my colleagues and I on the Board of Selectmen (BOS) were repeatedly assured by the First Selectman that the Toll Brothers proposal was the only viable option for the Country Club of Woodbridge (CCW) to emerge from the Town's search process. At the June 22, 2016 Selectmen's Special Meeting, hastily called for the First Selectman to present Toll's most recent proposal, I questioned why she was so focused on Toll and was not exploring other options. She responded, claiming that the Town has done what she called extensive outreach, "I have said this repeatedly to the Board. Any viable option that comes to us I will bring to the Board. There have been none...no one has come forward...So maybe there is some magical answer out there, but I don't think it behooves us as Board of Selectmen and I would say Board of Finance members as well to wait for a magical solution to this."

Imagine my surprise when I learned she made that statement knowing about another "viable option". Someone had come forward. At the public meeting on July 27th, Mr. Roland Betts of Redan Reserve said that he first approached Ms. Scalettar with his idea for the CCW last November—nine months ago. How can Ms. Scalettar reconcile this fact with her statement quoted above?

The June 22 Selectmen's Special Meeting had other irregularities. Three members of the Board of Finance (BOF) sat at the front table as if at a joint meeting of the two boards, though the meeting was not noticed as such and the BOF members were not included on the agenda. One by one, they were ready to offer comments and dutifully provided their support of the Toll proposal, claiming it was the only option.

Aside from the fact that their unannounced participation in the meeting may have violated the Freedom of Information Act (a formal complaint from a Town resident has been filed in Hartford), I found it inappropriate that the BOF members were used in this way. I also felt it was inappropriate that they and the other two democratic selectmen were told in advance that they would be asked to make individual statements on the new Toll proposal but we across the aisle were given no such warning. At the August 1 Selectmen's meeting, I questioned why Scalettar had not informed her fellow selectmen of the new Redan proposal before July 13th, when it was presented to us and to the By Selectman Maria Cruz Kayne



public simultaneously. Her answer was that she waited until she had a formal proposal in writing. Oddly, though, Scalettar called the June 22 meeting and presented the new Toll concept without a written proposal in hand. Why the different standard for Toll?

Clearly, given Mr. Betts' background and track record, the Redan proposal was a serious one well in advance of the receipt of the written proposal. Several times in the last nine months the First Selectman has asked the BOS for advice on how to proceed in her negotiations with Toll. We now know that we were given only partial information on which to base that advice. We have since learned that Scalettar brought a member of the appointed Board of Finance into the negotiations with Redan, but even at that point didn't see fit to inform and seek advice from her fellow selectmen.

In response to my questions, Town Attorney Gerald Weiner quoted from our Town Charter indicating that the First Selectman is the Town's CEO and cannot be prevented from exercising her power in this way. However that same Charter gives the full Board of Selectmen, not the Board of Finance or the First Selectman alone, the authority to recommend to the public a sale of Town property. As our Town's elected representatives we have the responsibility to evaluate real estate proposals as a full board. If she took the Redan proposal seriously enough to bring in a BOF member, she should have informed the full Board of Selectmen and sought our advice too. Instead, she told us and the public, as quoted above, that there were no other options that no one else had come forward.

Notwithstanding the First Selectman's relentless pursuit of Toll Brothers over the past few years, even she had to acknowledge the public's clear preference for the Redan proposal as expressed at the public meeting on July 27th. More than 300 residents endured 90 degree heat for several hours that night, to hear the details, ask questions, and voice their support for Redan over Toll. In response to the strong public opinion expressed at that meeting, we selectmen agreed unanimously on August 1 to take Toll off the table and pursue negotiations with Redan Reserve. I look forward to collaborating with my fellow selectmen to negotiate an agreement with Redan that will meet the approval of Woodbridge voters.

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION Mosquitoes Are Still Buzzing Around!

As we enter September and the end of summer looms, don't think that the mosquitoes and ticks have called it "quits" for the season. In fact, both are still quite active and will be until the first sustained frost (3 days or more). The health district has had numerous cases of Lyme disease reported this past summer. In addition, the threat of West Nile (WN) continues to exist as some mosquitoes in CT have tested positive for WN.

Zika virus is also frequently in the news. While CT has not currently identified any mosquitoes testing positive for Zika nor has not had any locallyacquired cases of Zika, there have been several persons who have gotten Zika from places they traveled or from sexual transmission from partners who traveled.

It is important that you continue to protect yourself against insect bites until a sustained frost of 3 days or greater occurs. There are simple actions to prevent mosquito bites. These actions are simple to take, and have been demonstrated (through scientific studies) to provide great protection. For example, WNV is 100% preventable.

#1. Use an insect repellent. Not only will this protect you from mosquito bites, but it will also decrease the chance of a tick bite. Caution should be used when applying repellents, especially on children. Read the directions for use on the product label. (They are there for a reason!) Apply to clothing rather than skin when possible. Do not use any of them on damaged skin. Do not apply to face area or hands. Wash off when you return indoors.

#2. Wear protective clothing when possible (long sleeves, long pants). Use netting if sleeping outdoors or in areas without screens. (Don't forget baby carriages.)

#3. Reduce mosquito populations from your yard. Since any water-holding container can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, you should eliminate sources around your home that collect water. Mosquitos need very little water and very little time to breed. Breeding grounds can include something as small as the dish under a plant to larger collection sources, such as a birdbath, pool covers or clogged roof gutters. Any standing source of un-aerated water (water without movement) can breed a lot of mosquitoes. Actions you can take to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds include: Repair leaky pipes and outside dripping faucets; Change water in birdbaths frequently; Change water in pet's dish and chicken coops daily; Empty children's pool daily; Clean clogged roof gutters; Fill in holes in trees with sand or mortar; Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish; and drain flower pot/plant dishes two times per week. For stagnant water that can't be drained there are products you can buy that help reduce mosquito populations. They are called mosquito dunks and are available in most hardware stores.

#4. In addition to using insect repellents to prevent tick bites, daily body checks and prompt tick removal are critical to preventing disease. You don't have to be hiking in the woods to have a tick "hop on" your body.

#5. If you intend to travel, visit www. cdc.gov/travel website, put in your destination, and check out the warnings for Zika-endemic areas. Follow the advice for preventing mosquito bites. You might not feel ill if you contract the disease, but you can bring it back to your sexual partners so use protection if you have traveled to an endemic area, especially with women of childbearing age.

For more information on mosquitoes and ticks, visit www.ctdph.gov, www. ct.gov/dep, or www.cdc.gov. Quinnipiack Valley Health District residents (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) without internet access can request an informational packed on mosquitoes, repellents and Tick-borne illness by calling 203 248-4528.

\$24,000 GRANTED TO JCC OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

A \$24,000 grant to the JCC (Jewish Community Center) of Greater New Haven awarded by CT Humanities will enable residents across the region to engage with issues related to history, politics, current events, race/racism, ethnicity, family structure, and parenting through artistic and cultural mediums.

The politically minded will appreciate the first event in the series - a live podcast with Tablet Magazine called "Unorthodox," exploring the "science" associated with elections and campaigning, the power of prediction, and the ethical implications of information distribution tactics. Virtual and physical audiences are welcomed to the JCC on Monday, September 19 at 7 p.m.

Comedy enthusiasts and Broadway fans, will enjoy "Fried Chicken and Latkes," performed by Rain Pryor. The one-woman show, accompanied by a live band, tackles race, religion, and spirituality in the 1960s and 1970s as it rolls out the life story of the actress, a Jewish and African American woman, and daughter of the famous comedian, Richard Pryor. Q & A with Ms. Pryor will to follow the show on Saturday, December 3.

"A Jewish Joke" performed by Phil Johnson will cater to everyone ages 13+, families, and history buffs. This captivating performance displays the story of Bernie Lutz, a Hollywood screenwriter navigating the Communist blacklist in the 1950s. Facilitated discussions will follow both the evening and the matinee on March 4-5, 2017 at the JCC.

On March 30, educators and parents at large will have the opportunity to meet Lewis Bernstein, former executive, producer, and researcher at Sesame Workshop who guided Sesame Street and Shalom Sesame for several decades. In his talk, Bernstein will discuss ways in which children from diverse and global cultures learn, the delivery methods of communication that helped Sesame Street engage children most effectively, and the ways that parents and teachers can positively impact children's views of the world. Audience members will have a chance to engage in conversation with Bernstein after his talk.

The last event in the lineup is an inspiring coming-of-age documentary about five Israeli soldiers - four men and one woman - through their transition from civilian life to the military and back again. The film, "Beneath the Helmet," illustrates the ways in which young men and women are defending not only their homes but also the values of peace, equality, opportunity, democracy, religious tolerance, and women's rights. One of the soldiers, Aviv Regev, will travel from Israel to give a talkback after the screening on April 30, 2017. This event will be part of the 2017 Beckerman Jewish Film Series, and will engage the Jewish Federation's Young Emissaries program in observance of Yom Haaztmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

"As a community center serving 30 towns, the JCC is uniquely positioned to improve community engagement and cultural outreach on a large scale. Our programs reach more than 20,000 people and 300,000+ online users annually," says Shelley Gans, Director of the JCC of Greater New Haven. "By heightening the visibility, participation, engagement, and reputation of cultural enrichment programming at the JCC, we are presenting members of the Greater New Haven community with the opportunity to become connected to each other through meaningful shared experiences."

"This lineup adds a unique component to the Greater New Haven community's cultural learning opportunities by examining global themes such as politics, racism, history, media culture and more with a Jewish lens. The programs are captivating, engaging, and educational, leveraging a wide range of mediums such as live theater, film, public speaking, and podcasting - that also communicate the emotional and human aspects of the subjects at hand, increasing the accessibility of these topics to the community," says Dr. Mara Balk, Program Director at the JCC of Greater New Haven.

Details about the JCC's 2016-2017 Arts and Culture season will be available soon. To learn more please visit www. jccnh.org/cultural-arts.

Connecticut Humanities, a nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports cultural and historic organizations that tell the state's stories, build community and enrich lives. Note: Funding for these grants is provided by money allocated to Connecticut Humanities (CTh) in the 2015-2016 state budget. This funding has been eliminated by line-item veto for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, resulting in the suspension of the Connecticut Humanities Fund granting program effective July 1, 2016. As a result, this will be the final round of CTh grants funded for the foreseeable future. The JCC of Greater New Haven is a nonprofit community center that promotes total wellness at every stage of life through programs that stimulate mind, body, and spirit. More than 20,000 people representing 83 zip-codes engage with the JCC every year. Proudly Jewish, the JCC enthusiastically welcomes people of all backgrounds and perspective.

WHOOPING COUGH IS A FRIGHTENING DISEASE!

Whooping cough in an infant is frightening and can have devastating results. Cases of Whooping Cough have increased within the State and among Quinnipiack Valley Health District (QVHD) residents. It is very important to protect infants from this disease as they are not fully protected until they are a year old. Don't wait until the baby is born! QVHD offers the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age

18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection), you are eligible to receive this vaccine.

A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Clinics are held monthly from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the QVHD district office, 1151 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven. Appointments are required; however, you can get an appointment for the same day as a scheduled clinic if you call by 1:00 p.m. Call QVHD, 203-248-4528 for the next clinic date.



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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SEPTEMBER 2016 EVENTS

Summer may be winding down but fellowship and worship activities are picking up at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Worship times are Sundays at 8 am and 9:30 am.

Recreational Fun continues on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall from 10:30am to Noon. Please join our Wednesday regulars for fellowship and fun. All are welcome.

Save the Date! Good Shepherd Sunday, September 11th. Sunday, September 11th, The Church of the Good Shepherd marks the opening of the program year with a festive Holy Eucharist at the 9:30am service. There will be a blessing of the students' backpacks as they head back to school or advanced education, and an expanded coffee hour to welcome everyone back after the busy summer. We will celebrate our patron The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in scripture, prayer and song. Come join us! All are welcome here.

Confirmation at The Good Shepherd Starts this Fall. Persons interested in being confirmed in the Episcopal Church should contact the office (203-795-6577) as soon as possible. Teenagers in 10th grade or above, and adults 18 years of age and older are encouraged to become students. The teenage program will last the academic year. The adult program will run for about four months. Join us as we learn about the rich history and tradition of the Episcopal Church, the deeper spiritual teachings of the Bible, and our call to work for the common good of all persons. On Saturday, September 17th at 9am we walk The Good Shepherd labyrinth again with The Rev. Diana Rogers. Please join us for our monthly labyrinth walk. Used for spiritual meditation and contemplation, walking the labyrinth has been a spiritual exercise for

centuries. Come learn more about this enduring spiritual practice. Meet at the labyrinth on the south side of the church off Pryde Drive at 9am, rain or shine.

In September our popular Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl for a person in need is welcome to join us. Open to the public, we craft all yearround and meet regularly. Our prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday Eucharist and then distributed by our parishioners to friends, neighbors and family members in need and at area hospitals.

The CGS Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of the month and discusses a different book every month. The September meeting is on Tuesday, September 27th at 7pm. Please contact the office at thegoodshepherd@optonline.net or (203) 795-6577 if you are interested in joining us for edifying conversation and fellowship.

Please join us at 7pm on Wednesday, September 28th for our monthly Healing Prayer with Holy Eucharist Service in the church. Enter by the front door. All are welcome. The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 9:30 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodspheherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgsorangectfor frequent postings.



SAINT BARBARA TO PRESENT **ODYSSEY: A GREEK FESTIVAL**

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced today details regarding ODYSSEY 2016: A Greek Festival, to be held September 2-5. This 4-day party features all things Greek, including mouthwatering cuisine, live music, dancing, and a bustling Hellenic agora (marketplace). Set on the grounds of the beautiful Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, ODYSSEY 2016 offers something for everyone.

ODYSSEY 2016 includes:

- Classic Greek cuisine appetizers (meze), Greek pastries (glyka), lamb on the spit (souvla), moussaka, gyro, spanakopita (spinach pie) and pastitisio (Greek style lasagna);
- "Gourmet Meze Grille" gourmet appetizers, including saganaki (flaming cheese), loukaniko sausage, grilled shrimp, lamb chops, avgolemono soup, dips and pitas, and more; also featuring live music by "Grecian Nights";
- Live Greek cooking demonstrations – learn to prepare some classic Greek foods;
- Greek marketplace Gourmet Greek grocery, t-shirts, jewelry, arts & crafts, bookstore;
- Treasures 'n Junque Odyssey's giant tag sale; Presentations on Greek culture and

Barbara Church;

- Greek dance performances Traditional Greek folk dances performed by the ODYSSEY Dancers;
- Greek dance lessons taught by the ODYSSEY Dancers (8:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday);
- Nightly dancing to ODYSSEY's live Greek band, "The Hellenic Company";
- Kids' area Rides, games, and magic shows;
- Raffle Have a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000 cash, or 9 additional prizes; and
- Senior Citizens Day: Fri. 9/2, from 12 – 3 pm – 20% senior citizen discount on meals.

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SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS AND FAMILY PICNIC

Come welcome Shabbat under the stars at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven (TE)) on Friday, September 9. The evening begins at 4:30 with entertainment for kids of all ages. At 5:00 we will have a kosher barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads and more. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service starting at 6:00 on the patio.

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. This event is FREE if you preregister on the TE website (www.templeemanuel-gnh.org), or \$5 per person with a \$10 maximum per family at the door.

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

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ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

Orange Congregational Church located at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange, CT will resume its regular weekly worship schedule for the fall on Sunday, September 4th with an 8:00 a.m. service in the Chapel and a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. Every Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is a child-care experienced Crib Room Attendant for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending the 10 a.m. worship service. Our children's programming Bible Literacy Adventure Stations (B.L.A.S.T) will begin for the church year on Sunday September 11 and run during the 10:00 a.m. service. This year's theme is "Faithful Believers".

The Orange Congregational Church Nursery School is also accepting applications for its faith-based preschool for 3 and 4 year-olds. Senior and Bell Choir rehearsals will begin again starting Thursday, September 8th, and on Sunday, September 11th the Junior Choir will also have regular rehearsal. Sunday, September 11th will be our "Welcome Back" Sunday. During the 10 a.m. service, children may bring their backpacks in for a blessing and, after worship, the Generosity Team will coordinate a potluck on the Town Green (in case of inclement weather, it will take place in the John Ho Dining Room). There will be "Youth Tables" at the potluck for those students in grades 6th-12th who are returning to or would like to join our Pilgrim Fellowship youth program. Junior Choir is also accepting new members for students in Grade 2 and up; they practice weekly after church on Sundays and perform once a month and on church holidays.



Orange Congregational Church

Confirmation for 8th graders begins on September 21 with an orientation for parents and sponsors; interested families need to contact the church office before September 6. Our two regular bible study groups will begin meeting again: G.I.S.T. on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. and the Lectionary Bible Study on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Noon Fellowship meets on the second Wednesday of every month to share lunch and a lesson. Fellowship Breakfasts meet on the third Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Chip's Restaurant to hear different speakers. Also, the Widow and Widowers Club of Orange is now meeting at the church on Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Katherine Knight Room; all widows and widowers are welcome. Our Music on the Green series will begin on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a performance from "The Yale Whiffenpoofs", the country's premier male barbershop singing ensemble.

Please contact the church office at 203-795-9749 for more information on any of our events or programs. We are happy to have you join us, as our church community begins an invigorating new season!



500 + SHAWLS!

Since 2009, Threads of Love, a New Haven area Jewish Prayer Shawl Circle, has been knitting and crocheting healing shawls for people in the greater New Haven area and beyond. About every eight weeks, we meet to gather the shawls and package each in a hand decorated bag. A card is included which expresses warm and caring wishes for peace and well-being.

Shawls usually go to local hospitals and other facilities. But personal family members and friends have also been recipients, from Florida to the state of Washington and many places in between. The feedback and notes we have received are testaments to the gratitude they feel that "strangers" care enough to send a gift of comfort and hope. Sometimes, we even get donations to buy supplies.

Our knitters and crocheters come from different towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts. We are grateful to all the participants, some of whom are retired and others still working. All people are invited to share their talents. The only requirement is that the yarn be 100 % acrylic and machine washable. We are all very proud of what we have accomplished, and will continue to comfort those who need some kindness and loving wishes. Softness, warmth, and beauty are what we want to wrap around the recipients. We all agree that by giving of ourselves, we have gotten so much more in return.

For more information, or to join our group, please contact Elaine Klein at erklein7@yahoo.com.

SHARE THE LOVE OF READING WITH A CHILD

On September 20, Learn About Volunteering as A Reading Partner with JCL

"In the lives of the children we serve, having an adult read to them, discuss with them, and solicit their opinions is something which may happen only rarely," says Beth Kaufman, chair of Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL). JCL's reading partners share the pleasures of reading; giving public elementary school students needed one-on-one attention. For just one hour a week, the volunteer reads and talks with a student. Volunteers help engage students with words, enriching foundations for thought and imagination. A non-denominational program of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, JCL serves about 350 students in seven schools each year. It provides training, placement, and support to volunteers and is seeking caring, committed volunteers for the upcoming school year. Reading partners choose the day, time, specific school and grade of the students they would like to work with. Potential volunteers are invited to attend the following information session:

Information & Orientation Session

Tuesday, September 20 - 9:30 a.m. at the JCC of Greater New Haven

At the session, learn from:

OR SHALOM TO FEATURE OPEN COMMUNITY YIZKOR

Congregation Or Shalom, the only Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free communitywide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (October 12) at 4:00 PM. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The Service will be led by the synagogue's Ritual Committee Chair, Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman. Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, the synagogue's spiritual leader, noted that this is an opportunity for Or Shalom to help fill a void among non-affiliated Jews in and around the Orange community.



Congregation Or Shalom

"Everyone should have the opportunity to come say Yizkor for their departed relatives and we hope they will come and take advantage of this opportunity," Wainhaus said.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

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- Dr. Abie Benitez, Director of Instruction, New Haven Public Schools, Board of Education;
- Margie Gillis, Literacy How, Inc., president and founder; and
- Krista Bergin, literacy intervention facilitator, New Haven Public School.

All are welcome as volunteers; no previous experience needed. To RSVP or for more information about JCL, contact Brenda Brenner at bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org or 203 387-2424 x 308.

JCL is an award-winning project of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven is a philanthropic organization that cares for those in need, enhances Jewish life and ensures the continuity of a vibrant Jewish community locally, in Israel and around the world.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



Pictured form left to right: Lucy LaCava, Cindy Downs, First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Club President Denise Rock and Betty Fearon.

SEPTEMBER PERSON OF THE MONTH GOES TO GARDEN CLUB

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

The Garden Club is celebrating its 81st year of service to Woodbridge. The Club's focus is civic improvement through landscaping and beautifying the center of town. Garden Club members design, plant and manage public gardens, including the Butterfly Garden at the Library, the 9/11 Memorial at the Firehouse, the Darling House Herb Garden, the Massaro Farmhouse garden, and the garden at the corner of Meetinghouse Lane and Center Road.

At the Garden Club's monthly meetings, the club invites the public (for a \$5 fee) to lunchtime lectures on a variety of topics such as flower arranging and how to best support pollinators. The Garden Club also provides "horticul-

tural therapy" to residents of Coachman Square's Alzheimer's unit. At these therapy sessions, residents garden and learn to make beautiful flower arrangements. Additionally, the Garden Club provides a college scholarship each year to a graduate of Amity Regional High School who plans to study horticulture or environmental studies.

Recently, the Garden Club has begun holding annual plant sales to raise money for the club. In May, club members bring perennials from their own yards for sale.

"The Garden Club of Woodbridge does so much to promote the natural beauty and quality of life in Woodbridge through their beautification efforts, educational work and horticultural therapy. said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

For more information on the Garden Club of Woodbridge, visit gardenclubofwoodbridge.org.

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

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016

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



Town Hall

9/6	Police Commission6:00pm Town Plan & Zoning Commission7:30pm	Police Dept. Town Hall
9/8	Economic Development Comm7:00pm	Town Hall
9/12	Library Commission6:00pm Human Services Commission7:00pm EMS Commission7:00pm Zoning Board of Appeals7:30pm	Library Rm 14, Center Bldg. Town Hall Town Hall
9/14	Board of Selectmen5:00pm	Town Hall
9/15	Investment Committee5:00pm Board of Finance6:00pm Conservation Commission7:30pm	Town Hall Town Hall Town Hall
9/19	Fire Commission6:00pm CUPOP6:30pm	Fire Station Town Hall
9/21	Inland/Wetlands Agency7:30pm	Town Hall
9/26	Country Club of Woodbridge Comm. 6:00pm Recreation Commission7:00pm	Town Hall Beecher Ro School So.

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DINING WITH SUSAN B

By Susan Noonan



SHANGHAI GOURMET CHINA BISTRO

The best part about writing this column has been meeting many amazing people from all over the world. Winnie and Steven Guo (both born and raised in China) owners of the very successful Shanghai Gourmet China Bistro in Orange definitely fall into this category. They are the sweetest, kindest, generous and most hardworking couple I have ever met. The Guo's truly value each and every

customer that walk thru their door. They also have been loyal supporters of the Orange Town News from the beginning, so I thought it was time to revisit this popular restaurant that offers exotic and authentic Asian gourmet at its best. I

originally profiled Shanghai Gourmet 8 years ago shortly after owners Winnie and Steven Guo took over and made significant improvements. Fast forward to 2016 and Shanghai Gourmet is busier than ever and definitely a favorite with many local Asian Americans. As I was doing my original research I discovered a review on Shanghai Gourmet written by local travel agent who posted his review on a "travel website". Chris gave me his permission to share his thoughts with our readers, also mentioning that he was a regular at Shangai Gourmet. I thought it only fitting to again share his glowing review: "While continuing my quest for the great eateries of Connecticut, my journey led me down a path less traveled, steeped with flavor and freshness. My path, Chinese food. My destination, the Shangai Gourmet China Bistro. Located on the Boston Post Road in Orange, the Shanghai Gourmet takes conventional Chinese take-out to a much higher level of standards. Although the restaurant offers takeout and delivery service, by doing so you will miss the opportunity to dine in a quaint 30 seat dining room. Unlike most Chinese take-outs that offer small, shaky tables and uncomfortable metal chairs, Shanghai Gourmet has a more traditional dining room with rustic hardwood floors, along with beautiful cherry wood tables and chairs. The dining room is decorated with a natural, comfortable at home feeling accompanied with big bay windows allowing plenty of sunlight to illuminate your experience. There are many points of interest that separate Shanghai Gourmet from other Chinese take-outs; however the main difference is the use of fresh ingredients. The use of fresh mushrooms, tomatoes, peapods, authentic fresh herbs and a beautiful menu selection, places this restaurant miles ahead of most Chinese take-outs. The menu is a traditional separation of soups, appetizers, pork, poultry, seafood, beef, and vegetables with the addition of big bowl soups, stir fry vegetables and lovely sixteen item gourmet selection. Having ordered all the South East Asian selections, I recommend the Sambai Chicken. A perfect balance of tender chicken, fresh herbs and vegetables. Aside from the diverse menu, what really places Shanghai Gourmet on the top of my recommended list are the owners. More often than not you will find Winnie and Steven Guo working in the kitchen from morning to night. What an amazing team they make, providing an incredible



dining experience with tasty fresh ingredients, a comfortable atmosphere and always service with a smile". As Chris mentioned above the key to Shanghai Gourmet is their fresh ingredients. Every morning Steve travels to many local

establishments searching for the best products that meet his high standards. Shanghai Gourmet offers a special

"Chef Recommendation" menu featuring many or their most popular dishes including Steamed Chilean Sea bass, Chicken & Shrimp Szchuan Style, Sautéed Spinach with Fresh Garlic, Scrambled Egg with Shrimp & Chives, Shredded Beef with Chili Pepper, just to name a few. Visit their web site: www. shanghaigourmetkg.com to view their entire menu.

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Final notes: As I mentioned above, Winnie & Steve are terrific business people with customer service a top priority. I admire their unbelievable energy, generosity and warm personalities. The couple is very happy having their business in Orange and appreciate all their loyal customers. Make a visit soon and support this wonderful local restaurant. Shanghai Gourmet has the right combination of outstanding food and service, not to mention that Winnie and Steve will make you feel like part of their family.

If you have a favorite restaurant you would like me to profile e-mail susan@ orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com

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Q: I just got done binge-watching "Hand of God" on Amazon. Has it been renewed, and if so, do you have any spoilers? -- Tina R., via email

A: The mesmerizing drama/suspense series has been renewed for 10 more episodes, with season two premiering in early 2017 (no exact date as yet). As you know, the series stars Rob Perlman, Dana Delany, Garret Dillahunt and Julian Morris, and centers on a morally corrupt judge (played by Ron) who suffers a breakdown and believes that God is compelling him onto a path of vigilante justice.

I spoke recently with series creator and head writer Ben Watkins, who aside from letting me know that Linda **Gray** is joining the cast, also gave me the scoop on season two.

"When there are things we can't explain, we will try to find an answer for it. We say it's science or religion or it's crazy or it's magic. In season two, Pernell continues to explore this guestion of whether he's truly crazy or has he actually touched onto something supernatural.

"We get a chance in season two to peel back some of the layers of what is going on, some of the sinister elements in the city of San Vincente, and how that is affecting Pernell's journey.

"We also get to explore a little bit about what was going on with PJ and the software he was working on. And there's a connection there to Jocelyn. There's a connection there to Nathan Brooks, and there's a mystery related to that. That mystery is driven by Crystal. In season two, Pernell is on trial for murder, and Crystal is driving this mystery forward."



Ben Watkins [Courtesy Ben Watkins] ***

Q: I loved Hugh Laurie in "Night Manager." What else will he be in? --Donnie T., Reno, Nevada

A: Hugh's next project is the Hulu original drama series "Chance," which premieres Oct. 19. In this six-episode series, Hugh plays a forensic neuropsychiatrist who reluctantly gets sucked into a violent and dangerous world of mistaken identity, police corruption and mental illness.

Readers: If you're a fan of the Netflix documentary series "Making a Mur**derer**" like I am, then you'll want to know that a federal judge overturned the conviction of **Brendan Dassey** for the murder of Teresa Halbach. Judge **William E. Duffin** wrote in his ruling: "The court finds that the confession Dassey gave to the police on March 1, 2006, was so clearly involuntary in a constitutional sense that the court of appeals' decision to the contrary was an unreasonable application of clearly established federal law." Unless the state wants to retry him, Brendan will be released within 90 days of Aug. 12. There is no word yet on what this will mean for his still-incarcerated uncle, Steven.

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By Gino Sardo

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NATURE'S CHILD: **Incredible Insects**

Friday, September 2, 10 am

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FUNDRAISER: Club Comedy Night

Friday, September 2, 7 pm

This fundraising event, hosted by the Friends of the Ansonia Nature Center, Inc., to support the building of a new playground, will be held at Club Comedy, 585 South Main Street, Naugatuck, CT. The club is located ½ mile off exit 25 or 26 on Route 8. Tickets can be purchased at the Ansonia Nature Center for \$25.00 each. The doors will open at 5 pm, so plan to arrive early and enjoy a pre-show dinner. Raffle tickets will be available from 5–6:45 pm with proceeds also going to the playground fund. The comedy show will begin at 7 pm. For ages 21 and over only.

FALL TERM JUNIOR RANGERS

Registration begins Thursday, September 8; class runs Thursdays, September 15-November 3, 3:30-5 p

will be provided. Bring a small container for your take-home samples. Instructor: Dawn Sotir. FEE: \$10 per person. Registration is required.

PET LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Sunday, September 11, 1 pm

THEMED GUIDED HIKE: **Goldenrod Jungle**

Sunday, September 11, 1 pm

For all nature enthusiasts! Enjoy a walk through the park's fields and vast Goldenrod Jungle. You'll be amazed at the diversity of insects, spiders, and birds that depend on this unique habitat for survival. FREE guided hikes every Sunday at 1 pm.

FULL HARVEST MOON HIKE

Friday, September 16, 7 pm

The northeastern native people referred to the full September moon as the "corn is edible" moon. Join our rangers to hike the Nature Center trails as the big moon rises. Enjoy some marshmallows over the campfire to conclude our program. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Number of participants is limited, so pre-registration is required. FEE: \$1.00 per person.

PLAYGROUND FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, September 17, 10 am

Let's get our community together and celebrate! We will start by restoring the grounds around our new playground. The original playground was built in 1991 by the community, and it would be great to keep up the tradition. It is time to continue the legacy for another 25 years and ensure the playground's longevity for future generations.



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BACK TO BASICS: Soap Making 101

Saturday, September 10, 1:00 pm

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AUTUMNAL EQUINOX DRUMMING CIRCLE

Friday, September 23, 7 pm

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BIRDS ON THE MOVE

Saturday, September 24, 9 am

Come for birding with Ranger Jessica for this fun, informative program. She will concentrate on the end-of-summer journeys taken by our "flying friends"t to faraway places each year. Find out who's going and who's staying put! FREE; please call to register.







JAMIE HULLEY ARTS FOUNDATION HOSTS ANNUAL EVENT

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation is hosting its 14th Annual Evening For The Arts gala Saturday, September 10 at Fairfield University's Quick Center. The evening features, direct from Las Vegas, FOUR by FOUR – A Tribute to the Legendary Music of the Beach Boys, Beatles, Bee Gees and Motown, a musical review of some of the most memorable songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

"FOUR by FOUR comes to us from the creators of last year's smash hit performers OH WHAT NIGHT! The show is a vibrant trip back to the California surfing scene, the British Invasion, the Disco decade, and Detroit's glory days with hits including Good Vibrations, She Loves You, Staying Alive, and My Girl – FOUR electrifying musical performances in ONE extraordinary night of entertainment!" said Foundation President Judy Primavera. She and her family started the foundation after her daughter Jamie Hulley passed away 14 years ago, just two weeks before her 21st birthday after a brief battle with an aggressive form of lymphoma.

Each year the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation awards between four and nine grants to the four Orange schools depending on teacher interest. "If they apply with a reasonable idea, we typically fund the project," said Primavera. "When children leave elementary school, more Jamie A. Hulley foundation opportunities await them at Amity Middle and Amity High School. In fact, the foundation most recently helped to establish Amity Middle School's Spartan Players and served as headlining sponsor to this year's production of Beauty & the Beast." because they level the playing field. When children learn through art, it equalized the experience," Primavera said. "With art, the world is full of possibilities."

The Gala also showcases the talents of young aspiring performers involved in the foundation's programs at Amity High School's Creative Theatre, Wallingford's Square Foot Theatre, and Connor Deane's Broadway Method Academy in Fairfield. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Jared Brown, Artistic Director of Square Foot Theatre with Rob and Andrea Kennedy, Directors of Amity Creative Theatre, serving as cohosts and auctioneers.

"I'm all about relationships," Primavera said. "That's why our scholarships are for four years. We focus on long-term goals. It's come full-circle, we helped Connor Deane and now Connor's helping us through his work with Broadway Method Academy."

Funds raised at the event will go toward program funding at schools in Orange and surrounding towns and scholarships for local college students. "As always, you can expect a reception filled with good cheer and many ways to bring home 'treasures' such as vacations, gift cards, Red Sox tickets, a taco Loco pizza Truck party for 50 people, sports memorabilia & theater tickets including much coveted VIP passes to the Late Night with Jimmy Fallon Show," Primavera said. Tickets are available through the Quick Center Box Office: (203) 254-4010. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. More information is available on the foundation's website: http:// www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org/.

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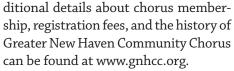
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Greater New Haven Community Chorus, a non-auditioned, four part (SATB) chorus, is currently inviting singers to join GNHCC for the 2016 -2017 season which will feature "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham and "Requiem" by John Rutter. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8th.

No audition is required. Singers of all experience levels are welcome.

Interested singers are invited to attend up to three rehearsals as guests before committing to join the chorus. This trial period provides an opportunity to meet the chorus members and Artistic Director, Noah

Blocker-Glynn; to sample the upcoming repertoire, and experience the spirit and welcoming community of GNHCC. The open enrollment period for the upcoming Fall semester runs from September 8th through September 22nd. Prospective singers may visit any rehearsal during this period. Rehearsals are held every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 704 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Ad-



To fulfill our mission of achieving the highest possible standard of choral music performed by a non-auditioned chorus, singers should attend all weekly rehears-

> als and are encouraged to actively participate in the organization by sharing their individual skills and talents with the various GNHCC committees.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus consists of approximately 80 - 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. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction.

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

By Nancy Pfund







Top: Bethany and Woodbridge 7th Graders end summer with Annual Seventh Grade Picnic. Bottom: Amity Superintendent Dr. Charles (Chip) Dumais, Amity Middle School Principal Dr. Richard Dellinger, Assistant Principal Thayer Doyle, Youth Services Program Coordinator Donna Amendola, Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, Youth Services Director Nancy Pfund, and Bethany First Selectman Derrylyn Gorski come together at the Seventh Grade Picnic to greet 7th graders before school begins.

Seventh Grade Picnic Held August 25th

The annual 7th Grade Picnic held at the Woodbridge Green on Meetinghouse Lane brought many energetic teens together from Woodbridge and Bethany to meet, dance, and enjoy the

Giant Slide and awesome games.

The picnic is a great way for students to see old friends and meet new ones as they celebrate the end of summer.

Back To School Bash Coming September 16th

Woodbridge and Bethany 7th and 8th grade residents are invited to the Back to School Bash on Friday, September 16th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. on the to help. Woodbridge Youth Services and Woodbridge Green at 4 Meetinghouse Lane (Rain brings the event into the the Town of Bethany sponsor these progym.) Enjoy the Meltdown Inflatable, grams

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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 and determined by the district's or school's homeless liaison; or enrolled in an eligible Head Start or pre-kindergarten class as defined by law. Households with children who are categorically eligible under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs should complete an application and check-off the relevant box. Questions should be directed to the determining official. For any child not listed on the eligibility notice, the households should contact the school or determining official about any child also eligible under one of these programs or should submit an income application for the other children.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the determining official or school if it chooses to decline the free meal benefits. If households/ children are not notified by the district/ school of their free meal benefits and they receive benefits under Assistance Programs or under Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs, the parent/ guardian should contact the determining official or their school.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are categorically 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 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.

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. Under the provisions of the policy for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, the by Gina M. Prisco, Principal, 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 Superintendent, Robert Gilbert, Beecher Road School, 40 Beecher Road, Woodbridge 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 in the Income Guidelines.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the determining official at 203-389-2195.

This is the Public Release we will send to the following news media outlets.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

HOLY INFANT WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS

The Holy Infant Women's Guild is having its annual Membership Tea and Benediction on Sunday, September 11. Benediction is at 2:30 pm in the church followed by a tea in the Guild Hall. Membership dues are \$5 per year. For more information call (203)799-2379.

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is having a bus trip to the Westchester Broadway Theater on Wednesday, November 16. The show is Saturday Night Fever. The price is \$99 which includes lunch, transportation, gratuities, and show ticket. The coach will leave the Holy Infant parking lot at 450 Race-



Holy Infant Church

brook Road at 9:30 am and will return following the show. A payment of \$49.50 is required at the time of reservation with the balance due by October 7. Call (203) 799-2379 for a reservation.



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AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Lee Canning



Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar visits with Chief of Police Frank Cappiello and Deputy Chief Ray Stuart while they man the grill at the Senior Center's Annual Indoor Picnic.



Serving line at the Senior Center's Annual Indoor Picnic. L to R: Nancy Pfund, Youth Services Director, Jeanette Glicksman, Senior Center Director, Mary Ellen LaRocca, Human Service Director. Volunteers and staff members were also on hand to assist.

WOODBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC

Over 75 people attended the Woodbridge Senior Center's Annual Indoor Picnic co-sponsored by the Woodbridge by John Paolillo thoroughly enjoyed and the sense of a warm community was pervasive. Stay tuned for more events like this by signing up for an e-newsletter. Contact our office and we'll tell you how!

Pickle Ball Demonstration!

The Woodbridge Senior Center will host a demonstration of Pickleball at the Center Gym at 4 Meetinghouse Lane on Tuesday, September 27th at 6pm by USAPA Pickleball Ambassador, Diane Sullivan. Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton and ping pong. Adults 50+ interested in learning more and/or trying this new sport are encouraged to attend! The demonstration is sponsored by Apex Pharmacy/ Durable Medical Equipment. Contact the Woodbridge Senior Center for more information at 203-389-3430.

iPhone & iPad Classes

With Instructor Fred Uleano

Enjoy all the features of your iPad and iPhone through these 6 classes. The iPad class meets four Wednesdays, beginning September 14th from 10-12noon. The iPhone class follows for two classes on October 19th & 26th. There is a separate registration for each class. These classes cover working with the Ios operating system as well as working with photos, messaging, storage and much more. Call to register- 203-389-3430.

Volunteers needed! Are you looking for a way to get more involved in your community? We are in need of volunteers to assist with luncheons on Tuesdays and Fridays, provide support for the Holiday Fair, help with the Friendly Visitor and Reassurance Program or come and teach a class! For more information please call 203-389-3430.

'Cooking for Everybody'

Brookdale Woodbridge will be sponsoring a 4-week cooking class targeted to improve food prep & cooking skills. The class will run Thursdays beginning on September 15th and will run through October 6th from 9:30am until noon. The first 3 classes will be held at the Senior Center and the final "graduation" class will be held at Brookdale Woodbridge, 330 Amity Road at 10:30am. Registration is limited to 8-10 participants with preference given to Woodbridge residents. Please call to reserve your spot @ 203-389-3430.

'Painting for Pleasure'

Sign up today for this community art class! Get to know fellow art enthusiasts and receive personal training from the instructor. The class is taught by artist, muralist, and designer Graham Dale. This class will work with acrylics, oils or watercolors and is for any level of experience. The art class will be held in the Senior Center on Wednesdays for 10 weeks, starting on September 7th. The cost is \$60.00 for 10 classes. Students are requested to bring their own supplies. To register, please call 203-389-3430.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

By Matilda Charles

It's Easier to Find a Good Nursing Home

Medicare's Nursing Home Compare website now has the long-awaited star ratings. Announced months ago, the site has added six more quality measurements and has added the star features, making it easier to do comparisons when the time comes to pick out a nursing home.

materials and foods were comingled, or that food was left uncovered in the freezer.

What's concerning is that not all the inspection reports are there. You'll need to know if a facility has eight fire-code deficiencies, or that the ceiling over the food-prep area has peeling paint, or that insulin wasn't kept at the correct cold temperature or had expired. One thing lacking in the ratings is that nowhere will you find resident or family satisfaction. The data is mostly self-reported by the nursing homes themselves and the measures aren't necessarily comparable between facilities, especially the ratings that don't include full inspection reports. While the star rating is a good place to begin, it shouldn't be the end of your research into a good nursing home. Ask for recommendations from your doctor or people you know.

Police Department on August 2. The food was great; the entertainment provided

AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME COULD MEAN THE WORLD TO SOMEONE

Generosity is the greatest form of power. The Agency on Aging's RSVP program is looking for adults 55 and older who want the chance to share their wisdom in a number of ways. Act as a friendly visitor and give senior veterans social companionship an access to the community to a fellow senior. Become a Money Manager and assist others with organizing their monthly bills and following a budget. Tutor identified children in schools so that they can gain the necessary literacy skills or act as additional support to other community organizations and non-profits. By volunteering only an hour per week you can make a significant difference in the lives of others. We are holding an Introduction to Volunteering information session on August 30th to show the many ways you can help.

If you are interested contact us at 203-752-3059 or email us at cstrucaly@ aoascc.org and become the change.

To find the nursing home ratings, go online to www.medicare.gov and put "nursing home compare" in the search box. Put in your ZIP code, and you can compare up to three at a time.

The devil is in the details, as always. Look for tiny items like the number of minutes of physical therapy per resident per day, dates of last inspections, residents rights deficiencies, any mistreatment complaints, pharmacy service deficiencies and any penalties and fines in the past three years. Be sure to click and read the actual inspection reports. You might find that cleaning

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SCIATICA: FACT OR FICTION? Find The True Source Of Your Orthopedic Leg Pain...

In orthopedics, it is often believed that when someone experiences leg pain, that the source is usually "sciatica" originating from your back. Although this scenario can happen, there are several other conditions that can mimic those symptoms.

Sciatica, defined as inflammation to the sciatica nerve, is often as a result

of a disc herniation between the last two vertebrae. The disc will push onto the nerve causing inflammation and, depending on extent, can lead to pain and often numbness along the back part of your leg and thigh, sometimes as far as your foot. Nerve pain like this tends to be sharp and can

Michael Dow MSPT

be triggered by certain spine positions. It may also be triggered by coughing, sneezing or laughing hard, as these activities can put pressure on the trunk area and compress the spine temporarily.

In addition to nerve and disc origins, leg pain can also be referred from other structures such as muscle or ligaments. The piriformis is a triangular muscle deep in your hip, underneath the buttock. It is responsible for hip rotation strength and also serves as a pelvic stabilizer. In about 15% of the population, females more than males, the sciatic nerve will run through the muscle belly of the piriformis. Tightness or weakness of this muscle can compress the sciatic nerve and often mimic the symptoms of a disc herniation.

The sacroiliac joint is where the tailbone and pelvis meet. It is located in close proximity to lumbar vertebrae #5 and shares ligaments with it. Often seen in our practice, patients with low back, buttock, and thigh pain can often have alignment issues with their pelvis and sacroiliac joint. There are several ligaments and muscle groups that directly attach to the pelvis, and their collective actions help keep it aligned. Treatment consists of skilled manual therapy techniques, as well as specific stretching and strengthening exercises. Osteoarthritis of the hip joint itself can often refer pain into the front, inner and occasional back of thigh, referring down as far as one's knee. Pain is usually dull and deep but can also be sharp with certain motions. In addition, moderate to severe arthritis nearly always comes with loss of joint rotation. Lack of appropriate joint rotation can place undue stress on the adjacent joints, including low back. Manual stretching and specific joint mobilization techniques

to the hip may redistribute force off of the lower spine and decrease the pain associated with that stress.

Another common muscle origin of leg pain is one's hamstring. It is located on the back part of the thigh and attaches at both the knee and underneath the buttock onto the pelvis. It

serves as a pelvic stabilizer as well as controlling knee motion. When strained, pain can be sharp or dull and occur most often when the leg is loaded in standing or walking.

Any of the above scenarios, or combination of these conditions, can contribute to leg pain symptoms. It is important to determine the exact origin of the symptoms, as the treatment for each can vary greatly. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, I recommend that you get an evaluation from a licensed medical professional to guide you as to the best course of treatment. Physical Therapy, diagnostic imaging, injections, or possibly even surgery may be necessary to eliminate your symptoms. In most studies, conservative treatment that addresses inflammation, restoring joint mobility and alignment, and appropriate strengthening have been shown to yield the best short and long term

management of the above conditions. Michael Dow MSPT is CEO/ Director

BALANCE ASSESSMENT AND FALL PREVENTION

As a physical therapist, I frequently have patients come into my office with injuries sustained as a result of a fall. These falls are often secondary to poor balance and weakness and there are some neurological conditions such as Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that can increase a person's risk of falls. It is unfortunate that a person

has to endure pain, difficult lifestyle changes, and a long rehabilitation process because of their injuries. But what if their injuries could have been prevented?

In 2015 The Center for Disease Control (CDC) released some alarming statistics regarding falls: One out of five falls causes a serious injury

such as broken bones or a head injury. Each year, 2.5 million older people are treated in emergency departments for fall injuries. Over 700,000 patients a year are hospitalized because of a fall injury, most often because of a head injury or hip fracture. Each year at least 250,000 older people are hospitalized for hip fractures. More than 95% of hip fractures are caused by falling, usually by falling sideways. Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

There is a common misconception in the general population that you only go to physical therapy for rehabilitation after you have had an injury or surgery. However fall risk assessment, balance, and safe gait training are an integral part of the job. There are a few valuable fall risk assessment tools that can be used to determine if a person falls into a low, medium, or high risk of fall category. These include but are not limited to The Berg Balance Scale, The Tinetti Balance and Gait Assessment, The Timed Up and Go (TUG) Test, The 6 Meter Walk Test,

and The 30 Second Chair Stand Test. After a thorough

After a thorough assessment by a physical therapist, a specific and individualized treatment plan can be established for each patient to address their impairments that may contribute to a higher risk of falling. These can include but are not limited to lower extremity strength-

ening exercises, balance activities, gait training, assistive device training, and advice on home safety modifications. If you or a family member is someone who may be at a higher fall risk, a thorough assessment could potentially prevent a more serious injury.

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of Amity Physical Therapy, now with three offices in Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. He received his degree from Fairfield University and is recognized by the U.S. Dep't of Health and Human Services for his work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, pediatrics to geriatrics, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at 203-389-4593 or www.amitypt.com.



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HOW TO HELP STUDENTS CHOOSE AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Extracurricular activities can benefit students in various ways. Academic clubs, sports and volunteer organizations provide students with opportunities to grow as people and make new friends while also teaching kids skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

Many parents are aware that extracurricular activities can help students improve their chances of gaining admission to college. But students who choose the right extracurricular activities will benefit in greater ways than simply strengthening their college applications. The following are a handful of ways parents can help their sons and daughters choose extracurricular activities they can benefit from for years to come.

Ask kids to jot down their interests. Students are more likely to enjoy and excel at extracurricular activities that align with their existing interests. Ask kids to jot down a list of their interests or anything they might want to try. Youngsters might want to learn a musical instrument even if they have never before taken a course on music. Once kids have listed their interests, look for activities that allow them to further explore those interests. Chances are there is a schoolsponsored or community-based club or organization that will align with at least one thing on your child's list.

Encourage kids to have fun. Kids are more likely to enjoy and fully commit to an activity if they find it fun. While extracurricular activities can help kids grow as people and improve their image in the eyes of college admissions officers, kids will get even more out of an activity if they enjoy doing it.

Look for something that won't interfere with schoolwork. Extracurricular activities can look great on a college application, but that benefit is lost if the activity interferes with a student's academic performance. Some activities, including sports, demand more of students' time than others, but make sure kids know that school always comes first.

Ask around. Ask neighbors or school officials for recommendations to help kids who have tried but failed to find the right fit with regard to extracurricular activities. Sometimes it takes a little trial and error before a child finds an activity he or she is comfortable with. Fellow parents can make great resources, and school officials likely know of a host of clubs and organizations that kids may be interested in.

Sign up with your kids. If kids are hesitant to sign up for an activity because they are shy, sign up with them. Volunteer organizations are typically familyfriendly, and kids might be more likely to come out of their shells if they sign up with their parents or siblings. As kids grow more comfortable with an activity, they will want to get more involved even if mom and dad don't have the time.

Parents can employ various strategies to help kids find activities they can be passionate about for years to come.



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LEARNING NEW FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

By Roberta L. Nestor

Every industry is riddled with their own jargon and acronyms. The financial services industry is no different, only it can be frustrating when you are trying to understand your own investment portfolio. Like every industry, most of the change in terminology stems from the growth of technology. Technology has allowed investing to go beyond "passive" or "active" management. We now work with portfolios that are quant managed (quantitative computerized formulas) or qualitative (human input). For most investors it is the bottom line with their investment returns, however, you should understand what formulas, human or computerized are driving your portfolios.

Quantitative and passive management are the forces that support "Robo Advisors". A Robo Advisor is an online wealth or investment management service that provides automated, algorithm-based portfolio management advice without the use of a human financial advisor. Algorithm-based portfolio management is a process or set of rules to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations. Most of the largest investment firms offer Robo Advisors and a simplified process to establish investment accounts. You respond to perhaps a dozen questions (age, risk tolerance, time horizon, etc.) and based on your responses the Robo Advisor will determine a very low-cost portfolio based on your criteria.

Robo Advisors are likely to become more and more popular, especially with Millennials who are somewhat averse to sitting down with a professional as they are of a generation that prefers to have stream-lined, on-line services. Time will tell. Who will they call when the market crashes? Who will advise them on taxes, distributions and personal changes that may affect the models they have been placed in? If Robo Advisors become a rising alternative for investment advice, you may see more and more financial advisors emphasizing other non-investment services such as the best way to pay off college loans or which types of retirement accounts are the best to focus your savings on. They may become more specialized in income planning, or planning for long term care. All of this falls into new regulations that advisors face

as a result of the DOL "Fiduciary Rule" that goes into effect in April of 2017.

Technology has expanded a new type of asset class that clearly goes beyond traditional assets such as investments, our homes, retirement accounts, and life insurance. Today, we all have digital assets. Digital assets would include your own website, a blog, photos, videos, music and writing. Digital assets would also include point and reward programs such as Marriott or even Stop & Shop gas points. The growth of digital assets is fast-paced and as a result, we now have Digital Estate Planning as a part of the overall estate planning process. Who will delete and control your digital assets for you? Who will you appoint to have access to your passwords, online banking and other websites? Presently, most estate planning documents (wills, trusts, etc.) already include provisions so that you can name a "Digital Executor". This is the person you give control of your digital assets to at your death who will follow your instructions, be it dispersing those assets or deleting them so that they are not in the cloud waiting for identity theft.

One of the best on line resources for investment terminology, new and old is from Investopedia (http://www.investopedia.com/dictionary). However they also had some new, not so well known acronyms such as BRIC and FANG. See if you can figure these out. To give you a clue, BRIC represents 4 emerging market countries and FANG represents some of our largest technology socks. Email me and I will post next time.

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at the

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"WINE IS SUNLIGHT, HELD TOGETHER BY WATER."- GALILEO

Burgundy is a small place in the south of France where excellent wines have been made since before Roman times. The primary white wine that has been produced in this region is White Burgundy which is Chardonnay. Wine folly calls it the Crack Cocaine of Chardonnay because all you have to do is sample it and you are hooked on it. It is a single fermentation Chardonnay that is made in stainless steel containers and is NOT oaked. It is crisp and clean and a wonderful wine for warm days and cool nights associated with an early September in Connecticut. The Burgundy region runs from Auxerre in the north to Mâcon in the south, or to Lyon if the Beaujolais area is included as part of Burgundy. Chablis, a white wine made from Chardonnay grapes, is produced in the area around Auxerre. Other smaller appellations near to Chablis include Irancy, which produces red wine. The area in my opinion is quite similar to southern Connecticut. Some wonderful single fermentation chards have been produced here.

85 miles southeast of Chablis is the Côte d'Or, where Burgundy's most famous and most expensive wines originate, and where all Grand Cru vineyards of Burgundy (except for Chablis Grand Cru) are situated. The Côte d'Or itself is split into two parts: the Côte de Nuits which starts just south of Dijon and runs until Corgoloin, a few kilometers south of the Town of Nuits Saint Georges, and the Côte de Beaune which starts at Ladoix and ends at Dezize-les Maranges. The wine growing part of this area in the heart of Burgundy is just 40 kilometres (25 mi) long, and in most places less than 2 kilometres (1.2 mi) wide. The area is made up of tiny villages surrounded by a combination of flat and sloped vineyards on the eastern side of a hilly region, providing some rain and weather shelter from the prevailing westerly winds. The best wines from Grand Cru vineyards of this region are usually grown from the middle and higher part of the slopes, where the vineyards have the most exposure to sunshine and the best drainage, while the Premier Cru come from a little less favorably exposed slopes. The relatively ordinary "Village" wines are produced from the flat territory nearer the villages. The Côtede Nuits contains 24 out of the 25 red Grand Cru appellations in Burgundy, while all but one of the region's white Grand Cru wines are in the Côte de Beaune (the exception being Musigny Blanc). This is explained by the presence of different soils, which favor Pinot noir and Chardonnay, respectively.

The main levels in the Burgundy classifications, in descending order of quality, are: Grand crus, Premier crus, village appellations, and finally regional appellation. Grand Cru wines are produced from the small number of the best vineyard sites in the Côte d'Or, as strictly defined by the AOC laws. These Cru wines make up 2% of the production at 35 hl/ha, and are generally produced in a style meant for cellaring, and typically need to be aged a minimum of five to seven years. The best examples can be kept for more than 15 years. Grand Cru wines will only list the name of the vineyard as the appellation such as Corton or Montrachet on the wine label, plus the Gran Cru term, but not the village name. Premier Cru wines are produced from specific vineyard sites that are still considered to be of high quality, but not as well regarded as the Grand Cru sites. Premier Cru wines make up 12% of production at 45. These wines often should be aged three to five years, and again the best wines can keep for much longer.

Premier Cru wines are labeled with the name of the village of origin, the Premier Cru status, and usually the vineyard name; for example, "Volnay 1er Cru Les Caillerets". Some Premier Cru wines are produced from several Premier Cru vineyards in the same village, and do not carry the name of an individual vineyard. Village appellation wines are produced from a blend of wines from supposedly lesser vineyard sites within the boundaries of one of 42 villages, or from one individual but unclassified vineyard. Wines from each different village are considered to have their own specific qualities and characteristics, and not all Burgundy communes have a village appellation. Village wines make up 36% of production at 50 hl/ha. These wines can be consumed two to four years after the release date, although again some examples will keep longer. Village wines will show the village name on the wine label, such as "Pommard", and sometimes, if applicable, the name of the single vineyard or climate where it was sourced. Several villages in Burgundy have appended the names of their Grand Cru vineyards to the original village name; hence village names such as "Puligny Montrachet" and "AloxeCorton". Regional appellation wines are wines which are allowed to be produced over the region or over an area significantly larger than that of an individual village. At the village, Premier Cru and Grand Cru levels, only red and white wines are found, but some of the regional appellations also allow the production of some Rose and some sparkling wines as well.

White Burgundy wines are grown in four locations in Burgundy. They all have different flavor characteristics because of a distinctly different terroirs. Bourgogne Blanc is a simple unoaked wine with mainly apple notes and perhaps some mineral characteristics. Chablis is single fermentation chardonnay crisp white with some lime characteristics and a mineral flavor. It is up front and exciting. Maconnais is un-oaked wine with star fruit and melon flavors. Cote de Beaune is oak aged and is very rich in flavor. It has melon flavors and hazelnut with some undertones of truffle and other fruits. It is by far the most expensive of the four regions starting at \$30.00 and up.

This Labor Day weekend settle back and open a bottle of Louis Latour 2010 Pouilly-Vinzelles. For \$22.00 it is a bargain and you will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway CC and for the Milford Board of Education and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine.He is an award winning home wine maker Email Ray with your questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE NOTICE OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals of the Town of Woodbridge will meet in an open session on Tuesday, September 21, 2016 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall to hear appeals relating to assessments on Motor Vehicles on the Grand List of October 1, 2015. All persons claiming to be aggrieved by the assessments made by the Assessor on said list is hereby warned to make their appeals to said Board of Assessment Appeals at the above stated time either in person or by a duly authorized representative who must bring evidence of authorization and their own personal identification. You must bring the vehicle with you if drivable.

An application must be filled out prior to your appeal and returned to the Assessor's office no later than September 16th. Call the Assessor's Office at 203-389-3416 to schedule an appointment.

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, 2016.

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, 2016.

Additionally, Certificates of Legal Blindness and Social Security Disability Certificates should be filed in the Assessor's Office by September 30, 2016.

Farm, Forest and Open Space applications are available in the Assessor's Office and should be filed between September 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Suicide Squad (PG-13) Will Smith, Jared Leto

2. Sausage Party (R) animated

3. Pete's Dragon (PG) Bryce Dallas Howard, Robert Redford

4. Jason Bourne (PG-13) Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones

5. Bad Moms (R) Mila Kunis, Kathryn Hahn

6. The Secret Life of Pets (PG) animated

7. Star Trek Beyond (PG-13) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto

8. Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13) Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant

> **9. Nine Lives (PG)** Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Garner

10. Lights Out (PG-13) Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman





TOP 10 VOD

1. The Boss (R) Melissa McCarthy

2. Mother's Day (PG-13) Jennifer Aniston
3. Batman v Superman:

Dawn of Justice (PG-13) Ben Affleck

> **4. Keanu (R)** Keegan-Michael Key

5. Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13) Ice Cube

> 6. Criminal (R) Kevin Costner

7. Meet the Blacks (R) Mike Epps

8. Miracles From Heaven (PG) Jennifer Garner

> 9. Zootopia (PG) animated

10. Divergent Series: Allegiant (PG-13) Shailene Woodley

ogy appear.

Like the predecessor, this thriller demands that you suspend your disbelief from precarious heights. A good magic show uses wit and clever misdirection to mystify. This act trades in all that for visual super-charged spectacle. What's the point of using CG to animate something as humanly possible as a sleight of hand trick?

"Love & Friendship" (PG) -- Kate Beckinsale stars as a sharp-tongued and scandalous widow in this adaptation Jane Austen's least romantic and most funny work. Lady Susan (Beckinsale) visits the family of her late husband, to much fussing over her shameful reputation as a flirt. She really doesn't mind the inconvenience she puts on others, she's really just playing the game, trying to land a rich and tolerable husband for herself and another for her daughter. In her plotting, her American friend Alicia Johnson (Chloe Sevigny), reveals she's really set on Lord Manwaring (Lochlann O'Mearain) despite his unfortunate marriage to Lady Manwaring. Most of what I've seen from Beckinsale involves shooting up werewolves, so her performance as a likable yet immensely difficult person came as a welcome surprise. Equally impressive is her ability to keep comedic timing and tell a seemingly relevant story in such elaborate period getup. "Money Monster" (PG-13) -- A TV financial pundit (George Clooney) gets taken hostage on-air by a working Joe (Jack O'Connell) who lost everything on a bad stock tip. Julia Roberts is among the hostages as the show's producer, who must find answers about a shady tech stock that mysteriously tanked. There are some great performances and resonating themes in the story. But with its cliches and clunky plotting, the movie falls short of other topical financial dramas like "The Big Short."

Sudoku answers o

 Which band hit No. 1 on the country charts in 1984 with "Give Me One More Chance" and "Crazy for Your Love"?
 What do these bands have in common? The Decibels,



- the Town Criers, Doug Brown and The Omens. What made the Applejacks stand out from other U.K.
- pop bands?4. Who had the most popular cover of "Love's Made a Fool of You"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Friday night I crashed your party, Saturday I said I'm sorry. Sunday came and trashed me out again, I was only having fun."

1. Exile, on their "Kentucky Hearts" album. 2. Those are the first bands Bob Seger joined, starting in 1.661. The Silver Bullet Band didn't come along until 1974. 3. They had a female bass guitarist. The group released "Like Dreamers Do" in 1964, the same song that failed to impress when the Beatles used it at a Decca audition in 1.962. 4. The Bobby Fuller Four, in 1.966. 5. "You May Be Right," by Billy Joel in 1.980. The song was used as the them are song for the TV sitcom "Dave's World," based on the life of Florida columnist Dave Barry.

SPORTS QUIZ

- By Chris Richcreek
- 1. In 2015, Alex Rodriguez became the fourth major-league player to hit a home run as a teenager and as a 40-year-old. Name two of the other three to do it.
- 2. Name four of the six starting pitchers that the Pittsburgh Pirates used to win the 1971 World Series.
- 3. How many people have coached the Notre Dame football team for at least six seasons?
- 4. Five centers have averaged at least 12 points, 11 rebounds and five assists per game for an NBA season. Name four of them.
- 5. How many NHL All-Star Games has Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby played in?
- 6. Who holds the record for most stages won in cycling's Tour de France?
- 7. In 2015, Lydia Ko became the youngest player (18 years, 4 months) in women's golf to win an LPGA major. Who had been the youngest?

1. Ty Cobb, Gary Sheffield and Rusty Staub. 2. Dock Ellis, Bob Johnson, Steve Blass, Luke Walker, Nelson Briles and Bob Moose. 3. Seven -- Knute Rockne (13 seasons), Lou Holtz (11), Frank Leahy (11), Ara Parseghian (11), Elmer Layden (seven), Dan Devine (six) and Brian Kelly (entering his seventh season). 4. Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Joakim Noah, Bill Russell and Bill Walton. 5. One, in 2007. 6. Belgium's Eddy Merckx, with 34. 7. Morgan Pressel was 18 years, 10 months old when she won a major in 2007.

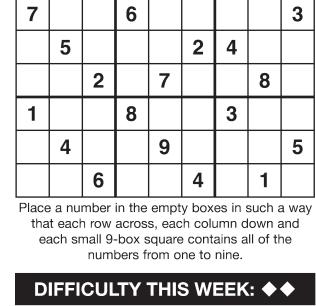
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Kate Beckinsale in "Love & Friendship" [Ross McDonnell/Amazon Studios]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of September 5, 2016.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Now You See Me 2" (PG-13) -- Four super-slick magicians come out of hiding to thwart an evil corporate plot to steal all of the world's data. Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson and Dave Franco return, along with Lizzy Caplan (in lieu of Isla Fisher) as the Four Horsemen, the impressive prestidigitators who used stage magic to steal from the corrupt and pay back the poor. This time, they're working at the behest of Daniel Radcliffe, a manipulative tech magnate pushing them to make stolen technol-



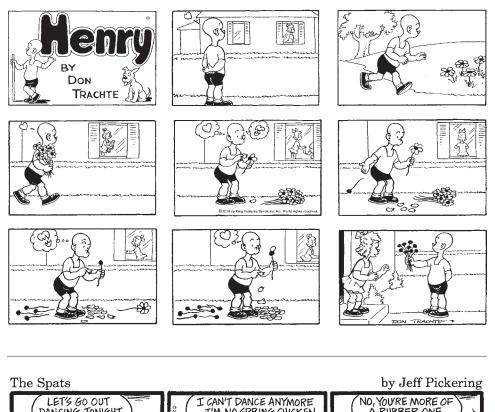
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

George Clooney's last film was "Money Monster," which started shooting February 2015 and was completed in January. The film, co-starring Julia Roberts, cost \$27 million to make and grossed \$92 million. As of now, George has no new projects as an actor, producer or director. Julia Roberts, however, has "Wonder," opening April 7, which also stars Jacob Tremblay, who scored big with "Room," which won an Oscar for Brie Larson.

The Canadian child actor also is in Funny or Die's satire "The Art of the Deal," with Johnny Depp as Donald Trump, Ron Howard as himself and Henry Winkler as New York Mayor Ed Koch. It was released for free on funnyordie.com Feb. 10 but was taken down Feb. 21; it can be streamed now from Netflix. Jacob also has "Before I Awake," with Kate Bosworth and Thomas Jane (out Sept. 9); "Shut In," with Naomi Watts and Oliver Pratt, due Nov. 11; "The Book of Henry," with Naomi Watts (June 16); and the adventure dramedy "Burn Your Maps," with Vera Farmiga and Virginia Madsen (upcoming).

Brie Larson parlayed her Oscar into "Basmati Blues," with Scott Bakula, Tyne Daly and Donald Sutherland; "Free Fire," with Armie Hammer (out Oct 16.); "Skull Island," with Tom Hiddleston and Samuel L. Jackson (March 10); and "Glass Castle," with Naomi Watts, Max Greenfield and Woody Harrelson (2017).

Along with theme parks and rides at Universal Studios in Orlando, Hollywood and now Japan, Harry Potter fans now have the London hit play, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," to look forward to. The critics went crazy; the public made it another "Hamilton" (the hardest ticket in London to get). Matt Trueman, Daily Variety critic, wrote: "It's quite simply spellbinding! It lived up to



Jacob Tremblay [depositphotos.com]

expectations and then some. No rehash, but a whole new chapter that picks up where the books left off." The show is in two parts, runs more than five hours and costs from \$130 to \$170 for each part.

Geraldine Chaplin, daughter of screen legend Charlie Chaplin, stars in "A Monster Calls," with Sigourney Weaver, Felicity Jones and Liam Neeson (due out Oct. 21). She is no stranger to monsters calling. In 1978, Charlie Chaplin's body was stolen from his grave in the Swiss Village of Corsier-sur-vevey. The kidnappers buried his body in a nearby cornfield and demanded \$600,000 ransom. His widow, Oona O'Neill, refused, saying Charlie wouldn't want her to reward them for their crime. Geraldine took over the negotiations, and the two auto mechanics responsible were caught. The mastermind, from Poland, got 4 1/2 years of hard labor, and his accomplice an 18-month suspended sentence.

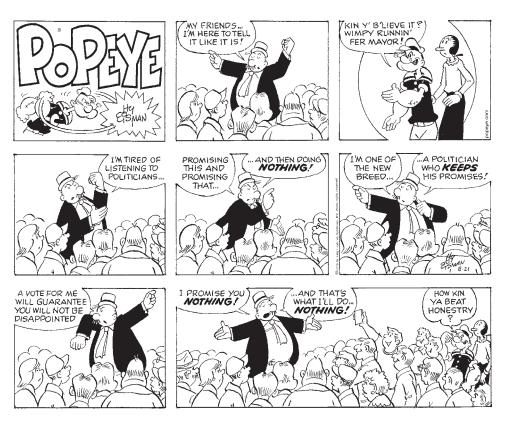
This should be a movie. Chaplin, who is best remembered for playing "the Little Tramp," was never corny and would have resented ending up in a cornfield! A cornfield ... really?

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Annual Hamden Out Of The Darkness Community Walk, hosted by the Southern Connecticut chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), Sunday, September 25, 2016, 12:30 pm, Hamden Town Center Park (next to 2623 Dixwell Avenue), supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's local and national education and advocacy programs and its bold goal to reduce the annual rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025. To register for this year's walk, visit http://afsp. donordrive.com/event/hamden.

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big destinations, as he did successfully with Chelsea Piers in New York and Manhattan. He is a Yale graduate and senior fellow of the Yale Corporation, and an advisory board member of the Yale School of Management. It is there, when he taught a business class, that a student suggested adding the Woodbridge property to make it a viable destination, he said.

The biggest hurdle is for Yale to agree to convey the property to a new entity, Betts said. He has since met with New Haven Mayor Tony Harp, but so far there has been no official application. "The city's involvement wouldn't really begin until he strikes a deal with Yale," wrote Laurence Grotheer, spokesman for the mayor.

What about real open space? As an alternative scenario to the Redan proposal, Scalettar asked Administrative Officer and Director of Finance Anthony Genovese to look into converting the 153 acre property into true open space, a scenario that would require a number of decisions such as what to do with the buildings, the cart paths, the public access and how much maintenance; also selling of the golf equipment, such as mowers, a relatively new pump and other assets.

Scalettar said the Amity golf team had reached out to the privately-owned Tradition at Oak Lane club to see if it would offer the team a new home to practice at.

In the meantime, the Board of Selectmen, with Maria Kayne dissenting, voted to follow the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee and repeal the Country Club of Woodbridge Commission, which was formed under the administration of the late Ed Sheehy to oversee golf operations. A public hearing on the repeal was set for September 14 at 6 p.m.

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar at the August 24 Selectmen meeting said the from Toll Brothers, saying the developer realizes the town is in support of the Redan Reserve, but leaving the door open for future discussions, should this proposal not come to fruition. Several neighbors of the Country Club have spoken publicly in favor of the Redan proposal, among them Adrienne Micci Smith. One neighbor to the property, Tom Weil, encouraged the First Selectman to continue negotiations, in particular concerning issues such as access for Woodbridge residents; holding the company to best environmental practices; and to perform the environmental cleanup necessary at the site.

Scalettar said that all of these issues are "on the table." She said the Redan proposal is 'very promising,'" adding "it satisfies the interest of many of our town residents. I want to be sure that we strike a deal that is fair for our town." it is a very good option for the town," she said in a phone interview after the August selectmen's meeting.

Wick said the proposal met several issues that are important to her, in particular the conservation easement in perpetuity, which would preclude future development of the property. She said the neighbors who live in the area support the Redan proposal while most of them objected to the cluster development proposed by Toll. "I think it is something the town can unite behind," she said, calling it "a very good option" for the town. She said the purchase price of \$3.5 million is a substantial payment, even though some residents object to it, given the fact that the town paid twice as much for it in 2009.

Wick said she is hoping that Betts will come to an agreement with Yale, and subsequently with the town, so that the

town and its Finance Director Anthony Genovese is working out the details of winding down the contract with BCG. She said her office received a letter Cathy Wick, a town resident who opposed the Toll Bros proposal since its first iteration in 2011, also spoke out in support of the Redan proposal. "I think town can go ahead and bring the issue to a referendum. "It would be nice to settle this question and put the acrimony behind us," she said.







JEREMY SAXE MEMORIAL AMITY **BOYS SOCCER ALUMNI GAME**

The Jeremy Saxe Memorial Amity Boys Soccer Alumni game will be played Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 10AM on the Amity High School soccer field. 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.

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Spencer and Parker Paragas recently competed at the USA Track and Field Jr. Olympic Nationals in Sacramento, CA. Parker won the gold medal in the Boys 11-12 year old 3000 meter race with a time of 10:02.

Spencer ran a strong 2000 meter Steeplechase in the Boys 15-16 year old division, with a time of 7:14. This Amity High School.

was Parker's 3rd national championship this year. He had previously won AAU Cross Country Nationals in Alabama in December and the 3000 meter race at USATF Jr. Olympic Indoor Nationals in New York in March.

Parker trains with the New Haven Age Group Track Club and Spencer runs for

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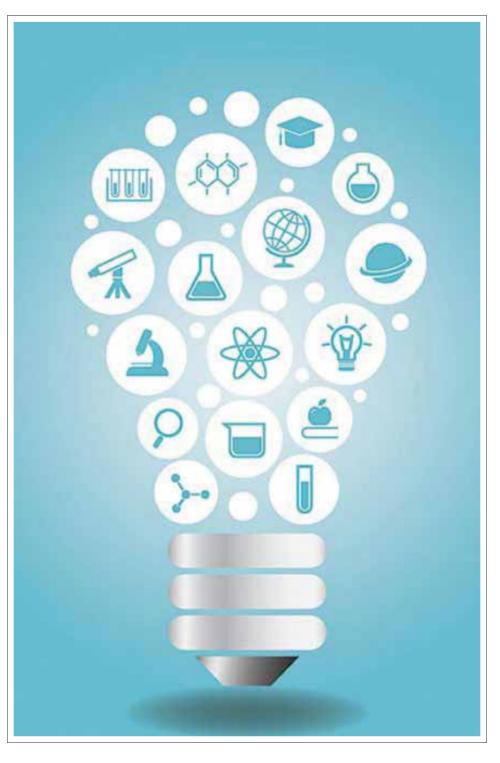
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DEALING WITH A VISION IMPAIRED OR BLIND DOG

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

STEM TAKING SCHOOLS BY STORM

An increased focus on STEM education is one of the most influential initiatives to reach schools in recent years. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The world has become increasingly complex and competitive, and today's youth need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to evaluate ideas and turn them into productive applications. These are two of the key hallmarks of STEM.

According to the National Science Foundation, STEM subjects include chemistry, computer and information technology science, engineering, geosciences, life sciences, mathematical sciences, physics and astronomy, social sciences (anthropology, economics, psychology and sociology), and STEM education and learning research. Recognizing that more and more students are gravitating toward STEMfocused fields and that projected STEM job rates are rising steadily, schools have begun to beef up their offerings with regard to STEM subjects. Jobs in mathematics, computer system analysis, systems software, and biomedical engineering are just some of the careers in which anywhere from a 15 to 62 percent increase between 2010 and 2020 is predicted, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Individuals may believe that STEM study begins in high school, but the success of older students in STEM subjects is often shaped much earlier on. That's why parents and educators can do much to cultivate an interest in natural and social sciences as well as in math as early as possible. Here are a few ideas to do just that.

Encourage participation in the community. Various national clubs and science-based organizations have begun to pay more attention to STEM and offer activities that foster a greater love of science, engineering and math. By joining such clubs and organizations, students can learn more about these subjects and reinforce their enjoyment.

Set up an internship or meet-andgreet. Take students to STEM-centered places of employment so they can get a firsthand experience from within the STEM trenches. Provide opportunities for students to chat with people in the field and ask questions about the type of schooling necessary to pursue a particular degree, and if any hobbies and other activities promote STEM learning. Investigate school-based opportunities. Schools are broadening course offerings and also establishing STEMbased clubs. Students have the opportunity to get involved with other like-minded classmates. If a club isn't already available, a teacher or a parent can consider volunteering to serve as the head of the club. STEM is a hot topic of discussion in the world of education. Students can expect to get plenty of exposure to science- and math-related topics both inside and out of the classroom.

We take our vision for granted. But our canine friends can also experience some of the same issues that we have when it comes to our vision. So we should plan accordingly to allow them to have a comfortable and safe environment should they become vision impaired/blind.

BARK BYTES...

- Try to treat them as normal as possible. Building their confidence is key to letting them know they can still do things and that you still love them...let them know they are still the same dog in your eyes. For a vision impaired/blind dog it can be the basis for what type of personality they will develop.
- Remember we take things so much harder than they do and they also pick up on our emotions. So try to express "happy" emotions around your vision impaired/blind canine friend.

them. You can use different scents of flavored extracts or even something as simple as hanging a car air freshener or potpourri sachet on a door. Using different scented candles in each room may also help your dog distinguish from different rooms in your house.

- Use textured materials to mark areas. Throw rugs and decorative pillows are great (and people don't even realize their "Real" purpose). Indoor/outdoor carpeting, wind chimes and something as simple as cedar chips or decorative bricks or blocks can help guide them along their way outside.
- Use bells or jingling tags on your other dogs...not only help your vision impaired/blind dog to find/ follow your other dogs, but will also
- Emphasize the senses they still have. For a vision impaired/blind dog capitalize on their sense of smell, hearing, taste and touch.
- Ask people to let your dog "smell" their hand before touching them. Most vision impaired/blind dog's personalities don't change. Some dogs; however, can easily become "startled" and this could also lead to fear biting.
- Try not to move furniture around or leave obstacles on the floor.
- Coax, encourage and praise them to do the same things they did before. However, understand and still praise them if they "can't".
- Be creative with different scents to mark areas for your vision impaired/ blind dog--just make sure it's safe for

avoid them from being startled by your other dogs. You can also use bells on your shoes to help them find you.

- Don't be afraid to walk with a "heavy foot" when approaching them especially with a vision impaired/blind dog...they can still feel vibrations.
- Be very vocal with your dog.Establish an area for their foc
- Establish an area for their food and water. This can be accomplished by using an association of a smell or floor texture.
- Just remember to treat your dog like any other so he doesn't develop fears or anxiety.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) As tensions ease on the home front, you can once more focus on changes in the workplace. Early difficulties are soon worked out. Stability returns as adjustments are made.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new romance tests the unattached Bovine's patience to the limit. But Venus still rules the Taurean heart, so expect to find yourself trying hard to make this relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to consider home-related purchases. But shop around carefully for the best price -- whether it's a new house for the family or a new hose for the garden.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A contentious family member seems intent on creating problems. Best advice: Avoid stepping in until you know more about the origins of this domestic disagreement.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A recent job-related move proves far more successful than you could have imagined. Look for continued beneficial fallout. Even your critics have something nice to say.

VIRGO (August 23 to September **22)** Ease up and stop driving yourself to finish that project on a deadline that is no longer realistic. Your superiors will be open to requests for an extension. Ask for it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October **22)** You should soon be hearing some positive feedback on that recent business move. An old family problem recurs, but this time you'll know how to handle it better.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising statements shed light on the problem that caused that once-warm relationship to cool off. Use this newly won knowledge to help turn things around.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to **December 21)** Your spiritual side is especially strong at this time. Let it guide you into deeper contemplation of aspects about yourself that you'd like to understand better.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your merrier aspect continues to dominate and to attract folks who rarely see this side of you. Some serious new romancing could develop out of all this cheeriness.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're always concerned about the well-being of others. It's time you put some of that concern into your own health situation, especially where it involves nutrition.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Just when you thought your life had finally stabilized, along comes another change that needs to be addressed. Someone you trust can help you deal with it successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sixth sense when it comes to finding people who need help long before they think of asking for it. And you're right there to provide it.

DOES DOG STINK ... OR NOT?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: After we played with my dog "Jerry" in the backyard, a friend who was visiting told me that he stank. She said dogs should get baths every week. I don't think Jerry smells bad, just sweaty, and my mom doesn't give him a bath very often. Is what my friend said true? --

undercoat and fur retain oils, dirt and other things, creating a somewhat distinctive funk.

Does that mean your dog needs frequent baths? Not really. Too many baths can dry out their skin, leading to irritation and potentially infections that can make your dog really stink -- and

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'That's what I wish my husband looked like Now I'll describe what he really looks like.'

BY RICARDO GALVÃO



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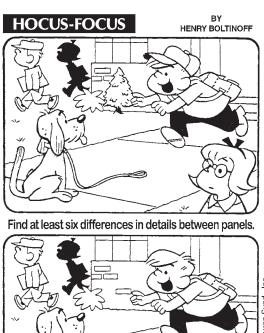
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WHY SHERYL CROW, RUSSELL CROWE AND CAMERON CROWE HATE FARMS

by Gary Kopervas

KERRK





Sara in Madison, Wisconsin

DEAR SARA:

What one person thinks is a bad smell, doesn't smell like anything to another person. This often can be true with dog owners, who are a little more accustomed to how their pet smells.

This can be especially noticeable to visitors (and even owners) after a dog has been out romping in warm weather, or in the rain. Dogs don't have a lot of sweat glands, but their

be utterly uncomfortable. After playing in the yard, you can rub Jerry's by Sam Mazzotta

coat with a spare towel to knock off excess dirt. Check him over for burrs and ticks, and look at the bottom of his paws to make

sure nothing is trapped between the pads. Then let him relax and cool off.

Jerry should get a bath -- using lukewarm water and non-perfumed pet shampoo only -- a couple of times a month, or whenever his coat gets too muddy to easily rub off.

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