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AMITY NAMES GYM AFTER LONG-TIME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

The Amity community recently honored long-time Athletic Director Paul Mengold by naming the gym after him. Mengold retired in June 2014 after serving the district for more than 38 years, 30 of them as its athletic director. Numerous banners along the walls of the gym attest to the success of the athletic program, both in breadth as well as quality, during his tenure. He is, as his successor Ernie Goodwin said

in welcoming him, the icon of Amity athletics.

During the dedication ceremony — sandwiched between two volleyball games — physical education teacher Debbie Davis pointed to the banners, saying, “Most are connected in a very special way to Paul Mengold”. But his influence did not only pave the way

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First dots on exhibit in the kindergarten wing. All students took part in an art activity encouraging them to “Make Your Mark.”

BEECHER STARTS SCHOOL YEAR WITH A DOT ON THE PAGE

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Every painting starts with a dot, so make your mark and who knows where it may take you; that is the message of Peter H. Reynold’s book “The Dot,” which inspired students and teachers at Beecher Road School this fall. Hallways are lined with posters of dots of all kinds – some large and colorful, others

hiding on the page. Whether it was the can-do message or the simplicity of its execution, the message caught on. It culminated in Dot Day, — International Dot Day no less — on September 15, when everyone was encouraged to

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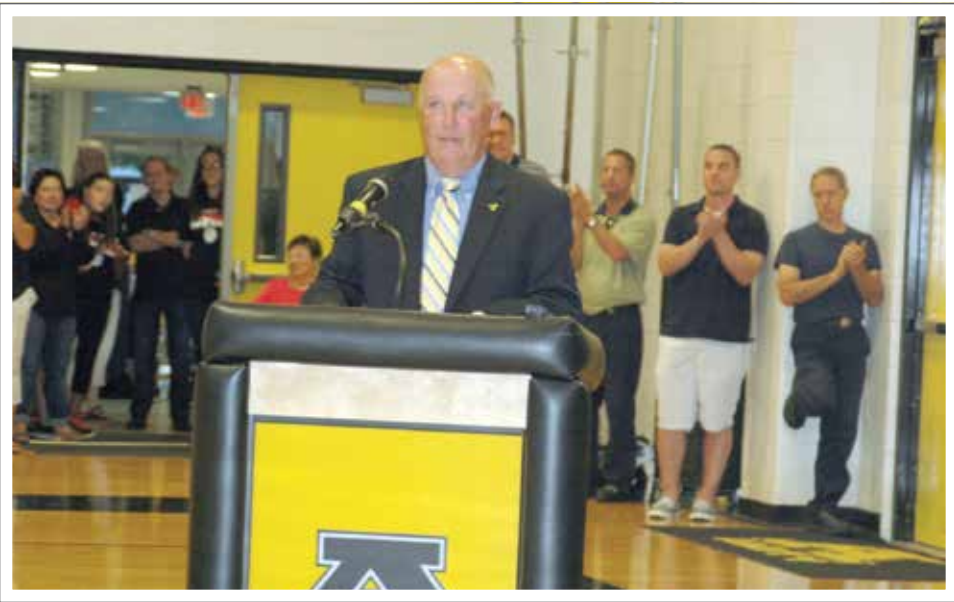
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to scoring points, winning games and hanging banners; Mengold set a tone of patience and respect. “He made Amity athletics an Amity family,” Davis said.

“The Board of Education sometimes has difficulties with naming facilities,” said Board of Education Chairman Bill Blake. “It was different with Paul Mengold. You never heard any bad words about Paul Mengold.”

School Supt. Dr. Chip Dumais spoke about the role adults play who work in schools, demonstrating to students the value of making good decisions. With Mengold’s retirement, the school community is missing “a really big piece” of that adult presence, he said.

Three of the region’s political representatives in Hartford, Charles Ferraro representing a part of Orange and Lezley Zupkus representing Bethany,

and State Sen. Joe Crisco of Woodbridge stood united in reading a citation in honor of “one of most influential, knowledgeable and dedicated people in Connecticut High School sports”.

In accepting the standing ovation from the school officials, community members and players, Mengold called the gym dedication, “The most humbling of all honors”. He thanked his wife, Francie, and daughters, Jessie and Kelly, for putting up with his many hours spent in the school and on the fields. He acknowledged the presence of former players and coaches in the audience, in particular former football coach and long-time Amity supporter Bill Johnson and Booster Club founder Stan Gedansky.

“If you don’t have a team, you’re not going to be successful,” Mengold said.

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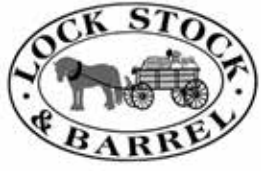
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Art teachers Linda Acheson, left, and Ashley Wagner are decked out in polka dots for International Dot Day [Photo courtesy of Dr. Guy Stella]

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wear dots to school.

“The children just did it,” said art teachers Ashley Wagner and Linda Acheson, who initiated the school-wide activity. “Just about everybody was part of it.”

Reynold’s story is that of a student who thinks she cannot draw and refuses to do so in art class. Finally she just jots a dot onto the page. The teacher tells her, “Sign it,” and that is the beginning of a new chapter in her student’s life.

“All you have to do is make your mark,” said art teacher Linda Acheson. “See where it leads you.” Acheson took this reporter on a ‘dot safari,’ pointing

out the different approaches that children took in creating their dot. “Although all the art was based on the same theme, no two are alike,” she noted.

Acheson said the book has had a phenomenal impact in the five years of its publication. Teachers all over the globe have participated in Dot Day and a website is dedicated to the burgeoning Dot fan club. She said although September 15 is early in the school year, which makes school-wide coordination challenging, they are hoping to make this an annual event. One idea for future Dot Days is to be skyping with schools in other countries to talk about their Dot experiences.

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Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12, will open its doors to prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 18, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Academy's Annual Open House. The Academy is located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden.

Open House is designed to give prospective families a feel for the spirit and focus of the Academy and encourages visitors to spend the day as they choose. Student guided tours are offered throughout the afternoon with time allowed for areas of particular interest. Administrators, faculty and staff, coaches, students, current parents, and alumnae will be on hand to meet and greet and answer questions. Activities, presentations, and exhibits representing all facets of the Academy will be offered. Visitors will

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All are welcome to attend the Open House; seventh and eighth graders and their parents are particularly encouraged to attend if they are considering admission. It is not necessary to call in advance. For further information about Open House or the admissions process, contact Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admission, 203-288-2309, x307 or visit www.sacredhearthamden.org.



AMITY STUDENTS RECEIVE LESSONS FROM CHINESE ARTIST

Monday morning September 28th, Amity was visited by Dawei Sun, a Chinese artist. Students from all grades, in either Chinese or an art class, came to see his art demonstration. In the first hour of the school day, Dawei Sun talked of the culture behind Chinese painting, had students try to paint with his pens (brushes), and demonstrated how to paint. He gave brief lessons on aspects of painting, such as how to hold the brush and how to change the thickness of the strokes. Students learned of the importance behind the four necessary elements in a Chinese painting: ink, rice paper, ink stones, and pens. For a painting to be considered complete it must be on rice paper, be done in ink, have a poem written on it, and be stamped—the Chinese way of a signature. During

this hour, several components of art were discussed including how closer objects are painted darker than those farther away, and the benefit of negative space in a piece of art. Seeing the artist paint a scenic view in less than a half-hour had the students feeling inspired. This type of art can be done by anyone, and any age can learn; Dawei Sun started at the age of nine.

The overall experience of the demo was unique and educational but was also fun and interactive and will be repeated in the future. "Going to see the Chinese artist was a very cool experience. I learned about Chinese painting," said a third year Chinese student. "Learning new things about Chinese culture inspires me to learn more about China." said another Chinese language student.

STUDENT NEWS

Enrollments

Eastern Connecticut State University Releases List Of Newly Enrolled Students

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its list of students who have enrolled for the fall 2015 semester. Those students from Woodbridge are: Devin Belenski, major is Health Sciences;

James Gagliardi, major is Business Administration; Kimberly Griffin, major is Psychology; Paige Romei, major is Psychology; Nadia Siena, major is Business Administration; and Alexandria Stefanou, major is Liberal Studies.



The whole of Beecher Road School went outdoors one recent September afternoon and took a book to the playground. Some read in small groups, some by themselves. The peace and quiet, especially in the area where the upper school settled, was remarkable.

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Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include Election Issue (Oct 23rd/30th), Thanksgiving Issue (Nov 13th/20th), and Holiday Issue (Dec 4th/11th).

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

FROM OUR READERS

Committee Chair Offers Insights

I am thankful that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will be considering the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge property. The Special Meeting of the two boards on September 29th was a good start - naturally, it focused more on the history of the property and its finances. Hopefully, decisions will be made based upon the expectations for the property and its use by residents. In that regard, I am offering some comments.

Golf operations for the current calendar year should generate about a \$45,000 loss for the golf course operator, Billy Casper Golf, before the \$195,000 subsidy paid by the town. BCG has recently acquired a new golf cart fleet which will lower its prospective costs of having a golf cart fleet. That fact, in combination with improving APR (revenues per round) and growth in outings and membership lead me to believe that operations should be better than break-even before any subsidy in 2016. In that year, the final payment on the 2012 equipment purchase loan will be made, so a line item expense of \$118,614 will disappear. Future equipment replacements will be required but net earnings of at least \$60,000 appear very attainable in 2017 and beyond, again before any subsidy. (P.S. If you want to make \$30,000 more, end the discount for golf for Woodbridge residents.)

Revenues from the pool and tennis operations have declined from \$175,000 in 2013 to about \$90,000 in 2015. This is an occurrence that I cannot explain (BCG and the Country Club of Woodbridge Commission are no longer involved in these activities so I no longer have a first-hand view) but I note that the total revenues in town from this activity are somewhere

between \$600,000 and \$800,000, so clearly there is demand for this product, and there is only one other facility in town offering both pool and tennis.

I am told that the other operating costs at the property (i.e. clubhouse) are about \$85,000 annually.

To me it seems that if the pool and tennis operations got back on track, they could cover the clubhouse operating costs and overall, then, the activities could break-even (or better). It is an inescapable truth that some further analysis of the future of the clubhouse building needs to be done and that could impact future operations.

Regarding the capital needs of the golf course, there was reference in the September 29th meeting to a sum totaling \$400,500 over 6 years. The information is taken from a course improvement plan which is submitted as part of the town's annual capital budget process. Historically, funds needed for golf course improvements are paid for out of the revenues of the course - ex. about 6,000 feet of golf cart paths and an extensive drainage project on the 5th hole in 2014 alone - and not from town capital funds. Some funding from the town would enable improvements which would yield good returns but no one has their hand out.

Also on 'capital needs', the irrigation system always comes up. An irrigation system consists of a water source, a pump and miles of plastic pipe and electrical wire with junctions and, ultimately, irrigation heads which deliver the water. With New England winters and the rocky terrain, pieces of the system get damaged annually in the freeze-thaw cycle and so every golf course has a budget for irrigation system maintenance. At some point, the golf course operator decides to install a new system

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Kathleen has over 15 years of extension experience in all facets of commercial real estate and property management. Before moving to CT, Kathleen worked on a design build project at the Facilities division for Goldman Sachs. She also has worked for New Jersey based real estate management and development companies in Property Management, Business Development and Corporate Training positions.

Currently working with Business Development EDC in New Haven, her past experience in Greater New Haven includes economic development positions at Town Green District, GNHCC, and a marketing position at a commercial real estate firm. Kathleen is a board member of Westville Village Renaissance Alliance and has been appointed Commissioner to the City of New Haven Development Commission. She is an active member of Junior League of Greater New Haven and Chair of Community Engagement. She is also an officer for Elm City Montessori PTL.



Kathleen Krolak

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar



Most of us would agree that the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge property ("CCW") is the most significant and controversial issue facing our Town. It is also the issue about which there has been a great deal of misinformation and confusion. As we consider next steps with respect to the property, it is important that we all start from a common base of factual information. This is essential as we evaluate options for the long term use of the CCW. Options could include 9 or 18 hole golf operations, pool and tennis activities, cluster senior housing, single family residences, demolition or renovation of the clubhouse, open space uses including walking or bike trails, or various combinations of uses.

The final decision will be made by you, the voters of our Town. Knowing the facts will be crucial in making an informed decision.

To that end, I asked Town Finance Director/Administrative Officer Tony Genovese to prepare a power point presentation that recaps how we got to where we are with respect to the CCW, what it has cost us thus far, what additional costs can be anticipated at this time and how the CCW expenses impact other Town projects and goals. You can view the entire power point and a video of the meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance where Tony delivered his presentation in the news section of the Town website, www.woodbridgect.org.

Following are some of the key data from the report:

Net cost to Town thus far:
(including \$7M purchase price):
\$9,080,244

FY 2016 budgeted expenses:
(net after estimated budgeted pool revenues): **\$653,673**

Significant future capital needs are anticipated at the CCW:

In addition to the estimated \$500,000 5-year capital requests for the golf course and pool, anticipated needs that have not been priced out but could cost the Town millions of dollars include: roof, environmental remediation, golf course irrigation system, furnace, other out buildings and myriad miscellaneous repairs and upgrades.

Other Town capital needs are on the horizon:

The debt from the Country Club of Woodbridge, along with other bonded projects (i.e, the Public Works building and the Beecher Road School renovation), makes it more difficult for the Town to consider other much-needed projects: the emergency services radio system, upgraded police facility, animal control building, old firehouse restoration and senior center improvements. Of course, there is always the unexpected, for which we must keep room in our borrowing capacity as well.

As the members of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance continue to establish the factual basis for our deliberations and identify options, we will be using our various Town information outlets to share the information with you. I hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with the facts as we continue our process for determining a long term CCW plan. Town property can never be sold without a vote by the residents: the final decision rests with you.

To stay up to date on this and other issues, follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeCT)), sign up for the Town's email newsletter (tinyurl.com/WoodbridgeEnews) and visit the Town's website, www.woodbridgect.org.

MOTOR VEHICLES CHECKED FOR HIGH MILEAGE & BODY CONDITION

The Woodbridge Assessor's office will inspect only those motor vehicles felt to have high mileage and/or poor body condition DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER ONLY. The vehicle must be registered in the Town of Woodbridge as of October 1, 2015. The mileage and condition will be documented and taken into consideration when pricing the vehicle for

the October 1, 2015 Grand List. This inspection may or may not change your value.

Please bring your vehicle to the Woodbridge Town Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. No appointment is necessary. OCTOBER WILL BE THE ONLY TIME OF THE YEAR THAT MILEAGE AND CONDITION WILL BE CONSIDERED.

REPORT FROM WOODBRIDGE SELECTMEN Tony Anastasio - Joe Dey - Maria Kayne

Hello Woodbridge residents. We have reserved this space for this and future publications to introduce ourselves to all Woodbridge residents and for the purpose of fostering open communication and soliciting your valuable input. So, who are "we"? We are three members of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen (BOS): Tony Anastasio, Joe Dey, and Maria Kayne. Two of us are now serving our second term on the BOS as we welcome Maria Kayne who has begun her first term.

We sincerely thank all of you for your support during the election and now look forward to offering our support to you. We serve as volunteers and it is our love for Woodbridge that motivates us. We are dedicated to make what's best for Woodbridge our top priority on all issues. In addition, we pledge to always make ourselves available to listen to your input and concerns and to be sure that your voices will be heard.

Please watch for our column in upcoming editions where we intend to provide Woodbridge residents with additional information on current issues

and happenings that will be of interest or concern to you. We are looking forward to collaborating with our colleagues on the Board of Selectmen to advance the best interests of our Town.

Significantly, this week the BOS and Board of Finance (BOF) met again to discuss the Country Club of Woodbridge property and received a report from Mr. Genovese, our finance director, outlining the history and financial impact of the Town's ownership of the CCW. We urge you all to watch the meeting and/or obtain a copy of Mr. Genovese's report so that you may be fully informed as the discussion continues. The BOS and BOF are planning another joint meeting for later this month and there will be much more discussion about this subject in our future columns.

We look forward to hearing from you about your thoughts, ideas, concerns and suggestions.

Sincerely, Tony Anastasio, Joe Dey,
and Maria Kayne



TOWN TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT COUNTRY CLUB OPTIONS

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

A sunny golf season notwithstanding, the Country Club of Woodbridge is costing the town's taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars every year, and, with its ageing infrastructure, will squeeze the dollars available for other capital projects even further, that was the message Finance Director Anthony Genovese had for a joint meeting of the boards of Selectmen and Finance September 29.

First Selectman Ellen Scalettar, calling the future of the Country Club "the single largest issue confronting our town," had asked Genovese to recap for the joint boards "how the town got where it is," including costs so far and anticipated expenses. The presentation is available on the town's website, www.woodbridge.org.

Total expenditures, including the debt service for the purchase of the property is \$11.8 million from 2009 to the present. Yet only 7% of Woodbridge residents use it, noted Board of Finance member Andrew Esposito, concluding that "it becomes a very expensive [service]," for a small number of people.

The revenue for golf and pool for the same period was \$2.7 million.

Looking back: The town purchased the 155-acre property in 2009 with the overwhelming support of its residents. At the time it seemed that the looming insolvency of the Woodbridge Country Club might lure a large-scale development. At the 2009 annual Town Meeting, those present voted 435-34 for the purchase. In addition to the golf course, the property came with a swimming pool, tennis courts and an ageing, 43,000 square foot club house, as well as several ancillary buildings.

An appraisal at the time priced it at \$7.4 million, and the town bought it for \$6.9 million. Several long-term options were presented at the 2009 Town Meeting, including hiring someone to operate the golf course or the town selling all or part of the property for controlled development.

In August of that year, the town hired MDM Golf to operate the country club, now renamed Country Club of Woodbridge. MDM and the town parted ways in 2011 and the town subsequently contracted with Billy Casper Golf. But the season weather-wise was not a good one and the operation continued to lose money. After Ellen Scalettar took office in 2013, she renegotiated the contract with Billy Casper, capping the town's responsibility for losses. In return, the pool and tennis was put under the auspices of the Recreation Commission.

In the six years since taking ownership, the town has tried three times to elicit proposals from the business community. In 2010, only MDM Golf

responded, and the town continued with its short-term lease arrangement. In 2011, Toll Brothers responded to the town's invitation to develop 17 rocky acres along Woodfield Road by building active adult housing. The proposal was voted down in referendum, 587 – 1,190.

In the fall of 2013, the town asked Milone and McBroom, as a consultant, to sort through the options, listen to residents' input through community conversations and make a recommendation. The report looked at a number of scenarios, and came back with the recommendation to develop 31 acres for active adult housing and maintain golf, pool and tennis.

In the summer of 2014, the town put out another RFP, based on that recommendation, but inviting alternative proposals at the same time. They received two responses, one for senior rental housing, the other an expanded and reconfigured Toll Brothers proposal. An ad hoc committee of town residents who had vetted the RFP responses recommended the Toll Brothers proposal for active adult housing. The Rose Watermark proposal for rental units was withdrawn.

The Toll proposal would build 96 attached townhouses (32 buildings) and 74 detached single family homes for active adults (55+).

Financials: In Fiscal Year 2015, from July 1, 2014 to June 30 2015, the golf and clubhouse cost \$310,000, the pool \$114,000 and debt payments were \$407,000.

Future capital needs include \$100,000 for the pool to replaster and replace the heater. The club house is "rotting away," as was mentioned during the discussion, with a leaking roof, a 40-year-old furnace with an in-ground fuel tank.

Debt: The town's annual debt service is about 8.6% of the budget.

Next steps: First Selectman Ellen Scalettar suggested for the joint boards to take a formal tour of the property. Selectman Joe Dey suggested to develop a timeline, which Scalettar agreed to, following the field visit.

Board of Finance member Sandy Stein recommended to keep the comments that residents made at the community conversations on the table. "Woodbridge does not make major decisions fast," she cautioned.

The town has not been able to come to a consensus in the four years it's owned the property, Selectman Susan Jacobs concluded during the discussion. "And it's not for a lack of trying."

Selectman Beth Heller encouraged fellow town leaders to keep trying. "We can't go back in time," she said. "So let's move forward."

OCTOBER 17 – RESIDENTS ONLY HazWaste for Woodbridge Bethany & Orange

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Auto Batteries	Other Oils/Cleaners	Used Motor Oil*
Brake & Transmission Fluid	Latex & Oil Paints/Stains*	Antifreeze*
GARDEN & MISCELLANEOUS		
Chemical Fertilizer	Herbicides & Insecticides	Batteries*
Fungicides	Pesticides	Photographic Chemicals
Swimming Pool Chemicals	Fluorescent Bulbs (Including CFL Type)*	
Mercury & Mercury-Containing Items		

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Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulbs: call 1-800-CLEANUP, or log on to www.earth911.com

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



Holy Infant Church in Orange held a Confirmation Retreat on Wednesday, September 23rd for students preparing for their Confirmation. Father Eugene Charman is Pastor and Father Joseph Sidera is Parochial Vicar of Holy Infant Church on Racebrook Road in Orange. Over 75 students are completing their requirements for this Sacrament which is scheduled for October with Archbishop Most Reverend Daniel A. Cronin presiding. The students attended 9 years of study in Holy Infant Formation Classes and have accumulated over 1500 hours of church and community service.



OR SHALOM HOLDS ANNUAL KRISTALLNACHT TRIBUTE

The birth of Hollywood is a remarkable story of innovation and ingenuity. It is also an American-Jewish story - one in which Carl Laemmle, an immigrant from Germany, played an enormous role. Laemmle's greatest legacy, however, stems from what he did during the last two years of his life. On Sunday morning November 8, 2015, 9 AM, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will celebrate the life-saving, selfless deeds of Carl Laemmle at the annual Kristallnacht Commemoration.

By 1936, the circumstances of the Jewish community in Nazi Germany had become clearly life threatening. That year, Carl Laemmle, founder of Universal Pictures, began to reach out to his German-Jewish relatives and former townspeople in hopes of bringing as many as possible to safety on American shores. In November 1938, in the aftermath of the horrors of Kristallnacht, Laemmle threw himself into the work of saving anyone he could from the clutches of the Nazi regime. Pressed by Secretary of State Cordell Hull to explain his relentless activity on behalf of "complete strangers",

Laemmle wrote: "...It is simply a matter that touches me deeply and I, for one, am willing to go to the limit in helping these poor unfortunates..." In the end, Carl Laemmle saved hundreds of people from the Holocaust. The precise number of refugees he shepherded to safety in the United States is still unknown; historians agree that the number was at least 250.

The program will begin at 9 AM with a power-point presentation made by Thomas Doherty, author and professor of American Studies and chair of the American Studies Program at Brandeis University. Then, Senator Richard Blumenthal will present a commendation to the Laemmle family, who will receive it on behalf of their "Uncle Carl", may his memory bring blessing. Surrounding the Senator and the Laemmle family will be several of the hundreds who are alive today because of the life-saving deeds of Carl Laemmle. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. This program is made possible by a generous donation from the Men's Club Yellow Candle Fund. Please join us for this exciting community event!



TEMPLE EMANUEL DEDICATES NEW EDUCATION WING

Celebrating construction rather than destruction, Temple Emanuel dedicated the Jonas and Barbara Miller Family education wing on Friday, September 11, 2015. Highlights of the event included the ribbon cutting and installation of a mezuzah on the entrance to the new wing. The mezuzah, generously donated by Congregation Mishkan Israel, was affixed by Rabbis Michael Farbman and Herb Brockman. The remainder of the evening included the congregation's annual Shabbat Under the Stars cookout and Kabbalat Shabbat service.

The unification of synagogue life in one building is the culmination of the congregation's 40-plus years in Orange. The new wing houses the religious school and the temple offices. The library is named for the Berkowitz family and the Rabbi's study is named for the congregation's Rabbi Emeritus, Gerald Brieger. The majority of the funds for the One Campus project came from members of the congregation, and was supplemented by a \$75,000 matching grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

The congregation is planning a dinner in celebration of the major donors to the One Campus project on Saturday, December 5.

Since the opening of the new space, members of the congregation have celebrated Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and the beginning of the religious school year under the same roof. "We are excited about the

opportunity to have both family-oriented and adult activities happening in such close proximity," said Dr. Melissa Perkal, president of the synagogue.

Upcoming events at Temple Emanuel include:

10/18/15: Author Presentation and Book Signing - Ed Cantor will discuss his book, "Remember Me," a memoir of his late wife's battle with ovarian cancer;

10/29/15: Red Cross Blood Drive;

10/30/15: Music Shabbat with members of the Temple Emanuel band;

11/13/15: Remembrance Shabbat to honor all World War II veterans;

11/15/15: Discussion about the history and significance of Rosh Kodesh with a service by Rabbi Suri Kreiger, admission for non-TE members \$5 at the door;

11/22/15: Temple Emanuel hosts the Orange Interfaith Thanksgiving Service;

12/11/15: Shabbat Hanukkah - our annual family celebration including a latke-baking contest, Shabbat dinner and a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service with musical accompaniment by Rabbi Farbman, the TE band, children's choir and intergenerational choir.

All members of the greater New Haven Jewish community are welcome to join us at our services, celebrations and special events. For more information, please contact the TE office at 203-397-3000, or go to our website: www.templemanuel-gnh.org.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

EVENTS AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

All events take place at the Temple, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden (203) 288-7748.

Mah Jongg Tournament

A Mah Jongg Tournament and luncheon to be held Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Temple. The Tournament, sponsored by the Temple, includes six rounds (24 games) of play and a complete dairy lunch. In addition, "coffee and" will be served at 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person which covers the entire day. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, third and fourth places.

Registration is required by no later than October 21, 2015. Call Toby Gillman at 203-288-2991 or the Temple office at 203-288-7748.

Judaic Art By Local Artist Jeanette Kuvin Oren

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Sholom is hosting a presentation of Judaic art by local artist Jeanette Kuvin Oren on Thursday, October 22nd at 7:15 PM. Ms. Oren has created installation of pieces for more than 350 houses of worship, schools, community centers and camps across the world. Some of her artwork will be on display.

Ms. Oren specializes in large installations of glass & mosaic, fiber art, calligraphy, paper cutting, and painting, and is known for her commissioned Torah covers, Ark curtains, mosaics, metal Ark doors, wall-hangings and ketubot. There is no fee for this public event. Light refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please contact the Temple office at (203) 288-7748.

Adult Education Conducts A Reading Hebrew Crash Course

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Sholom, is conducting a free 6-week crash course in Reading



Temple Beth Shalom

Hebrew. The course starts on Thursday, October 29th, 7:00 – 8:00 PM at the Temple and continues on consecutive Thursday evenings. This beginner's Reading Hebrew course is open to the public at no charge. Materials are included. If you would like to attend, please contact the Temple Beth Sholom office at (203) 288-7748.

Vendors Wanted

Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, will hold a Fall Vendor & Craft Show on Sunday, November 1st from 9am-4pm. Vendor space is available for \$50. Refreshments available for purchase. Contact TBSVendorFair@gmail.com to learn more.

Adult Education Hosts A Discussion Of Harper Lee's "Go Set A Watchman"

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Sholom, is hosting a discussion of Harper Lee's book "Go Set a Watchman", led by Rabbi Benjamin Scolnic. The event takes place on Sunday, November 8th at 9:30 AM. Ms. Lee's book has caused controversy due to the different portrayal of the lead character, Atticus Finch, compared to "To Kill a Mockingbird". Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Temple office at (203) 288-7748, if you plan to attend.

Temple Beth Sholom is a conservative egalitarian synagogue with over 400 member families and singles from the Greater New Haven community. For information about Temple Beth Sholom, contact the Temple office at (203) 288-7748 or go to www.tbshamden.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CRAFT FAIR AT OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

A Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 81 Center Road, Woodbridge, on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00-4:00 in the parish hall. Come shop for some great gift items. In addition to some wonderful crafters and vendors, there will be a white elephant sale, raffles for gift baskets, children's activities and entertainment. Come enjoy some delicious food and visit with none other than Santa himself. Don't

miss this great opportunity to support our community while getting an early start on holiday shopping. Hope to see you there.

Limited space remains for unique vendors and creative crafters. Table prices are \$50 for a 6 foot table space and \$75 for 12 feet. Applicants can obtain a crafter agreement form at www.assumptionchurch.com or by contacting Kathy at 203-816-7755 or at kathy@bbsq.com.

TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2015

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



Town Hall

10/13	Library Commission	6:00pm	Library
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/14	Board of Selectmen	6:00pm	Town Hall
10/21	Inland/Wetlands Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/15	Board of Finance	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Conservation Commission	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/19	Fire Commission	6:00pm	Fire Station
10/21	Inland Wetland Agency	7:30pm	Town Hall
10/26	Country Club of Woodbridge Comm.	6:00pm	Town Hall
	Recreation Commission	7:00pm	Beecher School So.
10/27	GATV Commission	7:15pm	Town Hall

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ST. GABRIEL'S HOSTS TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

Enjoy a free evening of traditional Irish music at St. Gabriel's Church Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, on Thursday, October 15, starting at 7:45 pm. The session, sponsored by the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann chapter, features musicians and special guests from the U.S. and Ireland. Refreshments will be served. BYOB. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests

are welcomed.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was founded in 1951 in Ireland to promote Irish traditional music, song, dance and language. Today there are 415 branches worldwide and over two million people attend Comhaltas functions each year.

For information call Tim Quinn at (203)257- 8737.

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in order to lessen their annual maintenance costs. We are nowhere near making that recommendation.

I also hope that recognition is given to value that the golf course provides by having a venue for charities to raise monies. In 2015 alone, we hosted golf outings for 25 different charities including the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Wounded Warrior Project, Ovarian Cancer, Robert Clemente Academy, A.C.E.S., Toys for Tots, etc. etc. We also provide free golf for the Amity golf team – many other high schools have to pay for access to a golf course.

In the process of looking at the future of the Country Club of Woodbridge property, I assume that consideration will also be given to the use of the facilities by town residents – we evaluate other services on this basis – don't we (I hope)? Billy Casper Golf collects data on individual golfers. This data includes town of residence. The information is not obtained for all golfers – some refuse to offer it, others are part of a large outing that is recorded without residence information. In 2013, about 70% of the golfers offered residence information. As a result, we know that the number of Woodbridge residents who played golf at the course was at least 584. If that 584 were 70% of the total Woodbridge residents who played at least a round of golf on the golf course, then that total would be 834. So, apparently, at least 6.5% of the town's residents use the golf course, and it could be as much as 9%.

The use of other facilities is not on the same tracking system, but in 2013 an estimated 450 residents used the pool and an estimated 80 used the tennis courts. Obviously, some of these individuals used more than one facility so there may be double counting. In a broad sense it appears that somewhere between 900 and 1300 of the town residents used the Country Club of Woodbridge facilities. And, not insignificantly, they PAID for the use.

So, we have a service used by 10-15% of the residents that the residents pay for as they use it and its prospective operations are close to break-even. Can we make this statement for other services offered by the town?

Please note that I have excluded the cost of the funds that were borrowed to acquire this facility (just as they could be included or excluded in assessing the cost of library or recreational services). However, regardless of this cost, residents also receive the added benefit of the open space of this property.

Deke Hotchkiss
 Chair, Country Club of Woodbridge
 Commission

Venue, Notification for "Flats" Meeting Inadequate

On Thursday evening, September 24th First Selectman Ellen Scalettar held a community meeting for residents of Lower Woodbridge, historically known as the "Flats". Unfortunately, a number of residents in the "Flats" missed out on this meeting because some selected residents received invitations while others, curiously, received simply an addressed, empty envelope and still others received no invitation at all. In addition, First Selectman Scalettar decided to hold this meeting at Our Lady of the Assumption "Mother Church" which has restricted handicap access, thus freezing out participation by anyone who needed such access.

The stated focus of the meeting was to address concerns regarding issues with traffic, crime, blight, and flooding. Scalettar chose to not address any concerns herself but, instead, had other Town employees speak on her behalf. As Woodbridge residents know all too well, these problems are long-standing and have been ignored and continue to fester and worsen. It was further troubling that, notwithstanding her time as First Selectman, along with her prior service on the Board of Selectmen and her service as our State Representative from 1993 to 1997, she

oftentimes appeared to be unfamiliar with the concerns of the residents of the "Flats".

It was disheartening to see this meeting quickly deteriorate, with no direction or leadership, leading to tensions rising between disaffected residents and the First Selectman. This prompted Scalettar to admonish them for speaking out! She told those who were unhappy that they can leave the meeting, whereupon nearly half of the audience got up and left! The meeting abruptly ended at 7:30 with many bulleted items on the agenda left unaddressed. The concerns of the people who attended the meeting were never answered and the proverbial can is still being kicked down the road.

The next time the First Selectman decides to address concerns of the people of this community perhaps a better job should be done advertising the meeting and due consideration given to hosting the meeting at the Center Gym or Town Hall, allowing more time for public comment and town-wide participation. The concerns of the residents of this community deserve to be heard by all and not just a select few. No matter a person's political affiliation or neighborhood, it is time for all residents to come together to address these issues. Let's take action now, not wait another 10 years!

Spencer Rubin

First Selectman Says "Thank You"

I write to extend my appreciation to the restaurants that participated in Woodbridge's first-ever Restaurant

Week. Birchwoods at Oak Lane, Blue Check Deli, Katz's Deli, Solun Tapas, Thai Stories, Wheelers and Woodbridge Social offered lunch and dinner specials that attracted both loyal, returning customers as well as those trying our terrific restaurants for the first time.

I also write to thank those who participated in the community meeting held at the Mother Church last month. Many residents turned out to hear updates on issues of concern to them, including traffic, flooding and crime prevention. While some could not contain their frustration that issues such as traffic and flooding had been going on for decades, most appreciated hearing that their concerns were now taken seriously and that progress had been made on even the toughest issues.

Updates were provided by: Tom Borden on the State Department of Transportation's plans for alleviating the horrific traffic congestion on Route 69 approaching the Merritt Parkway; Town resident Frank DeLeo on progress in removing the Pond Lily Dam and contemplated next steps on dredging and other flood relief initiatives; Town Building Official Terry Gilbertson on blight removal initiatives; Deputy Police Chief Ray Stuart on crime prevention; and more. A few new issues were raised at the meeting and updates on those issues will be sent to residents soon.

Thank you to all who participated and of course to Father Gene who allowed us to gather at an ideal meeting place in the community.

Ellen Scalettar
 First Selectman
 Town of Woodbridge

WOODBIDGE SOLAR CHALLENGE CLOSE TO BREAKING RECORD

The Town of Woodbridge's participation in the CT Solar Challenge has been so successful that the Town may earn the largest free solar array awarded to date through the program. Last fall the Town began the Woodbridge Energy Challenge to help residents make their homes more energy efficient and more reliant on clean energy. As part of this challenge the Town signed on to the CT Solar Challenge which offers discounted pricing on solar installations to Woodbridge residents.

In addition to the discount for residents, the Town will earn a free solar array at the end of the program. The size of the free solar array will depend on how many kilowatts of solar are installed in Woodbridge through the Town's chosen vendor for this program, Aegis Solar.

Already, the Town has earned a free 5kW array. As of early September, 25 Woodbridge residents had signed contracts for a total of 220 kilowatts of new solar installations. Another 60 residents have received proposals from Aegis. If the Town reaches 250kW, the Town will earn a free 7kW solar array for municipal use. This will be

the largest free solar array awarded through the CT Solar Challenge since its inception in 2013.

"I am very excited at the reception the CT Solar Challenge has had in Woodbridge," said CT Solar Challenge Executive Director Maggie Treichel. "Woodbridge residents appreciate the environmental and financial benefits, and I am hopeful that Woodbridge will break the record and set an example for other towns."

"Woodbridge residents are taking advantage of this program to educate themselves about solar and to go green," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "I created the Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force with the goal of bringing a solar program to Woodbridge and they've done an outstanding job in overseeing and implementing the Woodbridge Solar Challenge. I'd like to especially thank Chair Lisa Connor and Lor Ferrante Fernandes."

Due to the popularity of the program, the Task Force is offering one more solar workshop on November 4 at 6 p.m. at the Woodbridge Town Library. For more information or to RSVP for the workshop, visit www.ctsolarchallenge.com/woodbridge.



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LOCAL WOODBRIDGE BUSINESS TEACHES KIDS TO COOK

On weekends, Michelle Wachsmann's kitchen is buzzing with activity. Her kitchen is also her business, Kidalicious, where she teaches children about food safety, safe food handling and how to cook healthy meals. "We always go over kitchen safety and safe food handling first," Wachsmann explained to First Selectman Ellen Scalettar who recently visited the one-year old business.

The First Selectman has been visiting local businesses to highlight them as part of the "Shop Woodbridge, Dine Woodbridge, Try Woodbridge" campaign. The visits are designed to create a stronger bond between Town Hall and the Town's business community and to foster economic development in Woodbridge. Additionally, the Town's Economic Development Commission has been inviting new and expanding businesses to its monthly meetings in order to learn about those businesses and why they chose Woodbridge.

Wachsmann has no professional background in cooking. "I'm a lawyer, like you," she told Scalettar. Wachsmann was born and raised in the Dominican Republic where her grandparents resettled during the Holocaust. She gave up the law to become a stay-at-home mom. "I love cooking and wanted

to make a business out of my passion," she said. "One of my motivations was that I was never allowed in the kitchen. I taught myself and wanted my kids to know how to cook and eat healthy."

Her children, 11-year-old Camila and 8-year-old Daniel, frequently attend the classes. This fall, Kidalicious is offering two-hour classes to students between the ages of 7 and 13 for five weeks starting on September 20. During each class, after reviewing safety information, the students cook a full meal. At the end of the meal they all sit down at Wachsmann's large kitchen table to eat together.

"The kids are really proud and happy to try the food," Wachsmann says. Students also take home samples and brochures that include the recipes they've used for the day. Meals are thematic and Wachsmann likes using different cultures, seasons and holidays to create menus.

Scalettar commended Wachsmann for her focus on safety and reading and understanding food label information. "It's an important life skill," Wachsmann agreed.

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TOWN CLERK NAMED "2015 TOWN CLERK OF THE YEAR"

At the Connecticut Town Clerk Association's Annual Meeting in late September, Woodbridge Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio was named 2015 Town Clerk of the Year. Deputy First Selectman Beth Heller attended the Association's annual meeting to present Ciarleglio with a proclamation from the Woodbridge First Selectman. It read, in part, "I Ellen Scalettar, First Selectman of the Town of Woodbridge, and on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the many grateful citizens and visitors she has assisted over the years with professionalism, kindness and understanding, am honored to congratulate our Town Clerk Stephanie Ciarleglio on this occasion as she is recognized by her peers and awarded the

honor of Town Clerk of the Year by the Connecticut Town Clerks Association".

Ciarleglio was honored for providing an open, warm, and accessible office to residents, the restoration and preservation of historic Town records, spearheading the publication of the "Historic Woodbridge Homes" book, decorating Town Hall walls with photographs of historic Woodbridge and serving as a mentor to other Town Clerks, as well as many other accomplishments.

In 1991 Ciarleglio was appointed as Town Clerk by then-First Selectman Nan Birdwhistell. She has been subsequently reappointed by First Selectmen Roger Harrison, Amey Marrella, Edward Sheehy and Ellen Scalettar.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



ELI'S RESTAURANT OF ORANGE

One of my favorite all time songs is the Three Dog Night hit from 1969 "Eli's Coming". Residents of Orange and surrounding communities were all buzzing with rumors earlier this year hearing that Eli's Restaurant Group "was coming" and opening a location in Orange. I am pleased to report that Eli's Orange opened July 16, 2015 on the busy Boston Post Road.

Eli's Restaurant Group, a true "family" of restaurants, was founded over two decades ago by true brothers in spirit. They knew that a restaurant chain based on a philosophy that upscale American cuisine combined with a warm, friendly, inviting atmosphere and extraordinary service would result in the perfect meeting place for families, friends and sports fans alike to EAT, DRINK AND ENJOY all that Eli's Restaurants have to offer.

This legacy began in 1994 with the opening of their flagship restaurant, Eli's on Whitney, located in the heart of Hamden, Connecticut just down the road from Quinnipiac University. Eli's, as the original restaurant is known, has been the genesis of three more restaurants: Eli's Brick Oven Pizza and Market located next door to Eli's on Whitney Avenue in Hamden; Eli's Branford which sits atop "the Hill" in Branford, CT; Eli's Tavern on Daniel Street in the chic downtown district of Milford and now, of course, the newest location in Orange. Each of their locations is a perfect daytime or late night setting for hanging out and having a great time with friends.

Eli's Orange brings to its new location the loved Eli's style restaurant serving upscale American fare with an Italian twist, a great bar and plenty of TVs for your viewing pleasure.

The 189 person restaurant features Eli's signature centerpiece horseshoe bar featuring leather tufted luxurious elevated booths, matching leather bar stools, dark hardwood floors and walnut tables, walls and a fabulous walnut ceiling that must be seen to be believed. The perfect place to sit and watch your favorite team on one of their many big screen TVs while getting a drink from the large selection of craft beers. The one-of-a kind center island bar boasts 24 draft lines, 18 different wines by the glass, specialty martinis and handcrafted cocktails.

Open for lunch and dinner daily along with a late-night menu available right up until closing. Enjoy Eli's Happy Hour, offered every Monday - Friday 4-6 pm in the bar with discounted appetizers and drink specials. "Eli's is a place where everyone knows your name," said Shawn Reilly, Director of Operations for Eli's Restaurant Group and Happy Hour is a great place to start both your evening and those relationships. Reilly said Eli's rapid growth which has led to a doubling of the size of its flagship restaurant in Hamden, the opening of Eli's Daniel Street Tavern in downtown Milford and the new Eli's Orange, all within 12 months. "Our loyal

customers come from all over Connecticut and they are always suggesting that we open a restaurant in their neighborhood. With the success of our restaurant group over the past twenty years we are always looking for new expansion opportunities and we always wanted to be in Orange as it is a great Town and opportunity for us," he said. "The Post Road in Orange was obviously the logical place to go in Orange. We love our spot and the Town and people we have met there in the short time we have been there. We look forward to continuing our tradition of building strong relationships in the areas where our restaurants are located."

Eli's Orange serves all of the favorite menu items which customers have enjoyed over the years at Eli's other locations, including Philly cheese steak egg rolls, penne a la vodka and a wide variety fresh-daily seafood, chicken and steak dishes, all types of sandwiches and mouthwatering burgers, grilled flatbreads, crisp fresh entree salads, delicious desserts, daily specials and a great kid's menu.

Eli's Catering Division offers a wide ranging variety of catering options for weddings, elegant affairs, and corporate events held at any of their restaurants or an off-premise location of your choice. Eli's restaurants offer private and personal event spaces which include private rooms, loft space, conference rooms, and a New York Style Pub, along with more traditional rooms that will accommodate any of your functions whether you want to host 10 or 175. All of Eli's restaurants are Wi-Fi capable and have large screen TVs for presentations. Whether you are looking for a corporate breakfast meeting in their conference room, a bridal or baby shower, rehearsal dinner, wedding, birthday or anniversary party, their Executive Chefs specialize in customizing menus to fit your guest list and venue. For more information about Eli's Restaurant Group or Eli's Catering, visit ElisRG.com or call 203-287-2837.

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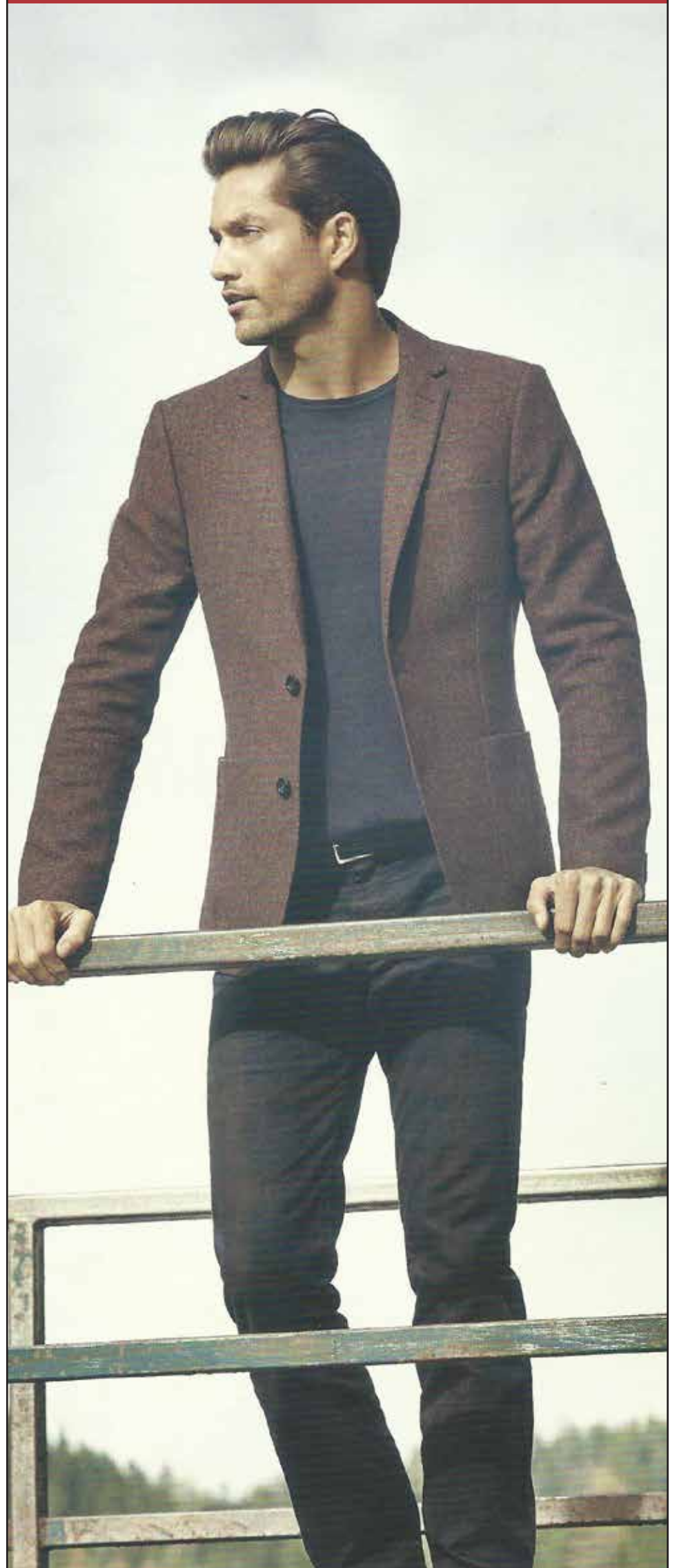
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Pictured from left to right are Rotarians Tony Anastasio, Rotary President Robyn Reilly, Spencer Rubin and Bill DeRosa.

ROTARY CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBER SPENCER RUBIN

Woodbridge Rotary Club recently welcomed Spencer Rubin who was installed as the newest member of the Club by Rotarian Tony Anastasio. Spencer Rubin is a lifelong resident of Woodbridge who attended Beecher Road School and the Amity Regional School system. After attending Amity High School, he attended Southern Connecticut State University graduating with a B.S. degree in Political Science.

Spencer is an Outreach Coordinator for the Connecticut House Republicans working for State Representative Themis Klarides and twelve other State Representatives. Prior to his current position, he worked on Mark Greenberg's Campaign for Congress in the 5th Congressional District and was a Legislative Coordinator for Gaffney Bennett and Associates.

This past May, he was elected to the Zoning Board of Appeals becoming the

youngest elected official in the Town of Woodbridge. Spencer Rubin stated, "I joined the Rotary Club to give back to the community that has given me so much."

The Woodbridge Rotary Club is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

The Woodbridge Rotary Club meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. for a breakfast meeting at the Country Corner Diner, 756 Amity Road, Bethany and the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month for a lunch meeting at 12:15 p.m. at the Woodbridge Social Restaurant, 12 Selden Street, Woodbridge, CT. Additional information can be found on the Woodbridge Rotary Club website <http://www.woodbridgerotary.org>.

WOODBIDGE LAND TRUST ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FALL WALK

The Board of Directors of the Woodbridge Land Trust invites the public to experience the scenic views of the Hitchcock hayfield at 902 Baldwin Road on Saturday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. The farm, consisting of 85 acres has a remarkable history and geography and is home to a vast array of wildlife, together with fields, ponds, and woodlands. This opportunity is being made available by permission of the Hitchcock family who owns the property. As we walk the property with naturalist Louisa Cunningham members of the family will accompany us and relate their experience working

the farm.

This event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the field fronting on Baldwin Road. We are walking rain or shine, but in case of truly inclement weather go to www.woodbridgelandtrust.org for notice of cancellation.

The Woodbridge Land Trust, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization that relies on the tax-deductible contributions of its donors to preserve, conserve and protect Woodbridge's natural resources and open space. For more information, please email woodbridgelandtrust@gmail.com.



Woodbridge Rotary's Guy Stella with Student of the Month Breezie Miller and her parents, Lauren and Scott Miller.

ROTARY HONORS STUDENT OF THE MONTH BREEZIE MILLER

Breezie Miller, an Amity High School senior, was named Woodbridge Rotary's September Student of the Month. Breezie and her parents, Lauren and Scott Miller, were honored at a recent Rotary meeting held at Woodbridge Social. Also attending were College and Career Counselor for Amity, Karen

Waterman, and Amity High's Principal, Anna Mahon.

The Rotary Club thanks Woodbridge Social for its generous sponsorship of the Student of the Month program which, each month during the school year, recognizes an outstanding local high school student.

AMITY & WOODBIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TAG SALE

The Amity and Woodbridge Historical Society has rescheduled its annual tag sale for Saturday, October 10th from 8 to 2 PM on the grounds of the Historic Thomas Darling House, 1907 Litchfield Turnpike, Woodbridge CT. If you are interested in renting a space please e-mail info@woodbridgehistory.org. The historical society will also be

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Q: I am so happy that my favorite new show of last season, "NCIS: New Orleans," is back! Can you give me the inside scoop for this season? -- Dominick F., via email

A: "NCIS: New Orleans" returned in late September with a bang -- literally. As I'm sure you know, they blew up a bridge. While, of course, those in charge are pretty hush-hush about storylines, I can tell you a few things. First is that last season's recurring character, Sonja Percy -- played by Tony-nominated actress **Shalita Grant** -- will now be a series regular. While Shalita is thrilled to be on set full time, her alter ego is having a slightly tougher time.

"**Scott (Bakula's** character, Dwayne Pride) is all about giving the newbie, or 'probe,' the business," Shalita said. "It's not going to be easy for Sonja Percy. At one point, I call them my 'agent abusers,' because that's kind of how they are. But Sonja can take it. And throughout the series, she will be dishing it out. Sonja and LaSalle, Sonja and Brody, and even Sonja and Pride are getting closer, and those relationships are all unique. You get to see where Sonja is coming from in some of these cases."

Shalita also let me know that while there might be fireworks story-wise, life on the set is pretty relaxed: "It's so boring on set in that we all get along. **Lucas (Black)** is like 2 years old, and he's always doing something. **Zoe (McLellan)** is so goofy. And Scott, he's just fun and easygoing."

Q: I saw a preview for a movie with **Leonardo DiCaprio** where he has a beard, is all dirty, and is seeking revenge on **Tom Hardy**. Can you tell me about



Shalita Grant

it? The movie looks really good! -- Douglas C., Annapolis, Maryland.

A: You are referring to "**The Revenant**," which will open Christmas Day in select cities (to qualify for Oscar consideration), with a wider opening Jan. 8, 2016. Leo plays explorer Hugh Glass, who is left for dead by Tom's John Fitzgerald after Hugh is mauled by a bear. Set in 1823, the film is based on **Michael Punke's** novel "**The Revenant: A Novel of Revenge**," and, of course, there is already Oscar buzz surrounding the film.

Q: You mentioned that the **Ben Affleck/Matt Damon**-produced show "**Project Greenlight**" would be back, but I haven't heard anything about it. I watched it on Bravo a few years back, but it's not there anymore. -- Felicia F., via email

A: "Project Greenlight" moved back to its original home, HBO, for its fourth season, which premiered Sept. 13 and has its season finale Nov. 1, airing a total of eight episodes. The show made news recently not for the competition itself, but for Matt Damon trying to explain diversity in the film industry to black producer **Effie Brown**, who serves as a judge on the show.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO FIRST SELECTMAN'S LECTURE SERIES

"Wisdom of Woodbridge"

Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar invites the public to a new event series, "Wisdom of Woodbridge" co-hosted by the Town of Woodbridge Public Library and the JCC. The First Selectman is curating a series of lectures by Woodbridge residents who will discuss their exciting professions, unusual talents and expertise in various topics. The Wisdom of Woodbridge lectures will be held on October 20 at the Library, November 17 at the JCC, January 19 at the JCC, February 16 at the Library and a March date to be announced. These lectures will be a way for Woodbridge residents to learn about myriad topics from their neighbors.

The first lecture, scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library, will be by Dr. Mary Papazian, President of Southern Connecticut State University. Dr. Papazian's

lecture is entitled "Embracing the Future: Southern Connecticut State University and the Changing Higher Education Landscape."

Future Wisdom of Woodbridge lectures will include State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Rob Klee, Museum of the Chinese in America Director/President Nancy Yao Maasbach and AuthAir co-founder and CEO Yaron Baitch.

"This lecture series will be a wonderful way to highlight and interact with some of Woodbridge's creative big thinkers," said Scalettar. "Our little town is blessed to have so many people doing fascinating things. We can all benefit and learn from each other."

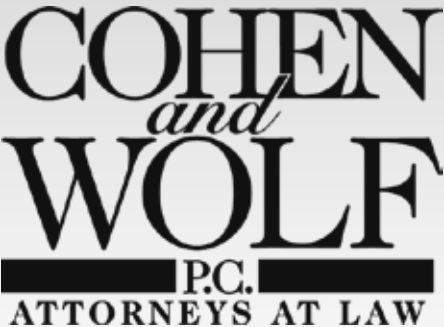
The Wisdom of Woodbridge lecture series is part of Scalettar's goal of promoting and creating more community events to bring residents together.

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Adult Events

Great Reads from the 1990's book discussion with Dr. Mark Schenker

Wednesday, October 14 @ 7 pm
(first of a three-part series)

Join Mark Schenker for a series of discussions of three award-winning works of literary fiction from the 1990s. The first novel discussed on October 14 will be David Guterson's first novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars* (1994), which won the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction. The second novel discussed on November 18 will be Bernhard Schlink's *The Reader* (1995; in English in 1997) which was awarded major literary prizes in France, Germany and Italy. The third novel discussed on December 9 will be Tracy Chevalier's *Girl with a Pearl Earring* (1999) which won the UK's Orange Prize for Fiction. Registration required. Books available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

Pendant Necklace Jewelry Class with Kim Larkin

Monday October 19 @ 6:30 pm

Join Kim Larkin to create your own pendant necklace with beads. You will leave this workshop with a completed necklace to take home. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at 203-389-3433. There is no fee for this class.

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Share your Good News

Monday October 26 @ 5:30 pm

Learn how to write great press releases at this workshop for local business led by Woodbridge resident Cara Rosner, a former business editor and current public relations professional. You will learn how to share your good news, what news is and what newspapers are interested in. Please RSVP to Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org.

Purves Lecture: They Called Her Reckless: A True Story of Love, War, and an Extraordinary Horse

Thursday, November 5 @ 7pm

Join local author Janet Barrett to learn about the true story of an extraordinary war horse! When the Fifth Regiment's Recoilless Rifle Platoon acquired a small Korean pony to haul ammunition to the front lines, what they got was a real-life warhorse, the courageous and indomitable Reckless, who stood with her Marines for two years during the Korean War, saving many lives, raising spirits, and winning the love and respect of all who knew her. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Woodbridge Library. Please register online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at 203-389-3433.

Fall Cupcake Frosting Demonstration

Thursday, November 12 @ 7 pm

Learn to make delicious frosting

and decorate cupcakes using piping bags and tips. We will learn how to make buttercream, chocolate fudge, and cinnamon cream cheese frosting to put atop chocolate and pumpkin cupcakes. Also, learn how to make a pumpkin decoration out of the frosting and piping bags. Hands on training provided and frosting recipes will be shared. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register online, at the Circulation Desk, or by phone at 203-389-3433.

Film Screenings

Note: There is no film the week of October 15

Testament of Youth

Thursday, October 22 @ 7pm

Rated PG-13. 129 minutes. A British woman recalls coming of age during WWI – a story of young love, the futility of war, and how to make sense of the darkest times.

Before I Go To Sleep

Thursday, October 29 @ 7pm

Rated R. 92 minutes. A woman wakes up every day, remembering nothing as a result of a traumatic accident in her past. One day, new terrifying truths emerge that force her to question everyone around her. Starring Nicole Kidman and Colin Firth.

Children's And Teen Events

Registration for all Children's and Teen can be found at www.woodbridge.lioninc.org.

Star Wars Read Day

Sat. October 10, 2015 at 11am
(ages 3-5) & 2pm (ages 6 and up)

At 11am, children ages 3-5 can stop by the Children's Department for Star Wars Stories and to make an adorable Yoda craft. At 2pm, children ages 6 and up can enjoy stories, games, and a Star Wars craft! Registration required for the afternoon event only. Please register online.

Sciencetellers Halloween program Dragons & Dreams

Sat. October 17, 2015 at
2pm (ages 5 and up)

Did you ever wonder what Dragon's Breath looks like? Learn about the shifting states of matter through the story of Dragons and Dreams. Come and see interactive and explosive experiments with dry ice, fog, smoke-filled bubbles, flying rockets and more. Registration required. Please register online.

Eager Readers Book Group

Monday, October 19 @
6:30pm (Grades K – 2)

We will be reading Possum's Harvest Moon this month by Anne Hunter. Read the book at home and then join us for a discussion and a cool craft! Register at the Children's Desk when you pick up your copy of the book.

Halloween Partners

Wednesday, October 28 @
6:30pm (grades 4 and up)

High school students will pair up with students grades 4 and up to design creepy cupcakes. There will be prizes and spooky tales too! Feel free to wear your Halloween costume for this evening of fun! Please register online.

The New SAT Practice Test NEW DATE ADDED!

Saturday, October 31 @ 11am
(Saturday, October 24 date
is booked to capacity)

Beginning in spring 2016, The College Board, makers of the SAT will be launching a revised version of the SAT. Students taking the exam will have the option to take the new exam or the old exam. Try your hand at the new exam to see what the differences are and help you decide which exam to take. Test is 3 hours long with an optional essay that will add extra 50 minutes to exam time. Calculators are not permitted for the new SAT exam. Please call the library to register at 203-389-3433, register at the Circulation Desk, or register online.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW PASS TO LONG WHARF THEATRE

Beginning on October 14, the Woodbridge Town Library will begin circulating a new pass for Long Wharf Theatre. When checked out with a valid library card, the pass allows patrons to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve two free adult tickets for a performance there. Patrons have to phone the box office to reserve their tickets and present the pass at the ticket desk when arriving. Long Wharf Theatre will give the best available seats, pending availability, for a given performance.

Like our museum passes, each pass can be checked out for a two day period. Patrons must tell us which performance date they plan to attend when checking

out the pass and then it is their responsibility to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve their seats. Only one Long Wharf Pass can be used per day and the passes are first come, first serve.

Additionally, due to the success of last year's collaboration with Long Wharf Theatre for the play Picasso and the Lapin Agile, a new collaboration is in the works for the coming months surrounding the Shakespearian play Measure for Measure. Please visit Long Wharf Theatre's website <http://www.longwharf.org/> for a complete listing of this season's shows. Long Wharf Theatre is located at 222 Sargent Drive in New Haven.

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Boy Scout Troop 63, meetings Monday nights from 7:00 pm – 8:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption “Mother” Church, 1700 Litchfield Turnpike (Rte. 69), Woodbridge; September- April and May-June outdoors at Camp Whiting, all boys ages 10 and up or who have completed the fifth grade are welcome to stop by and see what we’re all about. For more information, visit <http://www.troop963.org> or email Troop63CT@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Obedience Classes, every level, AKC STAR Puppy (obedience for dogs under 12 months)

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

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

You’re invited to Trinity Church! New Fall schedule begins Sunday, September 13 - Sunday School for all ages at 9:10AM and Worship Service at 10:30AM, 33 Center Road, Woodbridge. Visit www.trinityefc.com or call 203-387-4711 x.10 to learn more.

The Woodbridge Land Trust Annual Fall Walk, October 17, 2015, 2:00pm, 902 Baldwin Road. The guided walk is free and open to the public.

Autumnfest, Saturday, October 17, 2015, 11:00am-4:00pm, Ansonia Nature Center, 10 Deerfield Lane, Ansonia, ride over hill and dale in our horse drawn STORY hay wagon, hear some spooky Halloween tales, learn about bats, spiders and owls, have some fresh-squeezed apple cider and fresh-made donuts, visit the Friends Nature Shop, try your hand at pumpkin carving, get your face painted, and make some creative crafts. All proceeds benefit the Nature Center’s playground project efforts. RAIN or SHINE. No park admission fee. Call us for more information at 203-736-1053.

22nd Annual Senior Center Holiday Fair, Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10:00am-3:00pm, The Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane; door prizes, tag sale, Take A Chance & Silent Auctions. To make a donation, volunteer or for more information, call Lee Canning at 203-389-3430.

Christmas Bazaar & Craft Fair, Saturday, November 15, 2015, 10:00am-4:00pm, Our Lady of Assumption Church, 81 center Road; crafters, vendors, white elephant sale, raffles, children’s activities, entertainment and food. For more information, contact Kathy at 203-816-7755 or atkathy@bbsq.com.

DOT CAUGHT ‘BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE’

By Bettina Thiel – Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Residents in the area of the intersection of routes 63 and 67 are looking at a second winter with the busy crossroads under construction. Though the roadways are paved, an area in the middle of the intersection was left accessible, covered only with gravel, which washed out in the recent rains. Also, the orange warning cans curtail visibility in some areas, said David Schneider, who lives on a side road, and makes the turn onto Route 63 on a regular basis.

The state Department of Transportation, which is responsible for this project, is caught “between a rock a hard place,” according to its spokesman Kevin Nursick, on whether to secure the construction site for the winter or leave it accessible for work to go forward.

The project is to install a traffic light due to the high traffic volume at certain times of the day. In addition, the state was planning to lower the road in order to improve visibility. However, some of the residents in the area voiced strong opposition to the plans, and the state curtailed the project to adding turning lanes and a traffic light.

Even so, it now appears that some blasting will be necessary in order to finish drainage work and to build a retaining wall on the lower part of Route 63. At the urging of the town, the state agreed to pre-blast surveys

of residents’ homes in an area of 1,000 feet from the site, as well as water quality and yield tests in a 300-foot radius.

“The remaining rock excavation is required to complete the project,” wrote Commissioner Redeker in a letter to residents. “The precautions and protective measures put in place for the blasting work meet or exceed best practices used elsewhere in Connecticut, and indeed across the country.”

Some of the homes in the area are historic and have very shallow wells, said Anne Boucher, who lives close to the intersection. Her well is only 30 feet deep. A meeting was held in August at the Town Hall with a representative from DOT. She said the argument was made that blasting, if done properly, may be less invasive than continuous drilling with a hoe-ram.

The state construction season runs officially from April 1 to November 30, but is dependent on weather conditions, Nursick said. As for this particular project, it seemed to stop and go as the state adjusted its plans and the contractor hit snags. The contractor, DeRita Construction, “has been having difficulty maintaining resources and getting sub-contractors to stay on schedule,” Nursick said.

No blasting dates have been announced so far.

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SENIOR CENTER

The Woodbridge Senior Center Holiday Fair will be held Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 to 3:00 in the Center gym at 4 Meetinghouse Lane. The fair this year will feature hand-crafted items, new costume jewelry, cookies, cakes, bread, and a great tag sale table. The Take-A-Chance Auction and the Silent Auction tables will be back again this year. A variety of food and beverages will be available in the cafeteria. Each person attending the fair will be given a ticket to win a great door prize. Santana Rubbish Removal has donated one year of trash removal for a Woodbridge resident and the Senior Center is donating free lunch for one year to a person 60 years of age or older. If you would like more information, please call Lee Canning at the senior center, 203-389-3430.

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Current Programs

Tuesday, October 6- Bob Mel, vocalist will entertain

Friday, October 9 Trish Pearson presents updates on Medicare changes, new rules & benefits, and will answer your questions

Monday, October 12 Columbus Day-CLOSED

Tuesday October 13 Lyme Disease awareness, symptoms and other tick borne illnesses will be discussed

Thursday, October 15 Senator Joe Crisco Health Fair at Warsaw Park

Monday, October 19 Flu Clinic 3:00 to 5:30

Tuesday, October 20 Flu Clinic 11:00 to 12:30

Tuesday, October 20 Easy Accessible Solutions-Aging in Place. Chris Frombach, Occupational Therapist will speak

Friday, October 23 Medicare 101 Lou Pelletier will discuss Medicare laws & programs that many people are not

aware of and how they impact seniors.

Tuesday, October 27 Larry Batter-Vocalist / Pianist will entertain after lunch

Friday, October 30 Halloween Party-Come In A Costume

Future Programs

Monday, November 2 A.A.R.P. “Driver Safety” Class

Tuesday, November 3 Roger Hart will present a new slideshow

Saturday, November 7 HOLIDAY FAIR

Tuesday, November 10 Pierce Campbell will entertain after lunch

Wednesday, November 11 CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 17 Jim Sheehan will entertain after lunch

Friday, November 20 Thanksgiving Luncheon will be free of charge through the generosity of the Woodbridge Police Union Local 362. Space is limited and reservations must be called in no later than Friday November 13th.

Tuesday, November 24 V.N.A. Community will discuss “Food Safety”

November, 26 & 27 CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving

Book Club

On Tuesday, October 27th at 11:00 a.m., the book club will meet at the Woodbridge Library Meeting Room to discuss “Circling The Sun” by Paula Mclain. Refreshments will be served. Call Lee at 203-389-3430 for more information. New book club members are always welcome.

Bridge Players

If you like to play Bridge, our friendly group always welcomes new players. The group is informal and meets at the Center on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:00 in the lounge. If you would like more information, please call Lee at 203-389-3450.

Pie Sale

The Woodbridge Senior Center is accepting orders for pies which will be available for pick up on the day of our Holiday Fair, November 7th between the hours of 10:00 & 3:00. Please choose from the list below and call the Senior Center at 203-389-3430 to order your pies. Please make checks out to Woodbridge Senior Center. The cut-off date for ordering is October 31st. All proceeds from the Pie Sale will benefit the Senior Center.

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WHO WILL DELETE YOU?

By Roberta L Nestor

Have you considered what will happen to your Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts when you pass away? Digital assets, digital footprint, digital asset management and digital estate planning are new terms that most of us are not familiar with. However, literally hundreds of new businesses have come to market to help individuals protect their digital assets when they die. Yes, you can name an individual or company to be appointed as a digital executor in your will.

It is safe to assume that most of us have digital assets. According to Wikipedia, a digital asset is anything that exists in a binary format and comes with the right to use. The things you store on your personal computers, laptops, portable media players, tablets, smart TVs, Kindles and smartphones are all devices we use to store our digital assets.

You might start by reviewing your digital footprint:

- Email Accounts,
- Loyalty and Point Programs,
- Auto Bill Pay,
- On-Line Banking,
- One Click Shopping.

Consider the social websites or apps that you might use such as LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Match.com, Meet Up, Vine, Skype, Snap Chat, Facetime, YouTube, Trip Advisor, Hulu and Pandora are just a few that come to mind. Don't forget websites you may own for business or personal use. And for writers out there, how will you protect your blogs, journals or books you may be writing? Then we have sign on and passwords for very private information such as medical portals, socialsecurity.gov, FASFA for those with kids in college, our 401k sites, electronic filing of our tax returns, and on and on and on!

Times are changing and quickly. It may no longer be enough to only appoint a traditional executor for your estate, many of us will find that we will also need to appoint a digital executor. This person or company would be responsible for managing your digital assets when you die. They would insure that your digital assets would be distributed to the people you want in the way you want.

In 2005 CT signed into law a provision that allows appointed executors to access email accounts. The state requires a death certificate and documentation of the executor's appointment before that representative can see the deceased person's emails or social networking accounts. If you don't want your executor to be able to access this information, you have to be specific in your will. Also consider the digital capability of your executor, would they even know where your passwords are stored or the process involved to shutting accounts down?


Not surprising, the most popular social websites such as LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter all have written processes and requirements to remove a deceased person's account. For example, to report the passing of a LinkedIn member, the site's Verification of Death Form must be completed and submitted. The form requires the account holder's email address, URL of LinkedIn profile, date of death and a death notice or certificate.

If you have extensive digital assets you may want to consider working with companies who provide “vaults” that will store your websites, passwords and specific instructions for your digital executor. Everplans.com has extensive information on digital estate planning, but a google search will bring you too many resources. You might want to check with your attorney and see what services they may provide or recommend when it comes to digital estate planning.

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)**
animated
- 2. The Intern (PG-13)**
Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway
- 3. Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (PG-13)**
Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario
- 4. Everest (PG-13)**
Jason Clarke, Ang Phula Sherpa
- 5. Black Mass (R)**
Johnny Depp, Benedict Cumberbatch
- 6. The Visit (PG-13)**
Olivia DeJonge, Ed Oxenbould
- 7. The Perfect Guy (PG-13)**
Sanaa Lathan, Michael Ealy
- 8. War Room (PG)**
Priscilla C. Shirer, T.C. Stallings
- 9. The Green Inferno (R)**
Lorenza Izzo, Ariel Levy
- 10. Sicario (R)**
Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. Furious 7 (PG-13)**
Vin Diesel
- 2. Cinderella (PG)**
Lily James
- 3. The Age of Adaline (PG-13)**
Blake Lively
- 4. Mad Max: Fury Road (R)**
Tom Hardy
- 5. Aloha (PG-13)**
Bradley Cooper
- 6. Love & Mercy (PG-13)**
John Cusack
- 7. Pay the Ghost (NR)**
Nicolas Cage
- 8. Home (PG)**
animated
- 9. Monkey Kingdom (G)**
documentary
- 10. I'll See You in My Dreams (PG-13)**
Blythe Danner

- Who wrote and released "The Goodbye Girl"?
- Name the singer who was born William Howard Ashton.
- Who released "Homburg" and when?
- What group released "Neon Rainbow" in 1967?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "When you were a child you were treated kind, But you were never brought up right, You were always spoiled with a thousand toys but still you cried all night."



1. David Gates, lead singer of Bread, in 1977. It was the theme song to the film of the same name, starring Richard Dreyfuss. 2. Billy J. Kramer. It was John Lennon's idea to add the middle initial, for Julian. Kramer allegedly hated it, not knowing it was the name of Lennon's son. 3. Procol Harum, in 1967. "Homburg" was the follow-up to "A Whiter Shade of Pale," with the same theme of resignation. It hit No. 1 in multiple countries but only reached No. 34 in the U.S. 4. The Box Tops. 5. "19th Nervous Breakdown," by the Rolling Stones. 1966. It climbed to No. 2 in both the U.S. and U.K. The original song was released in mono, and stereo can be found only in bootleg copies.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- Name the last N.L. pitcher before the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw in 2014 to win the regular-season MVP Award.
- How many managers did the Chicago White Sox have during the decade of the 1980s?
- Marshall's Rakeem Cato, in 2014, set a Division I record for most consecutive games with at least one TD pass (46). Who had held the mark?
- When was the last time before 2014 that the Boston Celtics, Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks all failed to make the NBA play-offs in the same season?
- Name the coach who led Canada in 2002 to its first gold medal in men's Olympic hockey following a 50-year drought.
- Lionel Messi set a Champions League soccer scoring record in 2014 when he tallied his 72nd goal. Who had held the mark?
- Name three of the six fighters Manny Pacquiao has lost to in his 65-bout pro boxing career.

1. St. Louis' Bob Gibson, in 1968. 2. Tony La Russa (1980-86), Doug Rader (1986), Jim Fregosi (1986-88) and Jeff Torborg (1989). 3. Russell Wilson, who did it in 38 games with North Carolina State and Wisconsin (2009-12). 4. Never. 5. Pat Quinn. 6. Raul. 7. Floyd Mayweather Jr., Juan Manuel Marquez, Timothy Bradley, Erik Morales, Medgoen Singnawat and Rustico Torrecampo.



Bryce Dallas Howard in "Jurassic World"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of October 19, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Jurassic World" (PG-13) -- Boldly defying the lessons of the past, somebody decides to build a theme park with dinosaurs surrounding poorly protected humans. Chris Pratt stars as Owen Grady, a velociraptor trainer who has a shaky alliance with a few dino-buddies. He's opposite Bryce Dallas Howard, who plays an uptight park director who doesn't take off her heels even when being chased by dinosaurs. The greedy genetic-tinkerers who run the park have crafted the biggest dino-attraction yet: the Indominus, a mutant hybrid monster made pointlessly deadly and

intelligent.

The visual effects and overall scope of the action sequences go beyond what was done in the original, but even with upgraded tech and bigger teeth, this Jurassic thriller isn't as thrilling. Characters are so one-sided that even Pratt's immutable charm gets a little muted.

"Testament of Youth" (PG-13) -- Adapted from the bestselling memoir, this drama tells the story of a young woman finding herself and her whole world changed through World War I. Vera Brittain (Alicia Vikander) was an intellectual and rebellious student at Oxford, part of a growing feminist movement, and she'd fallen for her brother's friend Roland (Kit Harrington from "Game of Thrones"). When the fighting breaks out, Vera becomes a nurse, while many of her friends and loved ones become memories.

The film is visually stunning, especially in the jarring contrast between the English countryside and the bleary chaos of trench warfare. Vera is a fine and fascinating character, and her transformation is handled expertly by Vikander's performance.

"Z for Zachariah" (R) -- Nestled in a Southern valley, Ann (Margot Robbie) and her farm animals are safe from the killer radioactivity that took out (almost) every other living thing on Earth. One day, a scientist named Loomis (Chiwetel Ejiofor) stumbles into her idyllic sanctuary. As the Last Man and Woman on Earth, Loomis and Ann make good-faith efforts to get along, understand each other and try to grow some romance in the post-apocalypse. Just when things seem to click, in comes Caleb (Chris Pine), a strapping miner who has more in common with Ann than Loomis ever could. The tension in the triangle, and the ideas that the characters represent, make it a slow-burning but effective post-apocalyptic drama.

Sudoku answers on page 28

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

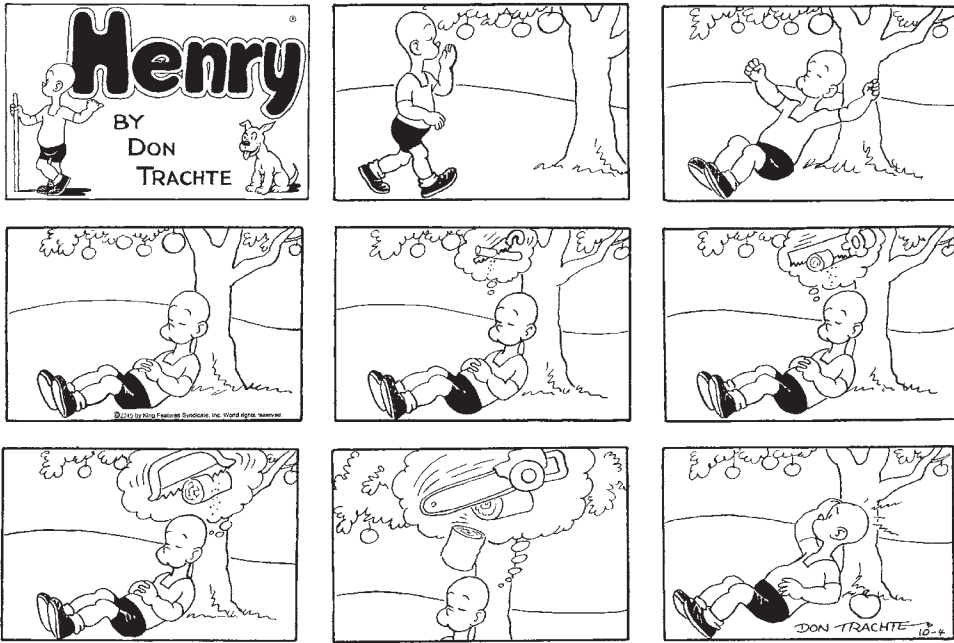
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Sophia Loren turned 81 on Sept. 20 and spent her birthday launching Dolce & Gabbana's new lipstick, "Sophia Loren No. 1." Many film historians believe Sophia and Jane Fonda are the last two movie stars left from Hollywood's Golden Age, when the big film studios ruled Hollywood.

Sophia appeared opposite many of the greatest male movie stars. In 1957, she starred with Alan Ladd in "Boy on a Dolphin," Cary Grant and Frank Sinatra in "Pride & Passion," and John Wayne in "Legend of the Lost." In 1960, she starred opposite Clark Gable in "It Started in Naples," Peter Sellers in "The Millionairess" and Vittorio De Sica in "Two Women," for which she became the first winner of a best-actress Oscar for a non-English speaking film.

In 1961, she co-starred with Charlton Heston in "El Cid," followed by two films with Marcello Mastroianni: "Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow" (1963) and "Marriage Italian Style" (1964). She next starred with Paul Newman in "Lady L" (1965); Gregory Peck in "Arabesque" (1966); Marlon Brando in "A Countess From Hong Kong," directed by Charlie Chaplain (1967); Peter O'Toole in "Man of La Mancha" (1972); and Richard Burton in "The Voyage" (1974), to name just a few of her 95 films.

Yet, with all those sexy male stars, she was rumored to have had only one affair, with Cary Grant, remaining true to the love of life, producer Carlo Ponti, whom she began dating when she was 15 and he was 37. They were married from 1957-1962 but had to annul the marriage when Ponti was arrested for bigamy, and Sophia also was sent to jail. They eventually became French



Sophia Loren

citizens, obtained his divorce and married there in 1966. They stayed married until his death in 2007.

When asked if she would ever marry again, Sophia confessed, "No, never again. It would be impossible to love anyone else." She and Ponti had two sons. One of them, Edoardo Ponti, married Sasha Alexander, who was agent Caitlin Todd on "NCIS" for 50 episodes and currently plays Maura Isles on "Rizzoli & Isles." They have a 9-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son.

Sophia's contemporary, Gina Lollobrigida, celebrated her 88th birthday July 27. Among her best films were "Trapeze," with Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis, and "Hunchback of Notre Dame," with Anthony Quinn, both in 1956. Then came "Never So Few," with Frank Sinatra and Steve McQueen (1959), "Solomon & Sheba," with Yul Brynner (1959) and "Come September," with Rock Hudson (1961).

The closest we can come to a movie sex symbol these days are Sophia Vergara (a TV star) and Jennifer Lopez (a music personality)! Anyone got a time machine?

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Dinner for Dobbin
- 4 Anger
- 8 Old portico
- 12 Anger
- 13 Stench
- 14 Seafood selection
- 15 Healthy
- 16 Withered
- 17 Ceremony
- 18 1939 Shearer/Gable movie
- 21 Last (Abbr.)
- 22 Hurry along
- 23 Succulent
- 26 Lair
- 27 Shriek bark
- 30 Pruritic feeling
- 31 Mongrel
- 32 Points of concentration
- 33 Spelldown
- 34 Cranberry territory
- 35 GPS offering
- 36 Total
- 37 Pair
- 38 Delusory happiness
- 45 "M*A*S*H" star
- 46 Bank transaction
- 47 Bear hair
- 48 Property claim

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- 49 Oklahoma city
- 50 To and —
- 51 Missing
- 52 TV's warrior princess
- 53 "Absolutely"
- DOWN**
- 1 Stereo setup
- 2 Saharan
- 3 Bigfoot's cousin
- 4 Pretty much
- 5 That is (Lat.)
- 6 Han Solo portrayer
- 7 Refrigerator section
- 8 Temporary
- 9 Advanced math
- 10 Solemn promise
- 11 Drive the getaway car, maybe
- 19 "That hurts!"
- 20 Jeremy of the NBA
- 23 Triangular sail
- 24 Multipurpose truck
- 25 Lemieux milieu
- 26 Shoveled
- 27 Second person
- 28 Performance
- 29 Slapstick missile
- 31 Intricate
- 32 Comestibles
- 34 Clear the tables
- 35 Kigali's land
- 36 Point of view
- 37 Teach by repetition
- 38 Plummet
- 39 A little of everything
- 40 Rhyming tributes
- 41 Top-notch
- 42 Uncertain
- 43 Certain
- 44 Cupid's alias

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Weekly SUDOKU

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LOCAL SPORTS



Pictured (left to right) are William Zhu, Abby Moaz, Olivia Velleca.

WAC MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodbridge Aquatic Club members William Zhu, Abby Moaz, Olivia and Sophia Velleca qualified and participated in the Eastern Zone Age Group Championship meet in Richmond, Virginia this August. As members of the Connecticut Zone Team, they competed against teams from New England, New Jersey, New York, Virginia and Maryland. Highlighting the results was William Zhu placing 3rd overall in 100

meters freestyle and 3rd overall in the 100 meters butterfly in the 11 and 12 year old age group. Woodbridge Aquatic Club will be commencing the Short Course season on October 5, with practices held at Beecher Road School Pool. Any swimmers interested in joining WAC should contact Head Coach Dave Reilly at dmr123@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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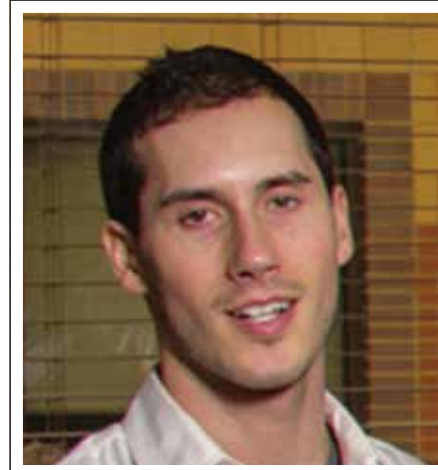
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HEALTH AND FITNESS

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE

As our population continues to grow, and people are living longer, a large portion of patient census consists of people who have Medicare as their primary healthcare insurance. We are frequently asked questions regarding how the Medicare process works, and how many visits a patient is allowed per calendar year. This can be very confusing for some patients, especially if they have never had physical therapy before. The purpose of this article is to help the reader understand some of the Medicare basics for outpatient therapy services by answering three of the most commonly asked questions:



Peter Geloso DPT

If you receive outpatient therapy above the Cap threshold, a Medicare contractor may review your records to check medical necessity. The threshold amounts for 2015 are \$3,700 for PT and SLP combined, and \$3,700 for OT. Because Medicare doesn't pay for therapy services that aren't reasonable and necessary, your therapist may give you a written notice called an "Advance Beneficiary Notice of Non-coverage" (ABN), before providing services that may not be deemed medically necessary upon Medicare review.

The ABN lets you choose whether or not you want to continue therapy, and ultimately be liable to pay for services rendered that Medicare does not consider necessary.

3) How do you know if you will exceed the Medicare Cap?

They will have the most up to date information in regard to your current status. You can also visit MyMedicare.gov to track your claims for therapy services and access your personal Medicare information. Last, you can check your "Medicare Summary Notice" (MSN) sent to you via mail about every three months. That lists the services you had, and the amount you may be billed.

Peter Geloso DPT received his doctorate degree in physical therapy from Elon University in North Carolina. He is a clinician at Amity Physical Therapy in Woodbridge founded by Michael Dow MSPT and CEO/Director. The practice maintains three offices in the Greater New Haven area: Woodbridge, Hamden and Branford. For more information, call 203-389-4593 or visit www.amitypt.com.

1) How many physical therapy visits are allowed for a patient with a calendar year?

Physical therapy services under Medicare are not limited to a specific number, rather a dollar amount referred to as a Cap. For the year 2015, the Cap values are \$1,940 for physical therapy (PT) and speech therapy (SLP) combined; and then a separate \$1,940 for occupational therapy (OT). How many visits this equates to will depend on what services are rendered and can vary somewhat among patients.

2) What if I need more physical therapy service that what is allowed?

A patient may qualify as an exception to the therapy Cap, and Medicare may continue to pay its share for physical therapy services beyond the Cap limits if it is deemed medically necessary by its standards. This will be determined by the physicians' and physical therapists' medical discretion as well as required documentation demonstrating the

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund



Costume Party!

Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany will sponsor the Bethwood Bash program at the Woodbridge Center Building Gym - 4 Meetinghouse Lane on Friday, October 23, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The event is for 7th and 8th grade Woodbridge and Bethany residents only. Enjoy music and games with an interactive Boppers' D.J. Compete in the donut eating contest, costume contest, and a mummy wrap contest too! Costumes are optional (but fun). Refreshments, raffle prizes, and entertainment, all for an admission price of \$5.00! No early drop-offs and prompt pick-up, please. Amity Dress code applies. This party is for 7th and 8th grade residents only! Private school students who reside in Bethany and Woodbridge are encouraged to attend.

Bring a new or gently used pair of sneakers for the sneaker drive and receive five extra raffle tickets!

We need your help: Adult volunteers and raffle prizes are needed. We cannot run these programs without parent or grandparent volunteers. High School juniors and seniors looking for volunteer hours may contact Youth Services. Donations of raffle prizes and event supplies are gratefully accepted. Please call 203-389-3429 or E-mail youthone@woodbridgect.org for more information.

Cancellations: Watch Channel 8 or listen to KC101 for cancellations due to inclement weather.

Woodbridge Job Bank Seeks Teens Who Want Work

The Job Bank in Woodbridge offers jobs to teen residents who would like to work to earn some extra cash. The application process offers a chance to learn about the interview process, safety on the job, and how to negotiate pay. Types of jobs may include yard work, babysitting, animal care, house work, and snow shoveling. Call Youth Services to join at 203-389-3429.

Hire Woodbridge Teens

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

Need An Occasional Babysitter?

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Sneaker Drive

Woodbridge Youth Services is assisting in the collection of new or gently used sneakers for children ages 5-18 years old for distribution with Thanksgiving baskets at James Hillhouse High School on November 20th. Please bring donations to the Youth Services Department, Room 12 of the Woodbridge Center Building at 4 Meetinghouse Lane.

Woodbridge Youth Services Offers After School Programming At Amity Middle School-Bethany Campus.

Digital Photography for Teens-with instructor Melanie Stengel - former New Haven Register Staff Photographer

This is an introductory class on digital photography for students who want to get the most out of their digital cameras and improve their photographic skills as well as for those more experienced students who want to enhance their skills. The class will be offered Thursdays in the computer lab at the Middle School from 2:25pm-3:55pm. The late bus is available on Thursdays at 4pm.

The course will cover camera basics while working through creative assignments on composition, natural and artificial light and color. Students will work in Adobe Photoshop in the computer lab learning professional techniques to maximize their photography. Participants will print their best photos each week to build their portfolios. Weekly projects will allow plenty of time for experimentation. A materials fee of \$80.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance may be arranged for qualifying families. Class will begin October 1st. For more information, to sign up and complete a permission slip, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

Fun Fitness Cooking - with Culinary Institute of America trained Chef Maggie Lyon

Learn how to cook and gain a recipe for lifelong healthy living! This 10 week class will be offered in the Middle School's kitchen after school Tuesdays from 2:25-3:55pm. The late bus is available on Tuesdays at 4pm. Class is limited to 12 participants. Students will receive a notebook with recipes, nutrition and food safety information, a glossary of techniques and terms and an apron. We'll start with basic skills and techniques and enhance the fundamentals to help develop a lifetime of great cooking and creativity.

A great after school activity! The materials fee of \$100.00 per student must be paid in advance. A discount for siblings and financial assistance may be arranged for qualifying families. Class will begin October 6th. For more information or to sign up, please call Youth Services at 203-389-3429.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



THE HALLOWEEN NIGHTMARE FOR OUR DOGS

It's not too soon to begin thinking about Halloween and our dogs. Halloween can be fun for trick-or-treaters but a nightmare for your dog. Think about it ...the doorbell constantly ringing, scary people showing up, excessive yelling and screaming, and odd clothing that covers a stranger's eyes or head all can be very disconcerting to dogs, and even more so when experienced together on the same night. Here are some tips to keep your dog safe.

- Bring your dog indoors where he can't be overwhelmed by ghouls and goblins. Pranksters love to tease dogs, or even be cruel to them, so protect your dog by putting him in a safe place.
- Keep him away from the front door to limit his excitement and prevent him from running outside and getting lost and injured. It might be best to put him in a separate room. If you allow your dog at the front door, keep him restrained on a leash. A dog's behavior when he sees children in masks is very unpredictable. A very gentle dog can become aggressive when fearful, resulting in possible bites. Also, a restrained dog cannot run out the front door and become lost in the neighborhood
- Check his ID tag to make sure it is secure on his collar - just in case.
- Keep candy away as chocolate and artificial sweeteners can be toxic to

your dog. Make certain that sweets, including candy wrappers, are all kept well away from your dog.

- Keep candles and lighted pumpkins out of your dog's reach. When excited or agitated, it's easy for a dog to accidentally knock over a lit candle.
- Don't make your dog wear a costume if he doesn't like it. Some dogs might enjoy being dressed up, but many don't. Experiment first to see if your dog likes being in a costume. If so, fine - he'll most likely enjoy himself. However, if he shows any resistance, don't do it. There is enough stress for dogs around Halloween without adding the discomfort and peculiarity of wearing a strange costume.
- Finally, if you want your dog to be involved in Halloween festivities, think about his safety much as you would a small child. Your dog does not understand Halloween, so he needs you to provide for protection. Keep a firm grip on his leash if he is accompanying you trick or treating. Dogs don't understand that the person jumping out at you will not hurt you.

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

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some flashes of Aries ire might erupt as you confront an unusually bewildering situation. But you should be able to keep your temper under control as you work through it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That marriage 'twixt the arts and practicality that Taureans excel at once again highlights your enjoyment of much of the week. However, you need to watch any sudden urge to splurge.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even with all the pluses apparently outweighing the minuses, you still might want to defer an important decision to make sure you have all the facts you need.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) One or two problems might threaten to derail otherwise smoothly running situations at work or at home. But a few well-placed words should help get things back on track quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you Leos and Leonas in the spotlight to open your generous Lion's hearts and share the glory with those who helped you accomplish so much along the way.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to get advice from someone who's been there and knows these situations better than you do, before investing time or money (or both) in a questionable matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful how you handle a workplace matter that seems out of place in the schedule you've prepared. Before you act, one way or another, find out who set it up and why.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your entertainment aspect is strong this week. Besides providing a wonderful break from everyday obligations, sharing fun times brings you closer to those you care for.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Having a weekend fun fest? Your friend or relative who's down in the emotional dumps could perk up if you find a way to include him or her in your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) If you're in one of those "the Goat knows best" periods, you might want to ease up and try listening to what others have to say. You could learn something.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new challenge is getting closer, and you should be out there now showing facts and figures to potential allies to help persuade them to rally to your support. Good luck.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a head start on holiday plans could help free up some time later to spend on other projects. Meanwhile, a colleague has some ideas that you might find worth discussing.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always there for others, and sometimes you need to be reminded that you need to be there for yourself as well.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phippe



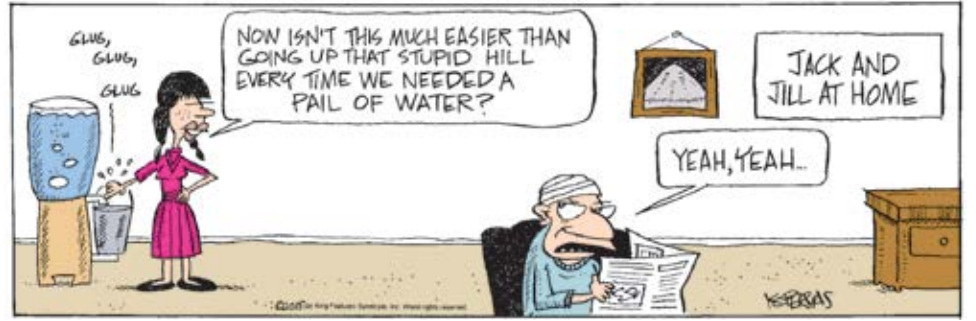
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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CAT'S SHEDDING A HAIRY ISSUE

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat "Chester" has always been a big shedder with his long hair. I've pretty much kept up with it by brushing his coat every evening. But lately I've noticed a lot more hair deposited on the furniture and carpet, and when I comb him I have to clean out the brush several times. What could be causing this increased shedding? -- Cherie K. in Dubuque, Iowa

DEAR CHERIE: To start, make an appointment with Chester's vet for a complete physical exam. Excess shedding doesn't always have a concrete explanation, but it can signal a change in his health, especially if it wasn't a problem before.

Excess shedding can have a cause as benign as changes in the season -- shedding in spring and fall, for example. Or it could be triggered by allergies to dust, pollen and molds,

which can irritate his skin and make him scratch more.

Skin diseases such as ringworm can be another cause -- it's something the vet will certainly check for, along with flea infestation or other irritants.

Excess shedding also can signal much more serious conditions, such as diabetes or hyperthyroidism, something that a vet can diagnose. Ahead of the appointment, watch Chester's behavior: Is he drinking excessively? Does he seem agitated? Is he eating as much as he used to? Write down anything that seems unusual and shared it with the vet.

If Chester has developed a health condition, the vet can prescribe the right medications and advise you on the best diet to feed him. If allergies or some unknown irritant is at work, the exam will rule out other possible causes so you can focus on finding a shedding solution.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

The Garden Bug

The **witch hazel** plant's bark and leaves were used by native Americans to treat many ailments, and the plant is still used today in modern healthcare products.

It is a strong anti-oxidant and astringent used for itching, pain, swelling, skin injury, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, bruises, insect bites, poison ivy, minor burns, and other skin irritations. It is often recommended to women to reduce swelling and soothe wounds resulting from childbirth.

- Brenda Weaver

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