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PEASE PLACE PLAYGROUND NOW OPEN TO ALL

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

Eight years ago, two mothers chatting at the Center Road toddler playground had an idea – wouldn't it be nice, they thought, if Woodbridge had a real playground – one with some of the newer equipment that would make it interesting for a wide range of ages and accessible to handicapped. That idea became a reality Saturday, May 30, with the official opening of the Pease Place playground, when loads of town families came out to enjoy the new facility. Among those in attendance were several families with their handicapped children, and to see them embrace the new hangout was particularly gratifying to Teri Schatz and Colleen Inclima,

the two mothers at the heart of the effort.

"A huge part of the whole thing was to make it all-inclusive," said Inclima, and to welcome these families at the opening felt like they had reached their goal. Schatz agreed, adding that in spite of the challenges they encountered along the way, "it was worth it".

The playground, which is located south of the soccer fields off Pease Road, sports two playscapes, one for children ages 5 to 12, and another area for toddlers under 5. In the center is a tented "sensory" area, where metal

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TAKING THE LONG ROAD HOME

Young Medical Researcher Returns to His Roots

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

David Heller (fourth from left) enjoys the rich exchange of ideas with colleagues in Uganda during a fellowship there

David Heller, a research fellow currently stationed in Uganda, was visiting his parents in Woodbridge, Beth and

Allen Heller, and reconnecting with old friends in early May when he had one extra reason for celebration: his mother's overwhelming re-election to the Board of Selectmen. "It was complete

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The Town of Orange may be small in population, but it now has the reputation for bringing in internationally renowned bands and one of the most spectacular fireworks displays in the New Haven County.

For this year’s Independence Day Concert, the Orange Town News, who is once again producing the event, is presenting “Hotel California – The Original Eagles Tribute” to perform prior to the town’s Annual Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular. The four man “Hotel California”, who are making their CT debut, hail from Toronto, Canada, prides itself on creating the illusion

that you are listening to the actual “Eagles”. They’ve shared the stage with the Doobie Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Gretchen Wilson and many more International artists. They’ve performed in Dubai, Japan, India, Bermuda & all over the United States and Canada. The event will take place on Sunday, July 5th (rain date Monday July 6th) at the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange.

The festivities will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. The concert will be followed

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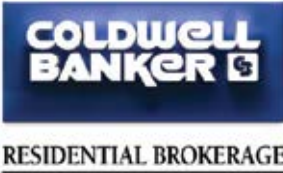


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Annalynn Galardi-Wheeler and JoAnn Paolillo, of A1 Toyota, seek out the bench they donated to the Pease Place playground in memory of Dominic J. Galardi, founder of the local dealership.

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tubes can be clapped, banged or manipulated.

The most visible element is the Mega Physics Tower, the first of its kind in the state. It has three platforms, one at two feet, one at eight feet and the highest at 14 feet. Those who want to get up to the top platform need to climb up, before they can slide back to the ground.

There are plenty of benches surrounding the play area, and some picnic tables near the toddler area. A basketball court accommodates players under five feet tall.

Katherine Guzman attended the grand opening with her two sons and husband. Oliver, 4, was off to play while she was carrying Julian, 8 months, who has Norrie disease and was born blind. He learns by touching things that are hot or cold or hard or soft. But most toys are plastic, and don’t offer that, she said. The new playground offers plenty of manipulative and sensory experiences. “We will be here all the time,” Katherine said, delighted that the playground was finally open.

Meagan Acampora was visibly moved that the project for which she had volunteered on the committee was finally finished. Her 11-year-old son Paul, who is wheelchair-bound, was secured in a therapeutic swing, while her 4-and-a-half-year-old dove into the climbing structures. “This is really a Godsend,” said the mother of six. “I feel so happy today.” The best part, she said, is that they now have a destination they can all enjoy together. “This is the first time we are all doing something,” she said.

“Teri and Colleen, you are an inspiration,” First Selectman Ellen Scalett stated in her brief remarks at the opening. “You made our town a better place.” She also thanked the members of the committee, in particular Tanya Weinberg (marketing), Judi Young (signage), Jessica Artemchuk (Facebook), Marge Kanyusik (fundraising), and Tiffany Katz (special needs consultant). Even the weather turned out better than predicted for that morning. “I should have known that Teri and Colleen would take care of the weather,” she joked.

Woodbridge School Supt. Dr. Guy

Stella said he expects the new playground to be a national model for its inclusiveness. Both he and many Beecher Road School families had supported the effort by purchasing bricks. The Beecher children contributed also by fundraising for a “Buddy Bench” – a special bench designated for children who seek a playmate.

Teri Schatz and Colleen Inclima also thanked Parks Director Adam Parsons for his guidance and State Sen. Joe Crisco, who had helped secure the \$200,000 state grant without which the project might have taken a lot longer to complete. [Crisco had been called to the Capitol for the final throes of the Legislative Session. He was represented at the playground opening by his wife, Pat Crisco]. Schatz and Inclima also thanked John Hollerbach of Creative Recreation, the playground installer who had guided them through the process. Miracle Recreation, the manufacturer, also had donated some of the equipment.

After the speeches, the children tore through the ribbon to climb, jump, balance, slide, push and pull, discover, touch and stretch. The Mega Physics Tower was teeming with kids climbing to the top.

Hollerbach, the playground installer, said the tower is remarkable not only for its height, but also offers different sensory experiences and motions that help ground children with autism. “There is a lot of thought on the design and layout of the parts,” he said.

Loops Climbers that look like frozen “noodles” challenge children to climb horizontally to reach the main play-scape without touching the ground. There are two pirouettes, and a Ten-Spin – a round platform, on which children sit facing out, while others stand up to turn a wheel to set the whole thing in motion.

All play areas are connected by walkways, which make them wheelchair accessible. Hollerbach noticed an adult couple in wheelchairs whizzing around the playground the day of the opening. “You don’t realize how important these things are until you actually build it,” he said. For him, the event was a happy milestone. “It is so rewarding to see all the parents and children take advantage of it,” he said.

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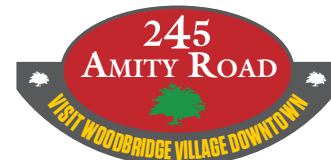
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The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, has a busy summer schedule to share with the community. You are invited to participate in our upcoming Healing Prayer Service; Prayer Shawl Ministry; Book Club, Father's Day Appreciation Car Wash; Youth Group Summer activities; and Vacation Bible School.

All are welcome to join us on the last Wednesday of each month for our Healing Prayer Service with a Prayer Shawl Blessing. Our next healing service will be on Wednesday, June 24th at 7pm. At that time, we will come together to offer prayers and meditations to persons facing health problems. This is a meaningful service that includes a prayer shawl blessing. For all crafters in the community, please join one of our monthly Prayer Shawl Pasta Suppers where crafters come together to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Our next Prayer Shawl gathering will be Sunday, June 28th, 6pm-8pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd's Parish Hall.

Our lively book club invites avid readers to join us on the last Tuesday of every month. In June, we plan to meet on Tuesday, June 30th @ 7pm to discuss "The Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. For the location, please call the Parish Office for directions.

In July, we plan to read a book from the Amity Summer reading list and

invite high school readers to join us so they can see how much fun it is to read with friends. Our active Youth Group welcomes all interested young people in junior high and high school. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st our Youth Group is hosting an Appreciation Car Wash before, during and after our 9 a.m. service. Please drive by and get Dad's car washed!

Other summer activities include a mission trip to Queens, New York the week of June 28th through July 3rd. Our annual Farmington River Tubing Trip will be July 23rd and our Annual All-Nighter will be August 21st. RSVPs are required to participate in these Youth Group activities by calling the Parish Office. For younger children in kindergarten through grammar school, we are now accepting registrations for our popular Vacation Bible School taking place the week of July 13th. For more information and reservations, please call the Church of the Good Shepherd's Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577.

Effective May 24, 2015, our summer schedule is one Eucharist every Sunday at 9a.m. through September 6th. For more program information, please visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangedc.org; Facebook page, or call the CGS Parish Office at (203) 795-6577.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR B'NAI JACOB

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

Shabbat on the Shore – Friday, July 24th Come spend a beautiful night out on the sound, bring a picnic dinner for the family following the service. We will supply wine, Challah, soft drinks & dessert. For more information please contact Bianca in the office (203) 389-2111.

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

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

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH JUNE EVENTS

Orange Congregational Church - 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT 06477, 203-795-9749 - invites you to come to one of our regular weekly Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Also, our 7th Annual Strawberry Festival is on Saturday, June 13 (Rain Date June 14) from 9 to 5 at the Fair Grounds on Orange Center Road with Craft Vendors, Live Music, Red Car Show, Children's Entertainers, Traditional Kids Games, Rides, and Fabulous Food. Start your day with pancakes



Orange Congregational Church

with strawberry toppings, or join us for lunch with sandwiches and strawberry desserts. Plus, you can bring home some strawberry jam and strawberry pies! Proceeds support the missions of our church. Hope to see you there!

TEMPLE EMANUEL PRESENTS MUSICAL SHABBAT

Friday, June 26, 2015, please join the Temple Emanuel family for a Musical Shabbat and Family Service with TE band, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm! Come welcome Shabbat at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a joyous Kabbalat Shabbat service with musical accompaniment by the Temple Emanuel Band. Free and open to the public. Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, 150



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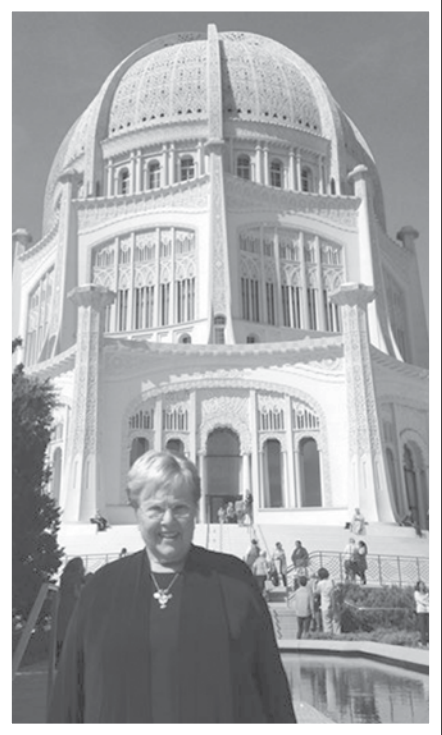
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LUCIANI PARTICIPATES IN 9TH ANNUAL BAHAI CHORAL FESTIVAL

Woodbridge chorister Adair Luciani participated in the ninth Annual Baha'i Choral Festival held at the Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois, May 21-24, 2015.

Every spring for the past nine years, more than 200 singers of many faiths and backgrounds have participated in the Baha'i Choral Festival. This year, choir members came from 32 states and 11 countries.

Singers perform under the direction of Van Gilmer, Music Director for the Baha'i House of Worship. Mr. Gilmer inaugurated the Festival in 2007 as a way to provide Baha'is who were living in remote areas across the country the opportunity to sing together. Gilmer says this year's music was especially selected to praise God and provide comfort and solace during a time when there is much turmoil in the world. Selections include Classical, Negro Spiritual and Gospel musical compositions, and readings from the sacred scriptures of several religions, demonstrating the Baha'i principle of the oneness of humanity. This was the first year in which singers from local churches and synagogues were invited to join the 250-voice choir in singing



the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

Music presented in the Auditorium of the Baha'i House of Worship is a capella, for voice alone, and is offered not as performance, but as prayer to God, with the goal of connecting and uplifting the hearts, minds and souls of the listeners.



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FROM OUR READERS

An Open Letter to the Board of Selectmen

Many Woodbridge residents enjoy the Fitzgerald Tract, with its charming mix of small scale farming, organic garden plots, undisturbed woods, and numerous walking paths. I ask that you focus more attention on this valuable open space.
A few months ago Town employees destroyed extensive areas of brush in the eastern field and pushed the subsequent wooded debris to the edge of the expanded field. This action destroyed wildlife habitat and left ugly debris piles that remain visible today. While I have great respect for the Town crew, I can’t fathom why this work was undertaken. The Town should remove the debris once the nesting season has ended, and develop a stewardship plan to ensure the thoughtful maintenance of the Tract going forward.
The hazard of partially-downed or damaged trees along the blue trail has remained in place for several months. New tree hazards along the expanded eastern field need to be addressed as well. Similarly, the Fitzgerald stone pathways need more attention, as the stone surface has worn thin or nonexistent in many places. All of these concerns should be addressed promptly, and better attention built into the new stewardship plan.
I have also noticed that benches and other memorials such as a rose garden are cropping up on the Fitzgerald Tract without any plan for regulating the number, placement, or design of such memorials. Further, how does the placement of a memorial match the Town’s charter requirements regarding the lease of Town land for more than one year? I urge you to develop a policy that limits memorials, sets criteria for their placement and design, and ensures that every memorial complies with Town charter requirements.

Finally, I ask that you recognize the serious risk of injury to walkers, runners, and bikers that the Town is inviting when the Town allows hockey to be played on the ice skating area. Indeed, the risks are heightened when, as happened yesterday, the town allows “roller blade” hockey during warm weather. Many people walk the Fitzgerald pathways, especially on nice days and even in the dead of winter. Their safe enjoyment is simply incompatible with hockey played in such close proximity to the Tract’s main access road and parking lot. If the Town wants to allow hockey, it should find a new, safer location for playing the game.
Please work with the Town crew and interested volunteers to take better care of the Fitzgerald Tract, for the benefit of the many, many residents who have, who do, and who will enjoy this precious parcel of town-owned land.
Sincerely,
Amey Marrella

Editor’s note: Amy Marrella is a former first selectman of Woodbridge.

Thanks Bettina for Your Great Coverage!

Just read your cover articles in the latest Woodbridge Town News and had to take a moment to commend you on your outstanding writing skills! I was present at both the budget hearing and the town elections (I worked that day as greeter and absentee vote counter, so was there from 5:30am until the last vote was counted and final tallies announced).
I want to thank you for your outstanding, unbiased, clear reporting that also captured the nuances in the room both evenings-from the content and impact of Michael Luther’s speech to the atmosphere in the room of election
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WOODBRIDGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Pictured from left to right: Commissioner of Education, Dianna Wentzell, Jack Tajmajer, Sienna Wang, Governor Malloy, Isabel Salazar, Reading Teacher, Gail Huitt, Neha Sudhir.

GOVERNOR'S 2014 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AWARD

Amity Middle School Bethany was recognized as one of the top middle schools in the state in the "Governor's 2014 Summer Reading Challenge" on May 8, 2015 at the Connecticut State Library in Hartford. Three hundred Eighty-Four students read a total of 1,904 books last summer! That's 98% of our student body! Governor Dannel Malloy and Commissioner of Education

Dianna Wentzell presented an award to Neha Sudhir, Isabel Salazar, Sienna Wang and Jack Tajmajer, who represented our school as the top readers from each of the four teams. Governor Malloy also launched the new reading initiative for summer 2015: "Every Hero has a Story." We are honored to have our school recognized for outstanding reading once again!

FBI RANKS BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL IN WOODBRIDGE #1 IN AMERICA

Being a savvy and safe Internet surfer is not only wise, but it's essential in our ever-evolving technological world. Developing Safe Online Surfers (SOS) is a challenge the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) put forth to America's schools.

Early in the school year Mrs. Gina Prisco, Beecher Road School Principal, thought it was worth Beecher's time and effort, and passed the information to Woodbridge Police Officer Vincent Lynch who, in turn, got all sixth grade classes involved with the FBI's online Internet safety competition. BRS officially registered and went to work on the lessons and the events presented.

This past February, nearly 6,000

students from 562 schools in 49 states participated in the online contest – including 103 Beecher sixth graders. After scoring the events, the FBI notified us that Beecher had scored #1 in America!

At the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation held earlier this month, FBI agents attended and presented the school with a plaque celebrating the accomplishment. Congratulations to all for teaching our children how to be safe online surfers.

Woodbridge Rotary provided lunch for the DARE graduation reception and Woodbridge First Selectman congratulated students on their accomplishment.



Pictured from left to right: Superintendent, Dr. Charles Dumais, Sana Pashankar, Thomas Livesay, Principal AMSB, Dr. Richard Dellinger.

CT ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF ED STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to eighth grade students, Thomas Livesay and Sana Pashankar, who were selected to receive this year's Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) Award. This award is presented each year to young men and women attending schools within CABE's membership, who exhibit exemplary leadership qualities. Dr. Charles Dumais, Superintendent, presented the award at a ceremony held at the Amity Board of Education meeting on Monday May 11, 2015.

The Gold Team teachers proudly selected Thomas Livesay, who lives in Woodbridge, to receive the 2015 CABE Leadership Award. Thomas easily fulfills the criteria set out in this award. He actively participates in the Social Robotics Club, Band, Math Team, Peer Tutoring, Chamber Singers and Track. Academically, Thomas is placed in all advanced level classes and has carried an A+ average all through middle school. He takes an active role in the school beyond academics. He cares very much about his performance and that of others, whether in band, his classes or his extracurricular activities. He displays an exemplary level of empathy for others. He is first to step forward to help classmates succeed in school, while at the same time he does not fear taking academic risks for himself. Thomas represented Amity Middle School in the MathCounts competition at Yale University. He and his partner were also finalists at the 67th Annual Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair, receiving a first place award in the category of Alternative/Renewable Energy. Thomas has also been accepted into the high school Science Research Program. Outside of school, Thomas studies piano, plays both tennis and golf, and is actively involved with the Boy Scouts. He is one of three scouts selected to be a patrol leader, helping

to lead a troop of 37 scouts. Inside and outside of school, Thomas is kind, peaceful, positive, respectful, and thoughtful. Thomas is well respected by his peers and teachers alike. For all these qualities, in addition to his record of academic excellence, we select him to receive the CABE Award.

Sana Pashankar, who lives in Bethany, is proudly selected by Team Black teachers for the 2015 CABE Leadership Award. Sana is a very responsible, model student who is always willing to help her peers with patience and understanding. She consistently displays superior class participation and effort on her class assignments. Other students will often seek Sana out as a collaborator on group projects, which demonstrates her strong work ethic and ability to work well with her peers. During class discussions, Sana shows maturity of thought, while consistently demonstrating a humble demeanor. She maintains a positive attitude and treats her teachers and peers with the utmost respect. Sana is currently placed in all advanced level classes and maintains an "A+" average. In school, Sana is a member of the Cross Country Team, and she plays saxophone in the school band. While Sana is an outstanding student in her own right, it is in her advocacy for others that she truly shines. She has volunteered at a soup kitchen and sponsored a lemonade stand from which the proceeds were sent to support children in India. Outside of school, Sana pursues piano instruction and has been doing so for many years at the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven. She is also an avid and dedicated member of the Jewish Community Center Swim Team, practicing three evenings a week. Sana has also been involved with both Yale Sprout and Yale Splash and attends language class at the Marathi School. Team Black considers Sana the ideal student leader.



Dean’s List
Eastern Connecticut State University Students Named To Spring 2015 Dean’s List

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released the names of full-time students who were named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2015 semester. Those from Woodbridge are: Brittany DiLorenzo ’16, major is Psychology; Sara Foldy ’15, major is English; Shannon Murphy ’17, major is Pre-Social Work; and Alexandra Olsen ’16, major is Business Administration.

Richard Loricco Attained Dean’s List Status At Lehigh University In Spring 2015

Bethlehem, PA-- Dean’s List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been awarded to Richard LoRicco of Woodbridge, CT, in the Spring 2015 semester.

Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students For The 2015 Spring Semester

Springfield, MA -- Springfield College Recognizes Dean’s List Students for the 2015 Spring Semester. From Woodbridge are: Rachel Katz, studying Health Science; and Kent Ahern, studying Sport Management. Criteria for selection are: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the semester, exclusive of “P” grades; the student must not have any incompletes, missing grades or “CPs” in the designated semester; the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester; and the student must not have been barred from the dean’s list due to a disciplinary action.

Abigail W Ginsberg Named To Dean’s List

Burlington, VT -- Abigail Ginsberg has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2015 semester at the University of Vermont. Ginsberg, from Woodbridge, CT, is a Senior Early Childhood Preschool major. To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Harry Chartoff Named To Worcester Polytechnic Institute’s Spring 2015 Dean’s List

Worcester, MA -- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Harry Chartoff of Woodbridge, Conn., a first year student majoring in biomedical engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the spring 2015 semester. A total of 1,166 undergraduate

students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2015 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

Graduations
Woodbridge Students Graduate From Bowdoin College

Brunswick, ME -- During Bowdoin College’s 210th Commencement ceremony, held May 23, 2015, bachelor of arts degrees were awarded to students from 36 states, the District of Columbia, and 18 other countries and territories. The following graduates are from Woodbridge: Joseph Celestin, a member of the Class of 2015, graduated with a major in Anthropology and Classics; and Evan Horwitz, a member of the Class of 2015, graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Bowdoin College with a major in English and a minor in Theater.

Rachel Mary Cardozo Graduates From Bryant University

Smithfield, RI-- Bryant University held its 152nd Commencement on Saturday, May 16. Among the graduates is the following Woodbridge resident: Rachel Mary Cardozo, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Finance.

Molly McGovern Graduated From Keene State College

Keene, NH -- On Saturday, May 9, Keene State College’s Commencement honored the graduating class of 2015. Among the graduates was the following Woodbridge student: Molly McGovern graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Lehigh University Confers More Than 1,900 Degrees During Spring Commencement Exercises

Bethlehem, PA -- More than 1,900 Lehigh University students were awarded bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degrees during the 147th Spring 2015 Commencement ceremonies at Goodman Stadium in Bethlehem, PA. Those from Woodbridge awarded degrees are: Alyssa Morrow received a Bachelor of Arts; Juan Guevara received a B S In Business & Economics; and Richard LoRicco received a B S In Business & Economics.

Florencia Colagiovanni Graduates From Mount Ida College

Newton, MA -- Florencia Colagiovanni of Woodbridge graduated from Mount Ida College in Newton, Ma, with the Bachelor of Science degree

in Professional Studies in Education. The degree was presented at Mount Ida’s 116th commencement exercises held on May 11, 2015.

Jinni-lyn Ladutko Graduates From Northeastern University

Jenni-lyn Elizabeth Ladutko, (Amity 2009), daughter of William and Lynn Ladutko of Orange, graduated May 8, 2015 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Northeastern University. Jenni-lyn is a pharmacy resident for the Veterans Administration Healthcare System in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Greer Sloman Koerner Awarded Doctoral Law Degree From Northeastern University

Greer Sloman Koerner, a Woodbridge resident, was awarded a doctoral degree in Law and Policy (DLP - Doctor of Law and Policy) from the College of Professional Studies At Northeastern University in Boston, MA. The hooding ceremony took place on May 14, 2015 and was a culmination of the three year doctoral program in which Greer researched, wrote and published her thesis: “Expungement Statutes: A Modern Scarlet Letter or Path to Rehabilitation?”

Providence College Awards Undergraduate Degree To Tara Gambardella

Providence, RI -- Tara Gambardella, a resident of Woodbridge, CT, was among more than 800 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College’s Ninety-Seventh Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Gambardella graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree.

Kimberly Lovejoy Graduates From St. Lawrence University

Canton, NY -- Kimberly C. Lovejoy of Woodbridge was one of nearly 600 students who received bachelor degrees from St. Lawrence University during Commencement ceremonies held on May 17 in Canton, New York. Lovejoy received the degree of bachelor of arts cum laude. Lovejoy is a member of the Class of 2015 and majored in economics. Lovejoy graduated from Amity Regional High School.

Tufts University School Of Medicine Announces 2015 Graduates

Boston—Tufts University School of Medicine graduated 184 MD students at its commencement ceremony on May 17. Among the graduates was Christopher McLaughlin of Woodbridge, Conn., who has received his MD. Dr. McLaughlin is the child of Carol and Christopher McLaughlin of Woodbridge. He will move on to a residency program at Virginia Commonwealth

University (Richmond, Va.) and will specialize in radiation oncology.

Abigail Ginsberg Earns Degree From The University Of Vermont

Burlington, VT -- Abigail Ginsberg of Woodbridge, CT, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Preschool from the College of Education & Social Services during commencement ceremonies on May 17 at the University of Vermont. Ginsberg was among some 2,975 students who were awarded a variety of degrees -- undergraduate, graduate and M.D. -- during UVM’s 214th commencement. Among degree recipients were students from 42 states and 16 countries.

Academic & Athletic Honors
Lagasse named to Capital One Academic All-District team

Greenwood, Ind. – Kenyon College rising senior Sam Lagasse was named to the Capital One Academic All-District VII Track & Field/Cross Country First Team. With the honor, the Woodbridge, Conn., native became the first Lords track and field/cross country member since Michael Baird in 2003 to be named to the team. To be eligible for Academic All-District consideration, one must be of at least sophomore standing, possess legitimate athletic credentials, and own a grade point average of 3.30 or better. In the fall, Lagasse was one of Kenyon’s best runners finishing first in four of seven events. His 19th-place finish at the Great Lakes Regional Championships helped him earn All-Region honors as well. During the indoor and outdoor track seasons, Lagasse produced the Lords’ best times in the 3000- and 5000-meter runs along with the one-mile run.

In the classroom, Lagasse registered a 3.94 grade point average while studying English and religious studies. He also was awarded the Philip Wolcott Timberlake Junior Prize for his work in the English department.

Special Projects
Gordon Bogardus Joins Maine Conservation Corps Field Team

The Maine Conservation Corps (MCC) recently welcomed Gordon Bogardus from Woodbridge, Connecticut. Gordon is the son of Julia and Sydney Bogardus. Gordon is also a 2012 graduate of Berkshire High School and is expected to graduate in 2017 from Hamilton college with a degree in Mathematics. He has joined as an AmeriCorps member for a term of national service on a Maine Conservation Corps Field Team. The MCC conducts conservation projects throughout the State of Maine, including extensive recreational trail construction and rehabilitation.



AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL – BETHANY CAMPUS



Third Marking Period Honor Roll

First Honors
7th Grade

Matthew Aferzon

Michael Baitch
Ana Boccanfuso
Max Boynton
Hanna Brochinsky
Megan Carpenter
Alexia Cha
Erica Christensen
Jenna Ciola
MingXin Cui
Nicole Cohen
Margaret Connor
Christina D’Ostilio
Matteo Delsanto
Rhea Dey
Samuel Epstein
Tyler Ferullo
Abigail Fletcher
Sarah Foley
Andrew Gagliardi
Yahn Galinovsky
Adam Ginsberg
Emma Grabowski
Olivia Gross
Mathew Haiday
Claire Hosey
Claire Jackson
Eric Jiang
Ryan Kelley
Matthew Keys
Shua Kim
Evan Kindseth
Emma Kravetz
Tassos Kyriakides
Hunter Laubstein
Sean Lee
Tracy Lu
Daniel Mao
Laurella Marin
Nicholas Marinko
Brenna McNamara
Sarah Milner
Kayla Morgan
Kayla Morgan
Alicia Myung
Abyan Nawaz
Ephemia Nicolakis
Gillianne Nugent
Crista Orfiss
Armando Palma
Cassandre Parkinson
Akanksha Paul
Alexandra Plaza
Natalie Prinz
Jake Pucillo
Siavash Raissi
Tyler Roy
Tanner Santos
Jeremiah Schurman
Abigail Slanski
David Sugarmann
Lauren Walsh
Sienna Wang
Sophia Wang
Victor You
Zachary Young
Jackson Zalinsky
Joyce Zhang

First Honors
8th Grade

Matthew Anastasio
Craig Barletta
Keely Barletta
Noella Barone
Rebecca Beloin
Jared Beltz
Joseph Benedetti
Catalina Betancur
Pranpariya Boonyalai
Jay Boynton
Kayla Britton
Elizabeth Brownfield
Sarah Bullers
Will Cadelina
Brian Cromwell
Claire DeGennaro
Joseph DiReinzo
Rosie Du
Dana Estra
Samuel Farbman
Allison Fischman
Julie Fleischman
Timothy Frieden
Brittany Gambardella
Austin Gilbride
Alisa Glenbovitch
Zachary Gordon-Burns
Jacqueline Greco
Danielle Grosso
Hannah Iwaszkiewicz
Nicholas Jaffe
Paul Johnson
Heather Keevil
Samuel Koorejian
Lindsey Kupcho
Tara Laugen
Arielle Lavi
Felix Liu
Thomas Livesay
Antrim Lottick
Jenna Lu
Jason Luciani
John Lumpinski
Madison MacKay
Cassidy MacNamara
Samuel Mahler
Samuel Martin
Madelyn McCollough
Dalia Medovnikov
Forrest Miller
Sophie O’Brien
Sana Pashankar
Wesley Perler
Ian Pittenger
Corinne Sadinsky
Nico Sagnelli
Summer Schaaf
Dakota Sicignano
Willow Smith
Robin Snetsinger
Remus Sottile
Romulus Sottile
Katerina Spanolios
Neha Sudhir
Sarah Sudhoff
Avital Sutin
Keri Tenerowicz
Brigid Tesla
Ashely Thomas
Aman Thombre
Grace Tiddei
Elizabeth Tine
Evan Urda
Geoffrey Wadey
Joseph Wasikowski
Hillary Yin
Kate Yuan
Samuel Zhang
Rich Zheng

Second Honors
7th Grade

Ryan Anastasio
Rachel Christie
Simon Flaherty
Saeyeon Han
Aiden Hebert
Joseph Kaoud
Mina Kim
Emily Kline
James Laubstein
Hailey Pryor
Blythe Reis
Samuel Sachs
Carly Silver
Jakob Sudhoff
Noah Ziff



Second Honors
8th Grade

Madeline Adzgian
Carys Alsgaard
Antonio Amendola
Samuel Barbieri
Alejandra Barry-Ruiz
Andrew Bucci
Christopher Buller
Christain Castro
Christiane Delda
Deyah El-Azhari
Caroline Fertman
Zoe Franklin
Alec Guerra
Kevin Han
Jillian Kaoud
Danique LeBert
Eleanor Luciani
Gabrielle Pantalone
Stephan Pinco
Caroline Sofair
Hannah Sosensky
Kobi Spence



Citizenship Recognition – 7th Grade

Ana Boccanfuso	Mathew Haiday	Ephemia Nicolakis
Megan Carpenter	Claire Jackson	Natalie Prinz
Alexia Cha	Shua Kim	Jeremiah Schurman
Margaret Connor	Gabrielle McGovern	Abigail Slanski
MingXin Cui	Sarah Milner	Sienna Wang
Matteo Delsanto	Abyan Nawaz	Zachary Young
Olivia Gross		

Citizenship Recognition – 8th Grade

Matthew Anastasio	Nicholas Jaffe	Sana Pashankar
Keeley Barletta	Paul Johnson	Wesley Perler
Catalina Betancur	Lindsey Kupcho	Corinne Sadinsky
Kayla Britton	Eli Lee	Dakota Sicignano
Elizabeth Brownfield	Felix Liu	Jake Skolnick
Joseph DiReinzo	Thomas Livesay	Willow Smith
Rosie Du	Jenna Lu	Remus Sottile
Dana Estra	Eleanor Luciani	Neha Sudhir
Allison Fischman	Jason Luciani	Sarah Sudhoff
Julie Fleischman	Madison MacKay	Keri Tenerowicz
Timothy Frieden	Cassidy MacNamara	Aman Thombre
Austin Gilbride	Sam Mahler	Kate Yuan
Danielle Grosso	Madelyn McCollough	



LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



MANUFACTURING REINVESTMENT ACCOUNT ACT REINTRODUCED

Rosa DeLauro (CT-3) announced the reintroduction of the Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Act. The MRA Act, a concept originated by local manufacturers, is an opportunity for manufacturing businesses to get more out of each dollar they earn. By investing yearly pre-tax contributions of up to \$500,000 into a Manufacturing Reinvestment Account for seven years, companies can free up more money to expand their businesses by investing in job training, purchasing new equipment and expanding their facilities.

For example, if a manufacturer contributes \$500,000 annually and the account earns interest at five percent, with a low 15 percent tax rate on amounts distributed from the MRA, after seven years the manufacturer would have approximately \$3.6 million to reinvest in their business. That amount is about \$1 million more than had the same amount initially been invested in a taxable account.

“The Manufacturing Reinvestment Account Act would enable America’s manufacturers to reinvest more of their

profit back into their businesses. This gets them a bigger return on their hard-earned dollars, ultimately creating jobs and boosting the economy. If we want an economy that can be a winner in the global marketplace, we must return to an America that prizes and supports domestic manufacturing, a key part of Connecticut’s economy since Eli Whitney’s era.

“This bill does just that by incentivizing manufacturers to create good jobs here at home. It would enable America’s manufacturers to reinvest more of their profit back into their businesses, getting a bigger return on their hard-earned dollars. This legislation supports our manufacturers, and creates and sustains jobs for hardworking Americans.”

DeLauro was joined at May 22’s announcement by Jamie Scott and Jerry Clupper with the New Haven Manufacturer’s Association and Lindy Lee Gold with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. Connecticut has a statewide version of the MRA Act.



FIRST WOODBRIDGE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS DRAWS CROWD

Approximately 40 people representing more than 20 businesses attended the Town’s first Woodbridge Business After Hours event. The event was held at Wheelers Restaurant on Tuesday, June 2. The goal, Woodbridge First Selectman Ellen Scalettar told the crowd “is to bring the business community together to learn about and learn from each other. We want to support you and our business community and would love feedback on how best to do that.”

Wheelers owner Peter LaTronica thanked everyone for coming and Economic Development Commission Chair Jody Ellant invited businesses to attend the EDC meetings and discuss their business to take advantage of the fact that meetings are televised.

The mood at the happy hour was lively and enthusiastic as local business people made connections and exchanged ideas and business cards. Scalettar has been touring new and expanding businesses and the Woodbridge Business After Hours series is an extension of the Town’s business outreach effort. Prior to the happy hour the Town circulated a short survey via the Town’s business email list and will use the information collected to offer workshop and discussion topics at future events.

If you are interested in joining the business email list or have an idea for a future business event, please contact Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla at byagla@woodbridgect.org.

COLDWELL BANKER RECEIVES NUMEROUS AWARDS



JOHN PROTO ACHIEVES ACCREDITED COMMERCIAL AGENT DESIGNATION

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, now also operating as Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT, is pleased to announce that Hamden resident John Proto, REALTOR, affiliated with the company’s Woodbridge office, has been awarded the Accredited Commercial Agent designation.

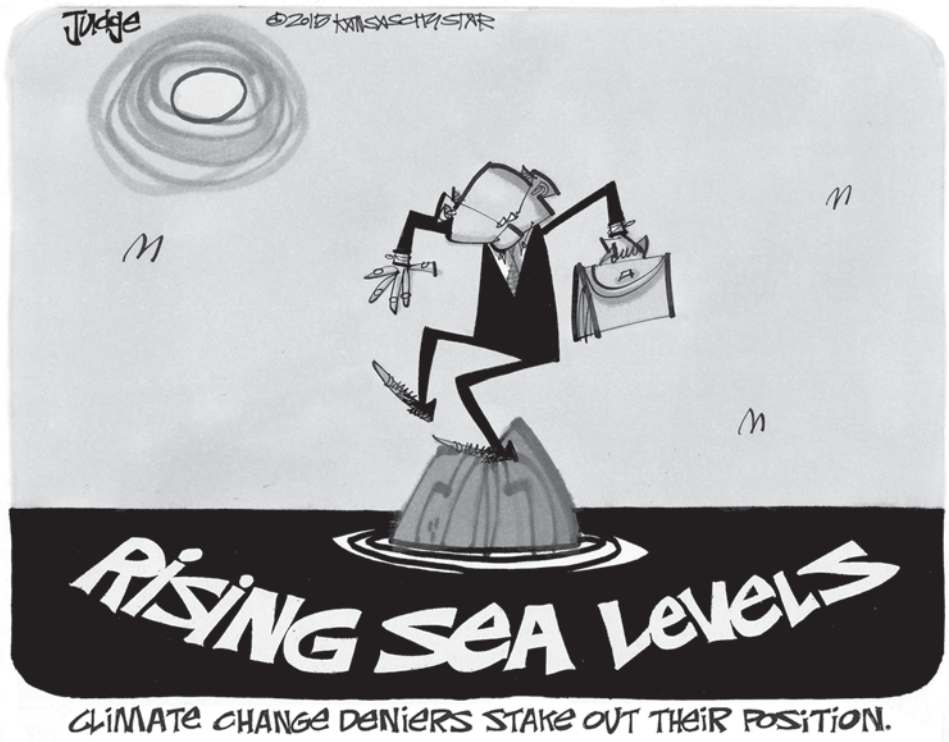
To obtain the Accredited Commercial Agent designation, John has successfully completed more than 50 hours of

education, and must attend monthly advanced seminars and webinars. Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT sales associates who complete this educational program have been extensively trained in commercial sales, leases, exchanges, buyer and tenant representation, negotiations and financial analysis investments.

“John has acquired the necessary skills to help buyers, sellers and tenants with commercial transactions,” said Cathleen Smith, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. “By completing this course, John is developing the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the real estate industry and is demonstrating his dedication and commitment to his clients and customers,” said Jim Brunette, Director of Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT Eastern Seaboard Region.

Proto has been licensed in the State of CT since 2003 and is a member of the National Real Estate Educations Association and an instructor at the New Haven & Middlesex Association

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of REALTORS. He’s obtained the designations of Military Relocation Professional, Certified Residential Specialist, Accredited Buyer Representative and Senior’s Real Estate Specialist from the National Association of REALTORS and is also USAA and Cartus Relocation and Inventory Certified.

His involvement with his community includes working with families and people suffering from dementia through the Alzheimer’s Association. He is also a volunteer for the Shoreline Trolley Museum and is a member of the Hamden Land Conservation Trust, the Whitneyville Civic Association and holds title as a Justice of the Peace in the State of CT.



JUDY COOPER RECEIVES COLDWELL BANKER® INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE AWARD

Judy Cooper of Woodbridge, a sales associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, has been recognized with the Coldwell Banker® International President’s Circle award. This distinguished honor is awarded to the top 6 percent of approximately 87,000 sales associates worldwide in the Coldwell Banker® system.

Judy will be honored during a special celebration at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich on May 14. Each year, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage recognizes the work of exceptional sales associates and sales teams through its distinguished awards program. Judy was the #1 selling and listing agent in the town of Woodbridge, for all companies, for 2014, and consistently ranked as the top listing and selling agent in the community for the last 5 years, according to CTMLS.

With more than 35 years of

experience, Judy has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers in the towns of Woodbridge, Westville, Orange, and Bethany. She has several professional designations including C.E.U. Harvard Law School; Mediation Program, C.E.U. Harvard Law School; Advanced Programs of Negotiations, Accredited Buyer Representation, Certified Residential Specialist, Professional Standards Certified Specialist, Graduate, Realtors Institute, Senior Real Estate Specialist and Certified Negotiation Expert.

She has also been recognized the Five Star Real Estate Agent Award for the past five years. Judy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree Phi Beta Kappa from Rutgers University and a Master of Arts degree from University of Pennsylvania.

“I would like to congratulate Judy for her impressive sales achievements. Judy’s efforts and strong commitment have distinguished her as a top real estate professional both regionally and nationally,” said Cathleen Smith, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. “I am proud that Judy is part of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and know she will continue to be successful.”

Locally, Judy is an active volunteer serving on the Board of Directors of EZRA Academy, and the Kindness Committee, B’nai Jacob, as well as on the Ethics Committee for the New Haven Board of Realtors.



COLEMAN RECEIVES COLDWELL BANKER® INTERNATIONAL STERLING SOCIETY AWARD

Dalia Coleman of Woodbridge, a sales associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Woodbridge, has been

recognized with the Coldwell Banker® International Sterling Society award. This distinguished honor is awarded to the top 17 percent of approximately 87,000 sales associates worldwide in the Coldwell Banker® system.

Coleman will be honored during a special celebration at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich on May 14. Invited guests will enjoy food, music and dancing. Each year, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage recognizes the work of exceptional sales associates and sales teams through its distinguished awards program.

In addition, for the fourth consecutive year, Coleman was awarded a FIVE STAR Professional (as featured in Connecticut magazine), for delivering outstanding service and client satisfaction.

With more than 30 years of experience, Coleman has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers in the towns of Woodbridge, Westville, Orange and Bethany.

“The International Sterling Society award is presented to real estate professionals like Dalia who through their skills and hard work have helped to meet the needs of their seller and buyer clients. Dalia’s deep understanding of the local market has helped her earn this honor,” said Cathleen Smith, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. “I wish Dalia much success in the coming months and year.”



CARDOZO RECEIVES COLDWELL BANKER® INTERNATIONAL STERLING SOCIETY AWARD

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With more than 12 years of experience, Cardozo has been successfully meeting the needs and surpassing the expectations of homebuyers and sellers within Woodbridge and throughout all of New Haven County. She has several professional designations including Certified Negotiation Expert, Accredited Buyer Representative and Relocation Specialist. Cardozo is also a member of the National Association of Professional Women, National Association of Realtors and the New Haven Middlesex Association of Realtors.

“The International Sterling Society award is presented to real estate professionals like Pat who through their skills and hard work have helped to meet the needs of their seller and buyer clients. Pat’s deep understanding of the local market has helped her earn this honor,” said Cathleen Smith, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. “I wish Pat much success in the coming months and year.”

Locally, she is an active member of the Garden Club of Woodbridge and is an elected official representing Woodbridge on the Amity Board of Education

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a leading residential real estate brokerage company in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y., operates approximately 51 offices with more than 2,200 affiliated sales associates serving the communities of Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is part of NRT LLC, the nation’s largest residential real estate brokerage company. For more information, please visit www.ColdwellBankerMoves.com.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE FIRST
SELECTMAN'S DESK

By Ellen Scalettar

Woodbridge is Looking for A Few Good Men - and Women

Every two years the Board of Selectmen approves appointments to the Town's many boards and commissions. These are volunteer positions that are critical to our Town's operations. Some boards and commissions have state statutory requirements; others are created and governed by the Town charter or ordinances. All are important.

For example, the Board of Finance sets and monitors the Town budget; the EMS Commission monitors performance of the Town's contracted ambulance service; the Country Club of Woodbridge Commission monitors the performance of the Town's publicly owned but privately operated golf course and the Investment Committee monitors the Town's investments.

Other commissions include Government Access Television Commission, Inland Wetlands Agency, Commission on Publicly Owned Property, Building Board of Appeals, Library Commission, Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Fire Commission, Human Services Commission, Police Commission, and Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

Membership on each of these commissions requires mastery of different issues and calls on various skill sets and interests. Most commissions meet once a month for 1-2 hours or so, although the time commitment can vary at different times of the year. The benefit to the Town is enormous.

Volunteer commission members help determine the direction of Town departments and, often, the Town in

general. They organize events for the benefit of the public, such as: Conservation Commission hosted a hike on the Racebrook Tract earlier this month; Economic Development hosts events for local businesses; Recreation organizes the summer concerts and the fall Road Race. Some commissions (Library, Police, Human Services) are involved in the personnel hiring process and some make decisions about how private and public land is used (Commission on Publicly Owned Property, Building Board of Appeals, Town Plan & Zoning).

Volunteering as a board or commission member is a great way to get involved and give something back to your community by sharing your expertise and passion. In a small town like Woodbridge, so much of what is accomplished is a result of the generous contribution of Town volunteers – even non commission volunteers contribute a lot, just look at Pease Place Playground!

If you would like to be considered as a volunteer board or commission member, please email your resume to Geraldine Shaw at Town Hall via gshaw@woodbridgect.org by June 19. The Board of Selectmen will make appointments at a special meeting on June 24.

Please join us at the Town's swearing-in ceremony on July 1 at 4 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Woodbridge Town Green. This brief ceremony will be followed by a reception at the Senior Center. After every election the newly elected and re-elected officers need to be "sworn in" to office and this public ceremony is a wonderful time for us to be together.

FROM THE YOUTH
SERVICES COORDINATOR

By Nancy Pfund

Woodbridge Youth Services Announces Last Event of the Year

Student-Staff Kickball Tournament - Save the Date June 22, 2015. All AMS-B students are invited to the last event of the school year -- a staff-student kickball tournament, Monday, June 22nd at Amity Middle School –Bethany. The "Staff-Student Kickball Tournament" is sponsored by Woodbridge Youth Services and the Town of Bethany. Funds raised will benefit the American Cancer Society- Relay for Life.

Tickets (and team sign ups) for participants and spectators will be on sale starting Tuesday, June 2nd. The cost is

\$1.00 per student to play (teams of ten for \$10.00) and \$3.00 per student to spectate. Please see Ms. Nall for team sign-up sheets. All teams must be formed by Thursday, June 18th. Students may request a teacher for their team or one may be assigned. Kickball with the teachers, music and ice pops for a great last day of the school year! This event will be held in the gym if the weather does not cooperate!

Call or email Woodbridge Youth Services for more information or to volunteer: 203-389-3429 or youthone@woodbridgect.org.

JUNE IS DOG LICENSE MONTH

Town Clerks, Nancy McCarthy, Bethany Town Clerk, Stephanie Ciarleglio, Woodbridge Town Clerk and Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Orange Town Clerk, would like to remind all owners of dogs six months or older, that June is the renewal month for dog licenses.

The costs are as follows:

- Spayed Female: \$8.00
- Female: \$19.00
- Neutered Male: \$8.00
- Male: \$19.00

The procedure is to either stop in at the Town Hall, Town Clerks Office Monday through Friday, or you may

mail to the Town Clerk's Office by enclosing:

- A. Rabies vaccination certificate
- B. Neutering/Spaying certificate
- C. Check payable to the Town Clerk
- D. Self addressed stamped envelope; both certificates will be returned.

It is the responsibility of all dog owners to license their dogs in the month of June each year. Please note that after June 30th, there is a state mandated \$1.00 per month penalty for unlicensed dogs.

If you have any questions, please contact your Town Clerk.

WHOOING COUGH IS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Whooping Cough illness is real. There have been several recent cases in Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD) residents. It is very important to protect infants from this disease as they are not fully immunized until they are a year old. Whooping cough in an infant is frightening and can have devastating results. Don't wait until the baby is born! If you are expecting a new arrival in your family, get vaccinated now. As you protect the baby, you will also be protecting yourself against not only whooping cough (pertussis) but also diphtheria and tetanus. QVHD offers the pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (in the form of Tdap-tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) to parents,

grandparents, aunts, uncles, babysitters and other caregivers or contacts of newborns and infants 12 months and younger. If you are over age 18 and have never had a Tdap vaccine, (a combined booster immunization containing tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis protection) you are eligible to receive this vaccine.

A \$10.00 administration fee is requested. No one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay this fee.

The next clinics will be held on June 17th, August 12, and September 15 from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Call QVHD, 203 248-4528 for an appointment. (An appointment is not required but is suggested. Walk-ins are welcome.)

FOOD FOR THE HUMAN SERVICES FOOD CLOSET

"The Human Services Food Closet is in need of non-perishable food due to an 130% increase in the number of households receiving emergency food", stated Mary Ellen LaRocca, Director of Human Services. This past year the number of households receiving food assistance more than doubled to 46 households in addition to an increase in the number of individuals and families who receive holiday food baskets. Woodbridge Human Services is seeking donations for the Food Closet to help our families in need.

Current Food Needs: Peanut Butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal,

pancake mix, oatmeal, snacks, crackers, coffee, tea, juice, baking goods, spices, condiments, paper products, canned fruits, adult diapers, dry goods, spices, canned soups and vegetables, and female hygiene items.

Food donations can be left at Woodbridge Human Services, Room 14 at the Center Building, 4 Meetinghouse Lane. Human Services Food Closet also welcomes monetary donations to be used to purchase perishable items such as dairy products, meats, fruit and vegetables. Checks can be made out to Woodbridge Human Services. Call 203-389-3429 for more information.

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night, you got it all recorded accurately for those who were not present. Simply terrific writing that was both informative and a pleasure to read!

Candidly, wish I could see more of this kind of writing on the national level, (no spin, just the facts please with a dose of relevant human interest thrown in), but even in a very small town like ours where most folks know each other, your skills are invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Best,

Pat Cardozo

“Newbee” Learns from Political Process

I’m the first to admit that I’m a “newbee” to any and all things political. The recent town election in Woodbridge has taught me much about people and the political process.

There are residents on both sides of the aisle who decided to become active in town politics not for higher political aspiration or monetary compensation.

Their focus is on Woodbridge, not Hartford. They volunteer because they are concerned about our community and want to contribute to keeping Woodbridge the town they chose for their family home.

Many of these volunteers are gainfully employed, yet make time to sit on boards and commissions solely to help keep Woodbridge the bucolic, special community that initially brought them here.

I have had the privilege to meet and work with some of these people during the recent election. Some volunteers I have known for several years, others have become acquaintances during the campaign. I have gotten a special appreciation and understanding of all that they do for Woodbridge.

I am very pleased to think there are people with this dedication who are part of our community. I hope they continue to work for our town and its residents.

I am hoping when the new administration is sworn in, they keep our town values in mind.

Cheryl Lipson

TEMP FOOD PERMITS REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Bethany, Hamden, North Haven or Woodbridge community organizations, churches or groups (including schools) that plan to hold an event that will sell or serve food when the general public is invited, must obtain a TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE PERMIT from Quinnipiac Valley Health District (QVHD.) Examples include bazaars, community picnics, strawberry festivals, fairs or any event where food is served. Two-weeks time is required to process the permit, so be sure to plan ahead! Such permits are required under the Connecticut Public Health Code for food service open to the public. Failure to obtain a permit may result in the shutting down of the food portion of your event. Call QVHD

if you have questions about whether or not your group needs a temporary food service permit. SEASONAL FOOD PERMITS are also required by law for food operations that are not open year round. Examples include concession stands at pool clubs and athletic facilities. ITINERANT VENDORS must also obtain a permit. Itinerant vendors are mobile food trucks including ice cream trucks.

Proper food handling, cooking and storage are essential for preventing food-borne illness. For safe food handling information and/or an application for a temporary, seasonal or itinerant food service permit, call QVHD, 203 248-4528 or visit our web site, www.qvhd.org.

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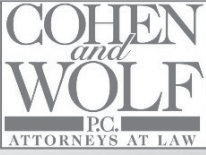
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AMITY SUMMER CLASSES
TO BEGIN ON JUNE 29

Classes are set to start at Amity Regional High School, as the 2015 Summer Program begins. Courses for credit will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 7 and enrichment classes will run from Monday, July 6 to Thursday, July 30.

The courses for credit advancement being offered are Geometry L1 and Physics L1.

A sampling of enrichment courses include: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Creative Writing Workshop, College Essay Writing, Reading Comprehension, Study Skills, Computer and Math Fun, Dystopian Literature, Technology Galore, Spanish Culture and Language, Pop, Rock and Fiddle Tunes for Strings (both beginner and advanced), and more!

Additional fun and creative enrichment classes being offered include: Character Illustration, Crafts, Watercolor 101, High School/Middle School Fitness, Tennis Clinic, Babysitting Basics, Let's Stay Healthy and Boating Safety and Personal Watercraft.

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

Amity Instrumental Performing Arts

Summer Camp, presented by Philip Dolan, is a fun camp for students ages 8 and up. It is designed to teach students instrumental performance skills on the instrument of their choice, including Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, Saxophone, and French Horn. There will be an on-stage performance by students at the end of the camp.

Evening classes are also being offered, most beginning on Tuesday, July 7. Why not treat yourself and enjoy a class in one of the following categories: Art, Crafts, Computers, Dance, Finance, Cooking, Language, Health & Wellness, Gardening, Real Estate, Fitness, CPR, First Aid and more.

Dr. Bernie Siegel will be presenting “Psychology of Illness and the Art of Healing” on Wednesday, August 5. Jim Percival will again be teaching his popular Yoga class, and three different levels of Tai Chi will be taught by Steve Kurimai.

Upcoming Bus Trips include: Country Living Fair, Whale Watch, Macy's Fireworks & Cruise, Adventures in Hudson Valley, Baseball Hall of Fame, Outlets at Assembly Row/Cruise, WaterFire in Providence, Long Island Wine Tour, Jazz in Greenwich Village, and Brooklyn/South St. Seaport.

View the complete course catalog, and register online at www.amityregion5.org. Just click on the “Adult Ed” tab or go to www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com. For more information, please contact Karen Wade at 203-392-2005.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut's volunteer program has volunteer opportunities for those who are 55 and over. The program focuses on supporting children, seniors, individuals with disabilities and Veterans. The Agency is holding an Open House on Thursday June 25th at 10:00 am at the Long Wharf Office. Call Cherie for more information (203) 752-3059

or clarson@aoascc.org. RSVP of South Central CT receives Federal funding from the Corporation for National Service and is sponsored by The Agency on Aging of South Central CT. Contact: Cherie L. Strucaly, Program Manager, Agency on Agency of South Central CT, 1 Long Wharf Drive, 1 L, New Haven, CT 06511 203-752-3059. Email: clarson@aoascc.org.



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ARTSPLACE SUMMER CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Artsplace is currently accepting registrations for summer camps, classes and workshops for children, teens and adults from June 29 – August 1, 2015. All supplies are included. Camps, classes and workshops are taught by professional fine artists.

Students in grades one thru seven will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of seven day-long art camps such as Fantasy Creature, Wild, Wild West, Pirate, Crafts, Magical Kingdom, Fairytoria, Puppet Creature and Zombie Rombie Experience. Camps typically run from 9:00am to 2:00 or 3:00pm for four or five days in July. This year there are one-day mini camps offered for children K to grade 6 including Adventures in Bug Art!, The Animated Series, Painting on Canvas and Watercolor Fun.

Drawing classes are offered for children as well as teens and adults. Children's workshops include animation,

superhero design, cartooning, clay, Shibori (Japanese method of dying clothing), mobiles, mask making and many more. There are a large variety of classes for teens and adults, including oil painting, collage, acrylic, watercolor, colored pencil, pen & ink, pottery, portrait sculpture, botanical studies and felting. Family workshops include pottery, and needle-felting and Shibori.

Visit www.cpfa-artsplace.org or on Facebook Artsplace, CPFA to learn more about camps, classes and workshops. To register for a class or workshop or to request a schedule, call Artsplace at 203-272-2787. To access the online system visit www.cheshirect.org/artsplace and click on "Online Registration and Program Brochure," then "Quick Links, Browse Current Programs." All classes are held at Artsplace, 1220 Waterbury Road, Cheshire. Some classes require a bagged lunch.

GNH COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PERFORM 2015 SPRING CONCERT

"Songs of Sanctuary"

Greater New Haven Community Chorus will present its annual Spring Concert on Saturday evening, June 6 at 8:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven, under the direction of Noah Blocker-Glynn, Artistic Director, with Mark Sullivan, accompanist.

The GNHCC 2015 Spring Concert – Songs of Sanctuary – will explore the many sanctuaries of the human existence – from love and marriage, to spiritual refuge, inner reflection, friendship, music and more. The program will feature Haydn's Te Deum, the music of Jenkins, Whitacre, Hogan, and others.

Tickets are \$15 in advance from a GNHCC chorus member or online at

www.gnhcc.org, and \$20 at the door the evening of the performance.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus consists of approximately 100 voices and draws its membership from

throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to

perform with pride and distinction.

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



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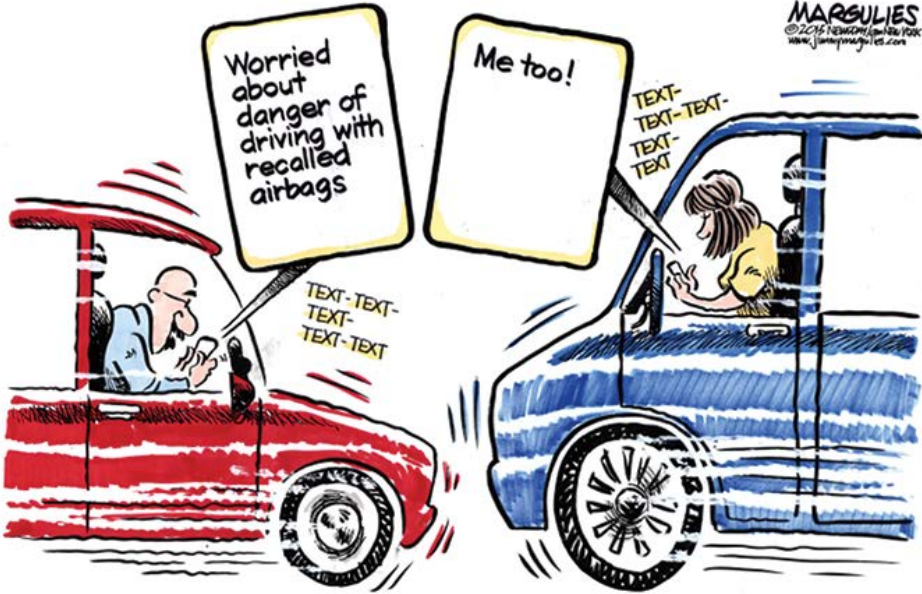
This spring Beecher Road School was invited to participate in Yale's University's Office of New Haven and State Affairs and University Properties' Elementary Art Program.

The program places student artwork in downtown New Haven retail outlets and restaurants. The goal was to connect the vibrant downtown businesses to communities within and outside of New Haven. In response, Beecher students created spring-themed artwork, which has been placed in merchant windows throughout the Broadway Shopping District at Yale University.

On Sunday, May 31, a reception for Beecher student artists, families and faculty members was held at the Emporium DNA in New Haven to

celebrate the partnership. In addition to viewing student art work displayed throughout the store, visitors had a chance to tour neighboring businesses along Broadway to view additional art work done by Beecher students. With the support of Beecher Principal Gina Prisco, art teachers Linda Acheson and Dr. Marcie Slepian worked with Stephanie MacDonald from the Yale University Marketing Department to organize this project.

"This event is a visual explosion demonstrating the importance of the Arts at Beecher Road School", said Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. "It has helped us to reach out to our neighbors in New Haven as part of our annual celebration of Artsweek."



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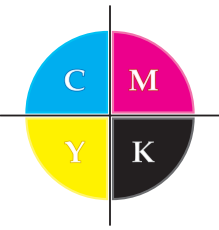
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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan





VILLAGE BISTRO

After 10 years, most of the readers know that I am a big supporter of family owned businesses, especially restaurants. The Village Bistro on the Post Road in Milford definitely falls into that category. Owner Khaled (Kay) Ghura really knows how to do it right. He was born to a Syrian mother and a Chilean father who worked for years for the Spanish embassy in Syria. Kay always had a love of food and passion for cooking and moved to the United States 25 years ago. A Connecticut resident for the past two decades, he currently resides in Milford. Kay's original restaurant Village Bagel opened on the Boston Post Road in Milford in 1999. After 14 successful years Kay felt that 2013 was the right time to "kick it up a notch" and show his customers what he could really do and opened the VILLAGE BISTRO right down the road. Kay designed the interior that features a very rustic, earth toned old world theme reflecting his passion and impeccable taste.

The original Village Bagel served breakfast & lunch attracting many loyal customers. I am happy to report that in addition to his traditional breakfast and lunch, Kay has created a superb Tapas dinner menu along with a comfortable bar and outside patio. The Tapas menu offers a touch of Europe featuring French, Spanish, and Italian & Mediterranean cuisine. In addition, the ambiance of Village Bistro makes you feel like you are in Manhattan or on a European vacation or just a romantic getaway! Many friends and business colleagues told me that they love Village Bistro and I needed to let the local residents know about this hidden gem.

I joined some friends for dinner at the restaurant recently and the group was extremely impressed with the food and service. David Lopez is Kay's talented chef who always goes above and beyond for the Village Bistro customers. We had the "Cheeseboard" with three cheeses imported from Spain, with apple, almonds, olives, dried figs and slices of baguette toast, "Seared Scallops" served on a bed of mixed greens with a touch of Chimichurri sauce, "Duck Leg Confit" crispy duck leg served with fig jam over a bed of frisee, "Mussels Marinieres" in a broth of garlic, shallot, parsley, white wine served with house made hand-cut

fries. Village Bistro offers over 40 hot and cold tapas choices, along with four salad choices and a soup of the day. All desserts are made in-house and we shared a crepe stuffed with fresh fruit served with warm chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream-this dessert of the day was definitely a winner. Village Bistro breakfast offers choices of eggs, omelettes, bagels, coffee, gourmet tea, chai, espresso, cappuccino. Lunch choices include (in addition to the Tapas) Bistro sandwiches & wraps. Brunch served on Saturday & Sunday offers tostadas, frittata, Eggs Benedict, Crepe Ratatouille, Village Omelette, grilled cheese served with two eggs, Quiche Lorraine, French Toast Napoleon filled with Nutella, topped with fresh fruit and Chantilly cream.

Dining Room seats 100; L-Shaped bar seats 24 – Outdoor Patio seats 35; Weekend entertainment varies offering DJs, Reggae and Jazz bands. Happy Hour Monday-Friday 3pm– 7pm –All Draft Beer & House Wine ½ price – cocktails & bottle beer \$1.00 off – Tapas specials.

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FINAL NOTES: Make a visit soon to the Village Bistro where you will experience outstanding food along with a classy atmosphere including my favorite "linen napkins". Why travel miles for outstanding Tapas when this very special restaurant is just around the corner located in the heart of the popular Milford Boston Post Road shopping district! Village Bistro will be offering a special treat for Dad on Father's Day. Remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant-email susan@orantownnews.com.



SCOUTS' BRONZE AWARD PROJECT HELPS NEEDY PETS

Junior Girl Scout troop 60537 has spent this year working on their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award Project is a team effort by a girl scout troop undertaken to benefit the local community and is the highest award a junior girl scout can earn. These fifth graders from Beecher Road School worked to develop their idea, research, fundraise, and implement the project.

The troop hopes to make a difference by helping lost pets return home. Lost pets are a major issue in every community and supplying pet ID tags that are easily visible and contain

up-to-date information will hopefully lead to more lost pets being returned to their families. Troop 60537 worked with the company Furcode to obtain pet ID tags and collars to donate to the Stratford Animal Rescue Society. These pet tags use "smart" technology allowing anyone with a smart phone to scan the tag and access contact information instantly.

The girl Scouts were proud to be able to donate 60 Furcode tags and collars to dogs at the shelter. For more information visit www.stratfordanimalrescue.org or www.furcode.com

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promptly at 9:30 pm by the Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular with Patriotic Music.

Orange & Woodbridge Town News publisher and event producer Rocky Salpento said, "We are looking forward to another premiere event for area residents to enjoy. We are excited about producing this show for the fourth consecutive year. As the crowds keep

increasing year to year, we feel we must be doing something right! We hope our friends and Woodbridge Town News readers will stop by and join us!"

Food vendors and novelty items will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 pm. WPLR Radio will also be broadcasting live on location with a celebrity guest. Come early and get a good seat. Admission is free. There will be a suggested parking donation of \$5 that will benefit the Orange Little League.

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KENZIE DOES IT AGAIN!

MacKenzie Gallagher, an 11 year old student at Racebrook School in Orange, has once again come to the aid of Amity Animal Rescue Fund, Inc (AARF) by holding a very successful food drive at her school to aid community animals. Kenzie, as she is known, is in the 6th grade class of Mrs. Traves at Race Brook School, and also a member of the Race Brook Student Council.

Her mom Beth says Kenzie has

always had a special place in her heart for animals and hopes to work with them in some capacity when she is older. In the meantime, Kenzie cares for her dog Cooper, her cat Charli and helps less fortunate animals by running food drives at her school. AARF is delighted to know that children like Kenzie are out there, trying to improve the lives of animals in our community. Thanks Kenzie, from all the volunteers of AARF.



JCC PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE HERITAGE MONTH

The preschool class of three-year-olds at the JCC's Yeladim Early Learning Center in Woodbridge took a trip around the world as they learned about each child's heritage for heritage month. The curriculum included daily cooking activities, music from around the world, visits from parents and grandparents, and many other exciting activities. Yeladim offers quality programs in

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Q: My sister told me that **Bradley Cooper** is going to star in a network TV show, but I told her that can't be true, because he has a huge movie career. -- Bobby S., Fresno, California

A: That's mostly true. CBS has picked up the drama series "**Limitless**," which is a continuation of the hit 2001 movie that starred Bradley in the lead role of **Eddie Mora**. Bradley does appear in the pilot episode, reprising his movie role, and will recur throughout the season as his schedule permits. This is a new show I definitely plan to keep an eye on.

Q: Nooo! I read that Fox canceled "**The Mindy Project**." Please tell me this isn't true. -- Nina D., via email

A: It's true, however, it isn't the end for "Mindy." Hulu announce in mid-May that it has ordered a 26-episode season four of the critically acclaimed series, to air exclusively on hulu.com. A premiere date for the fourth season has yet to be announced. Following the premiere, Hulu will have the option to order subsequent seasons.

"I am thrilled that 'The Mindy Project' has found a new home on Hulu, where so many of our fans are already watching the show. It's such an exciting place to be," said series star and creator, **Mindy Kaling**.

Q: I have never written to a reporter in my 77 years on Earth. I simply enjoy your column each and every Sunday in our local Florida paper. I felt compelled to write you because my new favorite guilty pleasure is "**Battle Creek**," which I hear is already canceled. Every character had a unique role, and the way Russ (played by **Dean Winters**) and Milt (**Josh Duhamel**) interact is hilarious.



Bradley Cooper

Thank you for reading this. -- Rosemarie C., via email

A: You'd think that with the likes of **Kal Penn**, **Candice Bergen** and **Patton Oswalt** also involved, the show would be a shoo-in for a second-season pickup. The renewal gods are a strange lot, and it sometimes just comes down to timing. Perhaps if "Battle Creek" had premiered in the summer on a network like TNT or FX -- networks that are known for nurturing and taking time with their new shows -- it would have had more of a chance.

READERS: Here are the Fox shows that have been renewed and canceled, starting with the renewed shows: "**Bob's Burgers**," "**Bones**," "**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**," "**Empire**," "**Family Guy**," "**Gotham**," "**Hell's Kitchen**," "**MasterChef**," "**MasterChef Junior**," "**New Girl**," "**The Last Man on Earth**," "**The Simpsons**," "**Sleepy Hollow**," "**So You Think You Can Dance**" and "**World's Funniest Fails**." TV shows that have either ended their run or been canceled include: "**American Idol**" (after season 15, which begins January 2016), "**Backstrom**," "**The Following**" (although it is being shopped elsewhere), "**Gang Related**," "**Glee**," "**Gracepoint**," "**Kitchen Nightmares**," "**The Mindy Project**" (see Hulu announcement above), "**Mulaney**," "**Red Band Society**," "**Utopia**" and "**Weird Loners**."

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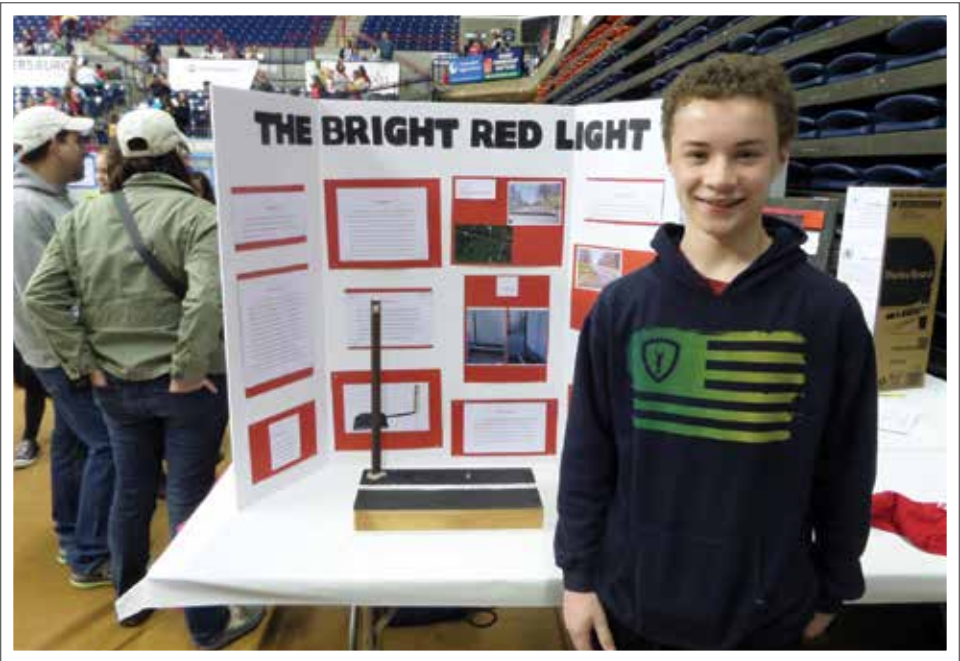
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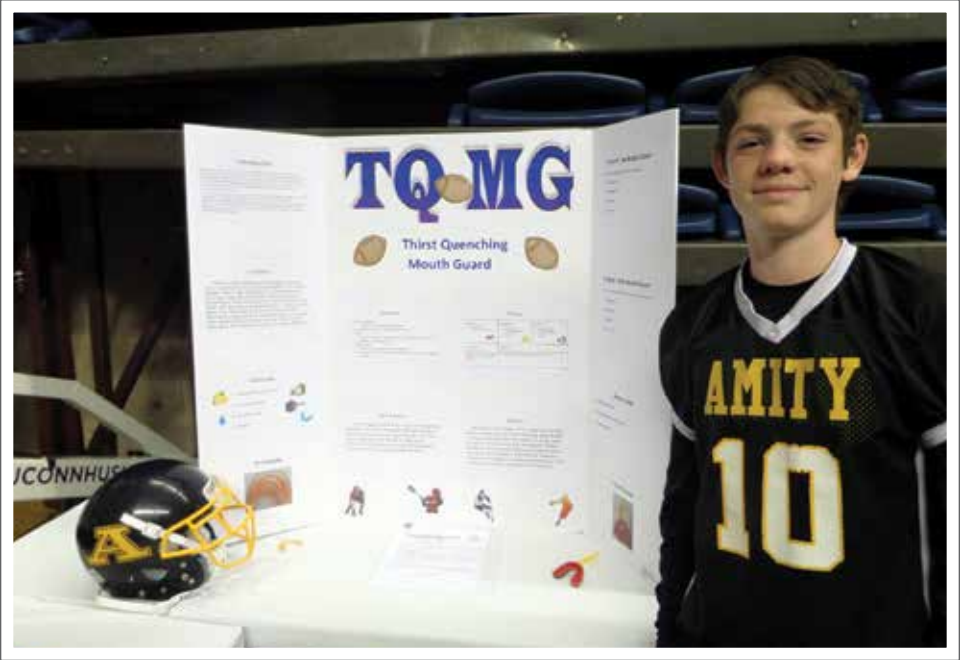
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Amity Regional Middle School – Bethany (AMSB) sent five student inventors (Connor Norton, Andrew Boulton, Dakota Sicignano, Harry Brochinsky and Tracy Lu) to compete at this year’s Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC) State Finals which was held on May 2, 2015 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Over 15,000 students and 217 schools participated in the CIC program this year, and 1,000 student inventors advanced to compete in the state finals.

The five student inventors from AMSB who advanced and competed in the state finals received several awards for their inventions. Four of AMSB’s student inventors received the Early College Experience Award from UConn and three received the Recognized Inventor Award. In addition, AMSB Technology & Engineering Education Teacher, Mr. Berean, received a plaque designating AMSB as a Connecticut Invention Convention School of Distinction.



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Parents can choose one to four weeks beginning June 29th until July 24th,

Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 12:00. Wide ranging themes will vary each week and will include Chinese cuisine, Kungfu, as well as Chinese calligraphy and painting. Children of Chinese and non-Chinese heritage, as well as children with prior Chinese language exposure or none at all, are all welcome. Classes will take place this summer at Amity High School, 25 Newton Road in Woodbridge. Further details, registration and payment options can be found online at www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us.



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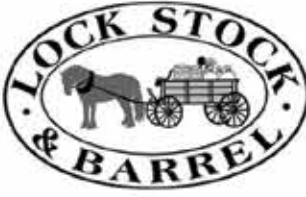
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Pictured from left to right is Woodbridge Rotary President Robyn Reilly, Haley’s mother Ruth Ann Ornstein, grandmothers Sharon Levinson and Linda Ornstein, Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella and Amity High School Counselor, Alison Staak.

ORNSTEIN NAMED STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Woodbridge Rotary Club recently honored Bethany resident Haley Ornstein as Amity High School Student of the Month. Ms. Ornstein was presented with a certificate of recognition by Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella.

Ms. Ornstein was nominated by Amity High School Counselor Alison Staak. Ms. Ornstein has been very involved both at the school and in the community. She was a goalie for the soccer team, participated in unified

sports at the high school playing sports with students with disabilities, and is a member of LinkCrew, the Amity High School freshman orientation program. She also has mentored students in math and science.

Haley will be spending the summer as a Camp Counselor at Camp Laurelwood. The Student of the Month Program is co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Social Restaurant, 12 Selden Street, Woodbridge.



Rotarian Buddy DeGennaro presented Mike Lipman and Cathy Forsberg a check for the South Asia Pure Water Initiative from the proceeds of the Woodbridge Rotary Club’s Annual Homemade Wine Contest and Silent Auction fundraiser. The South Asia Pure Water Initiative provides BioSand with water filters that are low cost and effective in the removal of dissolved particles and pathogens from contaminated water targeting some of the poorest areas in India. It is a type of slow sand water filter specifically designed for removing disease causing organisms with intermittent operations.

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AMITY GIRL SCOUTS RECOGNIZE WILLIAM ROSARIO

Town of Woodbridge custodian William Rosario received a Community Partnership Award from the Amity Girl Scouts at their Annual Recognition Dinner in late May.

The award recognizes Rosario’s “untiring attention to the needs and wishes of all the Girl Scouts in the community,” said Amity Girl Scout Service Unit Manager Vicky Burford. “We are always thankful of his friendly service and ever present smile.”

Rosario was surprised by the award. “I’ve seen kids grow up through day care to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts,” Rosario said. “I love helping the kids and the residents of Woodbridge. It’s my job—I don’t need an award but I’m humbled by it.”

In April, Rosario was also thanked and recognized in a letter from Bob Tucker, the former scout master of Boy

Scout Troop 63, for Rosario’s help with the Troop 63 Court of Honor event. “We owe a great debt of gratitude to William, who went above and beyond the call of duty to help us accommodate more people than we had anticipated. William has always been such a huge help.”

“William is always willing to go the extra mile to be helpful and kind to Town employees and residents,” said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. “He is a wonderful example of the customer service-oriented employees in Woodbridge and he well deserves this award.”

Rosario has worked for the Town of Woodbridge for 19 years and, in addition to keeping the buildings clean, he organizes and manages the set-up and break-down of most Town events, including meetings, special events and the summer concerts.

DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

“FAMILIES & MONEY”

By Roberta L Nestor

When you hear the phrase, “let’s have a family meeting”, you may immediately think, “oh no, who’s in trouble now?” or “something big is happening and it can’t be good”. Family meetings are typically called upon by parents; it is when Dad or Mom says, “We have something important we want to talk to you about”. There are many visions that come to mind, none pleasant, but the least expected purpose of a family meeting would be to discuss what Dad and Mom have done for their financial futures and how it may or may not impact their children and their families.

It is an important discussion. Most parents have taken considerable care to make sure that they will be as financially independent as possible so that they won’t have to rely on their children. They have kept up to-date with their estate planning and want to be sure everything is in good order. Many retired parents want their children to know and understand the importance of planning, but equally as important, they want their children to know and understand what they have put in place for themselves.

Of course, your children will say, “Dad, I don’t really care about the money, you and Mom do whatever you need to”. They don’t want to know anything, until they have to. And that day will come when they will need to implement your power of attorney or be responsible for health care decisions, and finally, to understand their responsibilities as an executor or executrix of your estate. The challenge will be discussing the importance of these documents without talking about “money”.

Before you have that meeting, it might be helpful to understand how differently each generation thinks about money, retirement and savings. Traditionalists (those born before 1945) have strong financial values. They have worked hard, saved hard and generally did not create wealth from their own parents. They are also tight to the vest and do not feel that their children need to know the details of their money. On the other hand, “trailing edge” Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) generally have not done a great job about saving for their future and may even be relying on their inheritances to secure their own retirement.

Generation X is somewhat of a mystery when it comes to finances. Born between 1965 and 1979, Gen X is often referred to as the lost generation. Perhaps because they have such a smaller population (60 million) and feel dwarfed by Baby Boomers (80 million). For the most part, this generation

went to college, graduated, got a job and moved on. While some generations crave financial independence, a pension and social security, there are others, like Generation X, who believe they have a better chance of seeing an alien in their lifetime than they would a social security check! Skepticism runs deep.

Our newest generation, are referred to as Millennials. Millennials (Mills) were born between the years of 1980 and 1995. There are actually more Mills (by 2 million) than Baby Boomers and as of recent months, Mills have surpassed Baby Boomers in the work force. Studies show that Millennials are not motivated by money, the financial landscape is different for Mills. Realize that back to the 1960s over 60% of all Baby Boomers had careers, were married, having children and buying houses of their own. They were motivated to support their families and begin their lives at a young age. Mills currently have the lowest rate of marriage than any other generation, under 30%! Of course they think of money differently, they don’t have the same financial responsibilities. Also realize that our Millennials have been scarred by the recession and the loss of wealth their parents experienced with the financial collapse of Wall Street in 2008. They also have the most extreme college debt known to any other generation.

So, when children, parents and or grandparents discuss money, of course they have very different beliefs and opinions. It’s either they spend too much, they don’t spend enough, they don’t know how to save, they buy everything, they save everything, etc., etc. So when discussing money, take a giant step back and think about the financial environment and challenges that shaped that person when they were growing up.

To all the Dads out there – enjoy Father’s Day!

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“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION”

Rabies is Back

Rabies in wildlife within the Quinnipiac Valley Health District (Bethany, Hamden, North Haven and Woodbridge) has re-emerged this spring, with active rabies disease showing up in a raccoon and a bat. Therefore, it is very important to keep your distance from wildlife and follow “rabies safe” rules. This will minimize your chances of needing to receive post-exposure treatment if exposed.

What is a human exposure to rabies? The rabies virus, found primarily in the animal’s saliva and brain tissue (not blood, urine or feces), can enter the human body through a bite, scratch, wound or mucus membrane (like the eyes or mouth). This would be considered an exposure. Bites are the most common means of transmission. If you are bitten by a raccoon, you would know that you had a bite. However, bat bites are very tiny and almost non-visible. The guidelines state that if you wake up with a bat in the room, or a bat is found in a room with a small child or anyone not capable of giving a reliable report, your health care provider should be consulted to decide if rabies prophylaxis (treatment) should begin. If the bat can be captured and tested, treatment may be delayed until the results are obtained.

People often ask, “What symptoms should I look for” if they have had a potential exposure to rabies. It is important to understand that rabies is almost always fatal once the disease is established within the body. However, from the time of exposure to the time of the onset of symptoms (establishment of the disease), there is a brief time period in which medical intervention (through vaccines) can prevent the development of the disease. Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for exposure to rabies consists of 5 injections: 1 immune globulin and 1 rabies vaccine on the first visit after the exposure followed by 1 rabies vaccine on days 3, 7 and 14 after the first vaccine. (Centers for Disease Control Guidelines) PEP can be started and stopped if the suspect animal is found to be negative for rabies once the test results are available. Often times, people will start the treatment before they have the lab report, rather than wait for the results. Most hospital emergency rooms have the vaccine available. Some walk-in urgent care centers may also have the vaccine. Call first to find out.

You should call the Animal Control Officer (ACO) in your town when you have a sick or injured animal on your property; your pet has tangled with an animal and has killed or maimed it; or you have a bat in your house. You should call the Health District (for your town) when you have questions about an exposure to a potentially rabid animal. However, if you are bitten by an animal, you should first seek medical care at your primary care doctor’s office or the Emergency Room. Your doctor can consult with QVHD.

Bats in a house can create difficult scenarios for assessment of human exposure. If a bat in your bedroom wakes you up, the bat should be captured for testing. Animal Control can assist with this. Do not try to touch the bat with your bare hands. Bat bites can be very tiny and may not be evident. Testing the bat for rabies will help you to decide if you need post-exposure treatment. If the bat is

not available for testing, post-exposure treatment is often recommended because bat bites are difficult to find to recognize. The CDC states that post-exposure prophylaxis can be considered for persons who were in the same room as a bat and who might be unaware that a bite or direct contact had occurred and rabies cannot be ruled out by testing the bat. An example would be a sleeping person awakens to find a bat in the room or an adult witnesses a bat in the room with a previously unattended child, mentally disabled person, or intoxicated person and the bat is not available for testing.

If you have a bat in the house, it is important to try to figure out how the bat got in. They are tiny and don’t need much space to get in. Check window screens, door seals, chimney flues and around window air conditioner units. As you remove window units in preparation for the winter, you should consider wearing gloves and watch out for roosting bats under units.

Rabies Prevention Rules

If you always use gloves when examining your pet for wounds, you will minimize your chance of exposure. Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water after any contact, even if you have worn gloves. If your pet is not severely injured, wait until the fur is dry to examine a wound. The rabies virus dies once dry. If your pet gets bitten or has contact with a wild animal, take your pet for a booster shot right away. If you are bitten, immediately wash and soak in soapy water for 10 minutes, then promptly seek medical attention from your doctor or an emergency room. You should never ignore an animal bite, scratch or saliva contact from a wild animal or an unknown (to you) domestic animal, especially if it seems sick.

You can maintain a barrier between you and wildlife by vaccinating your cats and dogs (required by law) and keeping their booster shots up to date. Failure to do this can leave you exposed to rabies and if your unvaccinated pet tangles with a wildlife animal (known to be rabid or not), it will have to be removed from your home for a time period of off-site quarantine (at your expense!) or kept at home under strict quarantine procedures. Animal exposures are handled through the local Animal Control Officer in your town. The Health District consults on human exposures.

Never touch unfamiliar or wild animals; Avoid direct contact with stray animals; Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home.

Do not try to nurse sick animals back to health. Call your animal control officer or an animal rehabilitator. You can obtain a list of animal rehabilitators from the DEEP website. Go to <http://www.ct.gov/deep>. Choose “Natural Resources” then “Wildlife”, then “Nuisance/Distressed Wildlife”, last “Dealing with Distressed Wildlife” for a list of animal rehabilitators. (You can also learn how to become an animal rehabilitator.)

For more information on rabies, visit www.cdc.gov/rabies/. District residents can call QVHD, 203 248-4528 for answers to questions. Please note: QVHD does not pick up animals or assist in searching for animals.

AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Lee Canning

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Woodbridge Energy
Challenge

The Woodbridge Energy Challenge is focused on helping residents make their homes more energy efficient. The Ad Hoc Energy Advisory Task Force has set a goal of completing 150 Home Energy Solutions assessments by December 2015. Home Energy Solutions assessments are energy check-ups for your home. These assessments cost \$99 and may include new free energy-efficient lighting, low-flow showerheads and the sealing of drafts and air leaks. Residents will also receive written recommendations on further energy-saving measures. The Town’s two selected Home Energy Solutions vendors—New England Conservation Services and New England Smart Energy—have already completed 43 home energy assessments. The assessments result in an estimated \$200 in yearly energy

savings per home. The vendors are donating \$25 to the Woodbridge Food and Fuel Fund for each energy audit, and offering discounts on insulation as well. A progress sign in front of Town Hall will track the number of assessments completed in Woodbridge homes.

22ND ANNUAL
HOLIDAY FAIR

The time has come to start preparing for the Woodbridge Senior Center Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 7th. This will be our 22nd year, and each year the fair has been more successful than the last. The Senior Center has been fortunate in the past to have a wonderful group of volunteers assist with the work involved in planning the fair. In order to keep the annual fair going we are organizing a planning committee , so if you can give us any help, big or small, it will be greatly appreciated. Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 10:45 in the cafeteria. Please call the Woodbridge Senior Center at 203-389-3430 if you have some free time and would like to be part of this event.

FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM

Do you have some extra time and would like to help your neighbors? Our “Friendly Visitor” program is always looking for volunteers of all ages to visit those who are shut-in and would enjoy company. Training is available through the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers.

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Some of the strategies associated with “Abenomics will be discussed. Please call to register at 203-389-3430.

Tue., June 16 “BEAT THE HEAT” Presented by V.N.A. Community Healthcare

Tue., June 23 Roger Hart will show a slide presentation on “NATURE”

Tue. June 30 Larry Batter, vocalist and pianist will perform after lunch.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Fri., July 3 Senior Center CLOSED - 4TH of July weekend.

Mon., July 6 A.A.R.P. Driver Safety Class

Tue., July 7 Jim Sheehan, vocalist, will entertain after lunch

Tue., July 14 Anna Sincavage, Woodbridge resident of Italian heritage will discuss avariety of topics of interest to our members.

Tue., July 21 Paula Pentinella, vocalist, will entertain after lunch

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Sun., July 5 \$136.00Boston Pops at Tanglewood featuring Bernadette Peters. Lunch at Cork N’Hearth or The Red Lion.

GREAT GIFTS FOR DEAR OLD DAD

Father’s Day is right around the corner, and the time has come once again to begin searching for a gift for dear old dad. Father’s Day gift shoppers have long since abandoned the notion that a new necktie is what dad really wants, but finding a gift that expresses your love and appreciation for the old man can still prove somewhat challenging.

Oftentimes, the best gifts are the ones that fulfill a need or want, and Father’s Day gifts are no exception. The following are a handful of Father’s Day gift ideas for dads whose hobbies run the gamut.

The Sports Nut: Dads who can’t get enough of their favorite teams would no doubt appreciate some new gear or even tickets to see their favorite teams play. If you opt to buy tickets to a ballgame, make it a family affair, as dad would no doubt appreciate an afternoon at the ballpark with his kids and/or grandkids. For a father who no longer lives in the market where his teams play, consider purchasing a streaming service or television package that allows the old man to see his favorite team no matter where he’s living.

The Movie Mogul: Some dads simply can’t get enough of the silver screen, and a streaming service that allows dad to watch many of his favorite movies on demand from the comforts of home might make the perfect gifts for film-loving fathers. Services like Netflix and

Amazon Prime offer hundreds of titles, and monthly or yearly subscriptions cost relatively little money.

The Outdoorsman: Fathers who love the great outdoors might appreciate some new camping gear, a new fishing pole or even some comfortable hiking boots. When shopping for the outdoorsman in your life, consider which outdoor activity is his favorite (i.e., boating, fishing, kayaking, etc.) and try to find the latest useful gadget or newest product made for such enthusiasts. If you don’t share the same passion for the great outdoors and are hesitant to buy something you’re unsure about, a gift certificate to an outdoorsman or sporting goods store will suffice.

The Doting Grandfather: Some men simply want to spend more time with family, especially grandfathers who never tire of afternoons with their grandchildren. If dad has retired and moved away, a trip to see his grandkids might make the ideal gift this Father’s Day. Arrange the dates with mom so you are not surprising dad with a trip at a time when he already has plans, and make sure to schedule some fun activities for those days when dad is in town.

Father’s Day is a time each year when dads are told how much they are loved and appreciated. This year, a gift that implies both those sentiments is sure to make dad smile.

“Heller” continued from Page 1

serendipity,” that the municipal election happened during his ten-day whirlwind visit to the Northeast, he said. But he came to the polls and waited for the results in a special show of support for Beth Heller.

The young internist is a research fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, and participating in a collaborative project with the University of Makerere in Uganda. His specialty is hypertension, a rapidly growing problem in Africa and other developing countries, as they adopt a more western lifestyle. Hypertension has been growing to such an extent worldwide, that the World Health Organization committed a summit to the subject in 2013.

While in Uganda, Heller works at a field station in Mbale, which treats patients with HIV. “When they come in for treatment, we might as well put a blood pressure glove on people,” he said.

His personal interest is first and foremost to bring health care to people

who lack access to it, whether they live in New Haven, San Francisco or Uganda, he said. In talking to the Ugandan health care providers, he said he found a great deal of communal-ity in the kinds of diseases they face. However, the African doctors also will see diseases that their American counterparts rarely see, such as Malaria. Heller said he developed a great deal of respect for the local physicians who often have to muster resilience in the face of limited resources.

English is the lingua franca both at the field station and at the University, which helps communication with colleagues. But when he is traveling to villages, he needs a translator.

The one-year fellowship is coming to an end this summer and Heller is interested in moving back to Connecticut, possibly in a faculty position. A 1998 Amity graduate, he said he always kept ties with some of his high-school friends. “The more you go away the more you feel the need to connect,” with the community he grew up in, he said.

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY

Adult Events

Bead Stringing Workshop with Geralyn Tagatec

Monday, June 15 @ 7pm

Learn a new way of creating a necklace using tiger tail wire and crimp beads in this hands-on workshop. You will leave the class with a finished necklace. All materials provided. \$8 materials fee due to the instructor in cash at class. Registration required.

Overdrive Instructional Class

Monday, June 22 @ 4pm

Learn how to download books on your e-reader using Overdrive. Space is limited. Please register online and plan on bringing your device to the class.

Woodbridge Reads: One Book, One Town Events

June 1 – July 31, 2015

Join us for our first community read event and read *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver and share in the discussion and learning at the events listed below. We have plenty of copies at the library that are ready to be checked out!

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle Book Discussion with Dr. Mark Schenker

Tuesday, June 16 @ 7pm

Join Dr. Mark Schenker, Senior Associate Dean at Yale College to discuss *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver. This title has been chosen as our community read for the months of June and July. Registration required.

Fresh Film Screening

Thursday, June 25 @ 7:00pm

FRESH outlines the vicious cycle of our current food production methods, while also celebrating the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are reinventing our food system, from a basketball player and former-executive-turned-urban-farmer to a poetic prophet of the fields who

tells us: We can raise everything we need without any of the industrial food system. Not Rated. 72 minutes.

Natural Living Workshop

Wednesday, July 8 @ 7pm

Join us for this workshop led by Crunchybits, to get you started on your path to a healthier lifestyle. We often unwittingly bring chemicals into our homes in the guise of body-care, cleaning products, and household goods. Come learn about safe and easy alternatives! Participants will get to make an all-purpose cleaner to take home. Space is limited please register.

Farms, Factories, And Families With Local Author Anthony Riccio

Wednesday, July 15 @ 7pm

Join local author Anthony Riccio as he reads from his book *Farm, Factories, and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut* and learn about the early life of women he interviewed, including some women farmers in Woodbridge in the 1920s.

Beekeeping With Ned Farrell Of The Happy Bee Company

Wednesday, July 22 @ 4:30pm

Join us outdoors at the Farmers' Market for this riveting presentation! Honeybees help us in so many ways, and now that the bees are struggling a bit, beekeeping has grown to become a fun and fulfilling family activity! Using pictures and real apiary equipment that you can touch, we'll take a look into the honeybee world. Learn all about what the honeybees do for us, the role of the beekeeper, and how enjoyable it is to work with bees. Please register. This program is for all ages.

Film Screenings

MacFarland USA

Thursday, June 18 @ 7:00pm

A cross country coach in a small California town transforms a team of athletes into championship contenders. Rated PG 129 minutes.

Fresh film screening

Thursday, June 25 @ 7:00pm

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Children and Teen Events

Brick by Brick: Lego Building

Saturday, June 20 @ 3pm

Mix fun and learning when you use your imagination to create creatures, cars, superheroes, structures and more! Ages 5 and up. Please register online.

Eager Readers Book Group For Grades K-2

Monday, June 15 @ 6:30pm

Read *What the Ladybug Heard* by Julia Donaldson and join us for a book discussion and craft. Please register at the Children's Desk when you check out your copy of the book.

10s to Teens Art Session

Wednesday, June 17 @ 6:30 pm grades 4 and up

Join us to make structures from

gumdrops and toothpicks! Please register online.

Drop-in craft—Peas in a Pod

Monday, June 22 from 3-5pm

All ages. No registration required.

Plant A Pumpkin Seed At The Farmers' Market

Wednesday, June 24 from 4-5pm

All ages can join us at the Farmer's Market to plant a pumpkin seed and paint a pumpkin patch.

Make-It And Take-It Veggie Prints

Wednesday, July 8 from 4-5pm

All ages can join us at the Farmer's Market as we make veggie prints.

Tens To Teens Art Session

Wednesday July, 15 @ 6:30pm

Our Tens to Teen Session will meet at 6:30 pm to create summer arts & crafts. Please register online. Grades 4 and up.

Reading Together

Thursdays @ 5pm July 9–August 27th for grades K-3

Trained teens will be on hand with specially selected stories to share the joy of reading with children and motivate them to read for pleasure in this conversational reading program. Registration starts June 15!

WOODBIDGE LIBRARY FARMERS' MARKET OPENS JUNE 24

The Woodbridge Town Library Farmers' Market will open on Wednesday, June 24 @ 4pm. The market will run every other Wednesday from 4-7pm on the library grounds. Massaro Community Farm, Merry Mountain Farm, Maplevue Farm, Four Flours Food Truck, and Amity Garden Center will be returning to the market this year. New participants include Gentle Giant Farm, Fox Hollow Farm (maple syrup), Sweet Sage Bakery, Dash N Drizzle Olive Oils, Savvy Tea Gourmet, Chubby Oven Pizza Truck, and more to come.

The market will run rain or shine. Market dates are June 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, and September 2, 16, and 30. This year there will be special programming at the Farmers' Market for children and adults. Join us at these special events:

June 24 from 4-7pm: Strolling magician Ed Popielarczyk will be doing pocket magic and making colorful balloon animals.

July 8 from 5-6pm: Join Judi Ann Jones, a.k.a. the Energizer, for a special outdoor Dancin' With Hoops class open to all ages. We'll provide hula hoops in all colors and sizes for participants to try. Please register online beginning June 24.

July 8 @ 7pm: Join us for this workshop led by Crunchybits, to get you started on your path to a healthier lifestyle. We often unwittingly bring chemicals into our homes in the guise of body-care, cleaning products, and household goods. Come learn about safe and easy alternatives! Participants will get to make an all-purpose cleaner to take home. Space is limited, please register.

July 22 at 4:30pm: A special beekeeping presentation with Ned Farrell of The Bee Happy Company. Learn all about what honeybees do for us, the role of a beekeeper, and even try on real apiary equipment. All ages. Please register online.

July 22 from 6-7pm: Abracadra! Mr. Magic performs special interactive show in our library meeting room. Please register online beginning July 1.

Aug. 5 from 4-5pm: The Touch Tank from Cedar Island Marina Research Laboratory will be here. Get up close and personal with critters from the Long Island Sound!

Aug. 19 from 4:30-5:30pm: Get Hooked on Llamas. Join Debbie Elias and Jack the llama from the Country Quilt Llama Farm for a special outdoor story program and a chance to meet a real llama.

SUMMER READING AT THE WOODBRIDGE TOWN LIBRARY

There is a summer reading program for everyone this summer at the Woodbridge Town Library. Children can participate in the Every Hero Has a Story Summer Reading Program. This program is for ages 4-12. Registration starts June 19th.

We have books for readers of all ages, and ongoing craft, book group and storytime programs. Children must sign-up at the library!

Teens and middle schoolers can escape the ordinary and unmask the adventures of summer with our teen and middle school summer reading

programs. Registration starts June 19 and continues through August 19th. For every three books read, readers will be entered into a drawing to win awesome prizes. Please visit the library to sign up!

Adults can participate in summer reading too. Beginning June 19th you can sign up at the Circulation Desk and fill out a book review card for every title you read. Each review enters you in a drawing for a chance to win a new book! Three reviews per participant will be accepted per week. This program will run until August 21st!



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RENOVATIONS CONTINUE AT BEECHER DURING SUMMER BREAK

The last day of school for Beecher Road School students is Friday June 19; the last day for teachers is June 23. On June 24, the entire Beecher Road building facility, including the pool and grounds, will become a construction zone and off limits to the public. Renovation work on the school will begin in earnest for the second summer in a row.

Last May, the Town of Woodbridge signed a contract with Energy System Group for renovations at the school. The project scope includes energy conservation measures and security enhancements. Beecher Road School was built in 1960, and has been added onto since then, including a major addition (Beecher South) in 1970, a small wing of classrooms in 1994 and a second addition of classroom space in 1997. The \$13.4 million renovation project was approved by a referendum in 2014.

“We are extremely grateful to the Woodbridge taxpayers for the support they have given us,” said Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. “We are also appreciative for the support and flexibility that our school community has demonstrated during all phases of this construction project. We are a community school. Our children and citizens will be the beneficiaries of this project for years to come.”

“Beecher Road School staff and students will soon enjoy a building as excellent as the learning that goes

on inside,” said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar.

As part of the energy upgrades, the project includes an “energy performance contract” that will guarantee certain energy cost savings. The school will see upgrades which include energy conservation measures, lighting upgrades, building envelope improvements, security enhancements and more. Last summer’s work focused on the A Wing as well as the process of replacing HVAC delivery systems throughout the building.

Also last summer a micro turbine was installed on the school roof which will provide power to key features, such as emergency lighting, in the event of a power outage. During spring break a sally port was installed in the school’s North entry to enhance security.

This summer’s work calls for the installation of security enhancements to the building, a canopy at the school’s North entry, the removal of window air conditioning units throughout the building and installation of a new HVAC system to provide central air conditioning. There will also be a solar array installed on the roof that will provide significant electric savings for the school.

Summer programs that normally operate at Beecher Road School will be located elsewhere, including Amity High and Ezra Academy. The school and its pool will be closed to the public.

SUMMER CONCERTS SET FOR JULY

The Recreation Department has posted its lineup of summer concerts during the month of July, and a “Taste of Woodbridge” event will again be part of it. The food event, which last year drew an estimated 2,000 foodies to the gazebo green, will take place Tuesday, July 7, in conjunction with a jazz performance by Airborne Jazz. Area restaurants and eateries will supply taste test-sized bites of their offerings under a tent set up along the edge of the field. As for the participating chefs, the list was still open when we contacted the Recreation Department. Chefs interested to participate can contact Jim Franco at (203) 389-3446.

The free concerts are taking place on Tuesday nights in July, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the green across from the Town Hall. Typically, some food truck vendors will be parked near the field, even on non-food nights. People are encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy the summer events.

In case of rain on July 7, The Taste of Woodbridge event and Airborne Jazz concert will be moved to Wednesday, July 8. If it still rains on July 8, the Taste of Woodbridge will be canceled, and the concert will be moved to the Center Gym.

Tuesday, July 14 — The country music group Boondocks will play from 6 to 8 p.m. The rain date is Wednesday, July 15. Should it still rain on July 15, the concert will take place in the Center gym.

Tuesday, July 21 — Shaded Soul will bring its high-energy dance music to the Woodbridge green. R&B, Motown, Rock, Swing, and Soul music. In case of rain, the concert will take place in the Center gym.

Tuesday, July 28 — Popular rock band The Bernadettes will round out the concert series. In case of inclement weather, the concert will take place Wednesday, July 29; if the weather still does not allow an outdoor concert, it will be moved to the Center gym.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



FATHER'S DAY IS TIME TO GRILL & COOK WITH WINE!

Grilling and cooking with wine is like adding an additional seasoning to the food you are preparing. Wine has much more flavor and richness than water. When used in cooking and grilling wine can add many layers of additional flavors and textures to the food. Some dos and don'ts include never use poor quality wine when cooking or grilling. If you wouldn't drink it, do not use it to cook with. Never use any wine billed for cooking including cooking "sherry". These are generally very poor quality products with some alcohol and food coloring and will not give the desired result.

If a recipe calls for a dry white wine, I always use Sauvignon Blanc. Although many whites from all over the world will work quite well Sauvignon Blanc has a fresh herbal flavor that works well with many, many dishes. It is moderately priced and this earthy herbal quality seems to enhance dishes more than other wines. Gewurztraminer, reisling and viognier are fruity wines that are very floral. They all work great with a dish with spicy characteristics. These you need to experiment with them to see which wine works best for you. The flavor choice is yours with some working better than others but they will all work quite well with spicy dishes.

You need to match the heartiness with the dish when it comes to big, dry, red wines. When it comes to beef stew or a lamb casserole you need a hearty red wine. A big Zinfandel or a Petite Sirah works best. They are huge wines loaded with fruit that will stand up quite well to these substantial dishes. If you are sauteeing mushrooms always add some Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir has an earthy characteristic as do the mushrooms. It is a marriage made in heaven.

Do not pass up fortified wines when it comes to cooking! Madeira, Port, Sherry and Marsala are

wonderful additives to many dishes. Being fortified wines, unlike wine they can be left under the counter or on the shelf for long periods of time. Meat casseroles made with Port with its rich sweet, flavor add a great aspect to this dish. Try a ruby port with a meat casserole. The rich sweet, wine flavor will make it a big hit!

My oldest brother Gene has a great grill recipe for New York strip steaks. He would cut an x on a fresh potato and add a small dab of Port wine and then add a half pad of butter and put it on the grill at about 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until the interior is soft and done with a crisp skin. He would then take a 12 to 16 ounce sirloin steak that had been soaked for one hour in a solution of ½ ounce of Jack Daniel's and 2.5 ounces of zinfandel. (I always use Cigar Zin that does have an earthy tobacco flavor I love and then serve the wine with the steak.) He would lightly pepper (no salt) and paint a light high quality olive oil on one side he wanted to sear with the grill at about 350 degrees. He would put the olive oil side down and pour the remaining marinade and meat juice over the top of the upside and after about 2 to 2.5 minutes flip and cook until medium rare (red warm center). Try it! So this Father's Day make Dad something special that is cooked with wine! He will be glad you did!

Try it! You will be glad you did!

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. **Tomorrowland (PG)**

George Clooney, Britt Robertson
2. **Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)**

Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson
3. **Mad Max: Fury Road (R)**

Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron
4. **Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)**

Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
5. **The Age of Adaline (PG-13)**

Blake Lively, Michiel Huisman
6. **Hot Pursuit (PG-13)**

Reese Witherspoon, Sofia Vergara
7. **Furious Seven (PG-13)**

Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
8. **Far From the Madding Crowd (PG-13)**

Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts
9. **Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)**

Kevin James, Raini Rodriguez
10. **Home (PG)**

animated

TOP 10 RENTALS

1. **Fifty Shades of Grey (R)**

Dakota Johnson
2. **Still Alice (PG-13)**

Julianne Moore
3. **Black or White (PG-13)**

Kevin Costner
4. **The Wedding Ringer (R)**

Kevin Hart
5. **The Gambler (R)**

Mark Wahlberg
6. **The Boy Next Door (R)**

Jennifer Lopez
7. **John Wick (R)**

Keanu Reeves
8. **Paddington (PG)**

Hugh Bonneville
9. **Selma (PG-13)**

David Oyelowo
10. **Blackhat (R)**

Chris Hemsworth

1. Who had a hit with “It Hurts To Be in Love”?

2. Name the Bobby Lewis hit that was used in the 1978 “Animal House” soundtrack.

3. What song was released by all of these: Brian Hyland (1962), Gary Lewis and the Playboys (1968) and Bobby Vinton (1972).

4. Which rock group released the “Demons and Wizards” album?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Goodbye, Norma Jean, Though I never knew you at all, You had the grace to hold yourself, While those around you crawled.”



1. Gene Pitney, 1964. Neil Sedaka was supposed to record the song, and he did, but his record company wouldn't let it be released because Sedaka hadn't recorded it in their studio. 2. "Tossin' and Turnin'", recorded in 1961. 3. "Sealed With a Kiss," Hyland re-released the song in 1975. 4. Uriah Heep, in 1972. Legend says the gatefold album cover contained an erotic image. 5. "Candle in the Wind" by Elton John and Bernie Taupin, in 1973, in honor of Marilyn Monroe. In 1997, John rewrote the song (called "Goodbye England's Rose") as a tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, upon her death.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first player to hit 100 or more home runs for three different major-league teams?

2. Four different pitchers won at least 20 games in a season for the Los Angeles Dodgers during the 1960s. Name three of them.

3. When was the last time before 2013 that Clemson beat Georgia in a college football game?

4. Name the four Golden State coaches who led the Warriors
- to at least one 50-win season.

5. Who was the first hockey player to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated?

6. In 2014, goalkeeper Faryd Mondragon became the oldest soccer player (43) in World Cup history. For which country did he play?

7. When was the last time before 2015 (Deontay Wilder, WBC title) that an American won a major heavyweight boxing championship?

1. Reggie Jackson, with the A's (269 homers), Yankees (144) and Angels (123). 2. Don Drysdale (1962, '65), Sandy Koufax ('63, '65, '66), Bill Singer ('69) and Claude Osteen ('69). 3. It was 1990. 4. Al Attles (twice), Mark Jackson, Steve Kerr and Don Nelson (twice). 5. Jean Beliveau of the Montreal Canadiens, in 1956. 6. Colombia. 7. Shannon Briggs won the WBO heavyweight title in 2006.



EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of June 15, 2015.

PHOTO: “Chappie”

PICKS OF THE WEEK

“Chappie” (R) -- In a grungy vision of the near future, cities deploy experimental drone police. Unlike Robocop (who is a cyborg, not a robot), these police-droids lack the judgment and feelings of a squishy human brain. That is, until an intrepid young engineer (Dev Patel) finds a way to program true artificial intelligence into one of the metalheads. The breakthrough machine is captured by psycho hooligans (South African rap group Die Antwoord), who teach it to act like a gangster and assist in their crimes. The big-bad techno-security companies also are after this Johnny Five-O.

Neill Blomkamp returns to his home

turf of Johannesburg, the backdrop of his breakout hit, “District 9.” Unlike the last time, however, this movie feels like an assemblage of hacky sci-fi ideas, instead of a bold statement from a singular writer/director. Even those ideas get drowned out in all of the noise.

“Run All Night” (R) -- Liam Neeson plays Jimmy Conlon, a former hitman who now only hits the sauce. Jimmy’s estranged son, Mike (Joel Kinnaman), witnesses some criminal activity and gets a target put on him and his father. Jimmy’s former boss (Ed Harris), the detective who used to be on his case (Vincent D’Onofrio) and an ice-cold killer (Common) all converge on the father-son duo as they try to make it through New York alive.

The Liam Neeson Pain Train has not yet run out of track -- he’s still plowing through thugs and goons with the power of a Charles Bronson-fueled locomotive. Ed Harris rules the shadows whenever he plays the bad fella. Compared to other Liam Neeson rampages, this one ranks just beneath “Taken.” It certainly packs a punch, but the pacing can dull some of the blows.

“Old Fashioned” (PG-13) -- Clay (Rik Swartzwelder, also the film’s writer and director) runs an antique shop in a Midwestern college town where a spontaneous young woman stops her car. Clay was once a lusty lad in a fraternity, but is now a 30-something who dresses like a sullen teenager and espouses the virtues of chivalry and chastity. Oh, how charming, you may think at this point. However you feel about dating, Clay is a blowhard. He pontificates about lust in the most un-cute, self-righteous way. As you watch, you hope dearly that the romantic lead (Elizabeth Ann Roberts) realizes what’s going on and gets back in her car. Faith-based audiences deserve a little better.

Sudoku answers on page 32

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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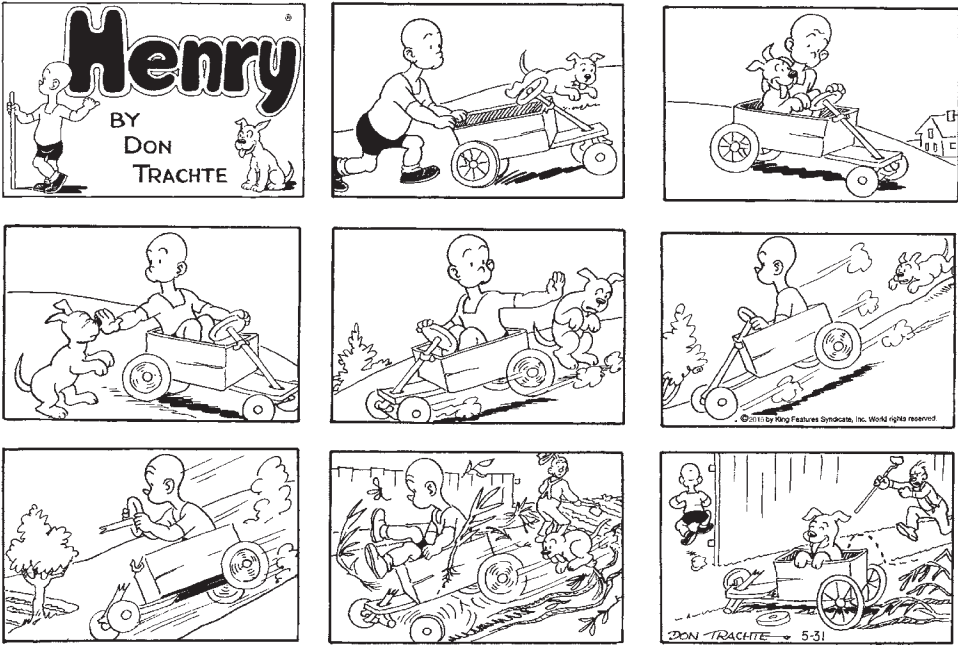
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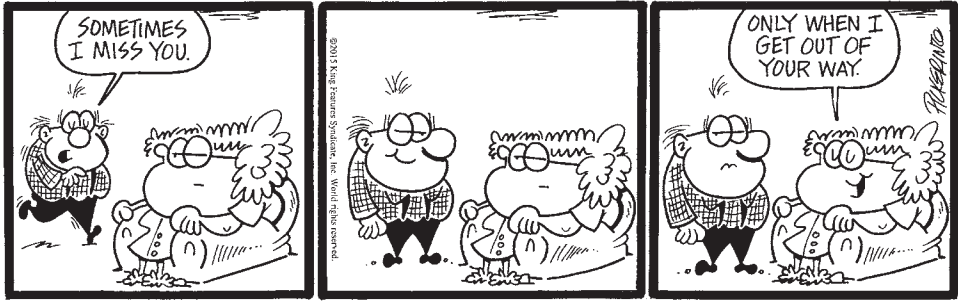
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

Is it time for 52-year-old Tom Cruise to stop making action films? His latest, "Mission: Impossible -- Rogue Nation," with Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg and Alec Baldwin, will be released July 31, followed by the upcoming "Jack Reacher 2." The original "Jack Reacher" (2012), cost \$60 million and grossed \$218 million. "Oblivion" (2013), which cost \$120 million and grossed \$286 million, was followed by "Edge of Tomorrow" (2014), at a cost \$178 million and a gross of \$369 million.

But when you consider that "Jerry Maguire" (1996), cost only \$50 million and grossed \$273 million, and earned Cruise a best-actor Oscar nomination, you wonder why he stopped making that kind of film. He also received Oscar nominations for "Born on the Fourth of July" (1990) and "Magnolia" (as supporting actor in 2000). He won Golden Globes for all three films. Action films are like dessert, not a main meal.

"The Rock," aka Dwayne Johnson, has parlayed a wrestling career into a red-hot movie career. His "San Andreas," with Carla Gugino, is now playing; the action comedy "Central Intelligence," with Kevin Hart and Ed Helms, opens June 2016; and the Disney animated film "Moana" is set for November 2016. In 2013, "Empire State," with Liam Hemsworth and Emma Roberts, disappointedly went directly to DVD at a cost of \$11 million with only \$3,682,418 in sales.

But "The Rock" recovered with four other films released that year. "Snitch" with Susan Sarandon, took in \$58 million; "G.I. Joe Retaliation," with Bruce Willis (cost \$130 million/gross \$376 million); "Pain and Gain," with Mark Wahlberg top billed, cost \$160



Dwayne Johnson

million and grossed \$789 million; and "Hercules," which cost \$100 million and grossed \$243 million ("The Legend of Hercules," with Kellan Lutz, which came out first, cost \$70 million and grossed only \$61 million). The \$160 million "Fast and Furious 6" earned \$789 million, and was followed by "Furious 7," which has grossed \$1.5 billion, making it the fourth top-grossing film of all time. Talk about reinventing yourself!

Two-time Oscar winner Jane Fonda, riding high in the 13 episode Netflix series "Grace and Frankie," with Lili Tomlin, hits big screens again in the Italian made "Youth," which screened May 20 at Cannes, with Michael Caine, Harvey Keitel and Rachel Weisz, and will be followed by "Father and Daughters," with Russell Crowe, Aaron Paul and Amanda Seyfried.

Mel Gibson is filming the action-thriller "Blood Father," with "Shameless" star William H. Macy. Mel plays an ex-con hosting a celebration at a musical theater society that goes wrong when drug dealers come to kill his daughter. A musical theater society ... really?



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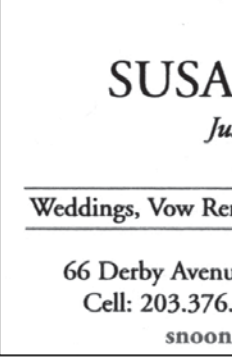
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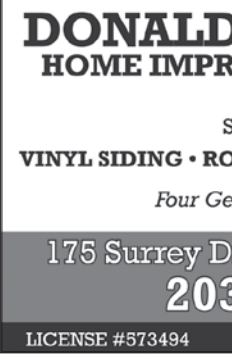
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Woodbridge Republican Town Committee Meetings, second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm, Center Cafeteria. Visitors welcome and urge you to join us. For information, go to www.woodbridgeregop.org.

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.

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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.geneshcc.com.

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

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

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

Garden Club of Woodbridge Meeting, “Pressed Flowers”, Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 11:45am, \$5 fee for guests, First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Light refreshments. Lisabeth Billingsly demonstrates how

to press flowers suitable for pictures and cards.

Bethany Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary 8th Annual Car, Truck, Bike Show & Garden Tractor Pulls, Saturday June 20, 2015, 11:00am-5:00pm, Bethany Airport Field, adjacent to fire headquarters, 765 Amity Road, Bethany, \$10/parking per carload/show vehicle, \$5 entry fee/garden tractor pulls, 50/50 raffle, face painting and DJ, featuring our famous food tent with fire fighters and auxiliary members hard at work cooking delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sausage & peppers, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and ice cream. Questions, contact Amy Cogill at 203-410-2602 or Rich Cogill at 203-954-8597 or visit <http://www.bvfdct.com/>. This event is sponsored by Laticrete International Inc.

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Assistant Principal Nancy White is retiring after 32 years. White came to BRS after being a special education resource teacher in New York City and a teacher on a Native-American reservation in New Mexico. Mrs. White's contributions as a resource teacher and grade 6 teacher were exemplary and extended far beyond the classroom.

White created a warm, inviting and nurturing environment for students and colleagues. She was often sought out for counsel and well respected among her peers. Her dedication and commitment to her students to be "the best they could be," regardless of their individual challenges provided endless opportunities for student achievement.

In her role as assistant principal, what distinguishes Mrs. White is her brand of professionalism, integrity, honesty, compassion and ability to serve as an effective mentor and school leader. She leaves BRS a far better place for having been a part of it for 32 years.

"I always say, 'Cream rises to the top,' said Superintendent Dr. Guy Stella. "Mrs. White is the crème de la crème."

To replace White, the Board of Education undertook an extensive interview process and unanimously voted to approve Mrs. Analisa Sherman as the new Assistant Principal. Sherman comes to Beecher after her work in Fairfield, where she worked as a classroom teacher, an instructional coach, a curriculum leader in mathematics and science and as the administrative designee at Burr Elementary School.

During her tenure as an instructional leader, she was instrumental in the creation and implementation of a new mathematics curriculum for

PK-5 students. She has served as an instructional coach and a member of the school leadership team where she supported the development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan. Sherman's leadership experience at the district level includes serving as a member of several steering committees such as the District Technology Com-

mittee and the TEAM (Teacher Education And Mentoring) Coordinating Committee.

In addition to her strong instructional background and leadership skills, Sherman brings to Beecher her passionate belief in student-centered instruction, workshop teaching and collaboration among all members of the community. Her beliefs and background make her an ideal fit for the Beecher community.

Sherman is a graduate of Beecher and Amity Regional High School. She earned a B.A. in Psychology/Education from Mount Holyoke College and her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Boston College. She earned her Administrative degree from Sacred Heart University.

Sherman is eager to begin her work as Assistant Principal and looks forward to getting to know the community in the coming months. Sherman will start on July 1, 2015. Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Analisa Sherman.



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Michael Dow MSPT received his degree from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield CT. In addition to being the founder of Amity Physical Therapy (locations in Woodbridge, Branford and Hamden), he has been recognized by the US Dept of Health and Human Services for his work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He works with patients of all ages, pediatrics to geriatrics, as well as local high school and college athletes. Michael can be reached at (203) 389-4593 in his Woodbridge office.



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GUEST CHEFS INTRODUCE HEALTHY LUNCH CHOICES

By Bettina Thiel - Woodbridge Town News Correspondent

By gradually introducing more healthful lunch choices at Beecher Road School, the Woodbridge Board of Education is hoping to instill lifelong healthy eating habits in the children. Until a few years ago, the whole movement toward ‘clean’ eating stopped at the cafeteria door. Relying largely on trucked-in, highly processed and frozen food, school cafeterias nationwide struggled to introduce more fresh choices. And many cafeteria officials reported that when they did, scores of apples ended up in the trash.

The district has made it its mission to change that. Last February, School Supt. Guy Stella named a Cafeteria Task Force, including representatives from parents and staff, which reviewed the status quo and made recommendations to the Board of Education at its May meeting. Among those recommendations was the introduction of a “Guest Chef” program, which got off the ground this month, and created some buzz at the school.

On Monday, June 1, Suzanne Beck, a cook at Bloodroot restaurant in Bridgeport, was the first visiting chef at the Beecher cafeteria. She volunteered her time at the school. Beck introduced a recipe for Sizzling Squash – baking squash wedges sprinkled with oil and fresh herbs. Free samples of the dish were presented to anyone who wanted to try them. The following Monday, June 8th, the squash was to be the vegetable served as a side.

The children could express their reaction by voting for or against it on a poster as they walked out of the cafeteria (don’t care for it/it was okay/I liked it) by placing a sticker on the appropriate column. It seemed that the “likes” carried the day and several children stopped by to express how much they liked it.

The plan is to eventually introduce different beans and grains in the same gradual way, said cafeteria consultant Christine Wallace, SNS, with Good

Food, Fun Food, who has been working with the cafeteria staff. The first job for the visiting chef was to show the cafeteria staff how to treat, clean, cut and cook the herbs, she said.

Cafeteria supervisor Jane Roddy was delighted about the chef’s visit. She is hoping that the new food offerings will generate enough interest to grow the hot lunch program. Out of 800 students at Beecher, only 250 to 300 buy a hot lunch. The others bring food from home.

Roddy had introduced other changes in the past, such as offering a la carte items of cut-up fruit and vegetables, and exercising portion control. Suzanne Wallace praised Roddy’s “kid-friendly” bags with fresh fruit and vegetables. It is one way to gently introduce more healthful choices within the parameters of existing space, equipment, staffing and cost, she said.

Soon after Wallace was initially contacted by the district to consult them on the healthy school lunch issue, the district was informed that it would be subject to a federal Child Nutrition program review, which she helped staff work through. In addition to the Guest Chef program, the task force recommended:

- To highlight healthy food items by placing them into plain view;
- to reduce the overall number of packaged food;
- to introduce a Farm to School Program - a connection with Massaro Farm has already been established; and
- to expand the selection of salad entrees.

Recognizing that notions of “healthful” eating may vary widely, the task force recommended — and the board adopted — the pledge to be moving in the direction for “fresher, more whole, more local, less processed foods and less artificial ingredients beyond what is required by minimum federal and state standards”.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



MANAGING YOUR DOG’S FEAR OF THUNDERSTORMS

While summertime’s thunderstorms can instill fear in dogs, they can be trained to manage their reactions and feel calmer through all the noise and bright flashes. Thunderstorms are a common fear in dogs, causing many to panic and run away, become destructive, or even hurt themselves. Dogs can sense a storm’s approach by the rapidly falling barometric pressure, and so can begin to show signs of anxiety even before the storm can be heard.

Follow these tips to help your dog learn to be relaxed during storms, fireworks or other loud disturbances that may be frightening to him.

Always keep proper identification securely fastened to your dog’s collar in case he gets out. Consider talking to your veterinarian about implanting a universal microchip in your pet for life-long identification. Remember to update your veterinary clinic and animal shelter with your correct contact information.

Give your dog a safe place to stay during storms. Inside your home, create a quiet den-like area where your dog can feel secure. A properly introduced crate or kennel can be a calming refuge for him. When a storm is brewing, lead your dog to his special place to help him feel calm and protected.

If your dog lives outside, cover his doghouse or dog run with a blanket to shield him from the bursts of lightning. Outside dogs can get lost or even injured if they escape their fenced yards in fear during storms.

Dogs can pick up fear or discomfort with storms from their people, so it is important that you develop a calm, matter-of-fact attitude. Let your dog stay close and try to distract him with activities like play or brushing. Do not try to reassure him in a sympathetic voice—this will sound like praise and may increase his nervousness and confusion.

Some dogs become destructive when frightened. A crate is always the best way to keep your dog safe and your belongings intact. If you don’t use a crate, remove any items in the room that your dog could destroy or which could hurt him if he chewed them.

During a storm, keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noise and bright flashes. Turn on a TV or radio playing soft music at normal volume to distract your dog and help him to relax.

Keep your dog away from doors that lead outside. Your dog may be under significant stress which could result in unnecessary injury to others entering your home or cause him to dart outside and get lost or injured.

Your dog may become incontinent due to his extreme fear and the rush of adrenaline he experiences during a storm. Be prepared for this, and don’t react if it occurs.

Dogs that continue to panic in thunderstorms may have to be reconditioned by creating an artificial storm with environmental recordings. While reconditioning can be a time-consuming procedure, it can have a high success rate.

In the most extreme cases, medication in conjunction with training may be the best solution to help your dog cope with his fear of storms. Consult with your veterinarian about possible treatments.

Your dog’s phobia about thunderstorms won’t get better on its own. Help him learn that “it’s just noise” and is nothing for him to worry about. When he learns to relax and remain calm, you can relax and not worry about your dog during future storms.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Choosing to work with someone you once thought might have been disloyal is a courageous move. The logical next step is to talk things out so there'll be no reason for raising suspicions again.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take your time making a decision about a personal or work-related relationship. New facts are still coming in, and you'll want to know the full story before you take a definitive step.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect to learn something new about an old problem. This could provide some insight into how the problem began, and why it still defies efforts to find a resolution. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An uneasy work-related relationship can be eased with compromises by both sides. The parties might consider putting the agreed-upon changes in writing in case of a future misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Oh, you lucky Felines: Your romantic aspects are in absolutely purrrfect form. Don't be surprised at how especially attentive the ladies and gentlemen in your life are going to be this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Looking to prove yourself in a difficult situation is laudable. But try paying more attention to advice from experienced contacts. It could help you

avoid time-wasting missteps.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business decision seems easy enough to make based on what you know. But this week could bring new facts to light, and you might have to do some heavy rethinking.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Feeling sure about the steps you expect to take is great. But you may need to share a few dollops of that confidence with those who have some doubts about your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sense of well-being dominates much of the week. A slightly depressed mood could set in on the weekend. But being with family and friends helps shoo it away.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You appear to be walking your life's path like the sure-footed Goat you are. But someone might feel you could do better. Listen to the advice, but make up your own mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With positive signs growing stronger, Aquarians could find themselves facing choices that are each too good to turn down. Best advice: Go for the one you feel most comfortable with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you know might need your comfort and wisdom during a particularly difficult period. Your encouraging words help restore self-confidence and rebuild strength.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your kindness to all who need you is always appreciated and sets a fine example for others to follow.

FLEA CONTROL

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Temperatures are really warming up now, and with it, I know, will come the annual onslaught of fleas on my dog, cat and all over my house. Is there any way I can get rid of fleas for good? -- Charlotte in Columbia, Maryland

DEAR CHARLOTTE: Flea infestations are incredibly annoying and tough to beat --even when you think fleas have been eradicated, they often come back. Winter temperatures often send these pests into dormancy or at least reduce their activity, but they return with a vengeance in spring and summer.

A pre-emptive attack could make a big difference in this summer's flea wars. While you may not notice adult fleas on your pets just yet, flea eggs or larvae may be present on their fur or throughout the house.



Start by talking to the veterinarian about the best treatment for your pets. Many owners swear by one-month topical treatments that are applied to the back of a dog or cat's neck, but others are leery due to potentially serious side effects. Consider alternatives if you're not sure.

Next, treat your home for fleas -- using a carpet and upholstery treatment designed for both adult fleas and their eggs. You'll want to tackle not just the carpet and dusty corners of the house, but the furniture and any linens, such as curtains, that aren't frequently cleaned. Keep pets out of rooms until the treatment you're using has been vacuumed up or washed away.

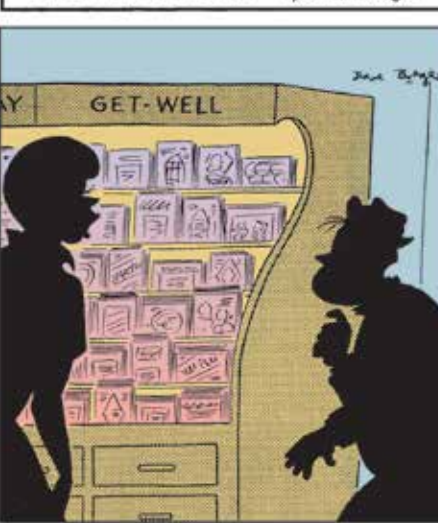
Through the summer, brush your pets' coats daily, checking for fleas. Vacuum and dust at least once per week.

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

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"I'm afraid we don't carry any 'Sorry, I didn't know it was loaded' cards..."

LAFF - A - DAY



HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Darling, I'm late--would you throw my briefcase out, too?"

top ten AMERICA'S BEST EMPLOYERS

1. Google
2. Costco Wholesale
3. Marathon Petroleum
4. The Container Store
5. LL Bean
6. Baxter Int'l
7. BMW Group
8. Shaw Industries
9. Wegmans Food Markets
10. Harley-Davidson

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Fence is different. 2. Bat is shorter. 3. Stripe is missing. 4. Number is different. 5. Glass break is different. 6. Piece of glass is missing.

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The Garden Bug

Planting dahlias BY BRENDA WEAVER

Lay the dahlia tuber horizontally about 4 inches deep in a sunny spot, then cover loosely with soil. Do NOT water until sprouts have appeared above the ground. Use a low-nitrogen fertilizer, such as used for vegetables, 30 days after planting and repeat every 3 to 4 weeks after that through the growing season. Use supports for dahlias that grow 3 feet or taller. Watch for slugs and snails! They will eat the sprouts, leaves and stalks.

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