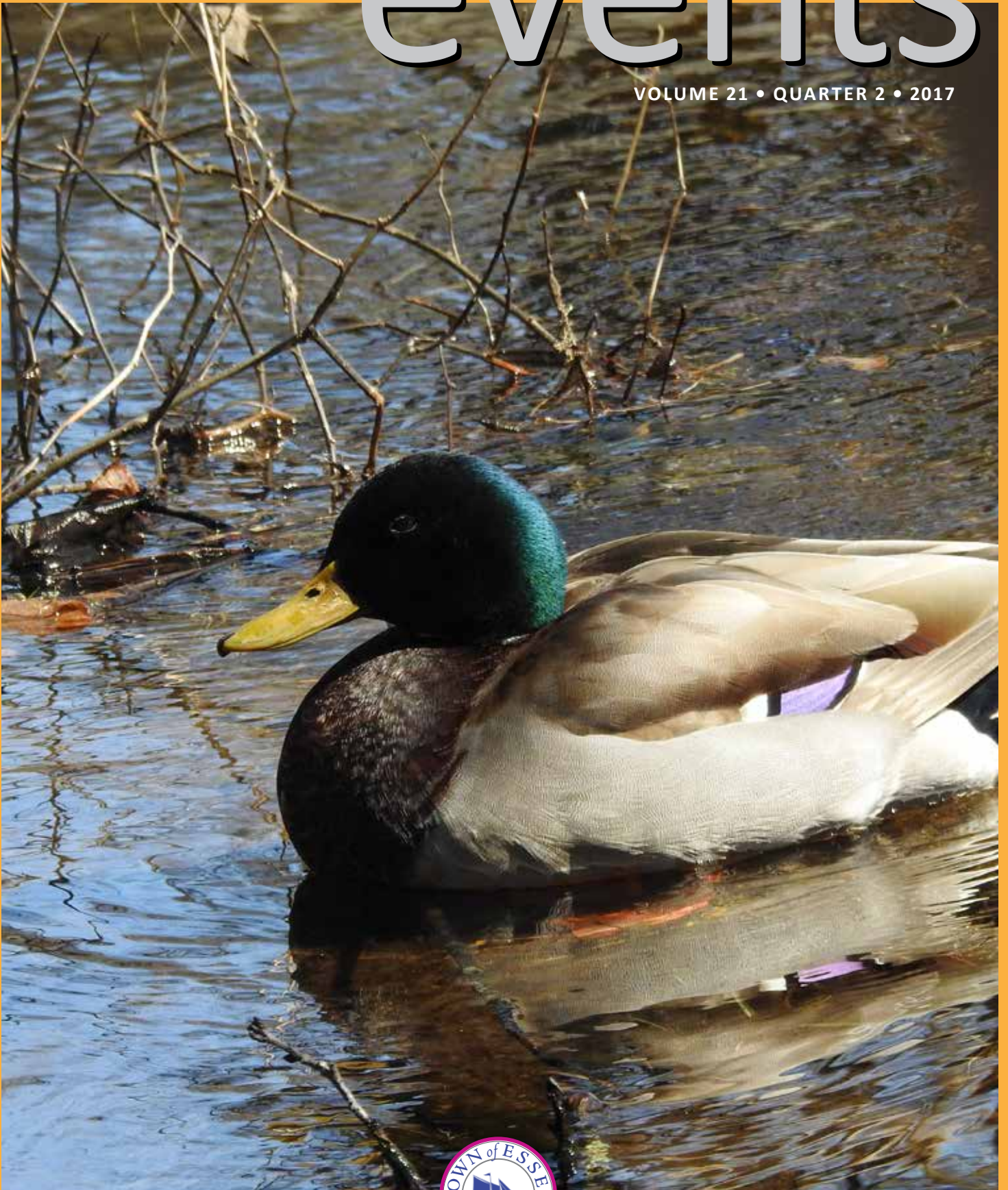


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First Selectman's Corner

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is here! While enjoying the warmer temperatures, I encourage you to spend some quality time outdoors and be a part of the activities happening in Town this time of year. Explore our parks and the Essex Land Trust trails. Take some time to enjoy the Garden Club's May Market and the Memorial Day and Burning of the Ships Parades. Think about signing the kids up for the Park and Recreation Department's summer camp. Go visit the River Museum, take a ride on the Steam Train, or see a show at the Ivoryton Playhouse! While you are out and about, I encourage you to support our local businesses.

The Boards of Selectmen and Education have sent their 2017-2018 budget proposals to the Board of Finance, which moved them to Public Hearing on April 20th. Residents will have a chance to vote on the budget at a Town Meeting on May 8th at 7:30 pm. For more detailed information about the budget please check the Town and Region 4 websites.

Renovations at the Town Hall are nearing completion. The auditorium has a new drop ceiling, LED lighting, audio/video system, re-finished flooring, new chairs and a fresh coat of paint. In order to comply with ADA regulations, the rear entrance ramp will soon be replaced and the Town Hall restrooms will

be redesigned. The sidewalk replacement project on Main Street from Bracket Lane to Ivory Street is underway and we anticipate completion by early May, weather permitting. This will result in a safer pedestrian walkway for all residents to enjoy.

Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 27th at 5 pm to celebrate the completion of the Ivory Street Bridge Project. Immediately following the ceremony we will walk over to the Ivoryton green for cake and enjoy the first of the summer concert series.

I'd like to thank Mary Ellen Barnes, our Park and Recreation Director, for coordinating The Essex Go Bragh Parade and Festival in Essex Village. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Essex Park and Recreation Commission and what an honor to have Dorothy Goss, one of the first commission members, as Grand Marshal. The weather was brisk but we



Norm Needleman, First Selectman

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had a great turnout and a fun time was had by all.

Congratulations to the cast and crew at Valley Regional High School on their excellent performances in the March production of AIDA!

Lastly, I'm saddened by the recent passing of two notable residents, James Danks and Stuart Ingersoll. Jim Danks worked for the Essex Highway Department for eleven years and was an

active member of the Essex Fire Engine Co. #1 for over eighteen years. His dedication and service to the Town and the community was great and he will be missed. Stu Ingersoll, a longtime member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, mentor and friend will be sorely missed by the community and me personally.

All the Best,
Norm Needleman

An Essex Garden Club Extravaganza



ESSEX MAY MARKET
Saturday, MAY 13th

You're in for a treat on Saturday, May 13th. From 9 am to 2 pm, Rain or Shine. The Essex Garden Club will have a one-day extravaganza in the Town Park on Main Street.

Just in time for Mother's Day there will be herbs and herbal gift creations as well as the Garden Club's world famous garlic salt, made from a closely guarded secret recipe

since 1953. Always the star of Essex May market is the ever-popular Members Plants. People have been coming to Essex on May Market day for years from all over New England to take advantage of the healthy plants dug and nurtured by the Garden Club members. These plants include perennials, ground covers, grasses and shrubs dug and potted from the garden club members. An early sell out in the Members Plants area each year are the many varieties of tomato plants
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post available for sale. The "Treasures" section is a great place to find gently used pieces of jewelry, garden pieces, planters, books, children's items, gardening tools and a mix of odds and ends. There will be lots of interesting finds for all ages. The Silent Auction will have an incredible array of goods and services donated from many generous merchants. And back again this year is the Jewelry Tree. Here you will find an extensive and superb collection of vintage bangles, earrings, necklaces and pins.

The May Market Café offers donuts and coffee starting in the morning and light lunch fare at midday. Local CT breads and honey will be for sale and make great gifts.

May Market is the Garden Club's only annual fundraising event. Proceeds support civic improvement projects, such as beautifying town parks and traffic islands in Essex, Centerbrook and Ivoryton. Plantings are also purchased for the Essex Town Hall, Town Park and for public schools serving Essex students. Funds also provide scholarships for high school seniors and college students, summer camper-ships for young students, and educational programs for Essex Elementary school and John Winthrop Middle school.

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Essex Community Fund



Essex Community Fund and Essex Boy Scouts marching in the Essex Go Bragh parade.

IT'S BEEN A BUSY FIRST QUARTER!

It was a sunny, cold day but spirits were high as Essex Community Fund marched in the Essex Go Bragh parade. Our Irish flags were billowing in the wind and the pinwheels were spinning as we passed them out to the children who lined the parade route. We switched to handing out pinwheels this year to be more environmentally friendly and were pleased to receive many compliments on the change.

We were again humbled hearing about all the great work that the non-profits we support accomplished again this past year at our Annual Day of Giving on March 29th. Essex residents are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers that give of their time and talents to support our community to make Essex a better place to live; we are pleased to help them continue their efforts.

Essex Community Fund is happy to welcome Adrienne Kiel as a new Board member to our organization. Adrienne is an art teacher in New Britain and lives in Centerbrook. She brings to ECF enthusiasm to help her community as well as her creative talents.

Keep watching for more details on a great, new fundraiser this fall with fabulous food and drink!

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Warmer weather has arrived and we have been hard at work preparing for the spring and summer seasons. Miss Jessica and Miss Heather have developed another fun-filled Summer Reading program, which kicks off in June. They're also making use of the S.T.E.A.M. Engine that was recently acquired thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Middlesex County. What's a S.T.E.A.M. Engine, you may ask? Come on into the Library to find out!

Chuck Timlin returns beginning April 18 with a 4-evening seminar (Tuesday's at 6:30) on Jane Austen's social satire, Persuasion. The group will gather to watch a film version of Persuasion on Friday, May 19 at 6:30. On April 19 at 7:00 Kathryn Gloor, Executive Director of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, presents "Celebrating 300 Years of Connecticut's Remarkable Women."

A special Centerbrook Lecture takes place at 3:00 on Sunday, April 23 – a premier of the documentary "The Life and Gardens

of Beatrix Farrand" by Emmy winning filmmaker Karyl Evans. A discussion with the filmmaker will follow. The Centerbrook Lectures continue with talks on sustainable landscape design by Towers|Golde Landscape Architects (Friday, May 5) and Urban Architecture from Colonial to Modern with Victor Deupi (date TBA).

Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist Paul Colburn will offer a presentation on "The Bobcat: Connecticut's Secretive Wild Cat" on May 3 at 7:00. On Saturday, May 6, at 1:30 Eury Cantillo from the Navy's Submarine Force Museum will present an illustrated talk Submarines in WWI: The Great War Through the Periscope. Jeffrey Engel returns to present a lecture on "Dvorak, The Happy Soul" on Tuesday, May 9, also at 1:30.

Watch for announcements of Lincoln Center local screenings throughout the summer. You can find more information about any of our programs on our website: www.youressexlibrary.org or call us at 860-767-1560.

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Babbie Conroy prepares for spring book sale

This year's Annual Spring Sale is a two-day event commencing Saturday, May 20th with doors open from 9 am to 5 pm. From 3-4 pm books will sell for half price. “Fill your Bag for \$5” will run from 4-5 pm for all books (except those specially priced). You are invited to bring your own tote or paper bag. Free paper bags will also be available at the library.

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The “Fill your Bag for \$5” sale will continue on Monday, May 22 from 10 am-6 pm. Again, free paper bags will be provided, if needed. Specific information about the sale, including a large collection of signed books and particularly interesting books, will be on the Essex Library website two weeks prior to the sale. Go to www.youressexlibrary.org, click on “Friends” and then on the “Book Sale” page. Unique to this sale is a collection of 30 Life magazines from the 1930's and 40's, featuring everyone from Winston Churchill to Roy Rogers and Trigger. Each is in a plastic sheet protector and priced between \$3 and \$5. Also available for sale will be a jazz aficionado's collection of 150 CDs, from Diana Krall and Hoagy Carmichael to Starbucks and Pottery Barn choices, each for \$1.00.

Jo Kelly, Friends President, states: “Our mission is to promote and enrich the services, programs, and facilities the library provides to the community that are beyond the scope of the library budget. Our Spring Sale is a major factor in determining how much we will be able to give to the library at our Friends Annual Meeting June 14.”

Friends of the Essex Library Fundraiser

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Ivoryton Library

The Ivoryton Library is ecstatic to announce that Summer Reading is just around the corner! Be sure to watch for information in your children's school folders for the great programs that the library will be hosting throughout the summer months!

Our Summer Reading Kick-off Party will be held in conjunction with the start of the Ivoryton Farmers' Market, Saturday June 17th. Drop by the library 9-12 or look for us at the Farmers' Market Lawnapalooza to register for reading incentives and events! Also, Save The Date: Saturday August 19th for the End-Of-Summer Reading Party! Judi Ann Jones, aka The Energizer, will join us for a fantastic festival of hula hooping and teach us great tricks for all ages to participate and enjoy!

Build a Better World is this summer's state-wide theme. We are inspired by individuals who volunteer in our community, serving as mentors for our upcoming generation. There are new local organizations, that are reaching out to empower our children. The Ivoryton Library is looking forward to introducing some of these community members and supporting activities. This summer we are especially grateful for our new Children's Garden Pergola which was carefully crafted as an Eagle Scout project by Graham C.S. Rider II and the Essex Boy Scouts Troop 12. Our Thursday morning story times will be wonderful under its shade!



Graham C.S. Rider II and assistants.

The Children's Room at the Ivoryton Library continually offers special programs during the school year. Story times for all ages on Thursday mornings at 10 am. We also host Music with Ms. Martha on Wednesdays at 10:30; registration is required for this program as space is limited. Please contact the children's room to inquire about our Thursday after school STEM programs, which have been so much fun!

Please call Ivoryton Library at 860-767-1252 or check out our web site at www.ivoryton.com for more information.

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50th year of Essex Park and Recreation

2017 marks the 50th year of Park and Recreation providing a legacy of service to the Essex community. In 1967, you could purchase gas for 33 cents per gallon, The Monkees topped the charts with Day Dream Believer and The Last Train to Clarksville, Essex was celebrating the completion of Route 9. On March 28, 1967 the Town of Essex authorized the formation of a Park and Recreation Commission, and at the May 25, 1967 Board of Selectman meeting the Commission was appointed. Members of the Commission were James Byrne, Eric Johnson, Dorothy M. Goss, John A. Johns with Edwin S. Sprigg serving as Chairman.



Park and Recreation float.



Ms. Dorothy Goss, Grand Marshal.

Throughout the year, Park and Recreation will be hosting events and programming to celebrate its 50 year anniversary. On March 11, 2017, Ms. Dorothy Goss, the founder of the Commission, lead a record number of participants in the Essex go Bragh parade along a frigid Main Street in Essex Village. On July 19, the Town of Essex Park and Recreation Commission will celebrate its 50th Year Anniversary with

a Summer Concert Celebration. The concert will take place from 5:30 pm - 8 pm at Main Street Park, Essex Village and will feature live musical performances by the Billy Joel Tribute Band, River of Dreams, a kid focused performance by T-Bone the American Pied Piper and face painting with Bohemian Body Art starting at 5:30 pm. The Board of Selectman and members of the Park and Recreation Commission will be in attendance. This family friendly event is free and open to the public. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, dance and sing along to some of our favorite songs.

Our much anticipated Summer Concerts Series will return to the Villages of Ivoryton & Essex. Please check our website or Facebook page for weather-related information. All concerts are **continued on page 16**

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from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. * Kids Concert on July 19th starts at 5:30 pm.

- Tuesday, June 27 Ivoryton Green, Shiny Lapel Trio
- Wednesday, July 5 Essex Main Street, Middletown Symphonic Band
- Tuesday, July 11 Ivoryton Green, Southern Voice
- Wednesday, July 19 Essex Main Street, River of Dreams (Park and Recreation 50th Birthday Celebration, Kids Concert & Face Painting at 5:30)
- Tuesday, July 25 Ivoryton Green, Long Island Sound
- Wednesday, Aug 2 Essex Main Street, Meadows Brothers (New!)
- Tuesday, August 8 Ivoryton Green, U.H.F.
- Wednesday, August 16 Essex Main Street, Blues on the Rocks

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SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

For full information please see our brochure available on our website.

- Jr. Warrior Basketball: April 10
- Tennis: April 22
- Running Rams: April 24
- Introduction to Archery: April 27
- Aspiring Young Engineers: May 2
- Cooking with Kids: May 4
- Volleyball: May 4
- Kids on the Move: May 11

SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

- Running Rams: June 26
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- Slamma Jamma Competition Week: June 26
- Baseball Camp: July 11
- Slamma Jamma Basketball Camp: July 31

ADULT PROGRAMS

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Property Tax Relief Programs

Property Tax Relief Programs are available for those totally disabled or over age 65. The Town of Essex offers three tax relief programs to our residents who are totally disabled or over the age of 65. In order to receive benefits on the next tax bill due July, 2017, applications must be received no later than May 15, 2017.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM

The first program available is the State of Connecticut Circuit Breaker Program. In order to qualify for this program a person must be totally disabled or age 65 as of year-end 2016. In the case of a married couple, one spouse must have reached age 65. The total household income, including Social Security benefits, must be less than \$42,900 for a married couple or less than

\$35,200 for a single person. The amount of tax relief is a sliding scale based on the total income. For example, if a married couple had a total income of \$21,000 for calendar year 2016, they may qualify for assistance from the state of up to \$1,000. That \$1,000 would be taken off the tax bill that is due. Tax benefits range from \$150 to \$1,250 dependent upon income.

TOWN OF ESSEX MATCHING BENEFIT PROGRAM

The second program available is the Town of Essex Matching Benefit Program. In order to qualify for this program a couple or individual must first qualify for the State of Connecticut Circuit Breaker Program. The Town of Essex will then match whatever the state benefit is up to 100% dependent upon age and years of

residency in the current home. Using the example above, if the state benefit was \$1,000, and the person/s are age 70 and have lived as permanent residents in their home for 30 years, they would receive a matching \$1,000 from the Town. Those individuals would get \$2,000 off their tax bill.

TOWN OF ESSEX TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

The third program available is the Town of Essex Tax Deferral Program. The income limits for this program are a little higher, for a married couple the maximum income allowable is \$53,625, and for individuals the maximum income is \$44,000. Under this program your taxes would be "frozen" at the amount that you paid in 2015, with **continued on page 18**

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the increase for 2016 being deferred to a later date. This would remain true for all subsequent tax increases for as long as you qualify for or remain on the program.

The Town of Essex will place a lien on the real estate for the amount of the deferred taxes, which would then be paid to the Town upon the sale of the real estate or death of the owner.

For all of these tax relief programs the property must be the primary residence of the owner.

If you, or someone you know, might be eligible for one of these benefits, please have them call or come in to the Assessor's Office at Town Hall with their 2016 SSA 1099, and proof of any income earned in calendar year 2016 or a copy of their 2016 tax return prior to May 15, 2017.

We look forward to the opportunity to assist you. Please call or email us with any questions.

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HOW DOES A COUNSELOR EARN THEIR LETTERS?

In counseling, as with many professions, one's level of expertise can be identified by their signature line made up of their name followed by 3-4 letters, sometimes in groups, but what do they mean? As a practitioner, they can mean acceptance onto an insurance panel, access to programs, training, professional insurance or memberships. To a consumer, the letters tell you a lot about your therapist's academic degrees, licenses or certifications. Insurance panels only accept licensed clinicians. To become licensed one must complete a master's program at an accredited school which includes hundreds to thousands of clinical hours (hours spent doing therapy). After graduating, there are still thousands more clinical hours to log which must be under the direction of an approved supervisor, and then there's the 3-4 hour proctored exam. While each state has their own licensure requirements, they are all fairly similar. It's quite the achievement when someone finally adds an "L" – as in licensed – to their signature line.

WHAT DO THE LETTERS MEAN?

An "L" preceding the letters means the clinician is licensed and the others indicate the type of counseling degree they have. For example, "LCSW" stands for Licensed Clinical Social Worker, "LMFT" for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and "LPC" for Licensed Professional Counselor. Although counseling approaches are often be similar each type of counselor might practice slightly different. Typically LMFTs work with their client(s) as part of a system, based on relationships within it; while LCSWs and LPCs focus more on the individual exclusively. In the end, finding the right therapist is what's important. If you have questions about a counselor's educational background, ask - informed consumers are smart consumers.

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A memory screening is like many other routine health check-ups. It is a simple, non-invasive test designed to gauge memory, thinking and language skills. Screening consists of a brief series of questions and tasks and only lasts about ten minutes. Early memory screenings can be helpful! Memory screenings are a first step toward identifying a memory problem. Early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can improve quality of life for those individuals with the disease as well as their families and caregivers. It is important to know that not all memory problems are caused by Alzheimer's and some memory problems can be easily treated.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, these are the 10 warning signs of dementia:

1. Memory loss that affects your daily life
2. Difficulty with problem solving
3. Trouble driving to familiar places
4. Losing track of date and time
5. Difficulty with spatial relationships
6. Trouble finding the right words or calling things by another name
7. Losing things like your keys and inability to find them
8. Difficulty with decision making, poor judgement
9. Changes in usual activities such as withdrawal from hobbies
10. Mood or personality changes

For further information on these 10 warning signs, go to: www.alz.org/alzheimers_disease_10_signs_of_alzheimers.asp#signs.

If you or someone you love are experiencing more of the 10 warning signs of memory loss, speak with your doctor or call Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley at 860-767-0186 today to schedule your free memory screening with Deborah Ringen, MSN, RN-BC who is a certified dementia care practitioner.



ABOUT VISITING NURSES OF THE LOWER VALLEY

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Estuary Senior Center annual Junk in the Trunk fundraiser will be Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 this year! Vendors will be selling their wares for some bargain shopping at 220 Main St, Old Saybrook. Food trucks and more! Call 860-388-1611 Ext 211 for details!

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Residents of our three towns wanting rides and having no other means of transportation may call 860-388-2693 up to noon the day before their appointment (Friday noon for a Monday ride) to schedule a ride for the following day. The destinations are within the triangle of Middletown to the north, Guilford to the west and New London to the east.

For calendar 2016, FISH has provided 836 free rides, a 7% increase over the same 12 months in 2015. Of these 836 rides, 49% were for Essex residents. The modest budget for FISH is funded by grants from the Essex Community Fund, the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, the Essex Rotary, the Essex Savings Bank, the Deep River Community Health Committee and the Town of Chester, and other organizations, as well as by contributions from our drivers.

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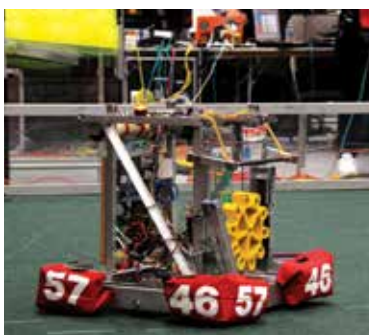
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VRHS Robotics Team is Getting Steamy



The Valley Regional High School Robotics Team, Human Error, is participating in this year's FIRST Robotics competition, the theme of which is "Steamworks." The concept is inspired by steampunk, a literary and fashion genre that harkens back to 19th-century steam-powered industry. In the competition, each team will rely on steam to power their robots and accomplish three specific challenges.

Valley's robot has participated in two matches so far this year. The team has tripled in size since its inception in 2014, when Valley alumnus and Essex resident Patrick Myers founded it. Junior Meagan Gephart is now a senior member of the team, and she sees many benefits to the program. "Robotics involves a lot more than just a robot. It's a core group of people working together: collaborating, working with your hands, programming, building, promoting, and community outreach— there are so many levels where you can get involved."

Freshman Tanner Aikens described the robot. "The robot's got two joysticks, so you can use one joystick to control each side. We have an Xbox controller for auxiliary controls like making the climber go or using the gear grabber. You can also drive the robot around— it has tank drive. The computer talks to the robot, telling the motors to go. There are two motors for the climber, which is this big spinning barrel that looks kind of terrifying. And we have one arm on the pier device. This allows us to put down the gear so we can go do other things."

Technology education teacher JL Kopcha and science teacher Jonathan Corbett are the team's advisors. Kopcha emphasized that the team relies on businesses in Tri Town for support, such as Whelen Engineering, Savvy Optics, Chapco Incorporated, and Paulson Training. He also recognized Essex Hardware, who has provided parts needed for the build. "They have been extremely helpful with their time and expertise," Kopcha said. Gephart seconded the sentiment of thanks. "We couldn't do any of this without the support of the generous Tri Town community. And of course," she says with a smile, "we welcome anyone else who would like to get involved." For more information, you can visit their website at www.valleyrobotics.org.

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Nourishing Nest: Mother & Baby Support Group

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Where: JW Middle School Auditorium
When: May 8, 6:00 pm

Community Breakfast & Town Hall Meeting

Tri-Town's Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition invites residents to an important conversation about teen drug and alcohol use. Share your concerns, talk with neighbors about underlying causes and give your best ideas for connecting with youth and supporting healthy decisions.

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With macular degeneration, you may experience symptoms such as blurriness, dark areas or distortion of your central vision, or permanent loss of your central vision. It usually does not affect your peripheral vision. For example, with advanced macular degeneration you could be able to see the outline of a clock, yet you may not be able to see the hands of the clock to tell what time it is.

The majority of people with macular degeneration experience the dry form, which does not have a known treatment, but many people benefit from a vitamin regimen. Unfortunately, vision loss cannot be reversed. The less common wet form may respond to lasers and medical injections if caught and treated early. Smoking and high blood pressure are often associated with the wet form of macular degeneration. If you have been diagnosed with dry macular degeneration, you should use a chart called an Amsler grid every day to monitor your vision. Dry macular degeneration can quickly change into the more damaging wet form. If you notice any change of vision, you should contact your ophthalmologist immediately.

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By the time we hit 30, even the baby faces among us will start to notice changes. Now is the time to invest in a good eye cream, as well as a night cream. You should have a twice a day routine at this point.

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Former ELT President and birder, Jim Denham, will lead a 1-2 hour walk through Essex Meadows woods to explore the peak bird migration and breeding season. You will see and hear dozens of species around this very diverse landscape. All levels of knowledge are welcome. Easy to moderate walking on trails. Cookies and refreshments provided at the conclusion of the walk, courtesy of Essex Meadows. Bad weather cancels.



Essex Land Trust North Cove paddle.

Saturday, June 10, 2 pm

1. Canoe/Kayak Trip North Cove and Falls River, 2 pm

Meet at the public boat launch, foot of Bushnell St., off of No. Main St. Bring your own boat for an early summer kayak/canoe trip into peaceful North Cove and Falls River, led by Phil Miller. See the abundant wildlife and revisit the history of this waterway where many of Essex's colonial ships were built. Participants should register on site and launch their boats prior

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2. Concert in the Town Park, 5:30 pm

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Saturday, July 8, 9 am

Trail Blazing Invasive Plants on Johnson Farm

Join Stewards Geoff Furtney and Dana Hill in identifying, managing and clearing invasive plants on Johnson Farm. This

is a work project so bring loppers, clippers and heavy work gloves. Meet at parking lot for Johnson Farm, off of Read Hill Road, Ivoryton. Rain date: July 9.

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 pm

Cross Lots Preserve, 40 West Ave.

Butterfly Garden Party

Join us for an early evening exploration of ELT's butterfly habitat with Anne Penniman. Bring your favorite beverage. Snacks will be provided. Rain date: Thursday, July 27



The 2016 report on the gypsy moth from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) indicates the extent of the 2016 gypsy moth outbreak. The heaviest outbreaks were concentrated in 4 eastern counties: Middlesex, New London, Windham and Tolland Counties. CAES has published both a map and an updated fact sheet on its website: www.ct.gov/caes/

Gypsy Moth Update for 2017

gyps moth. Those areas that suffered extensive defoliation in 2016 should expect a large hatch of caterpillars in 2017. The egg masses in these areas are numerous and widespread. When the caterpillars get older and move into the later instars, they will defoliate the trees and shrubs, particularly oak trees but also apple, birch, poplar and willow. However if there is enough rain this spring (May-June) the E. maimaiga fungus may be activated and provide complete control of the caterpillars. If the NPV virus spreads throughout

the caterpillar population, the caterpillars may be killed as they become crowded. The visible egg masses can be removed from accessible locations, drowned in a container of soapy water and disposed of.

Augie Pampel, Essex Tree Warden, advises residents to stay vigilant, remove eggs masses if possible and contact local arborists to discuss alternative treatments as caterpillars reappear. Augie Pampel is also available for questions/concerns at: augiepampel@att.net.


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Ivoryton Farmers Market Opens June 17th



The Ivoryton Village Farmers Market turns 7! Each Saturday starting at 10 am, the Ivoryton Green will be bustling with vendors showcasing CT-grown products and prepared foods, creations from local artisans and crafters, and live music every week.

With the array of foods on offer every week, he goes on to say, “We really just want people to think about supporting local farmers, shopping local, buying local. Buying local builds strong communities and building a strong community is what the Ivoryton Village Alliance is all about.” More information at www.ivorytonfarmersmarket.com.

NEW THIS YEAR!

Ivoryton Farmers Market announces “Lawnapalooza”! The Farmers Market will be hosting four permanent monthly lawn games, starting on the first Farmers Market, June 17, and then continuing on the first Saturday of the month for July, August, and September (July 1, August 5, and September 2). Game activity will coincide with the Market’s open time of 10:00 am - 1:30 pm.

Each week, June 17 through Sept. 30 seasonal produce, meats, fish, cheeses, milk, ice cream, garlic, maple syrup, honey, coffee, flowers, shrubs, jams and jellies, bakery items and more will be available. Between 10 am and 1:30 pm, families are invited to visit Ivoryton, shop the market and enjoy live bands playing each week in the gazebo. New this year is our once a month, Lawnapalooza, fun games for the whole family.

Gay Weintz’s online Etsy business, Vintage Under the Sea, will be hosting “Flickin’ the Rubber Chicken,” iCRVradio is hosting “cornhole,” Ivoryton Library will have “Giant Jenga,” Bushy Hill Nature Center will host “jumbo lawn dice games.” Other businesses will host one or more surprise extra pop-up games over this summer of 2017 monthly event series. It will be a lot of fun. C’mon down!

Sponsored by the Ivoryton Village Alliance, and located next to the iconic Ivoryton Playhouse, the mission of the Ivoryton Village Farmers Market is a simple one – to bring the farm to your table. Market Manager David Sousa says, “We offer fresh, locally grown food to our customers, and it’s a great way for everyone to learn about where their food comes from.”




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Goodness Gracious – Great Balls of Fire!

From boot camp in Biloxi to music in Memphis, the Ivoryton Playhouse has it all this spring.

In April, come back in time to 1943 Biloxi, Mississippi with Neil Simon's classic Biloxi Blues. It's boot camp for a young man from Brooklyn and his fellow recruits where they learn about friendship and love and some of life's harsher lessons. On stage until May 14th.



Then come witness the birth of rock 'n' roll in June with Million Dollar Quartet. The legends Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley were brought together at Sun Records in an auspicious twist of fate on

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The Playhouse will bring the heat in July with one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time – West Side Story. From the first notes to the final breath, this classic musical about teen romance from the opposite side of town in 1950's New York will make you cheer and make you cry. The score

by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim is widely regarded as one of the best ever written and remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. Don't miss this landmark Broadway musical from July 5th – 30th.

Then boogie on down into August with Saturday Night Fever: The Musical. Based on the Paramount/RSO Film, it's late 1970's and disco is here! Enjoy some Night Fever and those nostalgic songs of the Bee Gees! On stage August 9th – September 3rd.

Waiting in the wings: I Hate Musicals: The Musical (World Premiere by Mike Reiss September 27th – October 15th); Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot! (November 1st – 19th).

Call the Playhouse box office at 860-767-7318 for subscriptions or tickets or visit our website at www.ivorytonplayhouse.org.

Spring Into Rosé

Spring is finally here and I am sure everyone will agree that it has been a long cold winter. As the days become longer and the weather warms up, the perfect wines to drink are Rosés. The rosé style of wine has become increasingly popular every year, and why not? Aside from

being refreshing, rosés pair well with a vast array of foods and are extremely palatable to almost any wine drinker. Rosés are comprised of mostly red varietals but are occasionally blended with a small amount of white grapes. You might ask, where does the pink color come from? Well, the

juice from all grapes is clear, the color of the wine depends on how long the skins stay in contact during the wine making process. The longer the skins stay in contact, the darker the color of the rosé. In my experience, the deeper rosés tend to **continued on page 40**



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have dark fruit flavors such as blackberry, cassis and plum, while the pale rosés taste of strawberry, cherry and watermelon. French rosés from Provence, for example, tend to be a pale salmon-like color and are light and refreshing in body, while Cotes-du-Rhone rosés are brighter pink and weightier in the mouth. Because of the

long run of White Zinfandel in the United States, many people believe that all rosés are sweet. White Zinfandel is made in a different fashion than true rosés, it has lower alcohol and higher residual sugar. Most rosés are in fact drier than one would expect. This makes them easy to pair with many different foods, from appetizers to

entrees and deserts. It is time to invite your friends over, uncover and strike up the barbeque grill, and crack open a refreshing bottle of rosé, it will surely please your entire crowd. Happy Spring!

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Memorializing Our Veterans



In 1946, the once Centerbrook Schoolhouse became the Essex Veterans Memorial Hall. As it is embedded within its name, one of the hall's purposes is to memorialize its veterans past and present.

We have launched two initiatives, "Our Vets in Pictures" and the "Veteran Nameplate Campaign" with an objective to capture information about our veterans. Through these two initiatives we've discovered that many family members and friends knew very little about "their" veteran. Now we have formed the "Essex Veterans Memorial Hall's Historical Committee." The committee's purpose is to capture as much information as possible about our veterans. Through research we can find some information about our veterans. However, we believe

that there are stories and other information being lost over time. We are encouraging family members and friends to share any information and stories that they have so that this history can be preserved. If anyone is interested in sharing information about their veteran, I ask that you contact me via email: huntnfreak@icloud.com or by phone: 609-805-7146.

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Open to community members, the Vista Starlight Benefit is a spirited event featuring live and silent auctions, a cocktail function, dinner and entertainment. Funds raised by the event support the many programs and services of Vista Life Innovations, a community-based program supporting the personal success of individuals with disabilities.

The honoree for this year's fairytale-themed event is Tina Dattilo, Vice President of the Water's Edge Resort and Spa. Tina has spent her entire career in the hospitality industry, going above and beyond to help make people's dreams come true. She also strives to support local organizations, including Vista, however she can. Vista is proud to honor Tina for her work and the role she plays within the community.

Last year's castaway-themed Starlight Benefit drew nearly 250 people and net over \$100,000. Of the net proceeds, more than \$48,000 was raised during a unique live auction for Vista's Student/Member Enrichment Fund, which underwrites special projects and initiatives that directly benefit students and members in Vista's programs.

Tickets for Vista's Starlight Benefit: A Fairytale Evening start at \$100. Guests are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite fairytale character.

For tickets, information about sponsorships or online fundraising opportunities, visit www.vistalifeinnovations.org/starlightbenefit. For questions or to get involved, contact Jessica Liedke, Fundraising and Events Manager, at jlitedke@vistalifeinnovations.org or 860-399-8080 ext. 268.

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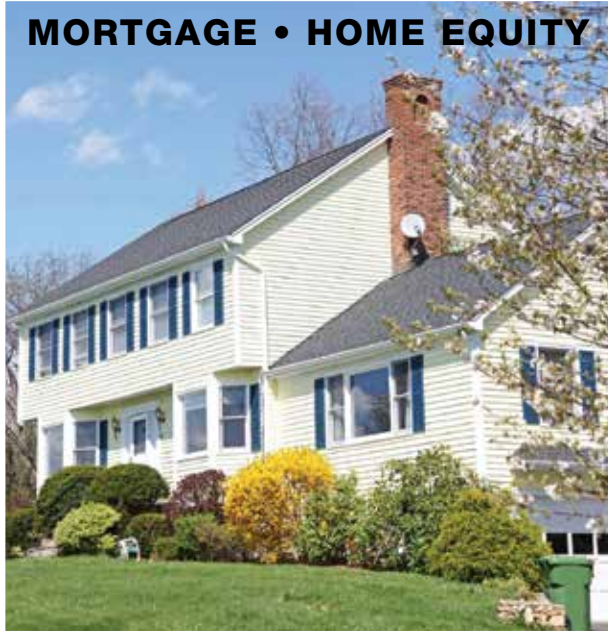
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