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The First Selectman's Corner

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Parades, Concerts and Festivities

As spring turns to summer, Madison heats up with events for the whole family. Our Annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 28th at 10:00 am. The parade will start at the Scranton Parking Lot near Stop & Shop and proceed through downtown Madison to West Cemetery. There is a ceremony at the Town Green flagpole at around 10:15 and another at the Cemetery.

In July we'll have the 35th Annual Madison Pops "Concert on the Green" sponsored by Madison Cultural Arts. This year's Concert on the Madison Green will be held Saturday, June 30th beginning at 6:00 pm with the St. Patrick's Pipe and Drum followed by the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra at 7:00 pm. Philip Ventre and

The Wallingford Symphony Orchestra will perform a new program that will include all of your favorite patriotic music. The 2018 Madison Fireworks are scheduled for Tuesday July 3 at 9:30 pm (Rain date: Friday, July 6 at 9:30 pm). The main public viewing locations are from Surf Club Park, East Wharf Beach and West Wharf Beach.



Tom Banisch, First Selectman



Vietnam Veterans

Parking will be very limited, so use of the free shuttle bus service is encouraged. Durham School Services will provide school buses to and from the intersection of West Wharf Road and Surf Club Road and the following parking lots, beginning at 5:30 pm:
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1.) Scranton Parking Lot/Stop & Shop; 2.) Railroad Station on Bradley Road; 3.) Rt. 79 Commuter parking lot at I-95. Following the end of the fireworks, all buses will return commuters to these parking lots. Buses will run until all potential passengers are accommodated.

On Tuesday, July 4th, the Madison Exchange Club hosts the 39th Annual Madison Independence Day Parade. One of the largest parades in the state, there are floats and groups from all over and this year we hope to highlight our three Olympians, Kiley McKinnon, Zach Donohue and Mac Bohannon, all of whom grew up in Madison, and competed in the 2018 Winter Olympics. We also hope to feature several State Championship teams from Daniel Hand HS including boys' soccer, football and outdoor track and girls' basketball and field hockey. Throughout July and August, Madison is Musical! Madison Beach & Recreation Summer Concerts at the Surf Club and the Green are all free and family friendly. Friday concerts are performed 7 - 9 pm on the deck of the Surf Club, and Sunday concerts are performed 6 - 8 pm on the Madison Town Green. Bring a chair and enjoy!

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From the Office of the Town Clerk

Absentee Ballot Information

For May 15, 2018 Budget Referendum

Absentee Ballots should be available beginning April 27, 2018 at the Town Clerk's Office, 8 Campus Drive. Please call 203-245-5672 to confirm availability.

To obtain an Absentee Ballot:

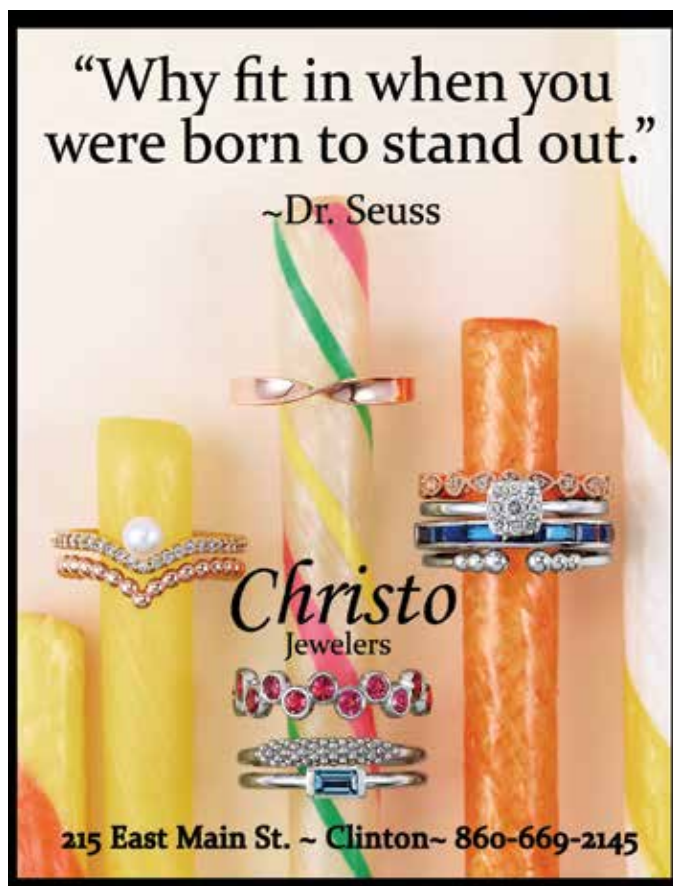
An application **MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE VOTER OR TAXPAYER** prior to issuance of the ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office, or on our website: www.madisonct.org/elections. Additionally, per State Statute, no one is allowed to distribute more than five (5) applications without registering them with the Town Clerk.

Please note the Town Clerk's Office cannot mail ballots for a Referendum per State Statute.

The voter must obtain the ballot **IN PERSON** at the Town Clerk's Office OR designate a third party to pick up their ballot. That designee may be one of the following people:

- A person caring for the voter because of illness.
- A member of the voter's family.
- A police officer in the municipality in which the voter resides.
- A registrar, deputy or assistant registrar of voters.

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Those who are taxpayers but not registered voters in the Town of Madison may be eligible to vote in the Madison Budget Referendum.

Hours: Town Clerk's Office Summer Hours beginning May 1: Monday-Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Thursday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, and Friday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 203-245-5672.

Nancy J. Martucci, CCTC, CMC, Madison Town Clerk

Madison Tax Office

Tax bills for Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles will go out in June and are due July 1st, 2018 with the last day to pay on August 1st, 2018. The bills will be based on the October 1, 2017 Grand List and the mill rate set by the Board of Finance. Payments may be made in office using cash or check. Checks should be made payable to 'Town of Madison.' Credit card payments must be made online. Mail received with a USPS postmark on or before August 1st, 2018 is considered an on time payment. No additional bill is sent for the January installment. It is included

on your July bill. Please go to www.madisonct.org to view seasonal hours, sign up for email reminders, view payment history or pay your tax bill (additional fees apply for payments).

If you receive a bill for a vehicle you have sold, totaled or registered out of State please contact the Assessor's office at 203-245-5652. Unpaid motor vehicle taxes will be reported to DMV after August 1st, 2018 and registrations will be denied as provided by law.

If you receive a real estate bill that should be paid by another bank or entity, please promptly forward them your bill.

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The Madison Health Department is excited to announce its series of free walking events launching in April through the summer. Last year, we partnered with Get Healthy CT to host the first walk at Hammonasset Park. The walk was such a success that we have decided to expand the walk to multiple weekends and locations within the town of Madison.

What happens at a walk?

A walk consists of community residents walking with local healthcare professionals. During the walks, the healthcare professionals answer general health questions, while creating a safe, informal way to educate and connect with the community. Together, we can all start helping our community move toward improved health!

What healthcare professionals participate in the walk?

The healthcare professionals who have attended so far include the following specialty areas: physicians, registered dietitians, nutritionists, chiropractors, public health nurses and local fitness instructors.

What about those that cannot walk as fast as others?

We have found that the entire group will not walk at the same pace and this is completely fine. People will walk fast or slow

at whatever pace they can. Providers and volunteers rotate around the group throughout the route to talk to everyone.

What does everyone talk about?

Anything and everything! Participants have asked general health questions or just talked about the weather. There is no need to force a health conversation. Just let the conversations happen naturally. We do mention at the beginning that the providers can answer general health questions but would not be able to diagnose in any way. We also start the walk by having a provider talk for a few minutes about a specific health topic (benefits of physical activity, nutrition, etc.).

Are there any liability issues to be concerned with?

We let the providers and participants know at the beginning of the event that the intent is not to talk about any specific health concerns and these events are not to take the place of an actual office visit.

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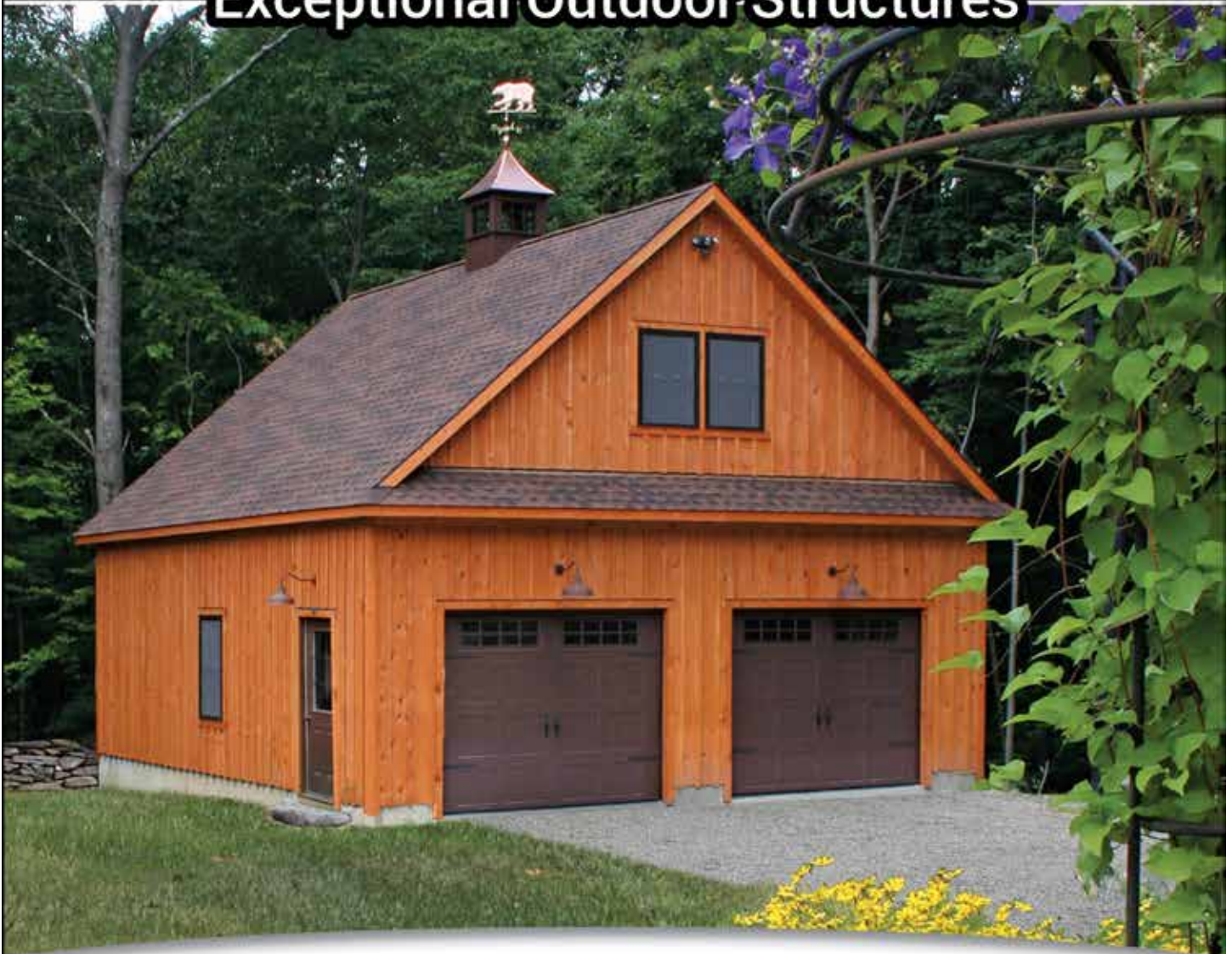
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Madison Historical Society

MHS is Planning a Spring Full of Exciting Programs and Events

The Madison Historical Society is preparing for a busy spring filled with many exciting programs and events. On Monday, May 7, the Society will hold its annual meeting at the Memorial Town Hall to present the budget and elect new officers. The featured speaker will be Carol Snow, Deputy Chief Conservator at the Yale University Art Gallery and an MHS trustee. This free event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Music historian Rick Spencer will perform songs from WWI on May 6 at 3 pm on the upper level of the Memorial Town Hall. This musical lecture will feature the diaries of Dr. Jessie Fisher who meticulously recorded her experiences working with the American Red Cross at the front in France. This is a free history-based concert with a strong focus on entertainment.

In support of the fourteenth annual Connecticut Open House Day on Saturday, June 9th, the Madison Historical Society will offer tours of the its 1785 Allis-Bushnell House located at 853 Boston Post Road. Museums, historical societies, and cultural institutions will offer free admission in this statewide one-day

event. This is a great way for residents to discover all that is happening in our state.

The sixth annual Tour of Remarkable Homes will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 11- 4. This event provides visitors the rare opportunity to explore five of Madison's most unique private residences. Each home is remarkable for its age, size, location, or distinctive architecture and landscaping. Proceeds

from the tour enable the MHS to continue to preserve and protect our historic properties and to care for our collection of treasures from Madison's rich past.

For more information on these events or other MHS programs, please visit our website at www.madisonhistory.org or call 203.245.4567.





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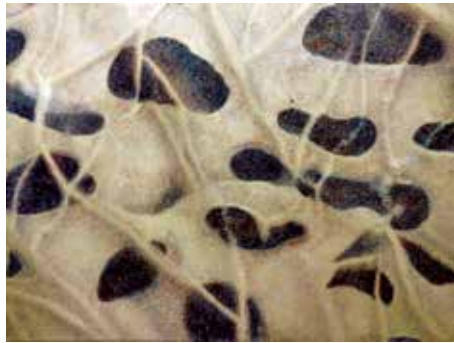
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Madison Art Society



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The Madison Art Society features Shoreline citizens of every age in a vigorous exercise of their talents. From January through March members attend a winter studio held Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to prepare art for the festivals and shows already on the calendar for spring and summer. The next show will be held April 30 - May 25, 2018 at the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library and it will be a juried show where a professional artist will judge art before it is accepted into the show.

This year will mark the 43rd Annual Art Exhibition and Sale of a juried show for the Society. The juror will be Robert Noreika a graduate of Paier School of Art, Hamden, Connecticut. His paintings hang in both corporate and private collections throughout the United States. He is a Signature Member at the American Watercolor Society and an elected member of the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylics. His memberships also include the Connecticut Watercolor Society, the Connecticut Plein Air Painter's Society and the Salmagundi Club of New York City. Artists from all over the Shoreline and elsewhere will be entering their art. Close to one hundred pieces of art will be on display at the event. Every time a painting is sold in the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, a percentage is given to the library fund. Many Shoreline businesses donate awards.

Madison Art Society members are displaying art in many other places all around the community. Friend's and Company, a restaurant in Madison, currently has 20 paintings on its walls for March and April. When you go to the Madison Town Hall you will see a dozen paintings on display for two months at a time of two different artists each time. This art is for sale.

We aren't finished yet. The Society sponsored a painting demonstration and art critique last month and there are many more on the calendar. Townsfolk attend these events free of charge. These events are especially valuable for young talent.

During late spring and into autumn Madison Art Society members dot the Shoreline landscape with their easels and produce beautiful pieces of art. The sale of this art brings

spring and summer beauty into many homes during the long winter months with a sensitive reflection of those warm sunny days.

Many of the Madison Art Society members are fresh talent having just begun their art experience and yet many others have sold a number of pieces of art and have websites. Artists produce work in every area including collage, sculpture, oil, pastel, acrylic and watercolor. Some artists specialize in creating abstract art and others prefer realism. At every show at least one sculpture is on display. Art appreciation is alive and well on the Shoreline and the Madison Art Society is thrilled to participate. Please come and enjoy our jury show.

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Madison Land Conservation Trust

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 28, 1:00 pm. Botany Hike, Neck River Uplands North Preserve

Discover the world of plants with Yale botanist Michael Donoghue. The Neck River Uplands support an assortment of flora, from the trees and shrubs on the rocky plateaus to the ferns and mosses near the streams that flow into the Neck River. Waterproof footwear is recommended. No dogs, please. Meet at the trailhead on Princess Drive.

Saturday, May 19, 8:00 am. Spring Birding Hike, Rettich Preserve

Meet nationally recognized wildlife artist and birder Mike DiGiorgio for a spring nature walk with an emphasis on birds. With its location along the Hammonasset River, the Rettich Preserve is an excellent site to spot waterfowl and migrant songbirds. Binoculars are recommended. This will be a quiet hike, since we'll be locating birds with their calls. No dogs, please. Meet by the parking area at 274 River Road.

Sunday, June 3, 1:00 pm. Amphibian Hike, Blinnshed Loop

Join Yale ecologists Kealoha Freidenburg and David Skelly on a Connecticut Trails Day hike to search for frogs, toads, salamanders and newts. Please wear boots and bring a dip net if you have

one. The trail features extensive wetlands and old logging roads through the woods. The hike will run rain or shine. No dogs, please. Meet in the parking lot of The Country School at the intersection of Opening Hill and Blinnshed Roads.

Trail maps, directions and more hike dates are posted at www.madisonlandtrust.org. For event weather updates and photos, visit www.facebook.com/madisonlandtrust.



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With your help by supporting us, buying tickets, placing an advertisement in our guide book, or making donations, we are hoping for a very successful day. The beneficiary we have carefully chosen this year is one we are hoping will bring a smile to your face as we feel it needs a facelift.

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Attention Madison Veterans And Families

The Town of Madison has established a Veterans' Advisory Committee, which is now available to you as a resource for questions and concerns. This is a result of a requirement by the State of Connecticut. You can contact The Veterans' Advisory Committee through the Madison Town Clerk's office.

Please call 203-245-5672 for any needed assistance. Your request will then be referred to a committee member who will contact you. (If you have an emergency situation, please contact 911.)

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Madison Health Department

COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESTMENT

Madison Residents: There is still time for you to get involved! The Town of Madison Health Department encourages all residents to participate in the community health assessment. The assessment will help us gather accurate information representative of our community and identify issues for action to help improve the overall health and well-being of our residents.

Now, through the month of April, you can fill out the assessment either by paper copy at the following locations: Madison Health Department located at the Madison Town Campus, 8 Campus Drive; Scranton Memorial Library; Madison Chamber of Commerce Office, 12 School Street or the Madison Senior Center, 29 Bradley Road or via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Madison-HealthSurvey2018>.

Thank you for participating in our Health Assessment. For further information contact the Madison Health Department at (203) 245-5681.

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The Vascular Experts - A Team of 7

The Vascular Experts, which practices at Middlesex Hospital's Center for Vascular Surgery, recently expanded and is now a team of seven vascular surgeons. Led by Dr. Bart Muhs, The Vascular Experts team is comprised of capable, board certified surgeons who are solely dedicated to vascular care and who can deal with simple or complicated cases. This team includes newcomer Dr. Megan Shue.

Utilizing state-of-the-art diagnostic and interventional suite, these vascular surgeons now have access to the latest technology, giving them the tools they need to better help their patients. The Hospital's suite allows vascular surgeons to perform a number of minimally invasive procedures, which require smaller incisions than traditional surgeries. In turn, patients experience fewer risks when having surgery, and Hospital stays are dramatically reduced. Also, Middlesex Hospital is a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, and the relationship allows physicians, including vascular surgeons, to collaborate when faced with complex cases.

Vascular surgeons at Middlesex Hospital work with physicians from other specialties to ensure that patients are cared for appropriately. They treat several different vascular diseases, and common procedures include leg angioplasty and stenting, peripheral bypass surgery, carotid endarterectomy and abdominal aortic aneurysm repair. If you experience pain or ulcers in the legs, or if you have blocked arteries in the abdomen or the neck, you may need to see a vascular surgeon. If vascular diseases are left untreated, you may encounter risks, such as losing a limb. If left untreated, some conditions may also result in an aneurysm or stroke and can be fatal. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 1-800-548-2394.

Germany Wines

Germany is the fourth largest wine growing country in Europe. Even though it is a big grower of grapes, it is small in comparison to the other products that are grown there. Most of the high quality wines are grown on steep slopes above the Rhine river. These vineyards need to be hand-picked, which takes many extra hours. Where there are smaller portions of flat land, machines are used for harvesting. In the 80s Liebfraumilch was one of the largest white wines exported, which brought a lot of new people into drinking wine due to the sweetness. The most popular grapes now are Riesling, Muller-Thugau, and Silvaner.

One of the most difficult things about German wines is understanding the label. One item that is always on the label is the region. There are thirteen winemaking regions in Germany. The four major wine regions are Mosel, Pfalz, Reingau, Rheinhessen. You might also see words like Kabinett, Spatlese, Auslese, Trocken, Beerenauslese, Trockenbeerenauslese, and Eiswein. Trocken meaning dry. In a Riesling you get a dry crisp wine if this term is on the label. Kabinett is picked during normal harvest which leads to a semi dry or dry wine. Spatlese means picked late, hence these wine are a little sweeter. Auslese is a process that the fullest ripe grapes are picked, which results in a fuller, slightly sweeter wine. With the Beerenauslese method the best grapes are hand picked to produce a juicy sweeter wine of slightly better quality. Trockenbeerenauslese is similar to that of Beerenauslese but the grapes are dried so they become raisny and hence produces a sweeter and more intense wine, which is usually expensive. Lastly, one other type of wine is Eiswein. This is a process of freezing the grapes on the vine, they are then pressed while they are frozen which makes for a concentrated wine with sweet fruit, also classified as a dessert wine.

Hopefully this will give you a better understanding of German wines and make it easier to pick out the wine you desire from Germany. With the variety of the wine making processes you can purchase a Riesling from bone dry to intensely sweet. Have fun with your next selection of German wines, as they will prove to be a tasty accompaniment to the upcoming holidays.

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Madison, CT was center-stage at the 2018 PyeonChang Winter Olympic Games. The small shoreline town boasted three Olympic athletes. Events Magazines caught up with them about the competition.



KILEY MCKINNON – AERIAL SKIING

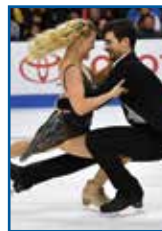
Kiley McKinnon was only two years old when her parents placed on her skis. However, she devoted most of her time to gymnastics until she transitioned to her aerial skiing career at the age of 16. Interestingly enough, she credits Mac Bohannon (see below) for initially introducing her to aerial skiing. When preparing for the Olympics, McKinnon attempted to view it as a World Cup competition. She avoided putting too much pressure on herself, but rather focused on having fun and competing to the best of her abilities. Despite all of the pressure, Kiley found the Olympics to be an amazing experience. She said that some of the best memories were the competition and getting to compete in front her family, as well as having the support of her hometown of Madison. She thoroughly enjoyed being able to attend all of the events in which her fellow USA teammates were participating and cheering them on from the sidelines. She finished in the top 10, a major accomplishment, and is now able to refer to herself as an Olympic athlete at the young age of 22. So, what does one do after the Olympics? She's taking a well-deserved break, relishing in the beauty of Madison, and spending time with her two best friends from her hometown whom she has not been able to see for some time.



MAC BOHONNON – AERIAL SKIING

Similar to Kiley, Mac Bohannon began skiing when he was only 18 months old. Throughout his childhood Mac trained and perfected his skills with the Stratton Mountain Freestyle program. When he was 13 people began to notice his outstanding jumping skills. This led him to leave home during the 8th grade to live and train at the Olympic Training

Center. Ever since, Bohannon (now 23) has had outstanding success, competing in two Olympics (2014 and 2018), numerous World Cups, and placing first in one of them (2018).



Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue

ZACH DONOHUE – ICE DANCING

While Kiley and Mac's competitions were solo, Madison native Zach Donohue's performance depended on a collaborative effort with his skating partner, Madison Hubbell. Madison dreamed of being an Olympian since the age of 5. However Zach never saw ice dancing in his future until a trip to North Carolina where his cousin noticed his potential talent. In 2011, when both Zach and Madison found themselves without skating partners, it was suggested they try to skate together. As Madison put it, "it was an instant spark." The rest is history. "It's different and similar to how we've approached every competition this year," said Zach, just prior to traveling to the Olympics. "We really appreciate this experience and we're open to letting everything in while remaining centered." The 2018 National Champions traveled with a full complement of coaches, including a performance coach, who has helped the pair "be open communicating with each other." Donohue and Hubbell, both 27, placed fifth in the Olympic competition following which they competed at the World Championships in Milan, Italy, where they earned themselves a silver medal.

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Feeding the birds can be like feeding your soul

There is something about watching the birds fly to and fro that brings peace to our minds. And, of course, their melodies fill the air with a chorus of delightful birdsong. There can be disadvantages however, to keeping up with the bird feeders. Problems can arise with attracting rodents and squirrels. If we don't properly clean our feeders we could actually be making the birds sick. I will always feed the birds regardless of these nuisances. But there are other ways to feed the birds that are more natural and more in keeping with the environment around us. How about letting your garden feed the birds? There are many plants that can be incorporated into your landscape that can attract and feed birds as well as pollinators and butterflies. It is hard to choose just a sampling to recommend but I've narrowed down a list here of some of my favorites. Trees – Amelanchier (serviceberry), Cercis Canadensis (red-bud), Cornus Florida (dogwood). Evergreen shrubs to provide protection – Buxus (boxwood), Arborvitae, Ilex glabra. Shrubs to provide food – Ilex Verticillata (winterberry), Ilex meserveae (holly), Aronia (chokecherry), Vaccinium (blueberry), Viburnum, Sambucus Canadensis (elderberry)

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Perennials – Echinacea (cone flower), Rudbeckia (black eyed susan), Monarda (bee balm), Sedum (stonecrop), Eupatorium (joe pye weed), Liatris (blazing star).
Annuals – Sunflowers, Cosmos, Zinnias

Grasses – Pennisetum (fountain grass), Panicum (switch grass).

When planning your gardens this season try some of these plants if you want to attract birds. Let your garden feed the

birds and the birds feed your soul!

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imposing cathedral. Come hear all the details of this magical trip that will have you home for Christmas with the best presents ever! Pricing: Double: \$2,899pp; Single: \$3,149pp.

Spain’s Costa del Sol & the Portuguese Riviera

Collette Tours - April 25th - May 7th. (13 days, 17 meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 dinners) Relax on the Costa del Sol. Enjoy a true taste of the Iberian Peninsula. In Madrid, you choose your experience: a city tour and tour of the renowned Prado Museum with a local expert, or a walking tour of the city’s Hapsburg-era architectural treasures. Travel via high-speed train to the Moorish city of Cordoba. Relax in Malaga’s paradiso on the Costa del Sol. Tour Granada’s Alhambra Palace. Marvel at the architecture of the Cathedral of Seville, third largest in the world. Visit Ronda, an architectural marvel in Andalucía.

Choose from a panoramic tour of Lisbon with a visit to the coach museum or a walking tour of the Moorish Alfama Quarter with a visit to Sao Jorge castle. Enjoy a 4-night stay on Portugal’s Riviera. Visit the Mafra Palace and Monastery, one of the most impressive Baroque buildings in Portugal. Travel the Silver Coast and visit Fatima, the world-famous pilgrimage site. Enjoy leisure time for independent explorations. A special presentation is scheduled Thursday, May, 17th at 10:30 am. Pricing: Double: \$3,999pp; Single: \$4,549pp; Triple \$3,949pp (Booking before 10/26/2018).

If You’ve Ever Flown on a Plane, You Need to Read This

There was once a time when air travel was for the elite. Airplane seats had plenty of leg room with lounges on either end of the aircraft for passengers to stretch out. Boy, how times have changed! This once restful experience has devolved into chaos. Airports are now filled with long lines, stressed passengers, cranky children and mountains of carry-on luggage. Two of the biggest enemies we now encounter while traveling are germs and dry skin. Unless you have a private jet, these obstacles await you at every airport. But there are a few remedies...

Germs are lurking everywhere. Before you even get near the plane, the security line is like a science experiment gone amuck.

Although there is no likelihood of contracting a deadly disease going through a metal detector barefoot, who wants dirty feet? You may want to bring a pair of socks that you can put on for the airport walk and then pitch in the dirty clothes section of your suitcase. If that doesn’t appeal to you, try wiping your feet with antibacterial wipes before putting them back in your shoes. Once on the plane, the arm rests, tray table, seat back pockets and bathroom are probably the greatest source of germs. If you didn’t want to wipe the bottom of your feet with antibacterial wipes, I strongly suggest using them here. And don’t forget the hand sanitizer! The low humidity in the airplane cabin sucks the moisture out of your skin. It is compounded with a

few drinks of alcohol. If you’ve ever gotten off a plane with skin that felt a little too tight, lips that were chapped and hair that decided to fly in a few directions at once, you know what I’m talking about.

The answer is simple... water, water, water and moisturize, moisturize, moisturize. Drink it and slather it on. Even if you can’t get your favorite moisturizer in a travel size that will pass airport security, bring something that you can buy over the counter.

As your favorite GPS says - You have arrived at your destination. Arrive beautiful!

Dr. Susan O’Malley, Madison Med Spa

The Madison Arts Barn

The Madison Arts Barn, located on the Madison Town Campus, is run by the non-profit group, Friends of Madison Youth. Our mission is to bring the community together through music, arts and culture and to empower young people by supporting them in the exploration of their interests and passions.

The Barn has been bustling with new programs along with some time-tested favorites. Our spring production will be one that you will not want to miss: The sure-to-be-phenomenal "Beauty and The Beast, Jr." Performances are on Friday, May 4th at 6:30 pm, Saturday, May 5th at 2:00 pm and 6:30 pm, and Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 pm.

Registration for our popular week-long, summer day camps is already underway. Check out the new themes added this year: Acting Bootcamp with Stage Combat, TV Variety Show, Musical Theater, Short Filmmaking, Photography, Art, Anima-



tion-Film, and Dance. Every year several of our camps sell out. Reserve your spot today to avoid disappointment. (Note: For grades 5th and up. Early bird discounts end May 1st.)

Upcoming events: 6th grade dance on April 27th; Coffee Houses: April 28th, May 18th & June 8th; Take the stage for improve, singing/dancing, comedy, it's up to you... or just sit back and watch your friends; and the 4th Grade Ice Cream Social on May 20th.

We rely on the community and con-

cerned parents to help us forge ahead with our mission: To serve the local youth from around Connecticut! In addition to financial support, we continue to need volunteers for events and interested people to serve on our executive board.

If interested, please call The Barn at 203-245-2689. Check out our webpage at www.madisonartsbarn.org for more information or to register for all of our events, programs, and camps. And - be sure to like us on FB at The Madison Arts Barn.



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FAMILY PROGRAMS

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, May 12 / 8:00-10:00 pm

Learn about the night sky with members of the Astronomical Society of New Haven. Telescopes will be set up on the Bauer Park Astronomy Platform near the community gardens. Take a close look at Jupiter and other celestial objects in the spring sky. All ages - FREE.

THE SIXTEENTH GREAT SNAKE AND FROG HUNT

Saturday, June 2 / 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Join herpetologist Chuck Annicelli on a hunt for turtles, frogs and snakes. Learn about reptiles and amphibians then discover where and how to search for these elusive creatures.

All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5.

BEGINNING BIRDING BY EAR

Sunday, June 10 / 8:00-10:00 am

Bauer Park is alive with the songs and calls of breeding birds in June. The secret of learning the vocalizations of birds is by locating a bird by listening and then seeing it with binoculars. Binoculars and field guides will be provided or bring your own. For adults and teens. \$10.

FAMILY NATURE SKETCHING

Sunday, July 8 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Find a favorite spot on the trails of Bauer Park and create a memory you can take home. Natural Science Illustrator Susannah Graedel will be on hand to give you tips on drawing what you see. Bring a sketch pad and colored pencils for each person. Recommended for families with children age 6 and older. \$5.

THE BAUER PARK FAMILY SAILING REGATTA!

Sunday, July 15 / 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Build and sail your own boat! Families will collect natural materials from the

Bauer Woodland Trail. Using only these items from nature and their imaginations, they will construct miniature boats to sail and race on the pond in the annual Bauer Yacht Regatta! Recommended for families with children age 5 and older. \$5.

MINI-EXPLORERS

For preschoolers ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult. \$11 / class.

DIG THOSE DECOMPOSERS

Saturday, May 5 / 10:00-11:30 am

If you like exploring and playing in the dirt, then you will love decomposers! Insects, fungi and all sorts of cool critters help turn leaves and logs into soil. Join us as we visit the Bauer forest for an up-close investigation of who is living under our feet and helping to keep the woods alive.

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difference between insects and spiders and explore why all these “creepy crawlers” are important. The class will include a “bug hunt” and an insect craft.

POND DIPPERS

Saturday, June 9 / 10:00-11:30 am

Have you ever wondered what critters live in the pond at Bauer Park? Join us for some pond dipping with nets, and you’ll have the chance to observe some freshwater creatures up close. Please wear clothes and shoes/boots that you don’t mind getting a little wet and muddy.

BUSY BEES

Thursdays, April 26 – May 24 / 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Busy Bees will use the Bauer Farming Project’s organic vegetable garden as an outdoor classroom to observe and engage with nature. Participants will help plant, harvest, taste and share the fruits of their labor. Classes will consist of story time, hiking, crafts, songs, gardening, and lots of fun. Be prepared to hike outside, and bring a water bottle and snack.

Ages 3-6 with an adult. \$91.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SEED STARTERS

Thursday, April 26 / 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Come learn the basics of seed starting indoors! Each participant will plant a collection of herb, flower and/or vegetable seeds to bring home. Ages 7-12. \$25.

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HERB GARDENING

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POLLINATOR PARTY

Thursday, June 7 / 4:00-5:30 pm

We will investigate the variety of pollinators at Bauer Park, learn about pollinator habitats and life cycles, and have a celebration party with foods that pollinators help provide. Ages 7-12. \$21.

FARM FANATICS

Thursday, June 14 / 4:00 – 5:30 pm

What would it have been like to live at Bauer Farm over 100 years ago? Would kids spend all day doing chores or would they get to have some fun? Join us as we play some games that were popular with children in early America along with making candles and a colonial craft. Ages 8-10. \$11.

ROOTS TO FRUITS AFTER-SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

Tuesdays, April 24 – May 29 / 4:00-6:00 pm

Using the Bauer Farming Project's organic vegetable garden as an outdoor classroom, participants will observe and engage with the natural world through a variety of activities including planning, planting, harvesting, tasting and sharing the fruits of our labor. Ages 7-12. \$113.

OCEANOLOGY CLUB

Wednesdays, April 25 – June 13 / 3:30-5:30 pm.

Investigate our local marine environment in this science club for middle school students. We'll explore a variety of coastal ecosystems - from sandy beaches and salt marshes, to tidepools and rocky shores. Students will collect and analyze data, learn to identify local species, and assess human impacts on Long Island Sound. We'll also monitor horseshoe crab and shorebird populations as citizen scientists for Project Limulus. Students should have a serious interest in math, science and the marine environment. Grades 5-8. \$100.

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