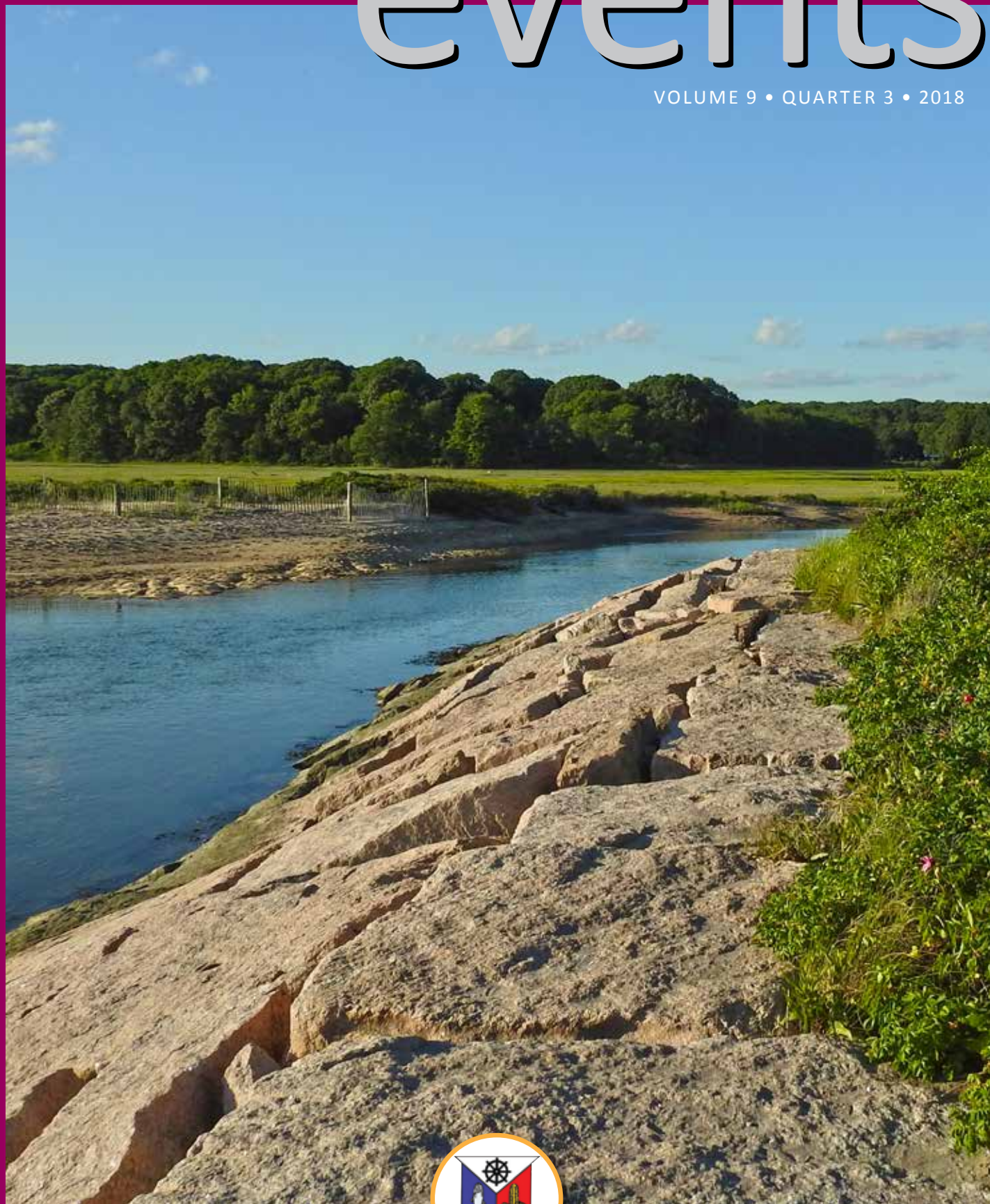


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The First Selectman's Corner

"Free Keys"

On June 21st (Make Music Day in Connecticut), three pianos were placed downtown as part of the "Free Keys" program. Free Keys is designed to provide a shoreline-wide interconnected resource for the public to express themselves through making,



listening to, and enjoying music. The pianos are placed throughout downtown Madison to inspire spontaneous performance in our public spaces and to encourage creativity and community. There's one at the movie theater; one at Creations

on the south side of Main Street near the Courtyard, and one on Wall Street in front of "Willow and Birch". We look forward to adding more as the idea catches on. It is our hope that the public will enjoy Free Keys respectfully. For more information: FreeKeysCT.org.

The Madison Rotary Club will again sponsor its annual Labor Day Weekend Carnival at the Academy Fields on Friday Night August 31st, Saturday September 1st and Sunday September 2nd.

Music in Madison

Madison Beach & Recreation Summer Concerts are performed

Sunday nights from 6 - 8 pm on the Madison Town Green and continue through August. The schedule is as follows:

- July 8 The Kerry Boys
Irish Music
- July 15 Last Licks
- July 22 The Larry Stevens Band
- July 29 Eddie Seville and Steel Rodeo
- August 5 Coyote River Band
- August 12 River Mud
- August 26 The Shoreline Connection
- September 7 Rubix Cube tickets required, 7-9 pm
at Polson Middle School



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Summer Concerts at the Surf Club are performed Friday nights from 7 - 9 pm on the deck at the Surf Club. The remaining schedule is:

- August 10 The Kenn Morr Band
- August 17 Larry Stevens
- August 25 The Rovers

Chamber Events

On Thursday, August 16 from 5-8 pm, the Madison Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 9th Annual Beachcomber's Night, an evening of shopping and entertainment in downtown Madison. Stroll along our beautiful sidewalks sampling a variety of wines **continued on page 3**

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Dear Readers and Advertisers!

It is with great excitement that I announce the launch of Events Magazines' inaugural "The Last Word" segment.

What is "The Last Word?"

"The Last Word" is a new feature article that will appear on the last page of all of our 13 magazines (as you may know we currently publish Events Magazines in 13 Connecticut towns). Each quarter there will be a story about someone with Connecticut ties who has made major accomplishments not only in his/her professional field but also in the community. Our inaugural "The Last Word" segment for the third quarter of 2018 highlights NASCAR professional driver Joey Logano, who is a native of Middletown, CT. It touches on his racing career milestones as well as his work in Connecticut and around the country through the Joey Logano Foundation.

What's Next?

Well, I can't really give that away just yet. We've got some ideas in the works for the 4th quarter issue of Events Magazines.

Comments and Feedback?

As always, we welcome your input and insights on how we can continue to enhance the magazines for the benefit of readers and advertisers alike. All of us at Events Magazines hope you enjoy our first-ever "The Last Word" feature. We look forward to continuing to serve the community through our Events Magazines!



William McMinn, Owner, Essex Printing & Events Magazines

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and beer from Connecticut vineyards, local brewers and distributors while enjoying the sounds of live music along the way. Meander into the shops and restaurants to find out what wonderful specials they have for the evening. In addition to wine, beer, music and tasty

snacks, you can play along to be entered into a drawing to win some incredible prizes including bundles of gift certificates to local merchants. A portion of proceeds will benefit the Madison Ambulance Association. It will be a summer night to remember in Madison!

The Chamber will be hosting its annual Fall Antiques and Repurposed Goods Show on August 25th on the Town Green. For more information and a complete list of participating vendors, please visit madisonct.com or call the Chamber at 203-245-7394 for more information.

Rockland Bike Camp

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Madison Art Society

The Madison Art Society announces the Town Hall artists for July and August are Madison residents John Copelin and Muci Clemens. Their work will be on display in the main hallway of the Madison Town Hall, 8 Campus Drive, Madison, CT.

John K. Copelin

John graduated from Yale College, and Yale Architecture School, and worked as a self-employed architect for 40 years. He started watercolor painting upon retiring from architecture in 2001, and studied for a number of years with Lou Bonamarte.

He now paints with a group of watercolor artists every Wednesday, headed by Joan McPherson. John is a proud member of the Madison Art Society, the Clinton Art Society and the Guilford Art League, where he has successfully shown his work.

His collages are actually two watercolor paintings, one of which is sliced into strips of varying sizes and carefully



Collage of a Landscape, 9" x 12" watercolor collage by John Copelin

fixed on top of a base painting. The attempt is to prevent one painting from

dominating the other. Hopefully, this process develops a dialog between the resulting stripes. The results should not be readily apparent, and the hope is to further engage the viewer in the artwork.

Sometimes the collage is composed of two completely independent paintings and some are two paintings of the same object done in complimentary colors. Occasionally the subjects of the work are only remotely selected but the values and colors are compatible. His work demands your attention as it is uniquely beautiful in its handling of watercolor art.

Muci Clemens

From still life to landscapes and portraits, Muci Clemens paints in a representational, impressionistic style with either oil or pastel. The rebirth of nature and its dependable cycle of life, peaceful and pensive, filled with light, influences her colorful palette.

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After earning her degree in Art and Applied Science at San Diego State University, California Ms. Clemens studied at The Art Student's League, NYC and Silvermine School of Art in Norwalk, Connecticut.



White Peonies with Lilacs, 16"x 20", oil
by Muci Clemens

She continues to collaborate in workshops with Doug Dawson, Daniel Greene and Clayton Beck.

Her memberships include the Connecticut Pastel Society, Oil Painters of America, Lyme Art Association, Society for Creative Arts Newtown, CT, Audubon Artists and The Vero Beach Art Club, Vero Beach, Florida. Muci participates in area shows and was recently a part of the Mark Twain Library Art Show, Redding, Connecticut. Her memberships in local art associations include the Madison Art Society, the Guilford Art League and the Clinton Art Society.

You can also find her work in shows at The Pen and Brush, Inc., NYC, The River Road Gallery in Wilton, Connecticut, Vermont Artisan Design Gallery, Brattleboro, Vermont and Gallery 14, Vero Beach, Florida. Muci Clemens has received a number of awards from these venues and has been a featured artist throughout the state and in New York City.

This is a “must see” exhibit and is open during Town Hall hours. Each artist will display about five or six pieces of art.

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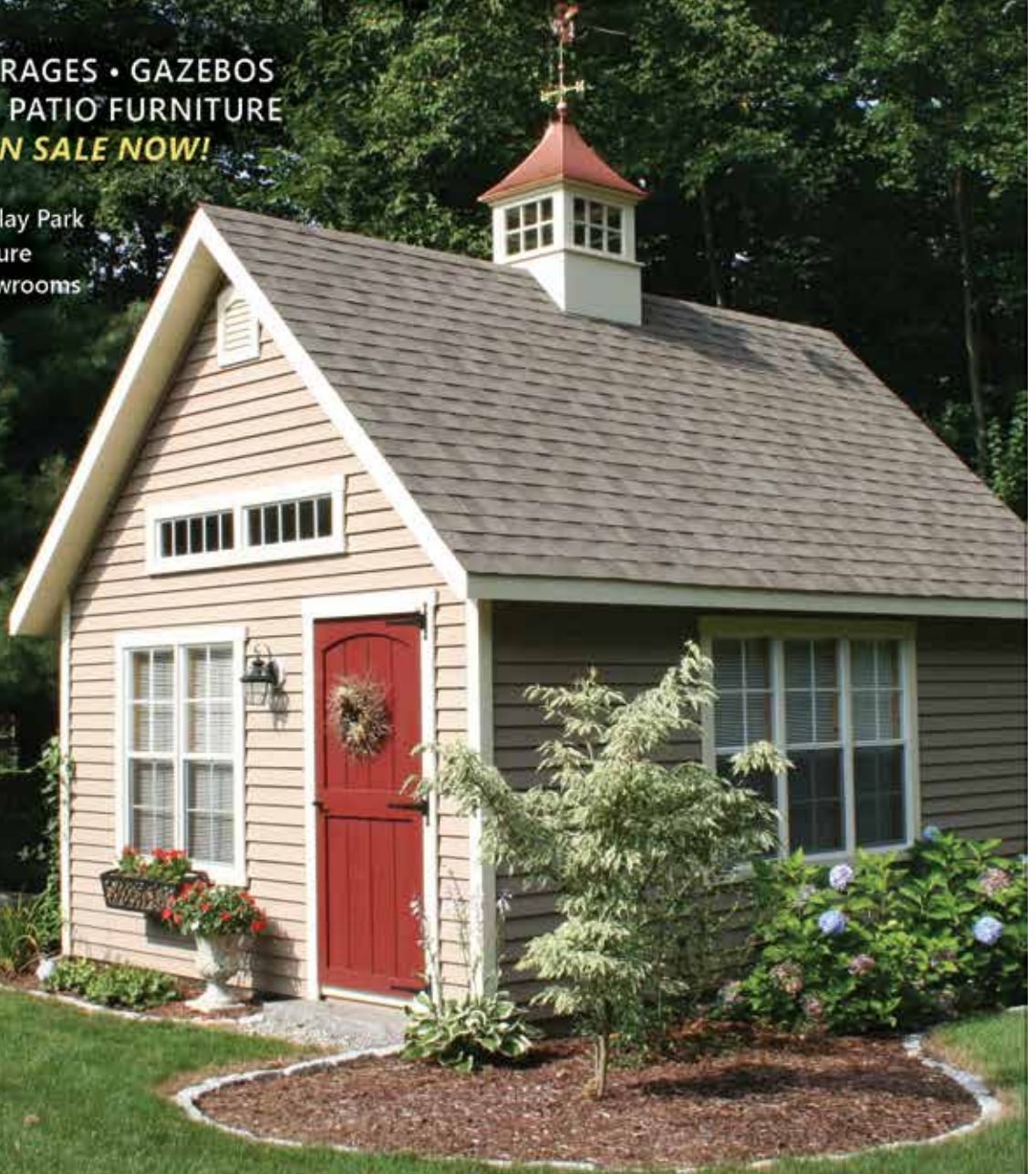
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Sunday, July 29, 10:00 am. Foraging Hike, Retlich Preserve
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We will identify native, non-native and invasive species and discuss their medicinal, culinary and historical use. We will talk about ethical wild gathering and cover basic medicine-making

skills to turn your foraged finds into potent, nutrient dense medicine. Meet by the parking area at 274 River Road.

Sunday, October 21, 7:00 pm. Autumn Moonlight Walk
Bring a flashlight and join us for an evening stroll on the Garvan Trail at the Surf Club. A bagpiper will lead the way. After the walk, refreshments will be served in the Surf Club building, and members of the Astronomical Society of New Haven will set up telescopes for viewing the moon, planets and stars in the night-time sky.

Trail maps, directions and more hike dates are posted at www.madisonlandtrust.org.

Enter the MLCT Facebook Photo Challenge!

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Spring rains brought relief to the drought and finally the gypsy caterpillars subsided thanks to the rain that brought on a fungus killing them. But gardeners face other challenges this summer. The past two warm winters have produced a boom in the tick and critter population. Gardeners are determined though, never giving up. We know that since we cannot control the weather we must make the best of what Mother Nature presents. Focus on the positive like the magnificent blooms that the rain resulted from the generous rainfall. Nevertheless, the toll the critters take on us and our gardens can be discouraging to say the least.

So what are we to do?

Take measures to protect against ticks. Use sprays, cover up and most importantly check yourself for ticks after exposure. For someone like myself that means showering and checking every single day after work! There are some excellent organic yard sprays for ticks. You can find these at Madison Earth Care.

The critters, especially the rabbits, are out of control! I have never seen so many rabbits before. And they are eating

everything, even the plants they are not supposed to like. Repellants are helpful but not fool proof. I find the best repellent for rabbits to be Liquid Fence. Though, I must warn you... it smells awful! I have resorted to installing rabbit fencing in some of my flower gardens. Deerbusters has a good rabbit fence kit. Voles and chipmunks are just as much a menace. A product I recommend is Repels All.

Another helpful thing to do is rotate repellents. I find rotating Liquid Fence and Repels All to be a good combination. And of course there is the notion of planting critter resistant plants. Although as I mentioned this is not always full proof either, it does help.

Keep up the good fight against the critters but most important remember to enjoy the summer!

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All proceeds from Cruise Blues & Brews Festival support the At-Risk Boys Fund at the Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

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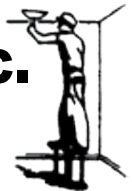
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Five Sunscreen Myths Debunked

My moisturizer has an SPF of 15 so I don't need a separate sunscreen.

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I get a base tan to protect my skin before I go on vacation.

There is no such thing as a base tan for protection. Your skin changes color to protect itself from damage so you are damaging your skin to prevent further damage. Today's tan is tomorrow's wrinkle.

SPF 80 gives more protection than SPF 30.

The choice of sunscreens can be overwhelming and it is now possible to find SPF numbers into the triple digits. SPF 15 blocks 93% of UVB and SPF 30 blocks 97%. Nothing blocks 100%. Your coverage is negligible above SPF 30.

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The first wine we will discuss comes mostly from the country of Austria. The grape is called Grüner Veltiner, this being the most widely grown grape in that country. The wine is late harvested but it does develop into a slightly peppery, full bodied, but dry crisp finish. The wine can also age well to become a richer and more complex wine.

The next wine which has become a very popular as a just sitting around sipping wine. It is from Portugal, called Vinho Verde, which means "Green Wine." The wine is light in color and also light in body. The wine has good acidity and a little spritz to it. The region it is grown in is controlled by law not to produce a wine to exceed 11.5% alcohol content. Due to this, the wine should be drunk young, as it will be most refreshing at this point.

Muscadet is a wine produced in France at the beginning of the Loire valley. The muscadet area only grows one grape, Melon de Bourgogne, which has been around since the 17th century. The most predominate growing region for this wine is Muscadet-Sèvre et Maine where as much as 75% of this wine is produced. The wine produce a slight mineral and limestone flavor, which is a great wine to pair with shellfish and other seafood dishes. Also some of these wine areas are labeled Sur Lie under the name of Muscadet. This means the wine "rests on the lees" (which is the dead yeast, left over seeds and pulp from the grapes produced during the wine process, right after fermentation). This gives the wine slightly more body. Enjoy these light refreshing wines for the summer, pairing them with light dishes or just drinking them on their own.

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Bauer Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 13, 2018 – 11 am-3 pm

Special events scheduled include pony rides, hay rides, old fashioned games, Food, cider pressing, and more. Free family event. Bauer Park is located at 257 Cope Road, Madison.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Harvest Festival. Planning meetings are being held throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming involved please contact us at 203-245-5623.

Summer Concert Series on the Green continues, Sundays from 6 to 8 pm / Free - bring your chairs:

- July 29** – Eddie Seville and Steel Rodeo, Country
- August 5** – Coyote River Band, Country, Rock
- August 12** – River Mud, Rock
- August 19** – Number Nine, Beatles Tribute Band
- August 26** – The Shoreline Connection, Rock/Pop

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"More Than Just A Musical"

Between catchy dance routines and hilarious one-liners, A Shared Stage Productions performance of "The Addams Family" at The Kate in Old Saybrook entertained three sold-out crowds in May. Starring a unified cast of performers from the shoreline theater community and Vista Life Innovations, a post-secondary program supporting the personal success of individuals with disabilities, this delightfully kooky production directed by Martin Marchitto had audiences laughing in their seats.

But more than just a musical, "The Addams Family" fostered acceptance and unity

among the greater shoreline and Vista communities. This production brought together at least 45 Vista students and members and 26 community members - including the cast, crew, production team, and volunteers - providing a powerful shared experience for all involved. This show marked Vista's fifth all-abilities musical production and the first to debut under Vista's recently established performing arts program, A Shared Stage Productions.

The production was sponsored by Peach Pit Foundation, The Madison Foundation, Cornerstone Construction Services,

Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Guilford Foundation, Guilford Savings Bank, Swan Funeral Home, Farmers Insurance, the Lee Family, the Wrotnowski Family, Bruce Baber, and Laurie Pilcher.

Vista Life Innovations is a 501©3 nonprofit organization accredited by the National Commission for the Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). With campuses in Madison, Westbrook and Guilford, Vista's mission is to provide services and resources to assist individuals with disabilities achieve personal success. Visit www.vistalifeinnovations.org.

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SUMMER'S BOUNTY GARDEN ADVENTURE

Monday-Friday, July 30 – August 3 / 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Using the Bauer Farming Project's organic vegetable garden as an outdoor classroom, we will explore the mid-summer excitement in the garden. Through hands-on work in the garden, campers will learn about growing beautiful healthy food organically. We will learn about the ecosystems working in the garden, harvest food for enticing recipes each day, learn about saving the bounty of summer for later in the year, and harvest food and flowers to donate. We will also be making beautiful works of art from things gathered in the garden. Be prepared to be outside; bring a water bottle, clothes for water play, and a snack. \$148
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POND DIPPING FOR FAMILIES

Sunday, August 12 / 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

WEARABLE BAUER NATURE ART

Sunday, August 19 / 1:00-3:00 pm

Use nature to create artistic expression that you can wear! Participants will collect natural objects from Bauer Park's woodland trail to make colorful prints using fabric paint. Bring a tee shirt, pillowcase or other articles of your choice. As fabric paints are permanent, participants should dress accordingly. All ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5

Visit www.madisonct.org/recreation for registration and more information. Questions? Call 203-245-5623.

Learn about upcoming events at Bauer Park at:
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The Women's Club of Madison is pleased to announce our recently installed New President Dr. Shari Roguski and Vice President Karen Casey. We wish them all the best and much success during the next two years.

Our Garden Tour!

What a beautiful day we had, could not have asked for better weather and the gardens were just spectacular. You would not believe the compliments we received from guests returning to the Visitors Center. Not only on the gardens but they also loved the fact that the owners were out talking to them and sharing their gardening experiences.

We also had some ladies coming back telling us they had just met 'the most handsome man' with another group raving about 'The man with the gorgeous blue eyes.' Well, it turns out he was a

garden host, however I will leave you guessing!

Thank you to each and every one of you for your time, effort and enthusiasm in helping us raise \$7,781.61. This money (as promised) has been handed over to the town to purchase new items for the Surf Club. New grills and tables will be purchased plus the Bocce Court will receive a much needed make over. The Town will keep us informed as to how the money is spent, and it will all be used for the Surf Club.

Our next fundraiser- fun day is August 24th when we will man the Carousel at Lenny and Joe's from 12:00 to 8:00 pm. They graciously give us all the day's proceeds from the Carousel for our Scholarship Fund, so come see us and find out what we are all about.

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Scranton Library Friends

A New Look for a 47-Year-old group of FRIENDS

A “Friend-Ship” and an “Owl” are two logo designs used since some Madison citizens formed the Scranton Library Friends. This year, we have a new logo to identify our group and its work, to “Support Our Library.” The logo was designed by a Board member and chosen by a Board vote from nine options.

In 1971, the Friends began helping the Scranton Memorial Library. We have made many things happen - the Parade of Pooches, Galleries in Motion, One Book - One Town, many children’s activities, a very popular Antique Appraisal event, Pop-Up book sales, and principally, the Annual Book Sale. We provide refreshments for Trivia Nights and full-house, Sunday afternoon musical programs for adults. We also augment the Library’s budget. Friends can be found re-shelving books and CDs or covering and repairing books in need. In 2015, we incorporated as a 501(C)3, non-profit, tax exempt organization.

As the work of the Library grows, we try to keep pace. The first expansion project developed the Children’s Library, and beneath it, the Community Room. In 1989, a new wing was built on the east side of the building. Our support helped make up a



Pictured Left to right standing are: Betsey Piner, Matt Lubanko, Marsha Brunelle, Joan Filbey, Pauline Murphy, Joyce Rourke, Caroline Gunther, Sandra Long, Connie Piccione and Laura Osterman. Seated are: Carmela Scialabba, President Joan O’Neill and Jen Thompson. Missing from the photo are: Alice Smith, Beth Cerny and Barbra Buckley.

construction shortfall and replace the broken circulation desk, an item that unfortunately, had been cut from the budget.

Soon, library renovation will require a move to a new, temporary location, so we’re trying to think and work in new ways. As a start, we now have a new look. Our logo is visual shorthand for who we are, the SCRANTON LIBRARY FRIENDS. Please look for it on posters and other materials you may see.

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This year's Hammonasset Festival honors Native American heritage and nature with a special focus on Children and Families: We Are All Connected.

The Hammonasset Festival returns to the Guilford Fairgrounds this fall for two days of celebration, education and entertainment. Honoring the environment and Native American traditions, the 8th Festival will take place on Saturday, September 29, from 10 am to 7 pm and Sunday, September 30, from 10 am to 5 pm.

Each day begins with a Native American blessing and smudging ceremony, led by Allan Saunders (Mohegan). There will be multiple appearances by our featured performers: Erin Meeches (Schaghticoke) and the Native Nations Dance Troupe.

The Native American dancers will gather in the Dance Circle to share their dances and interpretations, dressed in traditional regalia and accompanied by live singing and drumming of a Native drum group.

The Chankas of Peru who will once again share the amazing Scissors Dance, a traditional highland Andean ritual

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Tchin (Narragansett), Native American storyteller, will make his Hammonasset Festival debut. Tchin is a nationally known performance artist and educator who, through the art of oral tradition, shares stories that have been passed down through generations and that will illuminate minds of all ages.

Music and song will be provided both days by Allan Madahbee (Ojibway) playing Native American flute and guitar. There will also be performances by Scott Shuffitt, playing Native American-style flutes, with Todd Secki on drum.

Around the grounds, under tents and in the Butterly Building you will find an array of vendors and traders, exhibitors and educators. There will be live wildlife shows, an expanded children's area, the ever-popular New England Atlatl Championship, and a variety of food choices.



Find more information and schedule of events at Facebook.com/HammonassetFestival or the Friends of Hammonasset website: Hammonasset.org.

The Festival is presented by the Friends of Hammonasset, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. FOH provides public environmental awareness programs, serves as advocate of Hammonasset Beach State Park, and seeks to preserve the integrity of the Park's natural resources. The Friends of Hammonasset is affiliated with Friends of Connecticut State Parks and works in cooperation with state and local park management.

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Joey Logano – Inspiring others to do for others

by Sigrid Kun

Professional NASCAR driver Joey Logano started his racing career right here in Connecticut racing quarter midget cars and quickly made a name for himself. Starting at the age of six, the Middletown, CT native started winning championship after championship – to the point that, by the time he was 15, he was already on the radar with NASCAR racing legends. Now, he's always to be reckoned with on the NASCAR racing scene, competing full-time in the Monster Energy NASCAR series and part-time in the NASCAR Xfinity series.

THE STATS ARE IMPRESSIVE.

- Youngest driver to win a NASCAR Xfinity Series race - winning at Kentucky Speedway in 2008 when he was just 18 years, 21 days old and in only his third Xfinity Series start.
- 2009 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year
- Won the Daytona 500 in 2015 - Second youngest driver to win this race.
- 49 combined wins in NASCAR's top-three series

There is, of course, the glitz and the glamor that pervades NASCAR as a whole. And there's the occasional race-action controversy. And there are the ups and downs. After early successes (leading to the nickname, "Sliced Bread") and nearly winning a championship in 2016, Joey failed to make the playoffs in 2017. This year could mark a turnaround. Joey notched a win at Talladega Superspeedway in April, which ended a nearly year-long winless streak and, as of press time, he is fifth in the NASCAR Championship Point Standings.

But there's more to the 28-year-old than that. Joey and his wife Brittany, whom he married in 2014, welcomed their first child into the world this past January. Joey and Brittany have also been very committed to giving back. In a previous conversation, Joey mentioned, "If we can touch a few people's lives and help them become contributing members of our community and the world, it's really going to make a difference and it starts one person at a time." That's the crux of the Joey Logano Foundation that invests in organizations offering second chances to children and young adults during times of crisis and works to inspire others to live a life of generosity.

WHY SECOND CHANCES?

First, there was a life-changing visit to Joplin, Missouri in 2011 where Joey helped to rebuild a home for a local family following the tornado that devastated the area. That family needed a second chance. Little did Joey know that he would soon need his own second chance. He had been driving the No. 20 Toyota Camry for Joe Gibbs Racing since the 2009 season, but that ended in 2012. He received his second chance when he was picked up by Penske Racing in 2012. The following year, the Joey Logano Foundation was established.



Upper right: Joey Logano. Middle photo: Number 22 on the track. Bottom left: Joey and his wife Brittany at a Meet and Greet. Photos courtesy of the Joey Logano Foundation.

Since 2013, the foundation has invested almost \$2.7 million in various organizations across the country. Programs include inviting children who are facing tough situations (whether physically and/or emotionally) annually to a NASCAR race to be part of the crew for the day, supporting non-profit organizations during the 10-week NASCAR playoffs in each playoff race market, assembling and donating comfort care backpacks to foster and/or terminally ill children, and an annual fundraiser in Connecticut, called Driving Hope Home. A portion of the Driving Hope Home proceeds are donated to The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut with the remaining proceeds donated to reputable charities the foundation supports to offer children in need a first or second chance. "It's our responsibility. You have to do it. If we're not going to do it, who else is going to be an advocate for these kids," says Brittany, who notes that first chances are important too. "They need a first opportunity in life. If we can shed light to this and inspire others to do the same, we can have a bigger impact than the two of us. That's our goal."

There is no doubt that Joey is a fierce competitor and a pure NASCAR racing talent. But don't overlook the other side. "When you are able to make a difference like that, you can see it in that person's face, how much it affects their lives - there's no better feeling than that," he observes. "I can talk about race wins as much as I want and how great that is but there's nothing better than that win - when you're able to affect something. That's a bigger win than any racetrack can get you."

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