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The First Selectman's Corner

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The Town of Madison will hold its Annual Town Meeting on Thursday January 26, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Polson Middle School on Green Hill Road. Please consider attending as there are two very important topics that will be discussed.

One topic of discussion is to inform taxpayers of a resolution for the Scranton Library's request to go to referendum. The Library will present a question to voters at referendum on February 7th as to whether or not to approve a bond issue in the amount of \$9,100,000 for renovations and additions to the existing Library building.

There will also be a vote to approve an ordinance allowing for a Senior Tax Freeze, which would offer qualifying seniors the opportunity to freeze their tax payments into the future at a level to be determined by the ordinance. This issue has been debated and discussed for several months and has ramifications not just for seniors, but for all taxpayers.

In addition to these discussions, we will receive the Annual Reports from the Boards and Commissions. This report will be a summation of the activities of our many VOLUNTEER boards and commissions over the past year. I will present the Annual "State of the Town" report detailing where we are and where we are going,

and I promise will not drag it on. Come and participate in your town's government!!

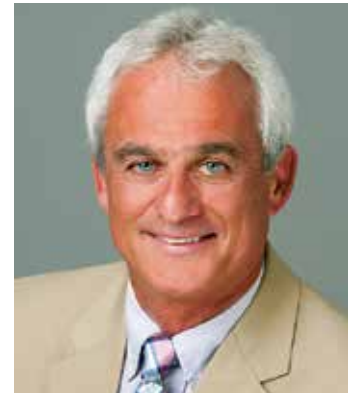
"SOUPER BOWL"

The Madison Chamber of Commerce is hosting the second annual SOUPER BOWL event in downtown Madison on Saturday, January 28 (snow date: January 29 - a week before the Super Bowl).

This fun, outdoor event will feature local restaurants, civic organizations, businesses and other groups offering samplings of soups, chilis and stews. Last year's event was a great success, with hundreds of people attending.

"GREEN UP, CLEAN, UP DAY"

"Green Up, Clean, Up Day" is scheduled for April 22nd, and planning has already begun. All groups and individuals are invited to join in. Sign up online at www.madisonct.org/volunteer to let us know who you are, how many of you there are and how we can contact you. Call the First Selectman's office at 203-245-5601 for more information.



Tom Banisch, First Selectman

A photograph of a modern living room interior. A large, white, tufted sofa is the central focus, adorned with two patterned throw pillows. In front of the sofa is a round, light-colored coffee table. To the right, a dark wood side table holds a bright yellow lamp. The background shows a window with blinds and another lamp. The overall aesthetic is clean and contemporary.

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Gardener's Winter Things To Do

The winter months can be long and dreary but if you see winter as an introspective opportunity it can be a time for re energizing. Ten things a gardener (or anyone for that matter) can do during the winter months.

1. Take a nap.
2. Read a book. I recommend, *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert.
3. Read another book. I also recommend, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.
4. Repot root bound houseplants.
5. Take a walk, go snowshoeing or enjoy a winter sport like skiing or skating.
6. Go to the Connecticut flower show, February 23-26.
7. Take a class, go to naturework.com for a class schedule.
8. Feed the birds.
9. Catch up with an old friend.
10. Sow a seed of kindness and watch it bloom all year long.

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The Madison Historical Society is Turning 100. Let's Celebrate!



In 2017, the Madison Historical Society (MHS) turns 100. As the oldest civic organization in Madison, we are proud of the important role we play in contributing to the present and future vitality of the town. To celebrate our centennial, the MHS

is planning many exciting events and activities. In January we will launch a community-wide local distinctiveness project to get residents thinking about what makes Madison special and unique. This interactive project will seek input from residents answering the question, "What is My Madison?" Members of the centennial committee will select the winning entries. Local artists will then create graphic representations for each letter. The artwork will be used to create posters, tote bags, t-shirts and more. Watch for ballot boxes appearing around town soon!

The MHS cares for a collection of more than 4000 objects from Madison's rich cultural history. Among these treasures are nearly twenty wedding dresses. During the week of February 12, the MHS will feature several wedding dresses and related accessories at a pop-up exhibit. Look for upcoming announcements on where and when to view a charming

assortment of the beautiful wedding dresses, shoes, handbags, and hairpins cared for by the MHS.

A collectible book highlighting objects from the collection will be another element of celebrating our town. The hundred-page book will feature items from different eras from primitive times to the twentieth century.

Our gift to the town will be a walking tour of the structures and monuments in Madison's National Historic District. This web-based program will provide an entertaining audio/visual experience of the properties around the green. Much more than an architecture lesson, it will offer intriguing tales from three centuries of Madison's history.

Please look for announcements on upcoming events and activities. We hope you will join us in celebrating our centennial.



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Adult & Family Programs at Bauer Park

Madison's Agricultural and Environmental Center, 257 Copse Road



Learn to identify trees in winter at Bauer Park on February 19th.

UNVEIL THE SECRETS OF TREES IN WINTER: THE BEAUTY OF TWIGS AND BUDS

Sunday, February 19
1:00-3:00 pm

Learn the tricks of identifying trees in winter by their bark and growth form in the forest. Then, come inside to explore the beauty of their twigs and buds. These intricate structures tell the story of a tree's

past and foretell its burst into lush green life in the spring. This class will change how you see trees and connect you with their marvels. Dress for the weather and a short easy walk. For adults and high school students. \$10

FAMILY MAPLE SUGARING

Sunday, February 26
2:30-4:00 pm

Come learn how maple syrup is made, from tree to table. We'll tap some of Bauer Park's maple trees, taste the sap, and learn how to turn it into syrup (which we'll also taste!). Information on where to acquire sugaring supplies, and when, where and how to tap the maple trees in your own yard will be provided. Boots are recommended as we'll be hiking into the woods to tap the trees.

Recommended for adults and children ages 3 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$5

BIRDS IN YOUR BACKYARD AND AROUND THE WORLD

Sunday, March 19
1:00-2:30 pm

Experience an avian world, from the backyards of Madison to the exotic wild lands of Australia, Africa and the Galapagos Islands. Each species has its own fascinating stories to tell through its unique behaviors and adaptations. Instructor Susannah Graedel holds a master's degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and spent many years banding songbirds. For adults and high school students. \$10

GET READY FOR BLUEBIRDS!

Sunday, April 9
1:00-3:00 pm

Bluebirds start nesting in Madison in early spring. Indoors we will learn about what these lovely songbirds need to raise a family. Nest box plans are available. Then tour the Bauer Bluebird Trail to see the birds in action. Learn how to become a bluebird

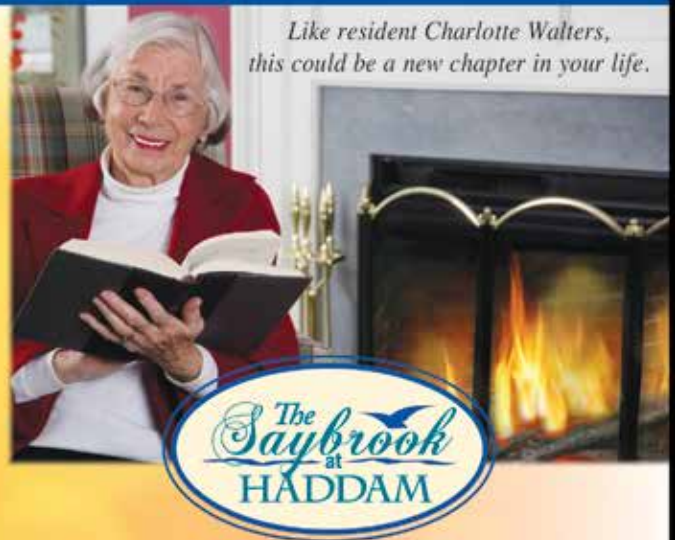
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Madison Beach & Recreation office. Questions? Call 203-245-5623.


Learn about upcoming events at Bauer Park at: www.facebook.com/bauerparkmadisonct.

Educational programs can be arranged for school, scout and community groups at Bauer Park, Rockland Preserve and the town beaches. Contact the Beach & Recreation Office at 203-245-5623 for more information.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for students entering Kindergarten for 2016-17 will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm and Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30 - 3:00 pm in the Hammonasset Room at The Madison Town Campus, located at 10 Campus Drive.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled registration, registrations must be done through Sara Caraszi at Central Office, 10 Campus Drive 203-245-6307. Please visit our website at www.madison.k12.ct.us for enrollment forms.



Kindergarten

Madison Public Schools Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 School Year

WHERE?
Hammonasset Room, Town Campus
10 Campus Drive

WHEN?
Monday, March 27th
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 28th
9:00 – 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF RESIDENCY, AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS.

Visit our website at www.madison.k12.ct.us for enrollment packets.

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. Glaucoma affects 60 million people worldwide and more than 3 million people in the United States. Glaucoma is often called the “thief of sight” since often there are no symptoms and glaucoma-related vision loss is permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing. If not diagnosed and treated, 1 in 10 people go blind from glaucoma. Glaucoma affects people of all ages, even infants.

There are two main types of glaucoma: Primary Open-Angle Glaucoma and Angle-Closure Glaucoma. Open-angle glaucoma is dangerous because most of the time a person affected will not notice any symptoms until vision is

severely damaged. The vision loss isn't noticed because it often starts with your peripheral vision and the brain makes up for what you don't see. The inner eye pressure (IOP- intraocular pressure) rises because the correct amount of fluid can't drain out of the eye. This occurs usually deep into the drainage canals. Closed-angle glaucoma occurs when the drainage canals get blocked or covered. Angle-closure glaucoma is dangerous because, while there are often symptoms of pain including headaches, nausea, and eye pain they happen rapidly and without warning.

It is very important to get an annual dilated eye exam. As you age or if you have

a family history of glaucoma you may have the visual field test performed. This test checks your peripheral vision and the loss of your side vision is one of the first signs of glaucoma. If you are diagnosed with glaucoma there are ways to manage it. In the early stages you might be prescribed eye drops or have laser surgery performed. Other ways to manage glaucoma are done by performing filtering surgery or a drainage implant.

Dr. Mascarenhas at Middlesex Eye Physicians is our Glaucoma Specialist. She is a Yale educated specialist and trained in Trabectome glaucoma surgery.

Middlesex Eye Physicians

Madison Senior Center

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Monday, July 17th - 21st, 2017

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AARP INCOME TAXES

Get Free Help with Your Tax Return

AARP Certified Tax-Aide counselors provide free income tax preparation assistance for low-and-middle-income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 & older. Taxpayers MUST bring copies of their 2015 tax return. Tuesdays from 10 am - 3 pm beginning in February Taxes will be prepared by appointment only. Please call (203)245-5627 starting the middle of January for an appointment.

CHINESE PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE

Introduction to Chinese philosophy and culture. We will focus on Confucianism and Taoism and how their influence on Chinese society can be felt, even today. Another avenue to learn more about the Chinese culture is to learn about their holidays, which we will also be discussing. The instructor of this class is Jennie Owens, a native of China (4 weeks). Minimum enrollment: 5. Preregistration required. Thursday, March 2nd - 30th 1:30-2:30; No Class on 3/16/17; Fee:\$10.

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Middlesex Hospital Breast Surgeon Performs New Technique

RECONSTRUCTION DURING LUMPECTOMY PRESERVES NATURAL LOOK OF TISSUE

Patients who undergo breast surgery are naturally concerned about the cosmetic changes that come with it. Leah Bassin, M.D., a breast surgery specialist at the Middlesex Hospital Surgical Alliance, is now helping women who undergo lumpectomies feel more comfortable about it.

“Breast tissue does not grow back,” says Dr. Bassin. “When a tumor is removed during a lumpectomy procedure, it leaves an empty space in the breast that can change the look of the breast.”

Oncoplastics essentially involves filling any “gaps” in the breast left by the removal of the tumor by reshaping the surrounding tissue, preserving a natural look.

“With the oncoplastic technique, my goal is to leave the breast looking like it did before surgery,” explains Dr. Bassin, “with as small a scar as possible.”

Dr. Bassin performs both the lumpectomy and the oncoplasty at the same time, which can also be a big plus for the patient. The entire procedure usually takes only about an hour.

In addition to the oncoplasty procedure, Dr. Bassin provides patients with complete breast care, including:

- High-risk patients
- Atypia (presence of abnormal cells in breast tissue)
- Consultation for abnormal breast imaging
- Breast cancer
- Benign breast disease
- Breast pain
- Breast infections

Dr. Bassin also collaborates with Middlesex Hospital breast surgeon, Dr. Andrea Malon, as part of the Surgical Alliance - along with local plastic surgeons.

“Providing patient-centered care is extremely important to me,” adds Dr. Bassin. “I am with my patients every step of the way.”

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The Williams School Fall Athletic Wrap-up

The 2016 fall season has come to a close and all who can proclaim, "I am a member of the Williams School community" should be proud, as this season's participating student athletes were really quite exceptional.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country team, under the tutelage of Mr. Bowerman, Ms. Barth, Ms. Sakorski, and led by captain Will Jarrett '18, showed great dedication from the start of the season, and only got better with each meet! The family-like atmosphere created by the team and coaching staff translated into a wonderful support system that pushed each other during training sessions. Come race day, the Blues were always prepared - mentally and physically - and dominated a great many of the races they took part in.

Top runners this season included:

- Will Jarrett '18 finished the season with ten top 10 finishes and two 1st place finishes. Will finished 8th out of 198 runners in the 2016 NEPSTA Division IV Cross Country Championship race.
- Catherine Shannon '21 finished the season with three 1st place finishes and four 2nd place finishes. Catherine finished 2nd out of 114 varsity girl runners at the NEPSTA Division IV Championship race.
- Mary Madaus '21 placed 4th out of 114 varsity girl runners at the NEPSTA Division IV Championship race.
- Grace Cassineri '22 finished 20th out of 114 varsity girl runners at the NEPSTA Division IV Championship race.

Williams hosted the SENE Cross Country Championship race this year, and what a beautiful day it was. The sun was shining brightly on that early November day, with a crisp breeze and an air of anticipation, as 200 plus runners took to our home course. Proudly, the Blues performed as they had all season - with strength and confidence; third-place team finishes for both boys and girls was the result! Earning SENE honors: Will Jarrett '18, Catherine Shannon '21, Mary Madaus '21, and Grace Cassineri '22.

Earning All New England Honors for the Blues: Mary Madaus '21, Catherine Shannon '21, Grace Cassineri '22, and Will Jarrett '18. All four student athletes qualified to compete in the New England Preparatory Schools Track Association All Star Cross Country Meet at St. Marks School in Southborough, MA.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

The boys varsity soccer team, coached by Joe Langton, showed marked improvement from start to finish and earned them a spot in the SENE Tournament. The team came ready to practice hard as Coach Joe put them through their paces - well organized drills that forced skills to improve and team unity to strengthen - each and every day! This attitude and grit transferred to game time and led to many positive outcomes and losses by very small margins.

Keeper, Alexander Bowdler '18, did a wonderful job in goal all season in conjunction with his teammates holding down the defensive positions. On the offensive end, the Blues were led by Nicholas Chirillo '18 and Oliver Falla '17. Also, earning a spot in the scorer's column: Fehme Braish '18, Kevin Masson '19, Harrison Anselmi '20, George Sun '18 and Jacob Marchesi '18.



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Post-season honors included:

- Fehme Braish '18 - Boys SENE All League Team
- Andrew Little '18 - WNEPSSA Class C/D Select Team
- Nicholas Chirillo '18 - honorable mention for the WNEPSSA Class C/D Select Team

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

The girls varsity soccer team, coached by Andrew Capewell, complimented the boys varsity team effort, as far as hard work, dedication, well organized practices that enhanced all skills and enthusiasm for team and success. The end result was the team earning a spot in the SENE Tournament.

In the keeper position, several key players deserve the spotlight: Deriyana Carter '17, Victoria Hersant '17 and with the JV call up, Olivia Guinan '22. Each girl in front of their keeper worked hard on the defensive side of the ball. No matter the opponent, the Blues made a consistent effort to challenge every attempt and to make the opposition truly earn their goals.

On the offensive end, the team was led strongly by Camryn Werbinski '18 and Audrey Matson '20. Both Camryn and Audrey

scored more than 10 goals each over the course of the season. The Blues leading scorers were not alone in their effort: Katerina Bourganos '18, Mia Taylor '18, Morgan Pill '20, Kayla Capano '19 and Grace Powell '19, also found the back of the net.

Post-season honors included:

- Katia Bourganos '18 - Girls SENE All League Team
- Mia Taylor '18 - Girls SENE All League Team
- Audrey Matson '20 - Girls SENE All League Team
- Isabella Nucci - honorable mention for her defensive play this year in the SENE

The dedication and discipline displayed by the Williams School fall season student-athletes was a wonderful extension of their leadership and excellence in the classroom. The Williams School prides itself on being a small school that makes a big difference, and these all-around student-athletes exemplified Williams' hopes, accomplishments, and mission statement beautifully!

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Essex Winter Series Brings Music to the Shoreline for 40 Years

The Essex Winter Series celebrates its 40th anniversary season on February 19 with the Stu Ingersoll Jazz Concert featuring Dan Levinson's Roof Garden Jazz Band performing a centennial celebration of recorded New Orleans Jazz. The Band will perform at 3 pm at Valley Regional High School in Depp River.

An unconventional event for the Series on March 5 is Garrison Keillor with a program called "Stories in Mind, Poems by Heart." Already a sell-out, the beloved raconteur, author, and entertainer will share his unique

brand of wisdom and humor in what is sure to be an unforgettable afternoon. The season will conclude with Chanticleer, an orchestra of voices, on April 2 to perform the program "My Secret Heart." It includes a world premiere by Finnish composer Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, Cole Porter and Noel Coward standards, and the return of Augusta Read Thomas' "Love Songs" to the repertoire. The Chanticleer concert takes place at 3 pm at Old Saybrook High School. Individual tickets to all concerts are \$35 and \$5 for full-time students. Seating is general admission. To purchase tickets or learn

more, visit www.essexwinterseries.com or call 860-272-4572.

The 40th anniversary season will also feature a 30-day artist residency with the Argus Quartet. The group will bring educational programs and performances to community organizations and schools in Old Saybrook, Essex, Deep River, Middletown, Groton, and New London. Outreach is made possible by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County, Community Music School, and donors to the Fenton Brown Circle.

Are You the Parent of a Child Living with Epilepsy?

The Epilepsy Foundation of CT invites you to join their newly added support group in Branford CT. This will be a gathering of parents to talk about the challenges, fears, and coping tactics in caring for a child with epilepsy. The support group will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 pm. Location will be at St. Therese Church Parish Center, 105 Leetes Island Rd, Branford, CT. For more information please call the Epilepsy Foundation of CT at 860-346-1924.

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Sisters' Gift to Support Where We Live, Work and Play



Pictured are the late sisters Natalie Janvrin Wiggins (on left) and Mary Wiggins.

The Community Foundation of Middlesex County (CFMC) received an early 20th anniversary gift this year with news that the nonprofit organization will be the recipient of an \$8 million bequest from the trust of the late Mary Janvrin. Ms. Janvrin and her pre-deceased sister Natalie Janvrin Wiggins lived quiet lives in Old Lyme. They shared a life-long love of all nature, particularly birds, as well as the arts and history. Mary later resided in Chester

and continued to enjoy the beauty of the region until her passing in September 2016. At that time her trust set into motion the establishment of an \$8 million fund at CFMC, as well as an \$8 million fund at the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut (CFECT). The CFMC bequest will be used to establish the “Mary Janvrin and Natalie Janvrin Wiggins Fund for Birds, Other Animals, and Nature,” which will celebrate numerous and creative possibilities honoring the sisters’ passions.

To date, CFMC’s environmental grant making has supported many programs, whether it be ones that bring urban youth into the woods for the first time, or ones that help community coalitions organize to preserve their environment. The Community Foundation’s support for environmental efforts emphasizes the relationship between people and nature, with education and empowerment as a focus of its holistic approach to environmental work. CFMC President and CEO Cynthia Clegg commented, “It is indeed a great honor to be given the responsibility of ensuring that Mary’s and Natalie’s life passions are supported now and forever, and to be one of the chosen facilitators. We look forward to finding many ways to maximize the community impact of their profound legacy. What a wonderful gift to everyone in our region.”

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Ethan Bortnick Concert to Benefit Sister Cities Essex Haiti

Singer, songwriter, and acclaimed international phenomenon Ethan Bortnick will bring a concert to Valley Regional High School on April 6 at 7:00 pm. This family concert will feature Ethan, his band, and a local children's choir and will benefit Sister Cities Essex Haiti (SCEH) and its projects in Deschapelles, Haiti.

International phenomenon Ethan Bortnick



Since age 8, now 16-year old Ethan has dazzled audiences with his pop, MoTown and classical music. He has shared the stage with the likes of Josh Groban, Elton John, Reba McEntire and many other stars and his concerts have been featured as PBS Specials. People leave Ethan's performances feeling elated, transformed, uplifted, and inspired - often proclaiming it the best show they've ever been to, hands down.

Along with Ethan's passion for giving joy through music is a commitment to raise money for good causes. To date he has raised over \$40,000,000 for non-profits. Proceeds from his Valley Regional High School concert will benefit projects of SCEH and its work with the people of Deschapelles, Haiti.

Essex's Sister City relationship with the town of Deschapelles began after Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake. For the past six years, SCEH has collaborated with the people of Deschapelles on projects intended to expand and educationally enrich their community.

SCEH helped Deschapelles build a 3000 square foot library building that opened in January, 2016, bringing books and programs

to a place where few children can afford to attend school and few homes have electricity or running water. The library is now a vibrant learning center for the community and a gathering place for lectures and special events.



Deschapelles' Library above. Children enjoy a game after school at left and study hard below.



Other SCEH projects include a Teacher Training Program that brings books and teaching tools to early education classrooms, a Music Program that brings instruction and instruments to the community, a Tennis Program, and a Cross Cultural Program that promotes collaboration between Haitian students and their counterparts in Regional District 4, in Essex.

When SCEH Board President Dan Taylor-Stypa attended an Ethan Bortnick concert one year ago at the Bushnell, he heard Ethan's words of concern for the people of Haiti and his desire to help. Dan told Ethan about SCEH, and through that connection the planning for this Valley Regional concert got its start.

The Ethan Bortnick concert: Valley Regional High School, 256 Kelsey Hill Road, Deep River, CT 06417, April 6, 7:00-8:30 pm. There will be a meet and greet with Ethan following the concert. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://bit.do/ethan-bortnick> or email: info@sistercitiesessexhaiti.org.

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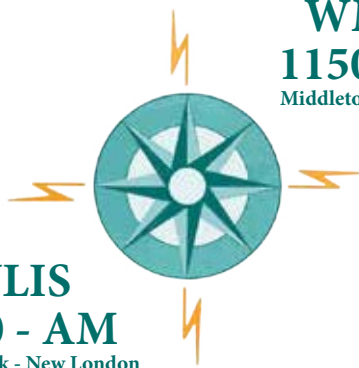
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Vista Member Celebrates Decade-Long Career of Helping Others



Genna Lewis

For Vista Life Innovations member Genna Lewis, the expression “do what you love and you’ll never work a day” holds true.

The Clinton resident recently celebrated 10 years with the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services (DDS) office in New Haven, where she works as a champion for individuals with disabilities

- herself included - in her role as a Self Advocate Coordinator.

“I consider myself lucky because I know not everyone can wake up and say that they love their job,” said Genna, 37. “It’s a lot of responsibility and hard work, but I feel honored to be an advocate for others.”

Through her work, Genna serves as a voice for individuals with disabilities and raises awareness by educating the public about the issues these individuals face. She was part of the team that advocated for the successful rebranding of the Department of Mental Retardation to the current Department of Developmental Services. She also played a hand in the passage of the Respectful Language Bill in 2011, which focused on erasing the term “mental retardation” from the public’s vocabulary.

Another key component of Genna’s work involves training individuals to become their own advocates.

“I definitely feel like I’m making an impact,” she said. “There’s still a lot to be done, but we work hard each and every day so that people can be seen as individuals, not a disability.”

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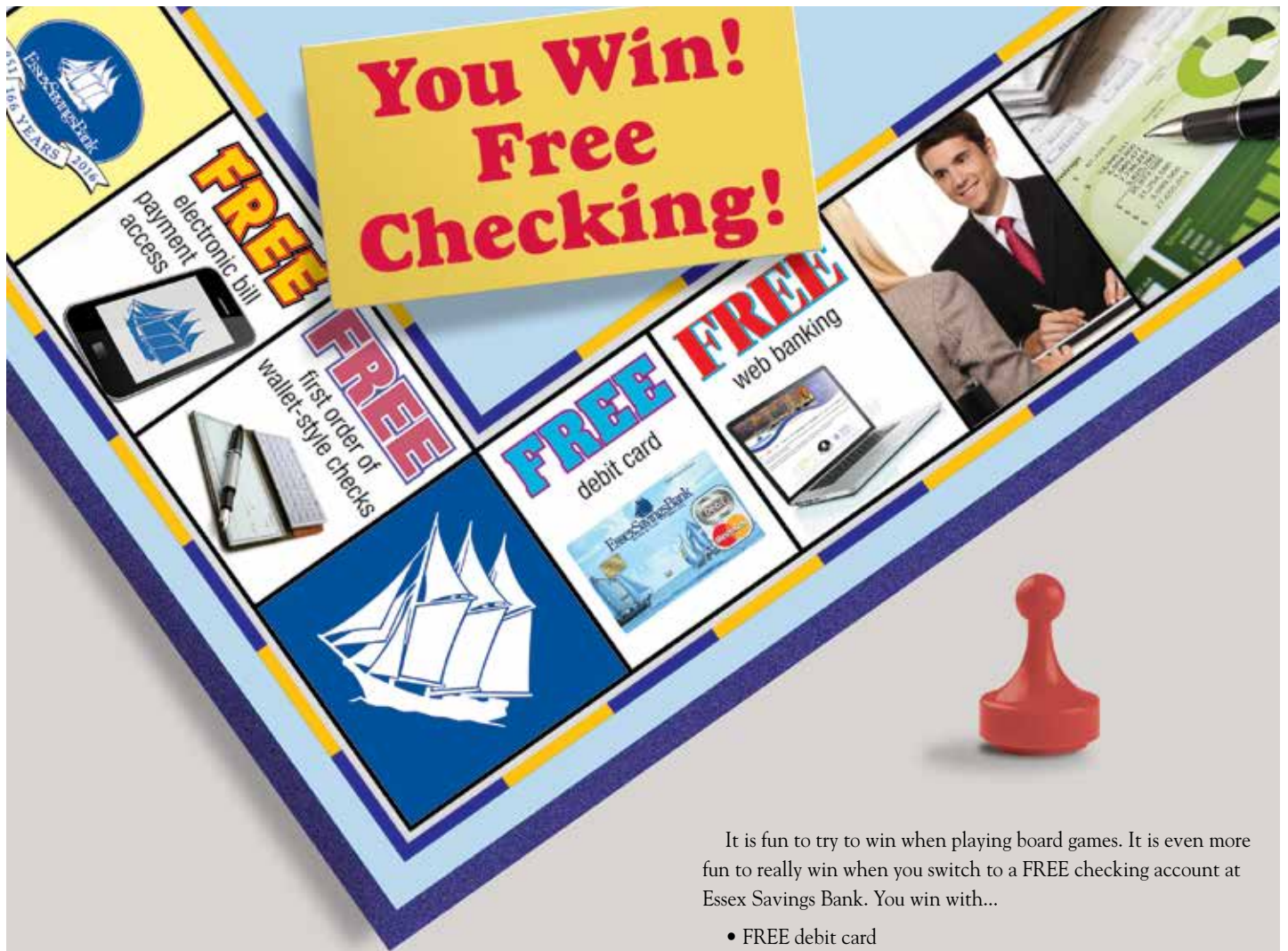
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