

NEIGHBORS

UCONN CAMPER MEETS KEVIN OLLIE



UConn men's basketball coach Kevin Ollie, left, greets Darius Kot, 14, of New Britain, at the opening of the Kevin Ollie Basketball Camp at UConn's Storrs campus. Kot attended the camp for free thanks to the Watermark at East Hill in Southbury's Watermark for Kids program, which empowers children to build character, strengthen their leadership skills and express their creativity, compassion and spirit.

PROUD GRADUATES



Junara Back, left, and Fabiana Viegas, right, both of whom quit high school in 2001, flank DomiHla Pereira, assistant principal of Danbury High School, at their graduation June 12. Twenty-six adults received high school credit diplomas, which means they took courses to complete school requirements, and others received a GED diploma for passing the qualifying test. Viegas delivered an address at the ceremony.

SCORING FOR DONATE LIFE



This softball season, the Donate Life Connecticut women's softball team in Newtown is striving for more than a perfect record. They are getting out on the field to inspire more people in the community to save lives through organ, tissue and eye donation. The team wants people to know that it's easy to register online at www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org, and that one decision can save and improve the lives of more than 80 people.

AIRMAN GRADUATES



U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Marissa A. Maccarone has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio. She is the daughter of Donna Maccarone, of Danbury, and Ralph Maccarone, of Cary, N.C., and a 2013 graduate of Danbury High School.

GOLF TOURNEY AUG. 11



Newtown resident Jay McDougall is chairing the 2014 Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championship Golf Tournament on Aug. 11 at Ridgewood Country Club in Danbury, which will benefit Ability Beyond. Two players will advance to sectionals in Pinehurst, N.C. Call Samantha Cosentino at 203-826-3181.

DANBURY

Mobile library stops for kids to read

The ice cream truck has some competition this summer, because when the mobile library stops to set up shop, Danbury students come running for free books and time to share stories with their teachers.

Throughout the summer, the vehicle makes its rounds, stopping at least once in five neighborhoods. The next stops will be Tuesday.

Donated to the city 12 years ago, the recreational vehicle-turned-mobile literacy center sat until two years ago, when Anne Mead, administrator for Danbury Public Schools' Early Childhood Education and Extended Learning programs, and her husband, Jim, decided to turn it into a library. Jim Mead drives the vehicle.

Superintendent of Schools Sal Pascarella said that the main goal of the literacy mobile is to extend learning beyond the school year and to make reading fun and exciting.

Class of 1954 plans September reunion

The Danbury High School Class of 1954 will have its 60-year reunion Sept. 19 at the Catholic War Veterans Hall and Sept. 20 at the Ethan Allen Hotel.

Reservations are due Sept. 5; contact Joe Pepin at pepinjsoph@gmail.com or 203-743-7975.

Noteworthy

- Danbury resident Taylor Wilson graduated May 19 from Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn., with an associate's degree in liberal education.
- Danbury resident Patricia Gray was named to the spring dean's list at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y.
- Gessimara De Silva, of Danbury, graduated from the University of New Haven in West Haven on May 18 with an master's degree

CRAFTY WORKSHOP



In computer science.

Rachel Gerowe, from Redburn Originals, will lead a needle-felting workshop Thursday at 7 p.m. at Flanders Nature Center's South Farm House, 596 Flanders Road, Woodbury. Featured kits will be small owls (\$15) and a large owl (\$30), or bring a project for \$10. Call 203-263-3711, ext. 10.

RIDGEFIELD

Patrick earns health care degree

Internet expert John R. Patrick, of Ridgefield, has earned a doctorate in health administration from the University of Phoenix.

Patrick, who also holds degrees in electrical engineering, management and law, became intrigued by the field of health care and its challenges after serving on the boards of Danbury Hospital and the Western Connecticut Health Network from 2003 to 2013. He served as chairman of the planning and quality committees.

Now president of Attitude LLC, a consulting firm, Patrick was vice president of internet technology at IBM, where he worked for 38 years. During his career, he helped launch the company's leasing business at IBM Credit Corp., and he was the senior marketing executive for the launch of the ThinkPad brand.

Starting in the early 1990s, Patrick began traveling around the world evangelizing a positive future for the internet. He was a founding member of the World Wide Web Consortium at MIT in 1994 and a founding member and past chairman of the Global Internet Project.

Noteworthy
► Kaitlin Tobin, of Ridgefield,

graduated with a degree in fiber art from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore on May 19. She is the daughter of Monica Tobin and James Tobin.

NEW MILFORD

Class of 1974 reunion deadline Tuesday

Reservations are due Tuesday for the New Milford High School Class of 1974's 40-year class reunion Aug. 16 at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury.

A hospitality suite will be open at noon. Cocktail hour, dinner and DJ music will be from 5 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$65. Payment can be sent one of two ways: Paypal by going to www.NMH574.com or by mail to Anna Assad, 53 Meadowland Drive, Gaylordsville CT 06755.

Payment will not be accepted at the door.

SOUTHBURY

Orientation, dance for new students

Pomperaug High School will host an orientation for incoming freshmen and other new students on Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The PHS link crew will orient them

to the building and facilitate numerous activities.

Students will be returned to the locations about 1:30 p.m. There will also be a dance for them that evening from 7 to 10.

Audubon Center seeks volunteers

The Audubon Center Bent of the River in Southbury is seeking volunteers to join its invasive plant removal team. They meet every Friday at 8 a.m. and generally work until 11 a.m., depending on weather conditions.

Volunteers should wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants and work boots; work gloves will be supplied. They should bring water bottle, bug repellent and sunscreen, and park at the staff parking lot near the barn.

The center is in the Southbury hamlet of South Britain, off Route 172, 185 East Flat Hill Road, 0.3 miles from the corner of the General Store and South Britain Congregational Church.

For information, contact Jim Drennan at jdrennan@audubon.org or 203-264-5098, or visit bentoftheriver.audubon.org.

BROOKFIELD

Noteworthy

Brookfield resident Catherine Gerag was named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Connecticut. She is a member of the class of 2016 and a biomedical engineering major.

NEW FAIRFIELD

Westerners game to benefit animal society

New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Society members will be the guests of honor at the Danbury Westerners baseball game at Rogers Park, off South Street, Danbury,

at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Proceeds from tickets purchased through the society will go to the organization. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors; children under 12 and veterans are free.

Contact mfsaw@att.net or 203-746-2925.

ROXBURY

Exhibit to feature 'scratchy drawings'

Minor Memorial Library, 23 South St., will open the exhibit "Thirty or Forty Scratchy Drawings of American Presidents, works by cartoonist and illustrator Barry Blitt, with a reception Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Artist's works on view in N.J. through Aug. 28

Roxbury artist Jeanne Steers will have a solo exhibit of 3D-shaped paintings, "Visages," at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of Springfield Library in Springfield, N.J., Monday to Aug. 28. The show is free.

Steers, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, is known for her dynamic and vibrant paintings.

BIRTHS

► **BYRON** — A daughter, Amaya Rose, was born to Elizabeth Kirchoffer and Steven Byron, of Oxford, June 5 in Danbury Hospital.

► **KIRKALDY** — A son, Liam Cooper, was born to Erin and Andrew Kirkaldy, of Southbury, July 18 in Connecticut Childbirth & Women's Center, Danbury.

► **KHAN** — A daughter, Claire Bridget Khan, was born to Sarah and Casey Khan, of Newtown, July 20 in Connecticut Childbirth & Women's Center, Danbury.

► **REILLY** — A daughter, Sophia Rose, was born to Rebecca Rose Reilly, of Bethel, July 9 in Danbury Hospital.

► **SARVER** — A daughter, Taylor Rose, was born to Shannon and James Sarver, of Brookfield, June 26 at Danbury Hospital.