

# Community

## HERE'S HOW TO GET YOUR ITEMS IN THE PAPER

Events occur in our lives every day, and we want to share them with others. The Community page does just that.

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## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



## Torrington Lions Club gives out Jones awards

The Lions Club of Torrington presented the Melvin Jones awards to five Lions Club members. The Melvin Jones award is the next step in Lions after first becoming a Melvin Jones Lion. This award is given to Lions who have exhibited great service to their community and have met the guide-

lines established by the club. From left, Bobbi Jo Klug (Ambassador of Sight award), Mike Yuchunas (Progressive Melvin Jones award), John Liuiza (Melvin Jones award), Doreen Whitney (Melvin Jones award) and Margaret 'Kiki' Tucker (Ambassador of Sight award).

## GRAND OPENING



## Ribbon-cutting for Northstar Wealth Partners

The Waterbury Chamber had a ribbon-cutting on Jan. 25 to mark the grand opening of the new location for wealth adviser Michael Riley of Northstar Wealth Partners. The office is at 687 Straits Turnpike in Middlebury. Riley has worked in financial services for more than 30 years and is a certified financial planner, an accredited portfolio management adviser and a chartered special needs consultant. Among those in attendance were, from left, founding Northstar partner Robert Laraia, Riley, Waterbury Regional Chamber President & CEO Lynn Ward and Middlebury First Selectman Edward St. John. Also there was chamber membership director Laura Brown.

## VETERANS GROUPS



From left, Andrea Leach, Amya Leach and Adam Leach

### Amya Leach wins Patriot Pen contest

The Department of Connecticut VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Awards Dinner honoring the district winners was held recently. This year's Patriot Pen Essay winner was Amya Leach took first place in Connecticut. She is an eighth-grader at Memorial

Middle School in Region 15. She beat out hundreds of other students across Connecticut from schools in Norwalk, Ellington, Putnam, Oakville/Watertown and Haddam. In the spring, Leach will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national competition.



Commander Kenneth Korsu of VFW Post 1607 in Southbury, at right, and winner Amya Leach.

## SENIOR CITIZENS



Carol Iannantuoni, left, Carmen Quintana, Maria Lopes and Roberta Rategan.

### Brass City Strikers in action

The Waterbury Senior Center has launched a new Wii bowling team. The Brass City Strikers recently competed against their rivals from Glastonbury for a Wii bowling competition.



Members of the Brass City Strikers

## ACHIEVERS

### Angelina Bernardi on dean's list

Middlebury's Angelina Bernardi qualified for placement on the dean's list for the School of Interdisciplinary Health and Science at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. Bernardi is a sophomore nursing student. While studying nursing, she also works as a certified lifeguard, a certified emergency medical responder and a nurse technician at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. She is also a member of the Middlebury Fire Department and Middlebury Ambulance Association. Additionally, Bernardi



Bernardi swims on the Saint Joseph swim and dive team.