

Local Achievers



Prospect Resident Named New State Commandant

Raymond L. Carrier of Prospect is the newly elected Commandant of the Marine Corps League of Connecticut. The Marine Corps League (MCL) is a national organization of active and alumni Marines, and Navy Corpsmen who have served in Marine units. Others can also join as associate members. Members are involved in the community through charities, scholarships, Scouting, Toys for Tots, veterans' affairs and military funerals and ceremonies.

"We also sponsor Bingo at Rocky Hill and participate in 'Stand Down' for homeless veterans. We've sent lots of troops' packages to Charlie Co. 1/25 Marines in Iraq, and now we're raising funds to give them a fantastic homecoming," commented Ray. "My personal favorite activity is the Toys for Tots campaign, bringing joy to so many children; I feel like Santa Claus," he continued. Ray is married to Elaine Schieffer, life-long Prospect resident.

If you would like to know more about the Marine Corps League, visit their website at www.mcldeptct.org or email Ray at rlcsrlald2@sbcglobal.net. You can also call him at 758-3865.

Nigel Stuke on University of Miami Dean's List

Nigel Stuke, son of Kathleen and Douglas Stuke of Prospect, made the Dean's List during the Spring Semester at the University of Miami. Nigel is studying engineering at the Florida university.

Prospect Resident Earns Atmospheric Science Scholarship

Jason Seiler, a resident of Prospect, and Florida Tech junior and astronomy/astrophysics major, has earned an Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship. The scholarship, administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education on behalf of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is for undergraduates who study oceanic or atmospheric science.

Seiler, a graduate of Woodland Regional High School, also earned Florida Tech's James G. Potter Award for Excellence in Physics at the 2006 Honors Convocation last April. He has been working on a space physics project using satellite data to study Earth's magnetosphere. Dr. Ramon Lopez is Seiler's academic advisor and research director.

The scholarships, of up to \$8,000 each, were awarded to 101 juniors and seniors for use during the 2006-2007 academic year. They are named in honor of Senator Hollings of South Carolina, who championed the creation of the NOAA. Other 2006 recipients are from such universities as Brown, Brandeis, Harvard, Georgetown, Texas A&M, Rice and the University of Florida. Florida Tech offers a bachelor's degree in astronomy/astrophysics and bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in space sciences.



Summer Swimming Lessons Enjoyed

Coach Gene Damm, head swim coach at Mount Saint Mary's College, puts swimmers through their paces at the Swim Camp sponsored by the Prospect Board of Recreation. Thirty-four swimmers from seven area schools participated in the camp which ran from August 14 to 18. Swimmers worked out in two pool sessions and two dry land sessions each day focusing on conditioning and technique.

Three Prospect Residents Make Hair Donations

Katie Drewry, 9, (shown at far right) recently donated her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths Program. The program, co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, donates hair to be made into wigs for women who are battling cancer. Katie is the daughter of Walter and Andrea Drewry of Prospect.

Another hair donation was made to Locks of Love, when Prospect resident Nicholas Mann donated 17.5" of his hair, cut off by Lori Mordino, owner of Images of Prospect (in photo at right). It took almost 3 years for Nick to grow his hair this long, but he's liking his new look just as well.

Katelynn Rosa of Prospect (shown above left) recently donated her hair to "Locks of Love." Locks of Love is an organization that takes human hair with a length of ten inches or more and makes wigs for cancer patients. She was inspired to cut her hair as a donation when her grandmother, Eleanor Rosa of Milford, was diagnosed with cancer. When Katelynn found out her grandmother could lose her



hair from the chemotherapy treatments she was receiving, Katelynn said she wanted to donate her hair so her grandmother could have a wig. Katelynn asked her parents, Bob and Laura Rosa, how she could accomplish her donation. Katelynn's mother took her to Visible Difference, the hair salon in Wolcott where Sandy

Cook, Katelynn's regular hair stylist put Katelynn's hair in a pony tail and cut it off. Katelynn's hair is on its way to Lake Worth, Florida, where it will be used in making a wig. Although the wig will not be specifically for her grandmother, Katelynn felt this was something she had to do to help.

Janel Kelly to Attend RIT

Janel J. Kelly, daughter of Leslie and Frank Kelly of Prospect, has enrolled for fall 2006 admission to Rochester Institute of Technology. Kelly, recipient of a RIT Merit Scholarship, will major in biology in RIT's College of Science. Janel is a June 2006 Woodland Regional High School graduate.

Cheshire Girls Receive Scholarships

Lady Fenwick Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce that they have awarded this year's scholarships to Laurie Fand and Jessica Fryc, both of Cheshire.

Laurie is working on her

Master's degree in Professional Counseling at Central Connecticut State University. Jessica is starting her Masters course of study in School Counseling at Southern Connecticut State University.

Seniors Enjoy Dance Lessons

When Senior Center Director Lucy Smegielski was thinking about who she could get to teach ballroom dancing to the seniors, she mentioned it to Fran Woods. She wondered if he knew of anyone who could give the lessons. Without hesitation, he said that he could. Without realizing it, Lucy soon discovered that Fran, a few years back, taught ballroom dancing at Arthur Murray Studios. Woods is shown here giving expert instructions to one student in the new and improved Prospect Senior Center.

