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Kevin Watson appointed Woodbury Chief of Police

Highland Mills – An announcement was released by David Sutz, Town of Woodbury Supervisor on December 1st that Kevin Watson has been appointed permanent Police Chief effective the same date. The following is the release by supervisor Sutz.

"It is with great pleasure and confidence that the Woodbury Town Board and Police Commissioners have appointed Kevin Watson as permanent Police Chief effective December, 2016.

Chief Watson began his career in law enforcement in 1997 as a Deputy sponsored by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He graduated the Orange County Police Academy in 1998 and immediately began working in the Village of Monroe as a Police Officer.

Chief Watson has been with the Town of Woodbury Police Department since April 2000. He was promoted to Sergeant in September 2003.

Chief Watson graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, Session 249. He has attended several leadership seminars/training from The International Association Chief of Police, the Southern Police Institute and Penn State University.

An Oath of Office ceremony will take place at the December 15th, 2016 Town Board meeting." The letter was signed by supervisor Sutz.

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Art @ the Library January 2017

"Meet the Artist" reception on Saturday, January 7th

The art work of Rulon Feeney will be displayed in the Woodbury Public Library's Highland Mills branch in January 2017. Rulon's artist ambitions took form in elementary school when he began drawing dragons.

Mr. Feeney has an Associate degree in Art and has branched out in many forms of artistic expression. There will be a "Meet the Artist" reception on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Highland Mills branch. All are invited.



Paintings by Rulon Feeney can be viewed during the month of January at Woodbury's Rushmore Library in Highland Mills. Photo provided

Calling All Artists!

Display your artwork at the Highland Mills Branch of the Woodbury Public Library

The Woodbury Public Library is looking for artists who would like to display their artwork at the Highland Mills Branch of the Woodbury Public Library. Monthly openings are available beginning in November. Each artist will have an artist reception where you can share your insight and expertise with the public.

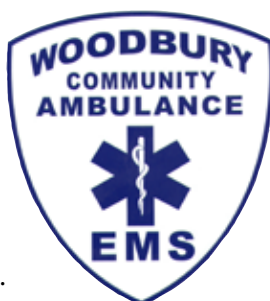
Please contact Cathy Imburgia, Principal Library Clerk at 928-6162, ext. 104 for more information.

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Central Valley - Woodbury Community Ambulance is an ALL volunteer 24 hour and 7 day Emergency Medical Service to the Woodbury area. We provide American Heart Association CPR and first aid classes to the community. Watch our sign for dates and times.

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Woodbury Parks wish you all a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!

Holiday Party will be this Saturday

Our annual holiday party will be this Saturday, Dec. 17, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Saint Patrick's Parish Center (Gym), Route 32, Highland Mills, NY.

We will be making a craft ornaments; and refreshments will be served. Santa and Mrs. Claus will pay us a visit! We hope to see you all there.

We wish you all a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season! – A message from Joey & Fran



Santa and Mrs. Claus visits the Woodbury Parks party every December to listen as kids whisper a gift wish in his ear. The Kevin Watson family is pictured in a photo from last year.

Woodbury Public Library

January Youth Programs

By Linda Geissler

Winter Book Hunt: World of Reading

Monday, January 9

Central Valley Branch

Stop in starting January 9th to pick up a book hunt packet. Read one book to meet search requirements in January, February and March. Complete three worksheets and earn a special reward. Grades 6 through 8 are welcome. Program also open to grades K through 5.

Cake Decorating Class and Competition

Friday, January 13

6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Central Valley Branch

Learn the art of cake decorating with Karen Bladen. Cakes and icings supplied. Registration required. Call 928-2114. Grades 6 through 9 are welcome.

Movie Night at Highland Mills

Friday, January 20

7 to 8:30 P.M.

Highland Mills Branch

Rafe and his friends come up with a plan to shake things up at school. Enjoy this newly released film based on the bestselling series from James Patterson, *Middle School*. Refreshments provided. Please call 928-2114 to sign up. Families welcome. Under 11 with an adult.

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Central Valley Fire Co. Tree Sale is Continuing

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Central Valley - The Central Valley Fire Company is asking Woodbury residents to support the annual Christmas tree sale. The sale will be located behind the fire house on Smith Clove Road.

These beautiful fresh cut trees range in height from 6 to 12 feet. They are of the best quality. The CVFC has purchased a limited amount. Last year the trees sold out within two weekends.

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Fridays - 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturdays - 10 am to 8 pm

Sundays - 11 am to 4 pm

Mondays - 7 pm to 10 pm

"CVFC Rescue T shirts"

The CVFC is selling, for the 1st time ever, "CVFC Rescue T shirts". There are two styles available in a variety of sizes. These are great stocking stuffers.

The proceeds from these sales will be used for the building renovation fund. The fire house is owned by the CVFC. It was built in 1959 and is in need of updating.

Remember when you hear the fire alarm in the middle of the night; it is volunteers getting up to support you. Please consider coming out and supporting them to continue their work for you the people of Woodbury. Tree sale contact: Lenny Lucanie (845) 206-7005 T Shirt sale contact: Charlie Knuth (845) 781-3084




Support your local fire company in Central Valley. You can buy Christmas Trees from a good selection. You can even keep warm by their drum stove while members trim your tree. They will also deliver in Woodbury. Photo by Ben Meyers

Yes, Vandalism!



Quad all terrain vehicles are a fun way to spend a day in the woods. But to use it to destroy new property in the Cemetery of the Highlands is vandalism. Someone tore up newly seeded ground in the new section of the cemetery. If you know who did it please call the cemetery office (845) 928-9122. Photo by Ben Meyers



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Sprinkling some "Magic" among Children Worldwide

Woodbury – Woodbury resident, Christine DerOhannesian, also known by her PR Business name, Bumble Fly, has debuted her children's book, Santa's Magical Chimney this Christmas.

Christine thought of the concept and wrote the story a few years ago after having to downsize from a large farm house and roaring fireplace into a tiny little apartment with her two young children. She first thought of the many other homes all over the world that might be lacking a place to hang up their stockings and anticipate Santa's crawl down the chimney, like apartment living and the new craze of Tiny Homes, but with the spirit that Santa's Magical Chimney (SMC) has of its own, she quickly learned that there are many other non-traditional environments that would appreciate the solution, like Military Families, Shelters and children in long term Hospital care during the Holidays.

Christine's slogan for SMC is "There might be a key and there might be dust, but owning a real chimney is simply a must!" Go ahead and hang up your stockings above, cause' Santa's Magical Chimney is now provided with love". A creative solution for homes without

a fireplace and providing tradition to non-traditional environments.

Christine took about a year and a half to write, design, self publish and self-resource the book Gift Set. It includes the story book, a 24x36" wall poster of a fireplace and chimney and its own magnetic keepsake box. She is proud to be an example of hard work and perseverance to her children. She says her kids, Marcello and Rosalia are her Vice Presidents to her company. They have greatly supported her and asked a lot of questions along the way. Christine explains: "To have the book go from an idea, to paper, to print, and to hold it in hand was an accomplishment within itself, but to have my children incredibly proud of me, I'm already successful!"

Christine has spent most of this Holiday Season promoting her book at various book signing events all over the Hudson Valley, but her proudest opportunities have been her "give back" to community. From its inception she looked forward to making children happy worldwide; but she never expected the depth of impact she would have to warm the hearts of these young children with wide-eyes and big smiles!



TOP - Author, Christine DerOhannesian is pictured with Lieutenant Colonel David R. Siry, Director of the Center for Oral History at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point and wife, Melissa and Woodbury Senior Center Director, Rick Walls and wife, Gerri. Bottom - The Woodbury Seniors. Photos provided.

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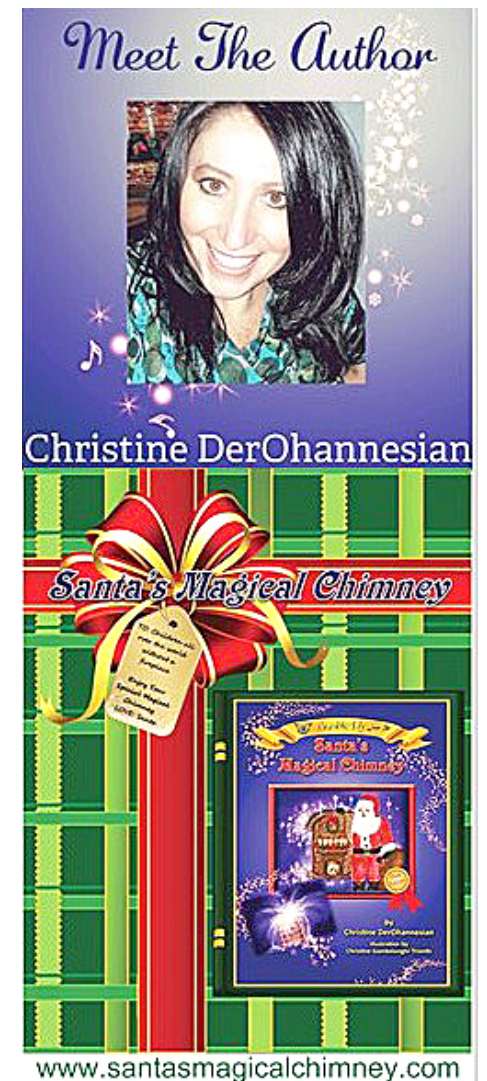
In full Holiday spirit author Christine DerOhannesian is pictured: Left, with Santa Claus Top, U.S. Army Garrison West Point Commander Colonel Andrew S. Hanson Bottom, Dr. Joseph A. Gall, Ph.D. Director, Army Community Service Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Some of her involvement has been to read and donate her Gift Sets to: HONORehg, (Helping Others Needing Our Resources) a transitional service for over 10,000 sheltered children and families in Orange County, NY, The US Army Families at West Point, The US Marines Families of Stewart ANGB, and to PS214, and underprivileged Public School District in The Bronx, NY.

She is also finding a wide-world belief in Christianity and celebration of Christmas in countries like China, the Philippines and Nigeria. Christine is greatly looking forward to spreading the joy all across the world and as with her PR Company "Bumble Fly", her products are now also a reminder that "No matter what your life endures, it's OK to just BE."

You can read more about SMC, see photos, view upcoming events and purchase the Gift Set at www.santasmagicalchimney.com.

She also invites the Woodbury Residents to email or phone her directly, as she is willing to meet up with you or your organization for a personalized copy she would love to sign for you! Christine DerOhannesian - Contact: santasmagicalchimney@gmail.com 845-699-2416 TEXT is best.



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By Ben Meyers

Highland Mills – “You should have been here earlier and seen all of the gifts and packages that have been donated! They were stacked halfway up the wall over there...” said Rick Walls, Senior Citizens’ Activity Leader.

Walls and Christine Kirk, also Senior Citizens’ Activity Leader for Woodbury and newcomer Pat Graziano have been super busy organizing details and seniors as they put together gifts for active duty servicemen and women.

The Senior Center has been collecting gifts that are useful to Marines and soldiers;

this week they stuffed large stockings with them, and finally loaded the stockings into many large gift wrapped boxes. They will be delivered today December 15th. Being away from home during the Holidays is a very lonely experience for these members of the military who serve us so well.

Walls said that “Our goal was to stuff 200 stockings with treats for our active duty soldiers and Marines and we did it!”

He said, “Word of this year’s goal was put out within the community and before you know it the generosity started pouring in. The senior led initiative which started in 2014 was to send stockings filled with treats to locally stationed troops and it’s been off to the races ever sense. Every year the socks,

scarves, candies and chocolates find their way in what eventually is delivered in large stockings. It never ceases to amaze us as to the generosity of our community.

“Special thanks to; Woodbury Senior Center-Black Rock Fish & Game Club-Woodbury PBA-Jays Deli-George Lane-Woodbury Lions Club-Woodbury Community Association-St. Anastasia’s Church-Central Valley ReMax-Walgreens of New Windsor-Town of Woodbury-Village of Woodbury and the dozens of residents that contributed to the cause.

“A very special thank you goes to Boy Scout Troop 4 without their assistance this project would not have been possible. Smiles and laughter were the trade off when the treasures were delivered. Good Job seniors!”



Above: Seniors gathered together after their work as Santa’s helpers was done.

Right: A very special thank you goes to Boy Scout Troop 4! Their help was invaluable. Photo by Ben Meyers



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Last Saturday was chilly but Raymond Hannabaugh Jr. and others of the Highland Mills Fire Company were busy trimming Christmas Trees and loading them onto cars and pick-ups.

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Reception for artist Jeannine Till



Reception for artist Jeannine Till was held at the Highland Mills Library Branch on December 3rd. Jeannine relaxes (2nd from right) with visitors and friends during the reception. L to R – Terri Meyers, Linda Siebold, Marie Pulervin and Jill Nardo.

Photo by Ben Meyers

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Chamber of Commerce for Beacon Place

Woodbury members and Town officials attend ceremony

Highland Mills - This The Woodbury Chamber of Commerce held an intimate Ribbon Cutting and welcome to the Community on November 30th, for Beacon Place, and participated in the extended greetings by the Orange County Chamber.

In photo from Left: Beacon Place Exec. Director, Randolph Bleiwas, WCA Treasurer, Pete Mc Goldrick, Beacon Place -Daniel Schiavo, Town Supervisor, David Sutz, Town Councilman Mike Essig, neighboring businesses owner, Laura Stevens and Woodbury Chamber of Commerce President, Christine DerOhannesian. Other attendees; Kevin Abrams. Village of Woodbury Mayor, Michael Queenan and Woodbury Chamber President, Christine DerOhannesian also joined the Dec. 7th event. Photo provided



**We wish you joyous
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The Woodbury Chamber of Commerce

*ALL are welcome to JOIN US
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Sunday, December 18th

Nationwide Used Auto Parts Grand Opening starting 11:00 am & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 1:00pm
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Tuesday, December 20th

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The Town of Woodbury's Friendly Visitor Program is looking for volunteers willing to take adults with a permanent or temporary disability or older adults to medical appointments, shopping or visiting with them in their homes.

Since 2014 many of our neighbors have received hundreds of these and other services that have helped them stay in their homes. Being a volunteer does good for your community and those who live here. The extra bonus - It makes you feel Good!

Training for volunteers will be held at Village Hall/Highland Mills Firehouse in the morning on December 1st and December 8th. You need to attend both sessions to become a volunteer.

To register or to receive additional information, please call 845-928-7578 and press # to leave a message. Someone will call you back.

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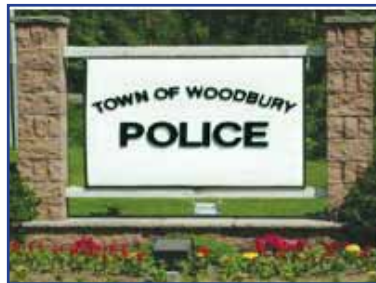


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Holiday Celebrations light up Woodbury

Sunday, Dec. 25th Christmas & Hanukkah - Festival of Lights fall on same day

By Benjamin Meyers

Central Valley - Hanukkah, known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem which was debased by Antiochus, the Syrian Greek king in 175 BC. This year Christmas and Hanukkah both fall on Sunday December 25th.

The *Woodbury Gazette* for the last three years has highlighted the DeLello and Nask families' intricate Christmas lawn decorations. Again, both families have set up beautiful lit nativity scenes, and the Nask's have for many years displayed moving scenes (literally). Phil Nask and his son have handmade sleighs that in the past took off into the air from their rooftop. Their light displays that are all new this year change with the music.

The *Woodbury Gazette* welcomes high resolution photos of decorations submitted by residents. We have limited space in the paper, but we will publish what we can. Include your address so that people can enjoy your Christmas decorations. Please include your phone number so we can contact you. It will be kept confidential!

The Woodbury Beautification Commission is responsible for the holiday decorations around Woodbury community buildings and lighting along Route 32 during this holiday.

Phil Nask, a father and son team, lay out holiday themes using their creative talents. Some of the handmade items are over thirty-five years old but most of the lights are new. See bottom photo. You can find their display at 237 Estrada Road, Central Valley.



Decorated homes and lawn in the top photo can be seen on Roselawn Road between Rout 32 and Adrienne Drive



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And A Happy Hanukkah
To Our Jewish Friends**

The Biblical Story of Christmas

Gospel of Luke, Chapter 2 (Verse 1 through 40)

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Circumcision of Jesus

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Jesus Presented in the Temple

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Simeon Sees God's Salvation

And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And



the glory of Your people Israel."

And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and

for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Anna Bears Witness to the Redeemer

Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

The editor deleted verse numbers for ease of reading. Subtitles are added to highlight key parts of the chapter. Source: American Standard Version (ASV).



Isaiah prophesied 700 years before Jesus was born, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Chapter 9, verses 6, 7

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Joseph J. WydraDecember 11, 1925 - December 13, 2016
Highland Mills, NY

Joseph J. Wydra passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at his home in Highland Mills, NY. He was 91 years old. Son of the late Felix Roman Wydra and the late Mary Kosala Wydra, he was born December 11, 1925 in Old Forge, PA.

Joseph was a Veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. He was a retired produce farmer in Goshen, NY. He was a member, past Grand Knight and past Faithful Navigator of The Fourth Degree, of the Knights of Columbus Council #1106, Goshen, NY. He was the past President of Catholic Men's Club, member of American Legion Rose-Sheely Post #1034, Wallkill, NY, and a member of St. Patrick's Church, Highland Mills, and NY.

Survivors include his son Mark Wydra and his wife Sheree of Stevensville, MD; his daughter, Melani McClennan and her husband Bill of Highland Mills, NY; his sister Marie Labanowski of Saratoga Springs, NY; his brother Edward Wydra and his wife Kim of Penn Valley, CA; his sister-in-law Dorothy Wydra of Glens Falls, NY; six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Joseph was predeceased by his grandson Joey McClennan and his brother John Wydra.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight Thursday, December 15th at Smith, Seaman & Quackenbush, Inc. Funeral Home, 515 Route 32, Highland Mills, and NY. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, December 16th at St. Patrick's Church, 515 Route 32, Highland Mills, NY. Interment will follow in St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery, Gardiner, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550. Arrangements by Smith, Seaman & Quackenbush, Inc. Funeral Home 845-782-8185 www.ssqfuneralhome.com

Martha J. BruceMarch 14, 1930 – December 10, 2016
Highland Mills, NY

Martha J. Bruce, a Woodbury resident for over 60 years, passed away Saturday, December 10, 2016 at Orange Regional Medical Center, Wallkill, NY. She was 86 years old. Daughter of the late Adolf and Stanislaw (Stella) Dembska Bugielski, she was born March 14, 1930 in Paterson, NJ. Martha was the widow of Henry Bruce.

She was a wife, mother, and homemaker, and she worked at Central Valley National Bank and retired from Citibank. She was a longtime member of St. Patrick's Church and Rosary Altar Society in Highland Mills, NY, and a member of the Woodbury Seniors and past Treasurer of the Golden Agers Club. She enjoyed many travels over the years, was an avid reader, loved working crossword puzzles, and playing canasta every Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Martha is survived by her two daughters: JoAnn Bruce of Highland Mills, NY and Debra Stratton and her husband Rex of San Rafael, CA, her nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, a great-great niece and a great-great nephew. She was predeceased by her brothers, Felix and Frank.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16th at Smith, Seaman & Quackenbush, Inc. Funeral Home, 515 Route 32, Highland Mills, NY. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th at St. Patrick's Church, 448 Route 32, Highland Mills, NY. Interment will follow in Cemetery of The Highlands, Highland Mills, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Patrick's Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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448 Route 32, Highland Mills, NY 10930

www.stpatrickshm.org**Mass Schedule****Saturday Vigil:** 5:30 pm**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm**Weekdays:** Monday thru Saturday 9:00 am**Holy Days:** See Bulletin

M-W Athlete of the Week



December 9, 2016

Brianna DeLeo

Co-captain of Girls Varsity Basketball team & Multi-sport athlete

The Monroe-Woodbury Athletic Director Lori Hock would like to announce that Brianna DeLeo is the "Athlete of the Week" for the week ending December 9, 2016 for the Monroe-Woodbury Varsity Girls Basketball Team coached by Pat Harris.

Brianna DeLeo is co-captain of the Girls Varsity Basketball team. A multi-sport athlete who plays soccer and will be attending Manhattan College next fall on a soccer scholarship, Brianna is the consummate team player. She always puts

her teammates and the goals of the team first. As a point guard, she is the coach on the floor and Brianna finds a way to win while making others better.

This week she led the team to victory over the Binghamton Patriots who were in the quarterfinal game of the NYSPHSAA Class AA Final last year. This year, Brianna and her teammates have set their sights on the State Championship.

Congratulations Brianna DeLeo on a job well done!



Photograph of Marconi and associates raising the receiving antenna by kite at St. John's, Newfoundland in December, 1901. Appeared in the article "Marconi's Achievement" in the February, 1902 issue of McClure's Magazine

1901

Marconi sends first Atlantic Wireless Transmission, 115 Years ago

Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, disproving detractors who told him that the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less. The message—simply the Morse-code signal for the letter "S"—traveled more than 2,000 miles from Poldhu in Cornwall, England, to Newfoundland, Canada.

Born in Bologna, Italy, in 1874 to an Italian father and an Irish mother, Marconi studied physics and became interested in the transmission of radio waves after learning of the experiments of the German physicist Heinrich Hertz. He began his own experiments in Bologna beginning in 1894 and soon succeeded in sending a radio signal over a distance of 1.5 miles. Receiving little encouragement for his experiments in Italy, he went to England in 1896. He formed a wireless

telegraph company and soon was sending transmissions from distances farther than 10 miles. In 1899, he succeeded in sending a transmission across the English Channel. That year, he also equipped two U.S. ships to report to New York newspapers on the progress of the America's Cup yacht race. That successful endeavor aroused widespread interest in Marconi and his wireless company.

Marconi's greatest achievement came on December 12, 1901, when he received a message sent from England at St. John's, Newfoundland. The transatlantic transmission won him worldwide fame. Ironically, detractors of the project were correct when they declared that radio waves would not follow the curvature of the earth, as Marconi believed. In fact, Marconi's transatlantic radio signal had been headed into space when it was reflected off the ionosphere and bounced back down toward Canada. Much remained to be learned about the laws of the radio wave and the role of the atmosphere in radio transmissions, and Marconi would continue to play a leading role in radio discoveries and innovations during the next three decades.

In 1909, he was jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in physics with the German radio innovator Ferdinand Braun. After successfully sending radio transmissions from points as far away as England and Australia, Marconi turned his energy to experimenting with shorter, more powerful radio waves. He died in 1937, and on the day of his funeral all British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) stations were silent for two minutes in tribute to his contributions to the development of radio.

Source: History.com



Guglielmo Giovanni Maria Marconi born 25th April 1874 at Palazzo Marescalchi, Bologna, Italy. Photo Wikipedia



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