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Our Friends

— Faces in the Crowd —

Local wins national award



Tammi Knapik

Calvin Gumprecht Always look ahead

Each week we interview a 'regular person' like you for our Faces in the Crowd. This week we meet youth Calvin Gumprecht.

How long have you been connected to Southington?

My whole life.

What do you like about the town?

I like all of my friends in the neighborhood. We have a nice open neighborhood and we all get a long very well.

What is your favorite movie?

"Stand By Me." I like the adventures the boys have. It's the kind of stuff I would like to do.

What is the best piece of

advice you have ever received.

"Don't live in the past, look ahead toward the future."

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet?

Nathan Hale. I have done a lot of research on him. I wrote a report about him in third grade.

He was a Connecticut state hero. I would ask him how it felt just to be who is was.

Rosemary (Petrillo) Popielarczyk, of Southington, was recently awarded the "Shining Star Award" by the National Kidney Foundation.

The award was presented by Donna Sciacca, regional director. She is a dialysis patient and the first to receive this award.

The award was given to Popielarczyk for her courage, inspiration and her amazing attitude she has sustained during the last three years. She has had many medical issues.

Stanley "Rudy" Popielarczyk, her husband of 45 years died suddenly. He had cared for her and given her dialysis at home.

Her mother, Anna Petrillo has been caring for her for the last three years.

In September 2009, she had her left leg amputated twice due to diabetes.

Popielarczyk goes to the hospital three times a week with a smile and an upbeat attitude. She has a supportive cast around her.

She attended her fiftieth class reunion in Oct. 2009 to be with her classmates, many of whom visit her often at the Summit Rehab Center.

Popielarczyk is now looking forward to her fiftieth class picnic in Sept.



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Rosemary Popielarczyk, left, was recently awarded the Shining Star Award.

Get ready. Get set. Hop into bed and go!

The Kiwanis Club of Southington is once again Chairing and Organizing the Apple Harvest Festival Bed Race on Saturday Oct 2, from 2-4 p.m.

All Civic Groups, Church Groups, Fraternal

Organization, The Southington Fire Department, The Southington Police Department and any other group are invited to participate.

The beds are catego-

rized and compete by weight classifications.

First Place in the Bed Race wins a \$150 gift card, second place wins a \$75 gift card and third place wins a \$50 gift card.

Go to Southington.org

and click on the Apple Harvest Festival logo and you will be taken to the main page of the Festival web site.

At the top click on "Bed Race" and you will find an application to enter.

Local named to board at Shriners Hospital

Edward J. Pahl, of Southington, was elected as a member of the Board of Governors Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston, MA. Pahl is a member of Sphinx Shriners in Newington, where he served as

Potentate in 2007 and is presently serving as the President of the Directors staff as well as the Vice Chief of the Highlanders Pipe Band.

He is also a member of the First Congregational

Church of Southington.

Pahl is employed by Viking Kitchen Cabinets of New Britain, CT. as a sales design consultant.

He received his associate degree from Hartford State Technical College and

continued his education at Northeastern University in Civil engineering.

He is married to Linda Hadlock and has two step sons, Scott and Michael, as well as three granddaughters Paige, Sarah and Abigail.

Book discussion series set for the Southington Library

The Southington Library is hosting a book discussion series that highlights the work of Chris Bohjalian. The series dates are, Wednesday, Sept. 15 for the book "Before you Know Kindness," Thursday, Oct. 14 for "Double Bind" and Wednesday, Nov. 10 for "Midwives." All discussions begin at 7:00 p.m.

The discussion leader Judith Sullivan is a professor of English at Western Connecticut State University. New York Times best-selling author, Bohjalian's novels are plotted like mysteries but are written like the best literary fiction.

In Before You Know Kindness, a hunting rifle with a single cartridge left in the chamber wound up in exactly the wrong hands at exactly the wrong time, and lead to a nightmarish accident that put to the test the values that unite the family — and the convictions that

just may pull it apart.

Double Bind imagines the later years of Daisy and Tom Buchanan's marriage, all because a social worker in 2007 investigates the possibility that a deceased elderly homeless man is Daisy's son.

Midwives, the hair-raising story of Charlotte Bedford's death and the subsequent trial of Sibyl Danforth, is hauntingly told by Sibyl's fourteen-year-old daughter Connie, now an obstetrician.

Reading Between the Lines is a free series of scholar-led book discussions at the Southington Library. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Southington Library and the Connecticut Humanities Council.

To register for this program or for more information, please visit our online calendar at www.southingtonlibrary.org, or call 628-0947 x 5.



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James Gaffney was recently honored with the Southington Town Council Artist of the Month citation for his artwork, Library Director Susan Smayda presented the citation during his recent "Meet the Artist" Reception.



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Lake Compounce and the Southington Chamber of Commerce recently presented checks to Southington ARC and the Southington Education Foundation (SEF) with proceeds from the annual Outing on the Lake.

Above, Jim Garstang, Chamber Chairman of the board and Sandy Amato, executive director of the Arc of Southington