



**IT'S A FARMER'S LIFE FOR ME...**It was the fourth grade's time to shine at McKinley elementary school in Westfield, when they presented, to family and the student body, "The American Farmer," an original play written by teacher Joe Paradise. The concept for this production was developed to coincide with the fourth-grade social-studies unit about U.S. regions and farming. Thanks to great direction by teachers Mr. Paradise, Ann Minski and Brendan Hickey, the show went off without a hitch. The students would like to thank parents Joanna Weyzk and John Cote for their artistic direction in set design and musical coordination. Pictured above is Zoe Garceau.



## Death Soup

By MICHAL SAGAL

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In Elie Wiesel's Holocaust memoir, "Night," there are two short-yet-captivating sections, one after the other.

Two men are killed. The first dies bravely, refusing a blindfold and condemning his murderers. The second is only a child and is still alive and struggling when the prisoners are forced to walk past.

But what strikes me about these two scenes isn't the poignancy of the event, nor is it the gruesome description of the child (although that haunted me for many nights after I read the passage). What struck me was the soup that Wiesel ate each day.

After the first hanging, the execution of the martyr, the soup tasted better than it ever had before. But after the child's execution, the soup tasted of death.

I've wondered and fretted about the meaning of the soup for a long time. It's clear that the death of an innocent child hurts far more than the death of a brave man who has lived and understands what will happen to him.

But I think there is a deeper meaning to the soup (and my apologies in advance to my fellow students who despise overanalyzing books).

The soup itself – the rough gruel that the inmates of the concentration camps were forced to digest – is death. Racism. Anti-Semitism. Prejudice itself. The flavor of the soup parallels the victim's emotions.

In America today, we create soup. Not just between blacks and whites, or neo-Nazis and Jews, but between people with the slightest difference in their belief system.

It began in 1492 – yes, when Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Whites enslaved the natives. In 1838, President Andrew Jackson forced the Cherokee nation on the Trail of Tears.

How is that long walk any different from the Death Marches of the Holocaust?

In 1890, a massacre at Wounded Knee, South Dakota slaughtered almost an entire Native American Tribe.

### WF Students Make

#### Bingh. Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Two Westfield students, Rachel Kreutzer and Ross Pohling, made the dean's list for their outstanding academic achievement for the fall 2009 semester from Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University, State University of New York.

The criterion for making the dean's list is achieving a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

### Megan Rauch Joins

#### Golden Key Society

WESTFIELD – Megan Kathryn Rauch of Westfield has accepted membership in the Golden Key International Honor Society and was honored at a recent induction ceremony at Boston College.

Golden Key has two million members and over 375 chapters at colleges and universities in seven countries. Membership in the society is by invitation only and is open to students in all fields of study.

### Local Student Makes

#### W. Forest Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Wake Forest University has announced Katherine Taylor of Westfield has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester, 2009.

Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a C were named to the list.

Katherine is a junior and pursuing a double major in Communications and Elementary Education. At Wake Forest, she is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and serves as an admissions tour guide, as well as a producer for WAKE-TV. She is a 2007 graduate of Westfield High School.

### Three WF Students

#### Make BU Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Three Westfield residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include Tara Deieso, Matthew Kamel and Andrew Weiss.

## EDISON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Marking Period

WESTFIELD – Edison Intermediate Principal Cheryl O'Brien announced the school's second marking period honor roll, which appears below:

### Grade 7 Distinguished Honor Roll

Sophie Bass, John Birlie, Samantha Bromberg, Theo Brunson, Stephen Bubiak, Paige Carlin, Dillon Carrier, Emma Chen, Amanda Cheung, Grace Cook, Lauren D'Amico, Emily Forcht, John Fuller, Gregory Gao, Kyle Giordano, Hannah Goldring, James Hunter, Leah Iosif, Katherine Ko, Alison Krakauer, Jorge Ledesma, Ryan Lipschutz, Maria Lizzo, Marisa Lombardi, Jameson Maher, Johanna Mermer, Erica Millwater, Daniel Mitchell, Ariel Moise Kleinman, Megan Mondon, Rita Murphy, Melanie Nettler, Autumn Patterson, Christopher Romano, Noelle Rosa, Jack Rose, Logan Schwartz, Emily Sherwin, Caryn Sherbet, Juliette Smith, Kaelyn Smith, Anastasia Smolenski, Melanie Snyder, Lindsey Strauss, Nicholas Tarantino, Dhruv Tikku, Kristen Toth, Dominique Vo, Isabel Wayner, Amy West, Andrew Zale

### Grade 7 Honor Roll

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Samantha Velez, Stephanie Wells, Joshua White, Emma Williams, Mikayla Williams, Eli Wirtshafter, Katelyn Zelko

### Grade 8 Distinguished Honor Roll

Tristen Abaya, Ashley Abbott, Alexander Beals, Matthew Beauchamp, William Bennett, Gabrielle Bleich, Andrew Capuano, Estelle Cervantes, Ida Chen, Abigail Cook, Sarah Cronin, Erika Daniel, Tyler Debbie, Nicole Devitt, Julia Diamantopoulos, Allison Diamond, Jackson Dumont, Rachel Fan, Amanda Fischer, Erica Fischer, Thomas Gerris, Mark Gillespie, Kristin Hauge, Christopher Hogge, Dane Huber, Matthew Jenkins, Alicia Kohl, Rebecca Kraus, Gemma Larche, Bernadette Latimer, Lyndsay Lee, Carly Levine, Lucia Liu, Matthew Luppino, Allison Mc Brearty, Stephanie Milan, Tori Miller, Christina Mosco, Charles Mulrooney, Lauren Nogan, Karina Olivier, Alexandra Palatucci, Daniel Savickas, Lauren Schneider, Amanda Schwarz, Sherry Shenker, Eric Shor, Samuel Sokolin, Andrew Stern, Gabrielle Stravach, Maria Tata, Dara Tucker, John Venezia, Isabella Vergara, Amy Wang, Fraser Weist, Michaela Winberg, Shawn Wu, Jingyan Xiao

### Grade 8 Honor Roll

Peter Apicella, Kaylee Baez, Bridget Barber, Anna Bauer, Julia Bieber, Matthew Binkowitz, Anna Bloomfield, Jackson Boyle, Brendan Bruce, Catherine Bruno, Eric Cantor, Philip Chapel, Claire Chen, Kelly Culnan, Conner Cummings, Gabriel Davis, Gianna De Vito, Jennifer De Candia, Jeremie De Dea, Anne De Santis, Erica Di Bella, Brianna Di Dario, Angela Dorry, Michael Esler, Cynthia Faris, Christine Ferraro, Justin Fields, Emmet Flanigan, Elizabeth Fox, Nicholas Gabuzda, Elizabeth Granovsky, David Gruskin, Jenna Helfand, Dalton Herzog, Rachel Holtzman, Andrew Hopper, Michael Hughes, Michael Ionta, Luke Iorio, Sadie Jezerski, Nicole Johnson, Colleen Kelly, Jonathan Kelle, Rebecca Kiefer, Michelle Kim, Michelle Kostyack, Rebecca Kreutzer, Anna Labrozzi, Julia Levee, Alexa Loffredo, Theresa Lotano, Charlie Lu, John Lynch, Agatha Magierski, Magda Magierski, Michael Magierski, Morgan Maloney, Leanne Manna, Sarah Margolies, Emily Mastrocchio, Britanny Mc Carthy, Christopher Mc Glynn, Marlena Montes, Alexandra Mossawir, Abigail Paone, Julia Penczak, Megan Pinna, Francis Pinney, Elizabeth Ponce, Christiana Psyhojos, Colleen Ridings, Christian Rosa, Elena Scaraan, James Schiano, Zachary Sheil, Emily Simpson, Karli Sottung, Allison Sprung, Noah Stiles, Sebastian Trott, Tiffany Tsui, Siniyah Wallace, Yixue Wang, Mike Wezyk, Nita Whelan, Francis Wong, Samantha York, Tiffany Youssef, Erin Yucetepe, Azad Zubair



**CREATIVE RECYCLERS...**Lower School students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison put their artistic skills to the test, as well as their motivation to "go green," recently when they crafted dollhouses, mailboxes, board games, vases and other projects from recycled materials. The students received certificates after explaining their projects to their peers during Lower School Lunch on February 18. Pictured, left to right, are some of the recipients: Ricardo Garces, Lillian Helander of Westfield, Alexandra Vargas, Jake Payami of Scotch Plains and Stan DeLaurentis. Students, not pictured, who were also awarded included: Christopher Shen, Kelly Lawrence of Scotch Plains, Briella Payami of Scotch Plains, Lara Jasti, Shaan Jasti, Dazlyn Erachshaw and Anjali Blow.

## Area Students Make Delaware Dean's List

AREA – The following University of Delaware students from the readership area made the 2009 fall semester dean's list. Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester, with no temporary grades:

Erin Bange, a junior Biological Sciences major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Emma Byer, a sophomore Communication Interest major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Chloe Cherin, a junior Fashion Merchandising major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Marlena Cortese, a freshman English Education major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Sophie De Koning-Teasdale, a freshman Marketing major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Sarah Dobson, a senior Fashion Merchandising major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Renee Ferio, a sophomore International Business Studies and Management double major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Christopher Franks, a sophomore Political Science major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Kelly Gelber, a junior Elementary Teacher Education major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from

Westfield; Neil Huskey, a junior Chemical Engineering major in the College of Engineering, from Westfield; Julia Korn, a junior Early Childhood Education major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; John Meredith, a senior Finance major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Mairead O'Boyle, a freshman University Studies major in the College of University Studies, from Westfield; Carolyn Raphael, a sophomore Marketing and Finance double major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Kathryn Read, a senior Accounting major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Alex Vanarelli, a junior Mechanical Engineering major in the College of Engineering, from Westfield; Francesca Welham, a junior Foreign Languages and Literatures major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Jason Massa, a senior Civil Engineering major in the College of Engineering, from Mountaintop, and Ashley Swick, a senior Elementary Teacher Education major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Mountaintop.

See it all on the Web!  
[www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com)

## GARWOOD'S LINCOLN SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Marking Period

GARWOOD – Garwood's Lincoln School announced its second marking period honor roll and honor society designees.

To make the honor society, one must amass straight A's; to earn placement on the honor roll, a student must get all A's and B's.

### Grade 5 Honor Roll

Connor Fayard, Emmanuel Flitsanov, Rosario Guerrero, Megan Gunning, Daniella Pacella, Gavin Parkhill, Kayleigh Pender, Alison Price, Jake Sيرانides, Kelly Sullivan, Samantha Wagner, Ana Isabella Zeron

### Grade 5 Honor Society

Elizabeth Archer, Eric Carlson, Martin Herman, Zachary Sluka, Sean Stouffer, Larissa Vena

### Grade 6 Honor Roll

Cailey Adamson, Sean Baron, Joseph Brecht, Jacqueline DeFilippo, Anthony Furci, Austin Graham, Karina Joyner, Shaughn Kennedy, Nathan Kramer, Kayla McMillan, Andrew Resetar, Jenna Staines, Angelo Villaraud, Victoria Wagner

### Grade 6 Honor Society

Michael Banek, Kimberly Knowles, Emma Neuberger, Gabriella Sluka, Colleen Staba, Michael Witkowsky

### Grade 7 Honor Roll

Mark Barranger, Michael Basso, Amanda Brown, Jake Burkert, Harry Cancel, Daniel Courtney, Sara Diwane, Nora Duffy, AnneMarie Figiel-Dickerson, Ricardo Hidalgo, Michael Lesniewski, Salma Mahmood, Joseph Matlosz, Kaitlin McGuire, Amanda Meyers, Guilian Pacella, Vanessa Rosky, Zachary Simanski, Kaylynn Staba, Christina Tempio, Scott Tombs, Caitlin Twaddie, Zachary VanBuren

### Grade 7 Honor Society

Monica Archer, Meagan Beriont, Alyssa Beyer, Dayna Gallucci, Katarina Hermanova, Brian Maher

### Grade 8 Honor Roll

Samuel Abbaticola, Devin Araujo, Trevor Boan, Meghan Courtney, Kelsey Durkin, Stephen Eid, Karina Hernandez, Juan Hidalgo, Sarah Kramer, Orest Kulchitsky, Diana Marianovsky, Maura Moran, Lindsay O'Donnell, Alexis Popola

### Grade 8 Honor Society

Sara Brinkerhoff, Sara Law, Nicole Resetar, Jessica Weisser



**HOLY TRINITY HELPS HAITI...**The fourth grade Junior Scout Troop 555 of Holy Trinity Interparochial School is holding the Haitian flag while being visited by Marie Blot, who came to the United States at 22 years of age from Haiti. Ms. Blot is a speech/language pathologist with the Plainfield Public Schools and visited the troop to educate the girls on the customs, lifestyle and language of Haiti. In learning more about world neighbors, the girls are working toward their Bronze Award. Ms. Blot's visit was inspired by the girls wanting to do something to aid the victims of the Haitian earthquake. Troop 555 organized and marketed a hot-pretzel sale to their fellow students during snack time at Holy Trinity Interparochial School. They raised \$403 to be donated to the relief efforts in Haiti.

## Youth Art Month Celebrated In Downtown

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public Schools are celebrating the nationally acclaimed Youth Art Month with colorful and creative displays throughout the downtown area.

Paintings, drawings, sculpture and painted furniture designed by approximately 400 students from Westfield's 10 public schools are displayed by 62 downtown merchants, who volunteered their window space for the month of March. The Westfield Memorial Library also is exhibiting student artwork.

In the Westfield Public Schools, Youth Art Month is traditionally designated to showcase the diversity of artistic talent of students.

"It is not a competition, but a time to celebrate the creative work of our children," said Linda King, supervisor of Fine Arts for the Westfield Public Schools. "The artwork represents children of all levels of age and ability. It is chosen by our art teachers for various reasons: work ethic, commitment to the project at hand, proficiency, emotional uplifting, and appropriate medium for the chosen store."

### WHS Grad Named To Albright Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Sean Ferro of Westfield was named to the dean's list at Albright College for academic achievement during the 2009-10 fall semester.

A total of 255 Albright students had to attain at least a 3.75 grade point average to be named to the list.

Sean is a junior business administration/crime and justice major who graduated from Westfield High School.

### WF's Kalis Makes

#### Moravian Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Christopher Kalis, son of Charles and Patricia Kalis, of Westfield, earned dean's list standing for the 2009-2010 fall semester at Moravian College.

Students who carry three or more course units during a fall or spring term and attain a quality point average for the term of 3.50 or higher are placed on the dean's honor list.

During your next trip to downtown Westfield, be sure to stop and admire all the student artwork," said Trish Cheek, coordinator of the Youth Art Month program and secretary of the Westfield Public Schools' Fine Arts Department.

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