

### Bouchard, Colli to wed

Rebecca Bouchard of Bristol and Gregory Colli of Bristol have announced their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Holly Bouchard of Plantsville. The future groom is the son of James Colli and Marilyn Colli.

An August 2009 wedding is planned at St. Dominic's Church, Southington, followed by a reception at Mahan's Lakeview, Wolcott.

Bouchard, a graduate of Western New England College, works for the state of Connecticut in Family Services. Colli, a graduate of Quinnipiac University, works for ESPN.



Gregory Colli, Rebecca Bouchard

### Learning shouldn't stop for summer

Just because school is out for summer doesn't mean that our children's learning has to stop. What happens in a child's early years matters – for success in life and for school readiness. Yet many parents undervalue their role in preparing young children for school. They don't know exactly what actions to take to prepare young children for school, and they don't think they have time to do what's needed.

What if every child had five years of education before kindergarten? The reality is that children are

learning constantly, right from birth. What they learn during those first five years depends on the experiences they have each and every day.

The Born Learning campaign is designed specifically to help young children prepare for school. Through PSAs, a Web site ([www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org)) and education material being distributed locally, it offers "doable" action steps that make it easy – and fun – to help young children learn during everyday activities such as sorting laundry or grocery shopping.

The campaign Web site, [www.bornlearning.org](http://www.bornlearning.org), is geared towards parents and caregivers. It provides lots of useful information (based on the latest research), along with dozens of downloadable tips, fact sheets and other user-friendly materials. It links visitors with local resources as well.

It's important to help parents, grandparents and caregivers help young children get prepared for school. And it's part of this community's efforts to boost school readiness for all young children.



### Taking Latin on the road

The first ever Bristol Eastern High School Latin III-IV Birges Pond Party was held on June 6. Here, Latin III and IV students gather as group at the outing.



TAMMI KNAPIK

### Groovin' on a Tuesday night

Mass-Conn Fusion performs the best of Motown at Brackett Park last Tuesday.

### Preschool now accepting applications

Bristol Preschool Child Care Center, Inc. is accepting applications for three- and four-year old children for July 2009 enrollment. Bristol Preschool is a non-profit, NAEYC accredited agency funded by the Department of Social Services, State Department of Education, City of Bristol and the United Way of West Central

Connecticut. Tuition is based upon a sliding fee scale depending on family size and income. For full time slots the maximum fee would be \$145 per week.

Breakfast, lunch and snack are provided and served family style. For more information, please call (860) 314-0597 (West St.) or (860) 589-7135 (School St.).

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