

COMMON PEOPLE

Local author to speak at March WIB meeting

STURBRIDGE - The Woman in Business Inc. group will host local author Rita Schiano during its March 12 meeting, to be held at 6:45 a.m. at the Oliver Wight Tavern at Old Sturbridge Village.

Schiano, also a freelance writer, will discuss ways to explore one's personal story, using the evolution of her book, "Painting the Invisible Man," as a point of reference. In 2001, while researching the online archives of her hometown newspaper for a client, she said she made a keying error, a simple mistake that led her to a path she'd been avoiding most of her life - on a journey inside the world of her father, who was killed gangland-style more than two decades ago. Schiano turned that difficult journey into the novel, which explores the complex dynamics of growing up in an Italian family on the fringes of the mafia.

The book is available locally at the Sturbridge Coffee House, McCurdy Insurance Group, and the Sturbridge Candy Shoppe.

All Woman in Business meetings are open to the public, from business people to stay-at-home moms. The cost is \$14 for members, and \$16 for non-



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Rita Schiano

members.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (508) 764-1657, or visit www.wibsturbridge.org.

Holland resident receives academic honors

BOSTON - Holland resident Jesse J. Flannery, a Northeastern University student majoring in nursing-honors, was recently named to the university's dean's list for the fall 2007 semester.

In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Flannery is an honors student and part of a burgeoning program at Northeastern, which offers high-caliber students the chance to further

hone their studies and interests, live in special on-campus housing, and participate in one or two honors courses each term. Invitation into the honors program is highly competitive and students must maintain a certain GPA and strong commitment to campus leadership to remain a part. Flannery is among 1,800 students involved in the honors program.

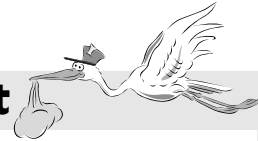
Delivery service brings library services to residents' doors

STURBRIDGE - The Joshua Hyde Library offers books, magazines and DVDs galore to local residents. Not just within its walls either, but out in the community as well.

The Library in Motion service, which is currently in need of additional volunteer drivers, was established to help

those who are homebound (senior citizens and those with limited mobility), essentially bringing the library to them. There are books, magazines, music, audio books, DVDs, videos and more. Call the library at (508) 347-2512 with requests and they will put a bag together to deliver.

The Stork Report



Janie and Marc Merseredu of Wales welcomed a baby boy, **Eli Branden Merseredu**, on Feb. 1. The proud grandparents are Judy and Raymond Mersereau, and Rev. Mark and Mary Carter.

To Margaret and Nicholas Powers of Brimfield, a baby girl, **Hailey Marie Powers**, was born on Feb. 1. The proud grandparents are Cindy and Brad Powers, and Janice and Robert Christianson.

Pedro Eugenio Mateo Cortes was born on Feb. 2 to Diane Cortes of Southbridge. The proud grandparent is Siria Perez.

Kathy and Kristopher Ventura of Palmer gave birth to a baby girl, **Hannah Lynn Ventura**, on Feb. 4. The proud grandparents are Linda McNally, and Anthony and Carol Ventura.

To Jamie and Wade Gilman of East Brookfield, a baby girl, **Aya May Gilman**, was born on Feb. 8. The proud grandparents are Henry J. and

Carol Gagne, and Richard and Linda Castle.

Angela and Brett Gisleson of Putnam Conn. welcomed a baby boy, **Colbie Jade Gisleson**, on Feb. 9. The proud grandparents are Ellen Holley, Louise Gisleson, and Richard and Judy Paris.

Kasey Andrew Woodford was born on Feb. 9 to proud parents Erica Davis and Phillip Woodford of Warren. The proud grandparents are Linda Chambers, Kevin Davis, and Trevor and Jane Woodford.

To Elizabeth and Neal Stevens of West Brookfield, a baby boy, **Jack Francis Stevens**, was born on Feb. 11. The proud grandparents are Joan and Francis Malinowski, and Lorraine Stevens.

Tina and John Cody of Spencer welcomed a baby boy, **Jack Everett Cody**, on Feb. 13. The proud grandparents are Beverly Cody, John Bedford, and Steve and Susan Glover.

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Oliver Wight Tavern at OSV

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