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Ansonia to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Irish flag-raising ceremony

Mayor David O’Cassetti and The City of Ansonia
Would Like to Invite you to

Celebrate The 5th Annual
St. Patrick’s Day
Irish Flag Raising Ceremony!
Saturday, March 12th

The Festivities start at **11 am**
City Hall , 253 Main Street

There’ll Be

**Music, Dancing
and Singing**
on Main Street!

Corned Beef n’ Cabbage Too!
So grab your tam o’shanter and join us



Everybody’s a wee bit “Irish” this day!

By Ralph Villers

ANSONIA - The fifth Annual Irish Flag Raising will take place this Saturday at 11:00 AM in front of City Hall, 253 Main St.

Mayor David S. Cassetti and the Ansonia Cultural Commission are hosting the event to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

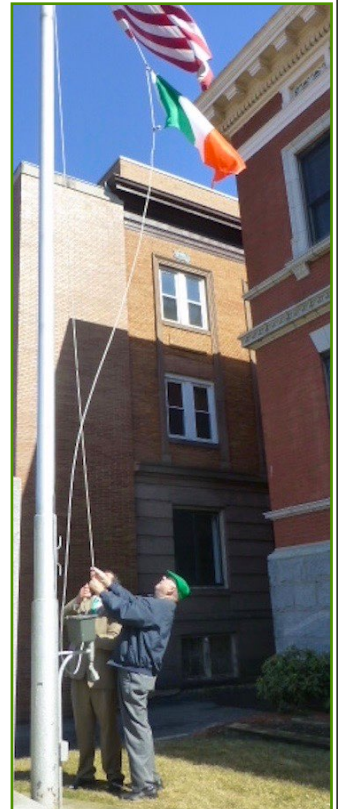
Cassetti will read a proclamation, while he and resident John ‘Doc’ Ennis will raise the Irish flag in its prominent location in front of City Hall.

In the Mayor’s 2014 proclamation, he thanked Irish-Americans “for their contributions to the betterment of life for all of us.”

As they have for years, the talented Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing in West Haven will perform traditional Irish dance in honor of the day.

Irish music will be played and the Rev. James Sullivan, pastor, Assumption Church, will offer the invocation.

On Saturday, may the wind be always at our backs as the Irish flag is raised toward the heavens on Main Street.



Dancers from the Kathleen Mulkerin School of Irish Dancing in West Haven perform flawlessly on Main Street in 2014



The rainy day last year didn't stop the Mulkerin School dancers from strutting their stuff.

*May the sun always shine on your windowpane
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain
May the hand of a friend always be near you
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you!*

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Jewelry designer adds charm downtown

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - In the rear of a downtown storefront boxes of silver and gold plated charms line the walls, ready to be added to a piece of jewelry.

The tiny storefront at 27 Elizabeth St. is the home of **Sam and Nan**, a business run by Oxford residents Sam Goldwitz and his wife, Nancy Dreishpoon. It's their second location in Derby. They had been located in Sterling Plaza on the Green, Dreishpoon said.

They sell bangle bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and create custom orders. A new line for spring features memory necklaces.

Their items are sold in gift shops and boutiques up and down the East Coast.

Dreishpoon said they sell "to hundreds of stores" in Maine, Cape Cod, Mass., Connecticut, Florida, and more. Jewelry may also be purchased on their website.



Dreishpoon is a jewelry designer who loves what she does. "If you think it, I can probably make it," she told a visitor.

She noted that the business employs several teens who work part-time after school assembling jewelry pieces.



Taijah Smith of Derby, a senior at Emmett O'Brien Technical High School in Ansonia, arrived one recent afternoon to work on bracelets and earrings that Dreishpoon gave her to assemble.

Sam and Nan was previously located in Southbury, and Dreishpoon said she has had a long-term relationship with many "high functioning" adult clients of Southbury Training School.

Clients perform packing, labeling, and sorting duties and they also recycle all the paper from the business. "They shred paper from the store (and we use it) for packing material," Dreishpoon said.



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