

Educators at Mead School in Ansonia take pies in the face Funds, awareness raised for breast cancer

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - Imagine your 8-year-old self at school being told by a grownup it's OK to throw a whipped cream pie at your teacher.

It's not just OK but you're asked to do so.



I for one cannot imagine ever having done such a thing! I would have been much too scared way back then to throw a pie in my strict third grade teacher's face.

But that is just what happened on "Toss It Thursday"

during The Valley Goes Pink Week at John C. Mead Elementary School.

The Valley Goes Pink is a grassroots effort in October to create awareness about breast

cancer and the importance of early detection; support the Hewitt Center for Breast Wellness at Griffin Hospital; and showcase partnering organizations.

Mead School marked the week with a variety of pink-themed fundraising activities.

Students made pink ribbons, sold pink tattoos, and wore pink to school.

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The class that sold the most pink tattoos got to throw the pink whipped-cream pies. That honor went to teacher Missy Cook's class for having raised \$103.

Third grader Nicholas Flaucher, 8, said it was "weird" to throw pies at educators seated in a row of chairs in the center of the gym. "I felt really nervous," he said. "I never threw a pie at anybody before."

Principal Amy Cosciello lost her mother, Cheryl, to breast cancer. She runs in the annual Pounding the Pavement for Pink 5K in Seymour in her mother's memory and to raise funds for the nonprofit Seymour Pink, a community's fight against breast cancer.

Cosciello honored Cook, paraprofessional Denise Hunt, and Erica Howes, wife of school gym teacher Todd Howes, who are all cancer survivors. They received pink flowers and loud applause from students and colleagues.



Ansonia Rotary recognizes first responders

ANSONIA - The Ansonia Rotary Club hosted its 20th Award Ceremony at Holy Rosary Church.

Fireman Edwin Sturgis, EMT Tyler Smith and Police Officer Michael Castillo were recognized for their outstanding service to the community and department during the past year.

The dinner was organized by the Ansonia Rotary Club with support from the Valley Community Foundation and Liberty Bank.

Club President Lori Veillette introduced Mayor David Cassetti, who in turn introduced each awardee for his meritorious service and presented each with a plaque.



From Left: Michael Castillo, Edwin Sturgis, Tyler Smith

City and local officials, members, friends and family of the city's police, fire and emergency medical departments all joined to applaud the awardees for their recognition.

State Sen. George Logan and state Rep. Kara Rochelle also presented a proclamation to each from the Connecticut General Assembly in recognition of their exemplary service.

Fireman Ed Sturgis has served the Webster Hose Co. for over 45 years, most recently overseeing the development and installation of comprehensive software as well as the automated alarm system. Both EMT Smith and Officer Castillo were cited as outstanding role models and for their assistance in developing and implementing training for other members of their departments.

This is taken from a press release from The Ansonia Rotary Club.



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