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## Grasshopper Awards Honor Local Couples for Service to Putnam County



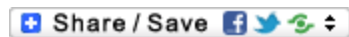
**Bob Gentile (far left), Exec. Dir. of Camp Herrlich, playing with his band, “The Acme Trio,” in Brewster. Photo Provided** Thursday, April 24th, 2014, at 7pm will see the continuation of a new fun tradition begun by Putnam County’s young H. G. Fairfield Arts Center. The Grasshopper Awards will be presented at their 2nd Annual Founders Day Celebration at George Fischer Middle School’s (GFMS’) Auditorium.

H. G. Fairfield Arts Founder Kathie Freston explains: “The Grasshopper Awards is a way to honor those forward thinking people in our surrounding communities who really put themselves out there to help others; specifically it recognizes 2 area couples – one for their dedication to our local veterans and their families, another for their advancement of the arts & culture locally. This year’s Grasshopper Awards honor Mr. Denis Castelli, Brewster Village Historian and Vietnam War Veteran, and his wife Athena, and Mr. Bob Gentile, Executive Director of Camp Herrlich, and his wife Wendy, Assistant Principal at George Fischer Middle School.”

“The Grasshopper Awards is a fun way to recognize the selfless acts for positive change that those in our communities make every single day;” says Kim Blacklock, President of H. G. Fairfield Arts. “We promote the arts and culture as powerful economic engines which can be harnessed to affect positive outcomes in our communities. In line with our Mission, we recognize those who go beyond the call of duty in helping our communities thrive via the arts & culture.”

More information and sponsor forms can be obtained by visiting online [www.HGFairfieldArts.org](http://www.HGFairfieldArts.org).

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