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## New Look For Christmas Tree Shops

BY LAURA FANTARELLA  
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*The Christmas Tree Shop will sport a fresh new look both inside and out as the company moves to upgrade and rebrand the store. This spring work will begin to remove the gabled cameo with sleigh and replace it with a new sign and metal canopy. The store will remain open during the renovations.*

## State Dashes Town's Train Station Plans

BY LAURA FANTARELLA  
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The state dashed town officials' hopes of a new train station and the many residential and commercial opportunities it would bring to town with its recent announcement that it was pulling funding for the project. It's not the first time the proposal has been tabled, with the state teasing the town with on again off again promises to allocate funding for nearly 20 years.

The latest plans were brought to the forefront of the state's agenda in 2015 when the State Bond Commission committed to spending \$5.75 million to build new train stations across the state, including a Metro-North station on Marsh Hill Road. Funding was set to be combined with another \$4 million previously approved for the project.

This led to meetings between town

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## VA Medical Services Expand to Orange

BY LAURA FANTARELLA  
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A project, six years in the making, will move forward this spring as the Veterans Administration Healthcare System begins construction on a new, 45,000 square foot outpatient medical annex on Edison Road. The 8.25-acre property, zoned for light industrial use, LLC, sold for \$3.09 million dollars to Orange VA, LLC, a national developer, according to a press release from

the Southport-based realty firm, Angel Commercial. The estimated lease cost is \$2.5 million per year.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli, who had alluded to the VA's plans during his campaign speeches without mentioning the specifics of the project is thrilled the project came to fruition. "It provides vital services for our veterans and it's a good fit for our region," he

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officials, commissioners and developers eager to transform their vision of a new “transit oriented development district” (TODD) in Orange into a reality. The new district would include desirable housing, shops, restaurants and retail establishments tailored to the needs of professionals commuting to New York City for their jobs. This led to countless meetings of the Town Plan & Zoning Commission to outline the regulations and requirements for the new district and to incorporate into the town’s comprehensive plan of development -- the task an item on the commission’s bi-monthly agenda for nearly a year.

“I’m trying not to think about all the time we spent on this,” said TPZC Chairman Ozzie Parente. “We spent a lot of time revising TODD regulations over the past year and it’s been an item on our agenda for months. I know there’s some sentiment on the commission now that if the state isn’t going to build a train station let’s revert and leave the zoning as light industrial.”

No matter how promising plans seemed over the past few years, Parente had remained cautious about whether the project would come to fruition, always stressing to potential developers that any TODD-related applications were dependent on whether the train station was actually built.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said he was disappointed, but not surprised by the state’s announcement. “Talk about this project started long before I was in office and after this many years I wasn’t sure it would ever happen,” he said. “I’ve met with five different DOT commissioners since I’ve been in office, and while all have been supportive, the Connecticut economy stinks and it hasn’t gotten better. The train station is just one of many DOT projects that

are being postponed or cancelled.” Perhaps the person most affected by the state’s announcement is Ed Crowley, Dichello Distributors’ co-owner and former president, who owns an option on the proposed TODD property, and has been involved in the train station planning since its inception. Crowley was the first to have his application approved to build a 799-car parking garage, 200 residential apartments and 22,000 square feet of commercial space at the TODD site, contingent on the construction of the train station.

His project, submitted on behalf of the Orange Land Development LLC, covered 8.091 acres located beyond the eastern end of Salem Lane in the town’s Transit Oriented District (TOD). Crowley said he and his development team worked for nearly a year to submit a proposal that adhered to all the TODD regulations outlined by the town.

“The rug really got pulled out from beneath Mr. Crowley, he just received a letter from the state that I felt was amazingly insulting, like ‘Thanks, see you later.’ I feel they should have at least reached out to him. This man has years of time and many dollars invested in planning towards the future of that area,” Zeoli said.

Parente calls Crowley’s piece “the only wild card” in the DOT’s decision as his property already got the zone change. “The options may be Crowley can relinquish the zone change approval or whether the town can take it away,” he said.

Zeoli points out that the train station is just one of several projects Orange was depending on state monies to fund. Road widening and improvement projects on Racebrook Road; the Baldwin Road and Derby Avenue intersection; and Derby Milford Road had already begun or were scheduled to start and are now without funding.

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Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

An Act of Kindness

The recent nor-eastern storm had many people snowbound. Living in Orange on the busy Racebrook Road is a great place to live. My next-door neighbors, Mark & Marie Sandello, came over last Thursday night with their snow blower and made my driveway clear. Unfortunately, the State Highway plows covered the edge of my driveway with high levels of snow; so I went out at 12 noon Friday and started to shovel the snow. My neighbor who lives behind me went by and told me to stop as he went to park his car. Before he came over, a Good Samaritan came by with a plow and told me he will clear my driveway. I asked how much to which he replied, nothing. My neighbor came by and asked him how much? His reply was "I don't do this for a living. I was just going by to do grocery shopping and just wanted to help her. What a wonderful person he is and we didn't even get his name.

There are many caring people who help others in times of need. I just want to thank him from the bottom of my heart for his generosity and kindness. Also want to thank Mark and Marie who always clear my driveway at no charge.

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Residents Do Not Support More Structures on Property

BY LAURA FANTARELLA

ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A Derby Milford Road resident facing a cease and desist order appealed to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission to allow two large sheds to stay on her property even though she never received the appropriate permits from the town. The application for special exception, permit or use was submitted by Jerome Spector Revocable Trust and Janet Cesanek for the 722 Derby Milford Road property. According to the application, the two accessory structures include a 20' by 16' and a second building that is 11.9' x 24'. The two buildings are nearly double the TPZC's regulations that permit sheds and accessory buildings to have a maximum height of 15 feet and up to 300 square feet of ground coverage.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Denice issued the cease and desist order to remove the buildings in October following calls from neighbors complaining about the second structure as well as the old car parts, concession stand, ticket booth and Coke machine that clutter the land. The property – at one time a long-running dairy farm – also has an attached garage as well as a barn that TPZC officials describe as nearly the same square footage as the house. "When I began researching the whole thing it came to light that the first building they put up three years ago did not have the proper permits either," Denice said.

In her statement to the board, Cesanek said her family needs the extra facilities for storage. She said one is used to house a Model A car, auto parts and a motorcycle and the other is used to store grounds keeping tools like rakes, mowers and agricultural supplies.

Several neighbors attended the public hearing to oppose Cesanek's application, saying the property has become an eyesore for the neighborhood and they fear the owners may also have

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

# Amity Budget Proposal Comes With 1.87% Increase

BY MELISSA NICEFARO  
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Amity Superintendent of Schools Charles Dumais presented the Board of Education with a spending plan for the 2018-2019 school year. The proposal carries a 1.87% increase, driven by contracted salaries and benefits, debt service, and textbooks.

“Our efforts to identify and implement cost savings and efficiencies continue to maximize downward pressure on expenses, both real and potential, in nearly all departments,” stated Dumais. “Instead of delaying capital improvement projects, we have developed a plan that avoids the impact of large expenditures in a single year and incorporated a proposal for bonding of major items, which is shown in the long-range planning. This plan represents our efforts to maintain superior programs at a minimum expense to taxpayers over the span of multiple years.”

Dumais called it a responsible request, offering the Board of Education what he called a preliminary glimpse at the package that he presented to the Amity Finance Committee in January. “With the development of this budget, we had probably the smallest increase in the initial budget from each of the department heads,” Dumais said. “When we try to attribute that to some type of action on our part or behavior on theirs, what we find is that people are really just asking for the things that they need and we really don’t have a culture of asking for forty of things

that we only need two of.”

Under the proposed plan, salaries and benefits are higher by \$450,045, debt service increases by \$243,243 and textbook needs are higher by \$64,792. Offsetting some of those higher costs, technology costs decreased by \$8,646 and special education transportation and tuition will decrease by \$46,159.

Dumais said he believes that Amity will be presenting a proposed budget to the towns that is “very close to that final answer as far as us doing our job in planning for the educational needs for the students of Amity.”

The number of FTE positions is a net increase of 1.1 with the addition of a 1.0 FTE para educator for math remediation previously funded by a grant. The dollars for that position will be offset by remedial services provided by substitutes. A .20 FTE position is proposed for a strings teacher. The high school currently has a .80 FTE strings teacher. The program has grown over the past two years, according to Dumais, and students were denied enrollment in the strings program based on the current level of staffing. Other staff changes include reducing a part-time math position by .12, reducing a reading position by .07, and changing a grant funded position by .10

“The list of things that we’re recommending to purchase doesn’t exceed \$50,000. Our commitment to having a long-term healthy financial plan for the district won’t allow us to do that. We’re trying to be responsible for more than one year,” he said.

# Mary L. Tracy School Children’s Fair

Mary L. Tracy School, 650 Schoolhouse Lane, will be holding its annual Children’s Fair, Saturday, February 3rd from 11 am to 3 pm (snow date is February 10th). Fairgoers can expect a Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, Games, Crafts, Nail Painting and Tattoos, plus a Cake Walk, Cupcake Decorating, and

More! Tickets for Children are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Adults are FREE. The fair is the largest fundraiser for the PTO and profits will directly support the programs of the students at MLT. Contact Dianna Fuehrlein for more information, gator-dianna@gmail.com or 352-494-6060.

# Browe Elected Chairman of Amity Board of Education

BY MELISSA NICEFARO  
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The Amity Board of Education elected a new chairperson at its monthly meeting in January. Chris Browe, who has served on the board for six years, was elected to the position in a narrow vote that initially had the board deadlocked.

Pat Cardozo, who has been on the board for eight and one-half years, will continue to serve as vice chairperson. Sheila McCreven, who has been on the board for three and one-half years after serving on the Woodbridge Board of Education, will carry on as Secretary as will Paula Cofrancesco as deputy treasurer. Steve DeMaio was elected to the treasurer role that Browe formerly held.

Prior to the vote, long-time board member and acting chair Thomas Hurley urged the board to nominate a chairperson with experience to bring to the role. “Just to give you some idea of the quality you have on your current board, I have 13 years and between us [officers], we have 30 years of experience. That is a lot of experience. You have a good team and I recommend that you keep that team, but that’s what the elections are for.”

DeMaio nominated Thomas Hurley for chairman. Amy Esposito nominated Chris Browe, seconded by Sheila McCreven. Noting that she respected both Hurley and Browe, Jennifer Turner nominated John Belfonti. “I haven’t been on this board very long, so I don’t know all of you well,” said Turner. “I have enjoyed my time on the negotiations committee with Mr. Hurley very much. It’s not everyone that has the stamina to talk quantum physics until all hours of the night. I appreciate his intellectual curiosity and his clear long-term commitment to education and the people of Amity.”

“I don’t know Mr. Browe as well, but I’ve appreciated his attention to detail and the community mindedness I’ve seen in the readings of policy coming before this board. Despite my personal respect for Mr. Hurley and Mr. Browe, I feel a responsibility to the people of Bethany to add John Belfonti as consideration for chair,” she said, citing an instance when Belfonti strongly

supported maintaining Bethany representation on the finance committee.

Hurley nominated Sheila McCreven for chairperson, saying, “Experience matters. Ms. McCreven has been on another board and served time here and I think she deserves consideration for her time and service.” Saying she could not serve as board chair, McCreven removed her name from consideration. Hurley then nominated Pat Cardozo, who also declined, saying she’d like to continue serving as vice-chair and learning through that role.

Three voted for Hurley, six for Browe and six for Belfonti. “With no majority vote for any of the candidates, and the nominee with the lowest amount of votes is removed from the list,” explained Superintendent of Schools Charles Dumais. The board voted again, for either Browe or Belfonti, each receiving six votes with Hurley abstaining.

According to ‘Robert’s Rules,’ the board was required to continue to vote until a winner is declared. If the board remained deadlocked, the vote would have been tabled. McCreven made a motion to table the vote until the end of the meeting for the consideration of the attendees at the meeting.

Once the board took care of its regular monthly business, they revisited the vote, beginning with a 10 minute caucus with republicans and democrats meeting privately. In a re-vote, with Hurley ultimately casting the deciding vote, Browe was nominated chairman of the board. Pat Cardozo was unanimously voted the board’s vice chair, Steve DeMaio as treasurer and Sheila McCreven as secretary. Paula Defrancesco will continue as deputy treasurer.

In his first order of business as chairman, Browe thanked Hurley for his dedication, “I would like to thank Tom publicly for his transitional role as chairman. We had Bill Blake here for a long time and it’s important to transition. It’s a new board and we have a lot of people with relatively new experience and we welcome them. There are some great things we can do together as a board and I want to recognize Tom for the time and effort and planning that has gone into the transference.”

# Kindergarten Registration

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# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

## Town Seeks State Approval for ADA Project at Turkey Hill

BY MELISSA NICEFARO  
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The Town of Orange is one step closer to bringing Turkey Hill School up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliancy. At its January meeting, the Board of Education voted unanimously to send a plan for improvements to the state for its approval. “Of our four schools, Turkey Hill needs the most work to keep it up to standard and up to code,” board member Christian Young said.

Over the last three years, the Boards of Education and Selectmen, the town’s bond oversight committee, the schools’ finance committee and buildings and grounds committees have been working on securing funding to invest in ADA improvements at all school facilities including Turkey Hill. Part of the funds will come from the bond that the town took in 2017 to pay for capital projects.

“Through diligence, perseverance and hard work, the finance committee and the bond committee have presented the final plans which includes handicapped access to the building, ramps, doorways, bathrooms, playground access—a lot of things that our other schools have, but Turkey Hill does not, based on the age of its construction,” Young said.

Prior to the Board of Education meeting, the Buildings and Grounds committee voted unanimously to go ahead with the project that has been a few years in the works. “The funds have already been received by the town,

it’s bond money, not new money that comes out of our Board of Education budget,” said Young. “This is work that we’ve been waiting to get done and we are waiting on the green light from Hartford to go ahead.”

Young explained that even though the town has approved the project and ultimate approval lies with the state, the board is being asked to also approve it. “We are involved not because it’s our money, and not because it’s our project—the buildings belong to the town—but because it impacts the educational process and the educational system. That is why we are part of the approval process. Our affirmation of the project is necessary for Hartford to give the green light,” Young said.

Schools’ Facilities Director Mike Luzzi said, “We’re looking for two motions, to accept the final total and then the job scope, so that when we go to Hartford, we have everything in order. Buildings and Grounds Committee did approve.”

“This motion was initially brought two years ago with a series of events to take place. The state asked us to include everything possible that could use ADA upgrades. They don’t want us to come back. Initially we weren’t looking at the playgrounds. One new addition to the plan is to make the playgrounds handicapped accessible. This is an allocation of funds that the town was required to set aside for ADA improvements,” Luzzi said.

Once approved by the state, work will begin in the spring.

## Regional Scholastic Art Awards

The Connecticut Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program is a non-profit, all volunteer activity which is sponsored by the Connecticut Art Education Association. The Connecticut Regional Scholastic Awards program is a high quality level, professionally juried event which recognizes only the best Connecticut student art work. All Connecticut art students in public, parochial, and private schools are encouraged to participate and submit high quality art work. Student artwork is juried by professional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a state-wide art exhibition held at the Hartford Art School. Beyond the honor of being selected for this high quality exhibit, students may be awarded Gold or Silver keys and Honorable Mention Awards in each of 17 media categories. For additional information about the CT Regional Scholastic Art Awards and The Connecticut Art Education Association, please go to [www.caea.net](http://www.caea.net).

Six students from Amity Regional

High School won awards this year. Their artwork was on display at the Silpe Gallery at Hartford Art School (University of Hartford) from January 14, 2018 through February 2, 2018. These six students attended an award ceremony at the Lincoln Theater (on University of Hartford’s campus) on January 28th, where they were acknowledged with awards. These are the Amity students who won, and the awards they won:

**Kelsey Morgan:** Hartford Art School Scholarship (4 year scholarship), Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts Scholarship, Gold Key Art Portfolio.

**Vera Ting:** Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts Scholarship, Gold Key Art Portfolio.

**Haegan O’Rourke:** Gold Key Art Portfolio.

**Clare Pasley:** Silver Key in Photography.

**Madison Tom:** Silver Key in Painting.

**Zachary Katz:** Honorable Mention in Photography.



## Applications For 2018 Red Sox Service Scholarship Sought

For the 8th consecutive year, the Boston Red Sox Foundation is seeking submissions from inspiring senior students, who are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities, for the New England Red Sox Service Scholarship. The annual scholarship honors academically-inclined high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to community service. Those selected will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and recognition during a special pre-game ceremony at Fenway Park.

“We are continually inspired by high school students’ charitable endeavors and seek to recognize and reward their ongoing dedication to promoting social good,” said Linda Henry, Red Sox Foundation Board Member. “We are very

pleased with the growth of the Service Scholarship program and we are eager to hear about this year’s seniors who are going above and beyond in their communities.”

The Red Sox Service Scholarship, presented by Jenzabar and sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund, was first introduced in New Hampshire in 2010 and has since expanded to honor students in Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont as well. This year, the Scholarship Program will be available to students in more than 200 schools throughout New England.

Submissions for Connecticut seniors are due February 16, 2018.

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**Dean’s List**

**Noelle Bencivengo  
Named To Castleton  
University Dean’s List**

Castleton, VT -- Noelle Bencivengo of Orange, CT was recently named to the Castleton University Dean’s List for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

**CCSU Dean’s List Released**

New Britain, CT – Central Connecticut State University President Zulma R. Toro is proud to announce the students who earned a spot on the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester. To achieve this academic distinction, an undergraduate student at CCSU must carry at least 12 academic credits during the semester and earn at least a 3.50 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA. The students from Orange who earned a place on the Dean’s List are: Marisa Ferretti, Madison Flanagan, Daniel Ryan, Michael Sarigianis, and Zachary Torro.

**Orange Resident Named To  
Fall 2017 Semester Dean’s  
List At Dean College**

Franklin, MA -- Dean College is pleased to announce that Stephanie Durkee of Orange has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2017 semester.

**Eastern Full-Time  
Students Named To  
Fall 2017 Dean’s List**

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released the names of Orange full-time students who were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester. Those attaining Dean’s List are: Maggie Lasto ‘21, major is Exploratory Arts & Humanities; Dominic Livoti ‘19, major is Environmental Earth Science; Teresa Marchitto ‘20, major is Business Administration; Holly Scheck ‘19, major is History and Social Science, and Nuala Tzovolos ‘21, major is Psychology.

**Fairfield University  
Congratulates Fall 2017  
Undergraduate Dean’s List**

Fairfield, CT. - The following Fairfield University students from Orange received Undergraduate Dean’s List Honors for the Fall 2017 semester: Zachary Caelen Bailey, Cassandra Rose Bishop, Thomas Mark Boutros, Patrick William Geer, Christina Diane Judd, Alec Michael Melotto, Rosemarie Richetelli, Jennifer Lynn Schwartz, Bridget Ann Stackpole, and Robert James Valus. In order to be placed on the Dean’s List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that se-

mester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

**Lasell College Names  
Orange Resident To  
Fall 2017 Dean’s List**

Newton, MA -- Lasell College announced that Daniel Chodos from Orange, CT, was named as a member of the Dean’s List for their academic performance in the fall 2017 semester. Chodos majors in Sport Management and is a member of the class of 2021. To achieve this accomplishment, students must be enrolled full-time and have completed 12 graded credits for that semester, with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

**Roger Williams  
University Announces  
Fall 2017 Dean’s List**

Bristol, RI -- Select students have been named to the Spring 2017 Dean’s List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean’s List that semester. Those from Orange who attained Dean’s List status are: Catherine Dunleavy and Maggie Knies.

**Siena College Dean’s  
List For Fall 2017 Semester**

Loudonville, NY -- Siena College names Orange students to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2017 semester: Anthony Coscia, Julianne Finnucan and Lauren Zorena.

**Fall 2017 Dean’s List –  
Southern Connecticut  
State University**

Those from Orange named to the SCSU Fall 2017 Dean’s List are: Taylor Bova, Andrew Catapano, Madison Csejka, Shane Gallagher, Sarah Golomb, Noor Khalid, Youssef Maklad, Gia Mentillo, Erik Schuessler, Mary Spodnick, William Steinbrick, Korynne Sullivan, Alyssa Weisberger and Alexander Woznicki.

**Dean’s List At University  
Of Delaware**

Newark, DE -- Students from Orange who have been named to the University of Delaware Dean’s List for the Fall 2017 semester are: Morgan Guadagnoli and Rebecca Kaplan. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean’s List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

**University Of New  
Hampshire’s Dean’s List For  
The Fall 2017 Semester**

Durham, NH -- The following Orange students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2017 semester: Emily Cucurello with Highest Honors and Jack Demirjian with High Honors. Students named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

**Local Students Named  
To The Dean’s List At The  
University Of New Haven**

West Haven, CT - The following Orange students were named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2017: Christina Celone, College of Business - Bachelor of Science in Marketing; Jessica Esposito, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Correctional Administration; Heather Ferranti, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in Premedical; Heather Ferranti, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science with a concentration in Biology; Christina Genovese, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts in Communication; Christina Genovese, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts in English with a concentration in Writing; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Investigative Services; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences - Bachelor of Science in National Security Studies; Amanda Hudson, College of Business - Bachelor of Science in Accounting with a concentration in Accounting – General; Cassidy Kirby, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts; Haley Kober, College of Business - Bachelor of Science in Sport Management; Marta Markiw, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design with a concentration in Interior Design – General; Anthony Peterson, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Scienc-

es - Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Crime Analysis; Kathryn Pisano, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics; and Rebecca Spargo, College of Arts and Sciences - Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a concentration in Psychology – General.

**More Than 5,500 University  
Of Rhode Island Students  
Named To The Dean’s List**

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that 5,500 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2017 Dean’s List. To be included on the Dean’s List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The following students from Orange have been named to URI’s fall 2017 Dean’s List: Susan Russo, Jarod Tashea, Chase Burzynski, Kiley Saxa, and Erika Wezenski.

**WCSU Names Full-Time  
Students On Dean’s List  
For Fall 2017 Semester**

Danbury, CT— Western Connecticut State University has named the following Orange students to the Dean’s List for fall 2017: Matthew D’Onofrio, Pre-Nursing; Rebecca Norton, Biology; Jenna Pisano, Elementary Education; Ryan Rappaport, Musical Theatre; Molly Ronan, Political Science; and Matthew Sacco, Music Education.

**Local Resident Named To  
William & Mary Dean’s List**

Williamsburg, VA - Emily Bacal from Orange, CT was recently named to the Dean’s List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2017 semester. In order to achieve Dean’s List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

**Matthew Schmitt  
Named To Worcester  
Polytechnic Institute’s  
Fall 2017 Dean’s List**

Worcester, MA -- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Matthew Schmitt of Orange, Conn., a member of the class of 2020 majoring in robotics engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2017 semester. The criteria for the WPI Dean’s List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean’s List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.



# BULLETIN BOARD

**Al-Anon Meeting,** Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact [www.ct-al-anon.org](http://www.ct-al-anon.org).

**Al-Anon Parents Meeting,** Monday nights, 7:30pm year-round, United Church of Christ, Plymouth Building, 18 West Main Street, Milford – supporting parents of alcoholics and/or substance abusers. For more information, go to [www.ct-al-anon.org](http://www.ct-al-anon.org) or call Margaret at (203) 877-4313.

**Nicotine Anonymous Meetings,** Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 21 Robert Treat Parkway, Milford, open to all, no dues or fees, only requirement is the desire to be free of nicotine. For more information, call Bridges, 203-878-6365.

**Zumba Gold Classes** At Congregation Or Shalom, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, simple and easy routines to follow, designed for people of all ages and no experience is needed. If interested, call Robin at 203.314.8176 or temple office at 203.799.2341.

**Clean Energy Task Force of Orange,** meets on the third Tuesday of every month at HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, conference room, 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

**Orange Arts & Culture Council,** meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

**Orange Recycling Committee** meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email [Orangerecycles@gmail.com](mailto:Orangerecycles@gmail.com).

**Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings,** third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:00pm, North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 ([maureenanderson@snet.net](mailto:maureenanderson@snet.net)).

**Blood Pressure Clinic** presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange, 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room.

No appointment necessary.

**The Rotary Club Of Orange** meets every Friday, 12:15pm at the Racebrook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue; prospective new members may contact Diane Eger at 203-530-4526 or visit [www.rotarycluboforange.org](http://www.rotarycluboforange.org) for information about the club.

**Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum,** open Saturdays, 10:00am-3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

**Continuum of Care Needs Car-givers,** Would you like to make a difference in someone's life as a caregiver? Continuum Help at Home is currently looking for individuals to work as a Homemaker, Companion, or Personal Care Attendant. We have full-time, part-time and live-in positions available. Visit [www.continuumct.org/](http://www.continuumct.org/) events to register and download an application.

**Trinity Community Preschool,** Enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year is open! - 33 Center Road, Woodbridge, the Preschool offers a nurturing, faith-based early learning environment for children aged 1 – 6 years, Visit [www.trinityefc.com/pre](http://www.trinityefc.com/pre)

school for more information on classes and schedules. For applications or to schedule a visit, contact the Preschool Director at [sharonc@trinityefc.com](mailto:sharonc@trinityefc.com) or 203-387-4710 x25. Trinity Community Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

**P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Traditional Irish Music Session** With Don Meade, February 15, 2018, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford. All are welcome, admission is free, BYOB. For information on the session call 203-876-9973.



**NAMI Support Group Meeting,** meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, on the following dates for 2018: March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

## "If You're Going To Be Selling Your House In The Next 6 - 12 Months, What You Do Right Now Could Mean A Difference Of Thousands Of Dollars -- Especially If You're Going To Be Buying Another Home..."

**Orange (CT)--** Even though your house isn't on the market yet, the buyer for your house has already started thinking about their next steps -- just like you are now.

A recent interview with Brian Kiernan of Treanor Real Estate revealed several tips for anyone thinking of selling their home in the town of Orange.

"Most owners think that their house will sell quickly. Everyone thinks that their home is special and will bring a good price. In fact a lot of the new listings that go on the market eventually expire with the home still unsold."

If you're going to be selling your house in the

next six months, there are some things you can be doing now that will help you get top dollar for your home when you do sell it.

You may be looking online and starting your research for the next home you're going to buy -- even though you haven't sold the house you're in right now. If that's the case it's especially important for you to plan your move properly.

A special report has just been released which shows you step-by-step what you need to do to get ready to sell your house for top dollar quickly. Here's some of what you'll learn:

- Why buyers love model homes and how to make your house show like one.

- How to sell your house in as little as 24 hours -- without ever putting it "on the market".
- How a .25 cent upgrade could earn you an extra \$500 - \$1000 when you sell.
- Why most real estate advertising will never sell your house -- and what to do about it.
- How to avoid the most expensive mistake smart people make when they buy or sell a home.
- How to find out the current market value of your home compared to the other homes recently sold in your neighborhood.

Brian says the information in this report are marketing secrets that not one in a hundred homesellers know.

To get a free copy of the guide for smart home sellers called "How To Sell Your House For Top Dollar - Fast!" just call (203) 285-8585 x 401 for a free recorded message or simply go online to [OrangeHouseReport.com](http://OrangeHouseReport.com) and your guide will be mailed to you right away.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



Amity Students Learn How to be a Successful Entrepreneur

On January 25th Amity High School had Brandon Steiner, owner of Steiner Sports, come to speak to the students about being a successful entrepreneur. He talked about going from

a poor boy from the Bronx to becoming a self-made millionaire through hard work and determination. The event was sponsored by the Sports Business Association Club.

Briones Named Principal at Law Firm

The law firm of Cohen and Wolf, P.C. is pleased to announce that Annmarie P. Briones has become a principal of the firm.

Ms. Briones joined Cohen and Wolf, P.C. in 2015. She will continue her practice as a principal in the firm's Family Law and Litigation Groups. Resident in the firm's Bridgeport and Westport offices, Ms. Briones practices primarily in the area of family law representing parties in divorce, legal separation, custody and post-judgment dissolution matters.

Ms. Briones currently serves on the Faculty of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She has frequently served as a court appointed Guardian ad Litem and Attorney for Minor Children, and has represented parents and their children in special education matters. Her legal experience includes trying bench and jury cases in family and civil litigation matters, as well as arguing before the Connecticut Appellate Court. Ms. Briones is currently on the Board of Directors of Saint Joseph Parenting Center, Inc., a non-profit, non-sectarian organization whose focus is to eliminate child abuse through parent education. From 2005-2008, Ms. Briones served on the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital Family Advisory Council.



Annmarie Briones

She is a noted lecturer on issues pertaining to children with special needs and learning disabilities, and how these issues impact families.

Ms. Briones is recognized for her work in the area of Family Law by The Best Lawyers in America® (2017-2018). She is admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York, and is a member of the American, Connecticut, Regional and Greater Bridgeport Bar Associations.

Ms. Briones received her B.A. in 1987 from Fairfield University, and her J.D. in 1995 from Pace University Law School.



Nancy Andersen



Joe Cafasso



Ross Cotjanle



Donna DiGioia



Lia DiGioia



Andrew Esposito



Ken Ginsberg



Kathleen Krolak



Young Lee



Wendy Sadick



Regina Sauer

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate Announces Award Winners

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio is proud to announce the recipients of the company's 2017 award winners. The awards were presented with a reception in their honor at Olea Restaurant in New Haven.

- Ken Ginsberg received two awards - Top Commercial Producer and Top Commercial Sale of 2017.
- Realtor Regina Sauer of Orange received Top Residential Producer 2017.
- Realtor Ross Cotjanle of Orange was awarded the Top Residential Sale 2017.
- Kathleen Krolak received an award for Top Multi-Family Sale 2017.
- Orange resident Young Lee received the Top Condo Sale 2017 award.
- Madison resident Andrew Esposito was awarded the Highest Land Sale 2017.
- Lia DiGioia and Donna DiGioia both received awards for Most

New Home Sales 2017.

- Joe Cafasso received an award for Highest Single Family Rental 2017.
- Nancy Andersen was awarded the Highest Priced Condo Rental 2017.
- Wendy Cohen-Sadik received an award for Most Residential Rentals 2017.
- Not shown: Rhonda Young received an award for Top Residential Sale Outside of New Haven County 2017
- Alan Oberlander received Rookie of the Year 2017.

"We are very proud of our agents' dedication and growth in the company," said John Wareck. "We expect 2018 to be a very productive year."

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate has offices in New Haven, Milford, Woodbridge, Branford, and Mystic. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

# Stirling Awarded Certified Residential Specialist

April Stirling of Connecticut has been awarded the prestigious Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) Designation by the Council of Residential Specialists, the largest not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of REALTORS®.

REALTORS® who receive the CRS Designation have completed advanced professional training and demonstrated outstanding professional achievement in residential real estate. Only 29,000 REALTORS® nationwide have earned the credential.

Home buyers and sellers can be assured that CRS Designees subscribe to the strict REALTOR® code of ethics, have been trained to use the latest tactics and technologies, and are specialists in helping clients maximize profits and minimize costs when buying or selling a home.

April Stirling is a Sales Agent with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. She is a member of the New Haven Middlesex Board of Realtors. April Stirling is also a Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), assisting seniors with adapting their homes to “age in place” or, move



April Sterling

on to other living arrangements. She is active in her community, serving as an alternate on Bethany’s Zoning Board of Appeals.

“I chose to earn the CRS Designation and join only 3% of agents nationwide who have this advanced training because I truly believe it will enable me to better serve my clients and help them make the changes in their lives that they need and want to do,” said April Stirling.

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said. While veterans’ needs are at the forefront, Zeoli is also pleased it will bring new tax dollars to town. “We’ve been working on these things for a long time trying to bring them forward -- the only way to increase the Grand List is with new bricks and mortar. There is a lot of activity ahead for the town of Orange and it’s going in a really positive direction.” It’s also the type of use Zeoli envisioned when the town built Edison Road to tie into Marsh Hill and Prindle Hill Roads.

The annex will be the new home for many of the services currently provided to approximately 2,300 veteran at the Errera Community Care Center on the Boston Post Road in West Haven, including Primary Care; Mental Health Case and Intensive Case Management; Team Vocational Services; Psychosocial Recovery Rehabilitation Center (PRRC); Health Wellness Program; Health Psychology and Dietetics; Computer Lab; Out-patient Addiction Recovery Services; Substance Abuse Day Program (21 day outpatient); Peer Support Services and more. It will also house national VA

programs like the National Center for PTSD Clinical Neurosciences Administration Division; Pain, Research, Informatics, Medical Co-morbidities and Education (PRIME); National Tele Medical Health Center Decision Support Service; HIV, Hepatitis and Public Health. The current plan calls for the Homeless Services to remain in newly renovated space at the VA’s West Haven location.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May with an estimated completion date of fall, 2019. The property is one of four lots in a 23.35 acre parcel located on Indian River and Edison Roads for sale. An application to build an assisted living and memory care facility, on another 7.5 parcel in the same tract, is currently pending zoning approval. That project, submitted by Senior Living Advisors, LLC, and property owner, Indian River Road LLC, seeks to amend the Orange Zoning Regulations to add a definition for “Dwelling Unit, Senior Independent Living,” and to amend the Orange Zoning map and to changes the seven-acre property known as 231 Indian River Road-Lot 2 from Light Industrial (LI-2) to Senior Mixed Use District.

## Did You Know?

### What do I need to report on a Connecticut Estate Tax Return that is filed with the Probate Court? More than you may think.

- **Solely owned assets that don’t have designated beneficiaries.** Examples are solely owned real property, solely owned financial institution accounts, solely owned United States Savings Bonds, and solely owned shares of stock.
- **Jointly owned assets.** Even though the jointly owned asset passes to the surviving joint owner, by operation of law, the date of death value of the asset needs to be reported on the Connecticut Estate Tax Return. In most cases, only the decedent’s proportional part of the asset is part of the gross taxable estate.
- **Annuities, life insurance, and transfer on death accounts.** If there is a designated beneficiary, these assets pass, by operation of law, to the designated beneficiary; however, the date of death value of the asset still needs to be reported on the Connecticut Estate Tax Return.
- **Do I need to be concerned about the Connecticut Estate tax?** In most cases, the answer is “no.” There is an unlimited exemption for the value of assets passing to a citizen spouse. The 2018 exemption for the value of assets passing to a non-citizen spouse (as a class) is \$2,600,000.00. The exemption increases to \$3,600,000.00 in 2019, and is even higher in 2020.
- **What about probate Court fees?** The Probate Court will bill you for statutory Probate Court fees based on the value of assets that constitute your gross taxable estate. As a rule of thumb, you can assume the amount of the fee will be about ½ of 1%. For assets passing to a spouse, the fee will be somewhat lower.

If you are interested in learning more about how probate and non-probate assets pass after death and are reported to the Probate Court, or, the Connecticut Estate Tax Return, please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## Youth Services

BY JOHN ULATOWSKI





### Youth Services Job Bank Residents Can Assist With Variety Of Jobs

Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work,

garden help, raking, snow shoveling, mother's helper, and more. For further information, please contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator at 203-891-4785.

### Youth Services High School Volunteers Can Assist With Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities in regards to attaining

their necessary school volunteer credit hours. They are available for a variety of community and organizational services located in Orange. For information, please email John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov).

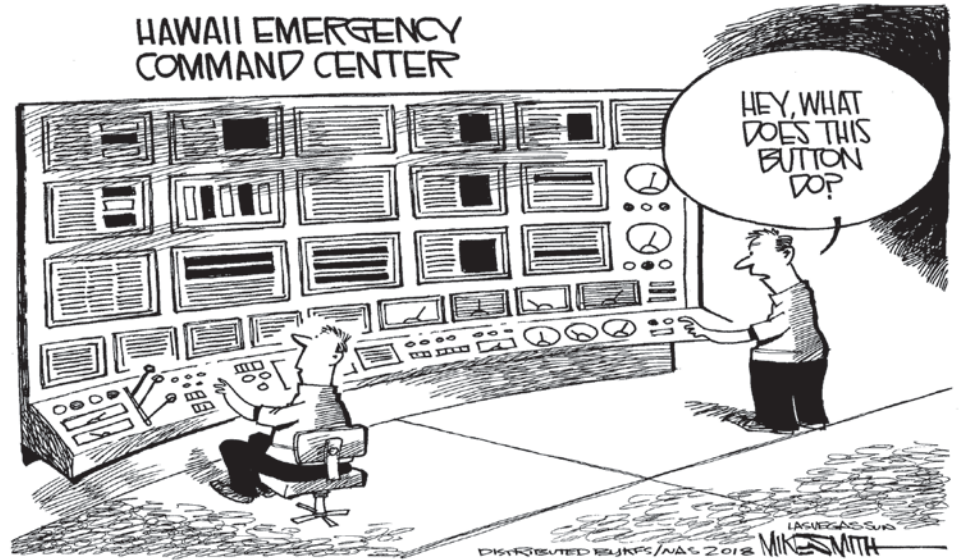
## O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Supper

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 9th annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 28th at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange.

Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, choice of Bacon or Sausage and beverage. There will be an early seating at 5:30 PM and late seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are: \$12.00 for Adults, \$6.00 Children 10 and under, gratuity included.

Tickets must be purchased in advance as we have a limited number of seats available. Tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc. 286 Boston Post Road, Orange. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

For further information, email [Lynn@ LMK415@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynn@LMK415@yahoo.com) or visit our website at [www.orangevfd.com](http://www.orangevfd.com).



Denise Stein, Linda Bradford and Dennis Marsh. [Photo By Lana Ho]

## Town Receives Garden Club of Orange Donation

The Garden Club of Orange, in its ongoing commitment to support the Town of Orange, donated \$300 to the Food Bank and Fuel Assistance Program. President Linda Bradford noted, "Members' generosity is always evident when there is a need". Dennis Marsh, Senior Services Coordinator and Denise Stein, Municipal Agent accepted the checks from President Linda Bradford on behalf of the Town.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc., The National Garden Clubs, Inc. and New England Garden Clubs, Inc.

For membership information, contact Joanne Friedrichs, 203-795-4266.

## Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of February 2018



(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

12th	Traffic Authority .....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education .....	6:30 pm	Middle School, Orange
	Orange Board of Education.....	7:00 pm	Mary L Tracy Bldg
13th	Inland Wetlands Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
14th	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	Case Memorial Library Comm .....	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
20th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
21st	CERT .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
26th	Family Counseling .....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Youth Services .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Board of Finance .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte.....	5:00 pm	Clark Bldg
28th	Safety Comm .....	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Bond Construction Oversight Cmte ....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Park & Recreation Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

From the Fire Marshal

Winter Safety Tips

The winter months of December, January and February are the deadliest months of the year for home fires, due to the increased use of heating sources as the temperatures drop. Half of all home fires occur in these months. Home heating is second only to cooking as a cause of home fires and space heaters are responsible for two of every five home heating fires and four of five home heating deaths (based on 2011-2015 statistics). Over one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels. Fires from these sources are often due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. In order to protect your family and property, fuel fired appliances must be properly installed, operated and maintained to function safely and efficiently. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggest these safety tips to avoid potential dangers from home fires, carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and serious burns associated with heating sources.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Precaution: Heating Systems and Gas Appliances

Install at least one CO alarm on each floor of the home. Have a trained professional inspect, clean and tune-up the central heating system and repair leaks or other problems. Fireplaces and woodstoves should also be inspected each year and cleaned or repaired as needed. Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced. Never use an oven or range to heat your home. Never use a gas grill inside your home or in a closed garage.

Home Fire Precautions: Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home and in each sleeping area. Burn only wood - not trash, cardboard boxes, or debris. Have a professional chimney sweep inspect the chimneys every year for cracks, blockages and leaks and have any problems cleaned and repaired. Keep all persons, pets and flammable objects, including upholstered furniture, bedding, or clothing at least 36 inches away from fireplaces and woodstoves.

Open flues before using fireplaces.

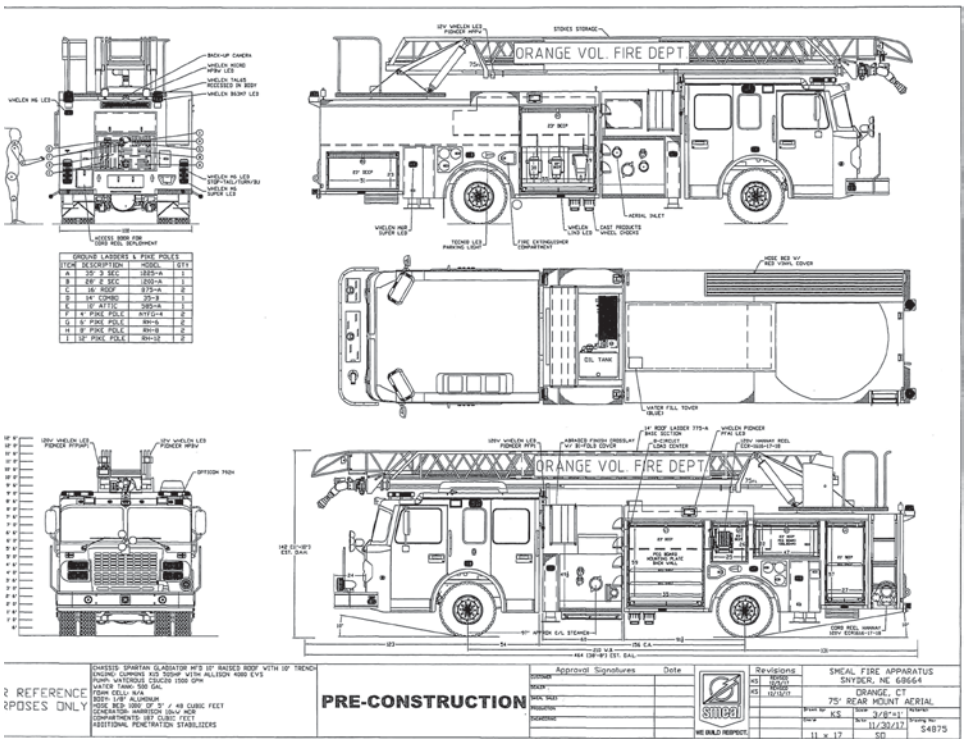
Home Fire Precautions: Space Heaters

Purchase electric space heaters that bear the mark of an independent testing laboratory, such as UL. Look for models with automatic shut-off technology that stops the operation if the heater tips over. Plug a portable electric heater into a receptacle, not an extension cord, so the circuit is not overloaded. Follow the manufacturer's use and maintenance directions. Turn off space heaters before leaving a room or going to sleep. Supervise children and pets at all times when a portable space heater is in use. Use proper fuel in kerosene space heaters. If you have a kerosene heater, it must be used with extreme caution because kerosene is a flammable fuel. Use the type of kerosene recommended by the heater's manufacturer and never substitute another fuel for a heater designed to burn kerosene. Refuel outdoors and only after the heater has cooled completely. Clean up spills immediately. Never use space heaters to dry flammable items such as clothing or blankets. Keep all flammable objects at least three feet from space heaters.

Burn Prevention

When building a fire in a wood stove or fireplace, the outer surfaces get hot enough to cause a burn injury. Portable kerosene and electric heaters can also get hot on the outside and, although newer models have grills covering the heating element, a child's fingers may be small enough to reach through and be seriously burned. Constantly supervise children around all types of heating equipment. For increased protection against unintentional burn injuries, install a temporary safety gate around woodstoves and hearths. Never leave a child unattended in a room with an operating fireplace, woodstove or space heater.

The Fire Marshal's Office has Carbon Monoxide alarms available, free of charge, for Orange residents. For any questions or concerns about fire safety and prevention or requests for CO alarms to be provided or installed, please contact the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at [www.orangefiremarshal.com](http://www.orangefiremarshal.com).



Town OKs New Fire Truck

BY LAURA FANTARELLA  
ORANGE TOWN NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department will soon have a new, \$859,207, state-of-the-art Spartan fire truck with

six ladders and a 1,500 gallon pump. The new truck will replace the 1978 open cab fire truck which is no longer compliant and in need of repair. The new truck will be delivered in December.

"Zoning" From Page 5

plans to operate a commercial business like an outdoor movie theater one day. A sign propped against a tree on the yard said it is the future home of "Shady Lane Tree Farm". Ernest Santoro, who lives across the street from the Cesaneks, said in the six and half years the Cesaneks have lived there the once pristine property has become "unkept and unmaintained". "In summer the grass grows 3 feet high with junk cars around and it is a blighted eyesore to the neighborhood," he said. "It has been getting worse and worse over the years. There is a lack of pride of ownership." Other neighbors fear the disrepair of the Cesanek's land will adversely impact their property values and may present a health and safety hazard. "There are multiple structures on the property and they are not used for storage," Julie Lesniak Stertz said. Cesanek denied any intentions of

using the land for commercial means, saying the objects on the property are decorations that the family uses to mark holidays like Halloween and Valentine's Day. She explained the neighbors' statements as the result of "personality conflicts". "We are the new kids on the block," she said. "Is there a limit to how much you can own and how much storage you need?" After hearing comments from Cesanek and the public, TPZC Chairman Ozzie Parente said, "I think the real objection here is that stuff isn't stored and I don't know if there would be as strenuous opposition if it actually was. The neighbors are unhappy because it's sort of sloppy." While Cesanek says she needs the additional storage, Parente describes the property as already having "a very excessive level of accessory use" with its existing big barn, garage, and two buildings. The board voted to continue the discussion at its February meeting.

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# FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

**BY DENNIS MARSH**

## Living Treasure Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations are being accepted through March 2, 2018 for the 2018 Living Treasure Awards. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 4, 2018 at Race Brook Country Club in Orange. Forms can be found in the Senior Center office.

## Lions Club of Orange Pizza Party

Join us on Wednesday, February 21, for an Italian themed Cabaret from 1:30—3:00pm. Ashly Cruz will perform Italian music. The Lions Club of Orange will serve pizza and soda. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

## AARP Taxes

AARP will be offering their tax preparation services again on Wednesdays, from February 8 to April 12. You must bring with you, last year's tax returns, Social Security card for everyone on the return and a photo ID. Call (203) 891-4784 to schedule an appointment.

## Suzanne's Rock Painting Party

Join us on February 23 at 1:00pm for coffee & cookies as we paint rocks to replenish our Kindness Rock Garden. Let us know that you are coming at (203) 891-4784 and we'll supply the paint!

## Monday with Maplewood

Join us on March 19 when Chef Leif returns with his culinary delights for you to sample. Call (203) 891-4788. Your taste buds are sure to be pleased! We are very fortunate to have an Assisted Living in Town so check them out.

## Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register call (203) 891-4765 before 1pm, the day before.

## Movie of the Month

Join us for our Movie of the Month on Friday, February 16 for "Battle of the Sexes", at 1:00pm, with Emma Stone and Steve Carell. The true story of the 1973 tennis match between World number one Billie Jean King and ex-champ Bobby Riggs. Popcorn & soda to be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

## Flower Arranging

Join us on Friday, February 9 at 10:00am, to learn how to make a beautiful basket for your Valentine table. Pre-registration is required with a minimum of 8 students. Cost is only \$20.00 to make a beautiful display to bring home.

## Movie Club

Join us on a celluloid adventure! Our group will discuss a current movie playing locally. We will then meet to critique the film as we discuss the

script, acting, cinematography and directing. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 3pm in the town conference room at the HPCC.

## Orange Swimming Pool

We received word that renovations on the town pool will begin in late August. During that time the pool will be closed. More information to come.

## Trips PACIFIC NORTHWEST & CALIFORNIA, April 23-30, 2018

8 days, 10 meals. Highlights: Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Portland, Columbia River Gorge, Portland Spirit Cruise, Redwood National Park, San Francisco, and more. Cost: \$2,999pp double. Deposit & insurance due at registration.

## ICELAND'S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS, October 30-November. 5, 2018

7 days, 10 meals. Highlights: Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Geysir, Blue Lagoon, and much more. Cost: \$3,299pp double. Deposit & insurance due at registration.

## CT FLOWER SHOW & LUNCH—No minimum trip February 22, 2018 (snow date 2/23)

"Breath of Spring" at the CT Flower & Garden Show at the Connecticut Convention Center with a lunch stop

at Dakota's Restaurant. Cost \$86pp. Includes transportation, Lunch, & Admission. Full payment due at registration.

## MOHEGAN SUN 2018 AAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SEMI-FINAL GAME— Monday, March 5, 2018 no minimum trip

Cost \$95pp, includes transportation, AAC Semi-Final Game Ticket, Food Voucher and Casino Bonus. Full payment is due at the time of registration.

## SLEIGH RIDE AT ADAMS FARM, VT No minimum trip March 7, 2018

Every sleigh is pulled by a team of Belgian Draft Horses through maple groves and pines, into an open meadow where the views are wonderful. Cost \$117pp, includes transportation, luncheon, sleigh ride and driver's gratuity. Full payment is due at the time of registration.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY at the Aqua Turf – no minimum trip March 20, 2018

Enjoy live Irish entertainment by Padraig Allen and the Maclean Avenue Band. Enjoy an Irish lunch including corned beef & cabbage, baked scrod, and all the fixings, topped off with carrot cake. Also, a complimentary glass of wine or beer. Cost: \$79pp. Includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at the time of registration.

## Living Treasure Nominations Being Accepted

Now is the time to get your nomination in for Living Treasure. Each year the Orange Senior Center recognizes 3 Orange senior residents who have given so much of themselves and time to our community. Last year we honored 3 deserving ladies: Elaine Capecelatro, Susan Clark, and Anita Pol. Nominations are being accepted through March 2, 2018 for the 2018

Living Treasure Awards. Three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 4, 2018 at Race Brook Country Club in Orange.

Forms can be found in the Senior Center office, the Town of Orange Website at <http://orange-ct.gov/782/Community-Services>, and the First Selectman's office at Town Hall.

## Volunteers Age 55+ Needed

The Agency on Aging of South Central CT has volunteer opportunities for adults age 55+. Volunteers can tutor young children in reading in East Haven, Hamden & New Haven schools and afterschool programs (training provided), help frail seniors organize

their monthly bills, read with a child in a North Haven elementary school, or visit with a homebound senior or a veteran. For more information, call Cherie at 203-785-8533 x2907 or email [volunteer@aoascc.org](mailto:volunteer@aoascc.org). Also, visit [www.aoascc.org](http://www.aoascc.org).

## Help with Winter Heating Bills

Families and individuals seeking financial help to off-set their winter heating bills may apply to TEAM for assistance.

Families and individuals may qualify for help if they fall below these income limits: \$34,366 for household of one, \$44,940 for a two person household, \$55,514 for a three person household, \$66,089 for a four person household.

Applicants are deemed eligible based on review of their total household gross income, such as job earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, pension etc.; household size; and liquid assets, as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both home owners and renters who are residents of Ansonia, Beacon

Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton, and Woodbridge can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with TEAM Energy Assistance, please call 203-736-5420 and follow prompts for Energy Assistance, or in Milford, 203-783-3253; Woodbridge, 203-389-3429; Orange, 203-891-4787, and Bethany, 203-393-2100, ext.124.

TEAM Inc. is a private 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to strengthen our community by educating, supporting and empowering individuals and families. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Naugatuck, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour, Waterbury and Woodbridge.







The 3s classes at OCNS had a fun month learning about all different types of transportation. The PM 3s class made steering wheels that we used for a classroom race car obstacle course.



The 5s Kindergarten Readiness class at OCNS had a fun week learning about the groundhog. They made predictions, shared songs, stories and made these great groundhog art projects! They are really working hard getting ready for kindergarten in the fall!

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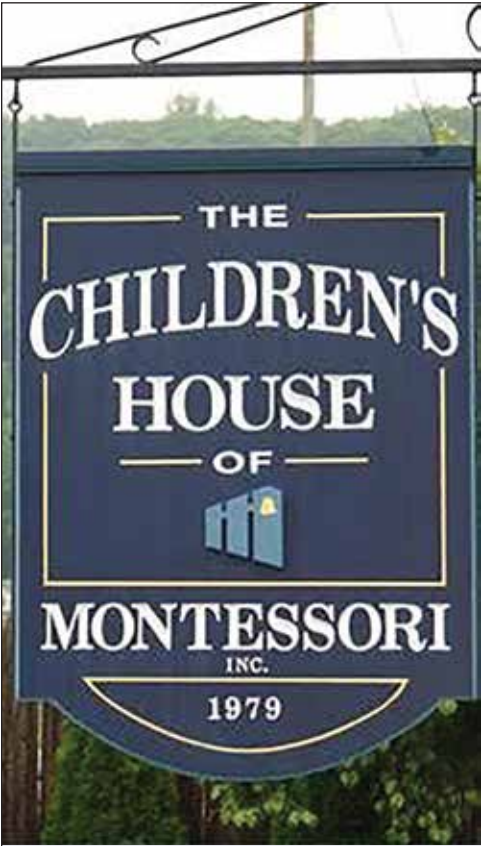
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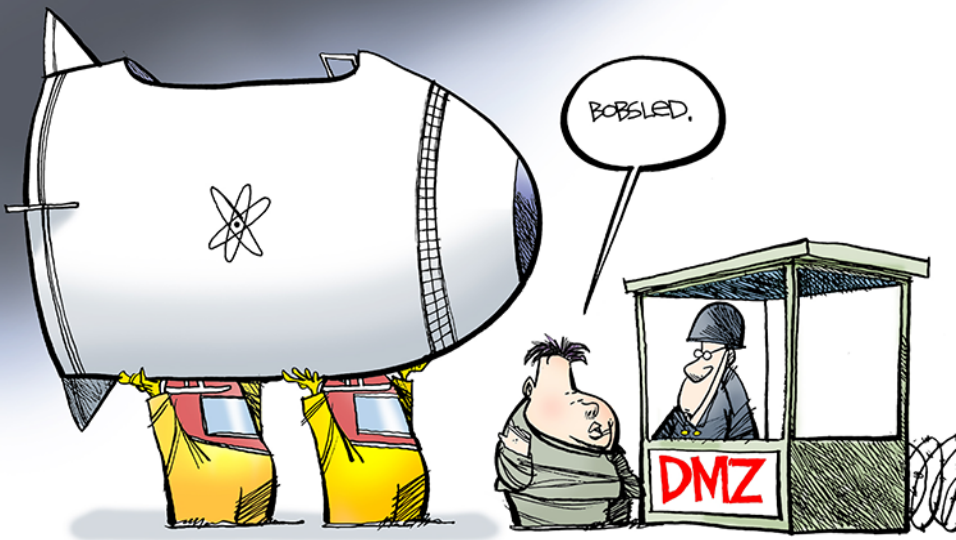
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Four-year olds at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School  
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**Q:** Can you tell me when **“The Handmaid’s Tale”** will return? It’s one of my favorite dramas. I can’t wait to see what happens next. -- Gina T., via email

**A:** You’ll have to wait just a little while longer, but maybe some of these clues as to what to expect in season two will help tide you over. First of all, “Handmaid” returns to Hulu for 13 new episodes, two of which will premiere on April 25 (with subsequent episodes released every Wednesday for streaming). This season will be shaped by Offred’s (played by Emmy Award-winning lead actress **Elizabeth Moss**) pregnancy and her ongoing fight to free her future child from the dystopian horrors of Gilead. “Gilead is within you” is a favorite saying of Aunt Lydia, and in season two, Offred and all characters will fight against -- or succumb to -- this dark truth.

And while season two goes beyond what was covered in **Margaret Atwood’s** book, the acclaimed author is helping to shape the new season’s narrative, along with creator/showrunner **Bruce Miller**. Miller told “Newsweek”: “People talk about how we’re beyond the book, but we’re not really. The book starts, then jumps 200 years with an academic discussion at the end of it, about what’s happened in those intervening 200 years. We’re not going beyond the novel. We’re just covering territory [Atwood] covered quickly, a bit more slowly.”

Look for special guest star **Marisa Tomei** in episode two (which features a look at the Colonies). The series also stars **Joseph Fiennes, Yvonne Strahovski, Samira Wiley, Alexis Bledel, Ann Dowd, Max Minghella, Madeline Brewer, O-T Fagbenle** and **Amanda Brugel**.

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**Q:** Can you tell me what **Alan Ball**



Elizabeth Moss  
[George Kraychyk/Hulu]

has been working on lately? I absolutely adored **“Six Feet Under”** and **“True Blood.”** -- Eric P., Cleveland

**A:** Alan continues his long-standing relationship with HBO, bringing us a new series called **“Here and Now,”** which premieres Sunday, Feb. 11. Starring **Tim Robbins** and **Holly Hunter**, this 10-episode dark-comedy/drama series is the story of a multiracial family whose bonds are tested when one of the children begins seeing things the rest can’t. It also focuses on this family as they wind their way through a Trump-era America, with Tim Robbins’ character stating in the series’ preview: “So much hatred going around. It feels like the world is falling apart.”

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**Q:** I am a huge fan of **Dominic West**. Can you tell me what he’s been up to? -- Frieda F., via email

**A:** Dominic has a monumental task ahead of him next: He’ll be playing Jean Valjean in a six-part BBC-Masterpiece production of **“Les Misérables.”** In a statement, Dominic called the role “one of the greatest characters in world literature. ... His epic journey of redemption is one of the extraordinary roles an actor can take on.” **Lily Collins** and **David Oyelowo** also star. Production started this month, so we don’t have a release date yet, but I’ll keep you posted.

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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Left to right: Pat Dray presents new sound equipment purchased with 3M grant to Vice President Nancy Bartle. [Photo by Linda Bradford]

## 3M Provides Grant To The Garden Club

3M has donated \$250 to The Garden Club of Orange in recognition of Patricia Dray’s commitment to the community. Dray is currently Program Co-Chair of The Garden Club of Orange. As a volunteer, she has served as Club Former President, and Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, leading the efforts to raise funds to support the Club’s mission of promoting garden skills and knowledge, furthering an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation, and environmental awareness. She is an award-winning floral designer, an accredited Flower Show Judge, NGC Certified Landscape Consultant, and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Flower Show School Chairperson. “3M employees and alumni gen-

erously give their time and skills to help improve lives,” said Kimberly Price, vice-president 3Mgives. “We are pleased to recognize their commitment to their communities.” 3M is a recognized global leader in corporate giving, strategic philanthropy, volunteerism and community engagement. In 2014, 3M donated more than \$78 million to non-profit organizations in U.S. and 3M employees and alumni devoted 300,000 hours to volunteer activities. For more information, visit [www.3Mgives.com](http://www.3Mgives.com) and follow them @3M. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, NGC, and NEGC. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs 203-795-4266.

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- › Earn petals and badges while trying new things and learning a ton,

- › Make a difference in her community through a leadership Journey as she learns to stand up for what she believes in,
  - › Sell cookies (and have fun doing it) as she learns how to work in teams, share her ideas, and plan and meet goals,
  - › Explore nature and the outdoors, learning to appreciate and care for the environment while reaping the benefits of less screen time and more “me” time,
  - › And so much more.
- Research shows that Girl Scouts also develop a strong sense of self, display positive values, seek challenges and learn from setbacks, form and maintain healthy relationships, and learn to identify and solve problems in their communities—talk about life-changing!
- There is power in every G.I.R.L. Unleash it early and often at Girl Scouts. Join now at [gsocfct.org](http://gsocfct.org).

## Eco-Friendly Valentine’s Ideas

Red may be the color most often associated with Valentine’s Day, but those who want environmentally friendly ways to celebrate this day of love can tint the occasion with a little green. This list of earth-conscious Valentine’s Day gifts can provide inspiration for loving couples.

- Give organic chocolate. Eco-conscious chocolate connoisseurs will appreciate indulgent fine chocolates crafted with the planet in mind. Some of the world’s best chocolate is produced from small cacao farms that do not employ fungicide or insecticide in their farming practices. Choose chocolate artisans that produce their chocolate from responsibly-sourced ingredients for a sweet Valentine’s Day treat.
- Plant a live gift. A living gift can be a symbol of enduring love and one that gives back to the environment. Couples can explore their options at local nurseries and plant a shade tree, shrubbery or even a fruit tree. This is certainly a gift that can give every year.
- Write it down. Love notes are a simple, heartfelt gift. Choose to scribble down sentiments on recycled paper with nontoxic inks. Give that love note even more traction by framing it for a lasting gift.
- Adopt an animal. Animal lovers crusade for their favorite mammals, reptiles and amphibians every day. Rather

than exchanging a stuffed animal on Valentine’s Day that will only take up space on a shelf or bed, consider saving the life of a real animal. Conservation agencies can always use helping hands. Donations can be used to feed and shelter pets or to restore habitats for wild animals.

- Give living plants. Flowers can express all types of emotions, but those cut blooms will begin to fade after a few days, especially when some flowers are flown in from all over the world. Gifting a potted plant from a local nursery is a more eco-friendly idea, and one that can last for many years to come.
- Create a free-range, organic meal. Homemade food can be a nice gesture, especially when cooks select fair-trade, organic and free-range products. Don’t forget to extend the specialized shopping to include wine or other beverages that are locally sourced.
- Give gifts of sustainable comfort. Practical but luxurious linens and clothing made from sustainable materials are great eco-friendly gifts. Bamboo bedding or organic cotton shirts offer comfort and promote environmental stewardship.

Gifting green for Valentine’s Day is easier than one may think. Eco-conscious gifts are a smart idea for anyone who wants to impart minimal impact on the planet this February and beyond.





# HISTORY CORNER

## More From the 169...

The heritage of Connecticut has been compared to a stonewall by one Homer Babbidge, Jr. a writer and storyteller. He states that stone walls, so common in Connecticut come in all sizes, shapes and textures with some of them standing out in grandeur and others known for their eccentric look, meandering through the hills and dales, going nowhere but did go somewhere, sometime ago. He notes that like some stonewalls, history is elusive and somewhat unknown especially the legends which blend fact with fiction and as he says, “wisdom and whimsy.”

The legend of the Leatherman is well-known but it seems there were several other members of the vagabond world, not able to match him for his fame or fable but the characters known as Old Dog Man, Old Blue Bag, Jerry Blue Bag and the Old Darn Man have intrigued generations of Connecticut families. The Old Dog Man had a rather short career tramping through Windham County on no particular schedule, picking up stray dogs and selling them as his mainstay. It was said that some family pets went missing but he was never really known to have sold any dog that had its rightful home.

The Old Blue Bag, a harmless sort, made his living with household chores, filling a wood box or other efforts and then waited for a handout. Other than being on the loose, as it were, he was clean, washing his clothes in a stream and drying them over some bushes, a practice of many a housewife as well. His going barefoot might be a sign of poverty but it appears that he didn't want to get his boots dirty. His name, which is probably obvious, is derived from the blue, cloth bag he slung over his shoulder.

Another blue bagger, who held to the Norwich area, was Jerry Blue Bag, a nefarious soul who was not above removing household objects not nailed down so to speak. Legend has it that he took up with wayward children and there were many mothers who would use him to settle their unruly children by saying if they did not behave, they would be bagged by Jerry Blue Bag. You can bet that the children made themselves scarce when he arrived in town.

For all the local fame, none could

hold a candle to the Old Darn Man who had a long circuit with a legend inspiring ability to approach that of the Old Leatherman. The Darn Man began his wanderings in the Windham and New London Counties sometime in the 1820s. He moved about on an uneven route for more than 60 years with his real name, unknown. Giving various names as he roamed, a Clinton citizen remembered him as Frank Howland, a direct descendent of John Howland, a Mayflower Pilgrim. He was reported as having the name George Thompson, a former merchant from Taunton, Massachusetts and George Johnson. However, one thing rang true, he was a man of good breeding, intelligent and a talented violinist.

Legend is probably to blame for some of his qualities but then again, one cannot be certain of that either. Unlike the Leatherman, his clothing consisted of a long, double-breasted jacket with the split tails as seen in formal wear with close-fitting trousers with the straps at the feet, A long, brocaded vest hung below the coat with

a watch fob of gold attached to an old-fashioned watch. He wore a tall, bell shaped hat that looked as if it had been white at one time but with his wanderings on dusty roads had become quite grey.

With his 60 years of passing through town after town, his garb held up with the utmost longevity. It is this “look” that gave him the name Darn Coat or as history has held, The Old Darn Man. Before asking for food, he would ask for a needle and thread to repair his clothes upon which he would sit in a chair and proceed to repair the worn spots in his suit. He would refuse a willingness of his hostess to mend it for him saying, “Thank you Madame,

but I must refuse. These are my wedding clothes and they are sacred. My bride will be here soon.”

Of course, in time, what was once a rather dapper looking suit became a crazy quilt of stitches but never did a tear or spot remain uncared for. His jet-black hair eventually turned white

and what was once an athlete's body began to stoop with

age but never wavering in his manner to be ambiguous of speech but consistent in his habits.

Unlike the Leatherman, he would sleep in a person's home but one night disappearing in the winter to “his mansion.” Only one meal at the expense of his host. If encouraged to stay more than one night, he would pay for his lodging by reading aloud from books or newspapers, or playing his violin. What appears to be his quest to find a lost love was to be his

end. As he sat in the stillness of the night, he is said to have heard a carriage coming his way. Thinking that his love had returned, he darted out into the street, waving his arms for the driver to stop. This waving distracted the horses, causing them to lurch forward, knocking the old man down. He died the next day.

When it came time to bury him, the womenfolk refused to put him in a conventional shroud but cleaned and pressed his suit, mending it so that he would rest in peace. Somewhere in Plainfield or Sterling lies the Old Darn Man, wearing the suit he had worn for over sixty years as he searched in vain for his lost bride.

We all know and maybe have forgotten by now of the exploits of one William Kidd, aka Captain Kidd. His



treasure supposedly buried on Charles Island has yet to be discovered although many have tried in vain to uncover the booty. However, there are more tales of his adventures upriver in Windsor where his once anchored sloop the San Antonio has reportedly been seen in recent years. As the story goes Kidd and his crew came ashore with a huge chest, bulging with gold as the moon was dark and a heavy fog fell over the Connecticut River. As the gold was lowered into its hiding place, the crew drew lots to see who would stay behind to guard the ill-gotten loot. Well, as it goes, the man with the short straw could have assumed his life was to be spent in the Connecticut colony but not in life but death. He was shot and killed with his body being lowered onto the sunken chest, guarding it with his life, literally.

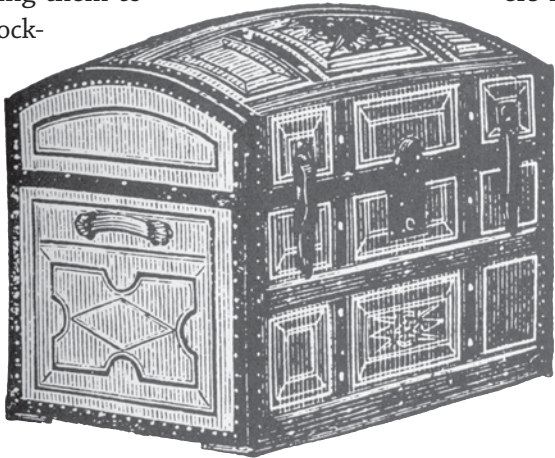
Over the years, reports have been bandied about that near the mid-section of the river's shore, on dark and foggy nights, a great ship passes by, flying the well-known skull and crossbones. Popular belief holds that ghosts of those who have stolen money but have not returned it must forever wander the earth at night. Captain Kidd, at the helm, is searching for his lost treasure troves. If the gold is indeed found, Kidd can “pass over” in peace. Searchers for his gold have

been frustrated for years by horrible noises at the old Wethersfield landing and the vision of a sailor killed with a water bucket wielded by Kidd in a fit of anger, appears

in the gloom.

If this is not enough for you to get out your pick and shovel, I guess I haven't intrigued you enough to try your hand at this most elaborate legend, ever told. Oh by the way, try digging at Haddam Neck, west of Clarkhurst Road or Haddam's Lord's Island. Branford's Thimble Island is a good bet.

Believe or Not.





# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## Holy Infant Church News

Anyone interested in making Valentines for our Veterans can come to the Parish Center, 450 Racebrook Road, on Saturday, February 10 at 11:00 am. The cards will be given to our vets at the West Haven VA Hospital.

The next Women's Guild meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:45 pm in the Parish Center. Please bring baked goods which will be sent on Valentine's Day to Midnight Run. Cookies, muffins, brownies, breads or dessert bars are requested.

There will be a fundraiser for Holy Infant Church at Bertucci's Restaurant in Orange on February 21 and



Holy Infant Church

February 22. Come and enjoy a meal between 11 am and 11 pm and Holy Infant will receive 25% of your check. You must present a coupon to your server. The coupons are available at the church rectory and church exits.

## Lenten Events at the Church of the Good Shepherd

*The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd prepares for Lent with Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13th*

A full schedule of services & events are planned for the Lenten Season which begins in February. We start with our traditional SHROVE Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30 pm to 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for delicious pancakes served by the parish youth. The Church of the Good Shepherd will offer Ashes-On-The-Go on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at two times this year: 12 Noon to 1pm, and 5:30-6:30pm. Drive up to the front doors of the church to receive ashes and pray a short prayer, then be on your way to work or home. At 7pm there will be a regular Ash Wednesday service at the church with Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to receive ashes at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

### CGS Family Bowl

Please join us for the first CGS Family Bowl event at the Amity Family Bowling Center, 30 Seldon Street, Woodbridge, CT from 4 PM to 6 PM on Sunday, February 11th, 2018. This fun event for all is open to all ages from 5 through 105 years old, no Bowling experience is necessary. Bring yourself, family and friends and come out have



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some fellowship and fun. The cost is \$10/person which gets you a bowling ball, shoes, soda, and popcorn. Monies will be collected at the door. Please contact the office at 203-795-6577 or thegoodshepherd@optonline.net by February 8th.

### Services

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music at 10 a.m. For more information about The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office at (203) 795-6577, email us at thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website at www.thegoodshepherdorange.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgsorangect for frequent postings.

## You're Invited to Trinity Church

Join us for Sunday School (all ages) at 9:10am and Worship Service at 10:30am. Sunday mornings at Trinity are a time we gather together to worship God, grow in Christ, and connect with one another. Come for an intergenerational, relational experience that is built around our core values of Worship, Discipleship, and Community.

Youth (7-12th grade): Youth Group meets Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Most activities are at church, but some are offsite or on weekends (bowling, hiking, fun!). For details and schedule of activities, visit [www.trinityefc.com/youth](http://www.trinityefc.com/youth) or contact Youth Director Codi Bement at [youthministry@trinityefc.com](mailto:youthministry@trinityefc.com).



Trinity Church

Adults: Ministry activities include bible study, retreats, prayer groups, special events and more! Visit [www.trinityefc.com](http://www.trinityefc.com) or contact Office Assistant Nancy Lindemann at [nancyl@trinityefc.com](mailto:nancyl@trinityefc.com) for details.

## Zion Lutheran Church Invites You

This year, Wednesday, February 14, is Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of Lent. This special season of the Christian Church takes its name from the Old English word lencten, "to lengthen," referring to the lengthening days of spring. Lent consists of the forty days, plus Sundays, prior to Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating with the Holy Week observances of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Modeled on Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, Lent is a time of preparation. In the early Church, it was a time of repentance and instruction, as new believers prepared for baptism at Easter. Today, it remains a time of reflection and repentance—a period when we acknowledge our failures and sins and turn back to the God who forgives and renews us.

Christians have traditionally observed Lent as a time of increased devotion, charity, and self-denial through the practice of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting (the three spiritual disciplines discussed by Jesus in Matthew 6:1-21). Flowing out of the identity that we

have as God's dearly loved children, these practices serve as training exercises that strengthen faith, build up self-control, and support our neighbor. In the Lutheran Church, we maintain that these Lenten disciplines are matters of Christian freedom; they are meant to be opportunities for the spiritual growth, not occasions for guilt. Ultimately, Lent is emphatically not about what we do, but about what God has done for us by giving his Son, who died to free us from our sins and rose again to give us life.

Zion Lutheran Church invites you to join us as we observe Lent and Easter. Beginning with Ash Wednesday services on February 14, Zion will hold mid-week evening services every Wednesday in Lent (through March 21) at 7:30pm, as well as our regular Sunday morning communion services at 10:30am. Children's Sunday school and adult bible study are at 9:30am. Services will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week (March 29-31) at 7:30pm, culminating with our Easter Sunday festival worship on April 1 at 10:30am.

**"If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love." — MAYA ANGELOU**



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

## The First Church of Christ Lenten & Holy Week Events

We are pleased to announce the First Church of Christ Woodbridge schedule of services and events for the Lenten Season and Holy Week and invite everyone in the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane.

**Ash Wednesday Service** – February 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting House

**Lenten Bible Study Series** – Wednesdays, February 21 thru March 21, from 6- 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We will begin with a light supper of soup & bread at 6, followed by Bible study at 6:30. You are invited to attend all or part of the series.

**Holy Week Services:** In the Meeting House except as noted.

- › *Palm Sunday Worship Service* – March 25, at 10 a.m.
- › *Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae* – March 29, at 7 p.m.
- › *Good Friday* - Meditation and Readings March 30, from 10 a.m. – Noon
- › *Easter Sunrise Service* - April 1, at 7:00 a.m. on the Church Green followed by breakfast
- › *Easter Sunday Worship Service* – 10 a.m.

We also invite all members of the community to join us for our regularly scheduled services and events.

*Sunday Services* – 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. The Bell Choir



First Church of Christ

will perform at the February 18th service. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

*Church School* - Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the Lectionary.

*Confirmation Class* for children in 7th – 9th grades meets the first Sunday of the month in the parish House. The confirmation class will also be attending a retreat at Silver Lake February 23rd - 25th.

*Middle School Youth Group* for 5th – 8th graders will meet on Sunday, February 11th. Plans for the February meeting will be finalized by Wednesday February 7th.

*Weekly Bible Study* - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.



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# DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

## Marriage And Merging Money

BY ROBERTA L. NESTOR

Whether you are 25 or 65, getting married is exciting; however, it brings many challenges for couples. The majority of first marriages today will involve joining together two incomes, two retirement plans, two different health insurance plans and maybe even two totally different approaches to short and long term savings. Second marriages have their own financial challenges as they can involve adult children, retirement income and a deeper dive into estate planning. What is the best way to merge your finances?

Hopefully, before the wedding day you have already had several conversations about money. Knowing your new spouse's money history, hang ups and dreams will help you both discuss your financial goals. Start with a list of your short term goals. These might include paying off debt, new car purchase, home purchase or even vacation planning. Longer term goals could include starting a family, how to pay for your children's education and retirement. Once you have identified the goals that are the most important to each of you, then you can focus on how to achieve those goals.

On-going conversations should include how you have managed money before marriage. How much debt are each of you bringing to the table? How does money make you feel? What was money like growing up? Discuss your spending habits – is someone a shopaholic? Since your financial picture and attitudes about money will change over time, it is important to have these discussions regularly.

Combining finances is a big decision – especially for individuals who marry later in life. We feel protective about our own paychecks and are used to making independent decisions. If you and your spouse decide to keep individual accounts, you should consider having a shared account for the regular monthly expenses (rent or mortgage, utilities, shared car payments). Make sure you both agree (and list) all of the shared bills that will be paid out of this new joint account. It is also a good idea to set a ceiling that neither spouse will make purchases over a set amount without first consulting the other.

What about credit cards? If you're thinking about adding your name to your spouse's credit card accounts, you

might want to reconsider that. When you and your spouse have joint credit, both of you will become responsible for 100 percent of the credit card debt. In addition, if one of you has poor credit, it can negatively impact the credit rating of the other. If you or your spouse does not qualify for a card because of poor credit, and you are willing to give your spouse account privileges anyway, you can make your spouse an authorized user of your credit card. An authorized user is not a joint cardholder and is therefore not liable for any amounts charged to the account. Also, the account activity won't show up on the authorized user's credit record. But remember, you remain responsible for the account.

Of course there will be many post-wedding financial decisions on your "to-do" list. You should update your beneficiary designations on life insurance and retirement plans. If you have a will, that should also be updated. You will need to take the time to review one another's health insurance plan to compare costs and benefits. If you are changing your name, you will need to notify your employer, social security and all financial institutions you work with. Lastly, you should meet with your tax advisor to see if you should be adjusting your tax withholding.

These steps may seem overwhelming, but the good news is that there are many professionals available in the financial and tax world that can help you make a smooth transition to merging your finances.

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# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 12-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day, and Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday. We will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

## Events For Adults

### Book Discussions

**The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group**

Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m.

Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk.

### Books & Breakfast Morning

#### Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 20, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of *A Violet Season* by Kathy Leonard Czepiel. Refreshments will be served. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk.

### 2018 Oscar Films

Preliminary film schedule to be announced in February.

### Rhythms of the World with Handler and Levesque

Saturday, February 24, 1 p.m.

Experience an exuberant celebration of cultures with this exceptional program of music from around the world. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Registration is required and begins Saturday, February 3.



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### The Great! Basement Book Sale

#### Members Preview

Thursday, March 22, 4-7 p.m.

The preview is for members only, but you may become a member at the door.

#### Public Sale

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come for great deals on thousands of new and gently used books including hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction for adults, children, and teens as well as vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. It's the perfect place to pick up a gift for an upcoming event, add a new special book to your coffee table collection, or just grab a few great new things to read.

## Events For Teens

### Book Chat Café

For Amity Middle School students who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held at the Amity Middle School Media Center. Please see Ms. Liebrock to join and

for more information about meeting dates and times.

## Events For Children

### 3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays, 4 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5 year olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session. Registration is not required. No storytime February 19.

### Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 p.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books. Registration is not required.

### 2-Year-Old Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together. Registration is not required.

### Tween Event: Brownies in a Mug

Wednesday, February 14, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children in grades 4-6. Enjoy a twist on this classic treat with our "kitchen hacked" version! Our brownies in a mug recipe will be your new favorite. We'll provide the dry ingredients, you add the rest at home and enjoy. Please be advised that we will be working with ingredients that may contain allergens. Registration is

required and begins January 24.

### "The Fir Tree" Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer

Tuesday, February 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

For children ages 5-10. In the forest, a tiny fir tree wishes to grow up and do great things like the other trees of the woodlands. But while he despairs, he misses the beauty of the fresh air, gentle sunlight, and soothing wind that surround him. Ingrid Schaeffer will read this poignant short story aloud and provide costumes and props. Then, we'll re-enact the story together. Participants will also complete an art activity based on the book as part of the workshop. Registration is required and will open on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. This drama workshop is generously funded by a grant from the Orange Foundation Trust U/A, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee.

### No Bake Kids' Cooking Class with Courtney Huggins

Wednesday, February 21, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children ages 5-10. Make tasty, healthy recipes with Courtney Huggins, Orange ShopRite's Registered Dietician! Registration is required and begins January 31. Please notify us of any food allergies at the time of registration so that we may make the proper accommodations.

### STEM Storytime

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

Can a fairytale or picture book really be used to teach science? See how with Ms. Michelle! We'll read the book together as a group, learn more about the story through our re-telling, then make a scientific craft or try some hands-on experiments together. This story time is designed for children ages 3-5, but older siblings are welcome. Registration begins three weeks in advance of the storytime date.

## Art Receptions

**February:** Acrylics by Afaf Khalil and acrylics on wood by Mridula Kumar, on view February 3-28. Reception: February 15, 5-7 p.m.

**March:** Oils by Andy Bishop, on view March 3-30. Reception: March 8, 5-7 p.m.

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# Consider Financial Gifts For All Your Valentines

Valentine's Day is almost here — and it's a pretty big business. In fact, U.S. consumers spent about \$18 billion on their valentines in 2017, according to the National Retail Federation. Of course, recipients certainly appreciate flowers, candy, jewelry and so on, but this year, consider going beyond the traditional favorites to give your loved ones something more long-lasting — a financial gift.

And, while you're doing so, why not also go beyond the traditional definition of a "valentine"? After all, not all that \$18 billion went to spouses or significant others. A sizable amount also went to non-romantic connections, including children, parents, friends, teachers — even pets. So, in the spirit of ecumenical Valentine's Day gift-giving, here are some suggestions for financial gifts for your loved ones:

***For spouse or significant other***  
— One valuable gift to your spouse or significant other might be an IRA contribution. While you can't directly contribute to someone else's IRA, you can certainly write a check to that person for that purpose. This gift is particularly valuable because many people have trouble coming up with the maximum annual IRA contribution, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for individuals 50 and older. As an alternative to an IRA contribution, you could give shares of a stock issued by a company whose products or services are enjoyed by your spouse or significant other.

**For your children** — It's never too soon to start saving for college for your children. Fortunately, you have a few attractive college-funding vehicles available, one of which is the 529 Savings Plan. You can generally invest in the plan offered by any state, even if you don't live there. If you do invest in your own state's plan, you might receive a tax incentive, which

could include a deduction, match or credit. Plus, all withdrawals from 529 Savings Plans will be free from federal income taxes and, in most cases, state income taxes as well, as long as the money is used for qualified college or graduate school expenses of the beneficiary you've named. (If a withdrawal is taken from a 529 Savings Plan but not used for a qualified expense, the portion of the withdrawal representing earnings is subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% federal penalty.)

**For your parents** — You can probably find a number of thoughtful and valuable financial gifts for your parents. You could, for example, offer to pay a month's worth of their premiums for their auto or health insurance. Even if they are on Medicare, they may still be paying for a supplemental policy, so your gift may well be appreciated. But you might want to go beyond helping them with just a single component of their financial situation and instead provide them with assistance for their "big picture." To do so, you could arrange a visit with a trusted financial professional, assuming your parents aren't already using one. This person could look at all issues, including investments, retirement accounts, long-term care and estate-related financial strategies, and then make appropriate recommendations and even referrals to other professionals.

Everyone likes the hearts, flowers and sweets of Valentine's Day. Nonetheless, give some thought to making financial gifts — they can make a difference in your loved ones' lives long after the chocolates are eaten and the roses have faded.

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Newton, Mass. -- Freshman Tyler Dorfman (West Hartford, Conn.) notched nine kills and four digs to lead Mount Ida to a 3-0 non-league college men's volleyball victory over Southern Vermont by game scores of 25-19, 25-18 and 25-19 in a match played Friday evening at the Athletic Center.


Junior Brett Southworth (Orange, Conn.) added eight kills, seven digs and a pair of service aces in the triumph for the host Mustangs (1-2), who received six kills each and a combined five digs from sophomore Andre Foster (Davis, Calif.) and freshman Isaac Reed (Keene, N.H.). Juniors Nate Gyampo (Providence, R.I.) and Tyler Shinkle (West Deptford, N.J.) combined for four kills, four digs and five service aces for Mount Ida, which received

33 set assists, two digs and a pair of service aces from sophomore Kevin Keohane (Jefferson, N.J.) along with two digs each from junior Ethan Souza (Acushnet, Mass.) and freshman Mason Leonard (Langdon, N.H.).

Sophomore Te Hayward (Baltimore, Md.) registered seven kills and three total blocks in the setback for the visiting Mountaineers (0-2), who received 12 digs, three kills and a pair of set assists from senior El Olivares (Miami, Fla.). Freshman Zach Rogers (North Bennington, Vt.) added nine set assists and three digs for Southern Vermont, which received a combined three kills from junior Isaiah Backels (Derry, N.H.) and sophomores Carlos Rivera (Washington, D.C.) and Hans Resignac (Philadelphia, Pa.).

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Orange Soccer Association Spring Soccer Program Registration Form



ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 605  
Orange, Connecticut 06477

OSA SPRING 2018 Soccer Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Who: Boys and Girls, Residents of Orange, Ages 5 through 13.

When: Sundays, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> through JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

Where: Mary L Tracy School  
Fred P. Wolfe Park  
*Locations and times subject to change due to facility availability.*

Fees: \$80.00 per player until MARCH 26, 2018  
\$10.00 late fee on any registrations after March 26th, 2018

Format: *Prek-Kindergarten (Clinic) Divisions will remain coed*  
*PLAY AT 11:30AM-12:30 PM SUNDAYS) at Mary L Tracy*  
*Girls and Boys divisions in the following groups:*  
*Boys 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade play at 12:45- 2:00 PM at Mary L Tracy*  
*Girls 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade play at 2:00-3:15PM at Mary L Tracy*  
*Boys 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade play at 3:15- 4:30 PM at Mary L Tracy*  
*Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade play at 2:00- 3:15PM at Mary L Tracy*  
*Co-Ed Boys and Girls Grades 5, 6 & 7 play at 12:30-2:00 pm at Fred Wolf Park*

How to Register:  
1. Complete the attached form and mail with a check payable to: OSA  
Orange Soccer Association, PO 605, Orange, CT 06477  
2. Walk-in registrations: Saturday, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
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(Foyer Area by the GYM).  
3. Walk-in registrations accepted by the Orange Park and Recreation office, High Plains Community Center during business hours through MARCH 26th, 2018


Registration Rules:  
1. A separate registration form must be submitted for each participant. A check or money order made out to the Orange Soccer Association, or exact cash, must accompany registration. Please do not mail cash.  
2. For insurance purposes, all new registrations must submit a copy of their birth certificate to be retained by the Orange Soccer Association.  
3. A parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form.

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Questions: Contact Janet Lyngdal, Registrar, by email , [JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM) ,  
OSA Co-Presidents, Tom Pisano 877-2058, [tompisanotrane@gmail.com](mailto:tompisanotrane@gmail.com), or Bill Hoffman 799-1313

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OSA SPRING 2018 Soccer Program

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Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Was Player registered in: Spring 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Athletic Ability (Please rate: 1=Beginner, 2=Fair, 3=Average, 4=Good, 5=Excellent): \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Shirt Size (order larger size if in doubt): CONTACT E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated at Orange, Connecticut this the 27th day of December 2017.

*Patrick B. O’Sullivan*  
*Orange Town Clerk*

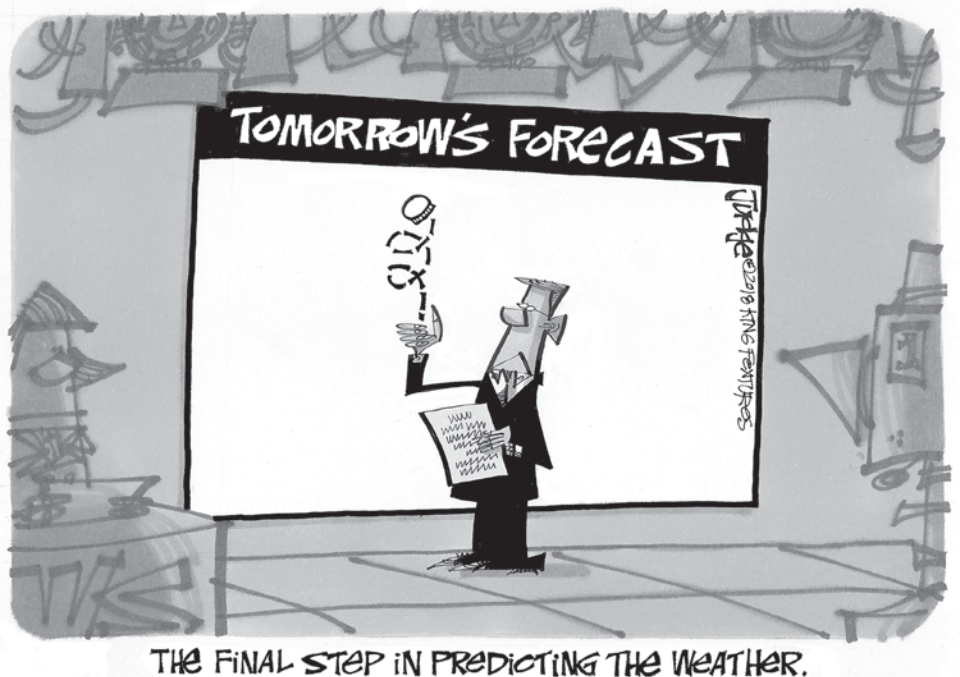
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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13)

Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan
2. 12 Strong (R)

Chris Hemsworth, Michael Shannon
3. Den of Thieves (R)

Gerard Butler, Jordan Bridges
4. The Post (PG-13)

Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks
5. The Greatest Showman (PG)

Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams
6. Paddington 2 (PG)

animated
7. The Commuter (PG-13)

Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga
8. Star Wars: Episode VIII -- The Last Jedi (PG-13)

Daisy Ridley, John Boyega
9. Insidious: The Last Key (PG-13)

Lin Shaye, Leigh Whannell
10. Forever My Girl (PG)

Alex Roe, Jessica Rothe

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. It (R)

Bill Skarsgard, Jaeden Lieberher
2. American Made (R)

Tom Cruise
3. The Foreigner (R)

Jackie Chan
4. The Mountain Between Us (PG-13)

Idris Elba
5. Dunkirk (PG)

Fionn Whitehead, Barry Keoghan
6. Battle of the Sexes (PG-13)

Emma Stone
7. Marshall (PG-13)

Chadwick Boseman
8. Despicable Me 3 (PG)

animated
9. Acts of Violence (R)

Bruce Willis
10. Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R)

Taron Egerton



Josh O'Connor, Alec Secareanu in "God's Own Country" [Orion Pictures]

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of January 29, 2018.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

**“God’s Own Country” (R)** -- In a remote section of Yorkshire, Johnnny (Josh O’Connor) toils at his family farm, tough hardscrabble work with his only escape being cheap assignations after a night of heavy drinking at the local pub. Into this life of desolation comes Gheorghe (Alec Secareanu), a Romanian migrant who will assist in lambing season. The heart wants what the heart wants, even in -- or maybe especially in -- adverse circumstances. The longing and loneliness and human-ness of these two men are palpable and real. It’s an exceptionally well-done love story from a first-time director

(Francis Lee) and a breakout role for O’Connor.

**“Last Flag Flying” (R)** -- Steve Carrell, Bryan Cranston and Laurence Fishburne head up this heartwarming story of three Vietnam veteran buddies -- one Navy corpsman and two Marines -- who reconvene in present day for a mission of love and friendship. Larry “Doc” Shepard (Carrell) gets the news that his son, a Marine, has been killed in Iraq. He enlists his friends Sal (Cranston), a rowdy bar owner, and Richard (Fishburne), former womanizer and troublemaker turned reverend, to help him bury his son. Doc decides against an Arlington funeral, opting instead to bring his son home to New Hampshire. Easier said than done. Along the way, director Richard Linklater paints a portrait of these heroes (of both generations) with equal measures of reminiscing and ribbing.

**“Professor Marston and the Wonder Women” (R)** -- Yowza. This is no Marvel feature. It’s the biographical tale of psychologist William Moulton Marston (Luke Evans), the creator of Wonder Woman, along with his wife, Elizabeth (Rebecca Hall), and their live-in mistress Olive (Bella Heathcote). Marston and Elizabeth both are involved in research into dominance theory, and William becomes intrigued by Olive, a student who becomes his teaching assistant. The trio develop a romantic relationship that spans decades. It’s fascinating and quite sexualized. But then, it IS about Wonder Woman, who by Elizabeth’s description: “wears a burlesque outfit and all her friends in Harper’s Bazaar are sorority girls who have spanking parties, and everybody fights Nazis and rides in an invisible plane.” You better believe it.

1. Which female artist had a hit with “Back in Baby’s Arms”?

2. Michael Jackson had a hit in 1987 with “I Just Can’t Stop Loving You.” Who sang the other half of the duet?

3. What was the inspiration for “The Ballroom Blitz”?

4. Who had a hit with “It’s Like We Never Said Goodbye,” and when?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “How can people be so heartless, How can people be so cruel.”



Hot 100 chart.  
released on the original recording of the musical “Hair” in 1968. A year later, a cover by Three Dog Night hit No. 4 on the  
January 2017, she was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry by Loretta Lynn, who is her older sister. 5. “Easy to Be Hard,” first  
in Scotland. The Sweet was driven off the stage by a barrage of bottles. 4. Crystal Gayle, born Brenda Gail Webb, in 1980. In  
Garrett has done backup vocals for numerous artists and received Grammy nods for her own original songs. 3. During a gig  
playing on his gigantic electronic organ. 2. Steadfast Garrett. On the “Bad” album, they included French and Spanish lyrics.  
1. Patsy Cline, in 1963 on her “The Patsy Cline Story” album. The very flamboyant Cameron Carpenter covered the song.

Sports Quiz

BY CHRIS RICHCREEK

1. When was the last time before 2016 that the Chicago Cubs won 100-plus games in a season?

2. Two major-league players each smacked a triple to reach 3,000 career hits. Name either one to do it.

3. New Orleans QB Drew Brees set a regular-season record in 2016 for most 400-yard passing games in a career. Who had he been tied with at 14 games?

4. When was the last time before 2016 (Kentucky’s Malik Monk) that a player scored at least 47 points in a game against the University of North Carolina’s men’s basketball team?

5. The Vegas Golden Knights, in their inaugural NHL season (2017-18), set a record with an eight-game winning streak. Name either of the two teams that won five in a row in their first NHL season.

6. Who did the U.S. men’s hockey team beat in the final game to secure the Olympic gold medal in 1960?

7. 7. Brooks Koepka, in 2017, tied a men’s U.S. Open record for lowest score to par (16 under) in winning the event. Who else did it?

1. It was 1935 (100-54). 2. Paul Molitor in 1996, and Ichiro Suzuki in 2016. 3. Peyton Manning. 4. Duke’s Dick Groat scored 48 points against North Carolina in 1952. 5. The New York Rangers (1926-27) and the Edmonton Oilers (1979-80). 6. Czechoslovakia. 7. Rory McIlroy, in 2011.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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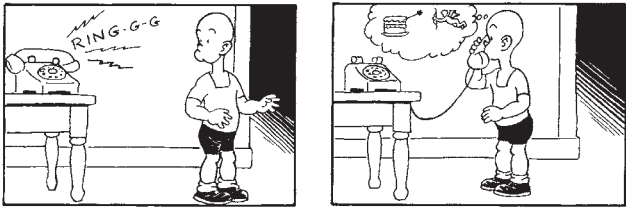
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Sudoku answers  
on page 30



# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD

**Henry**  
BY  
DON  
TRACHTE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

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native  
45 On  
46 Wood strip  
49 "— had it!"  
50 Profit

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## HOLLYWOOD

**BY TONY RIZZO**

Two-time Oscar winner Sally Field recently starred in the Netflix film "Little Evil," with Adam Scott and "Lost's" Evangeline Lilly, which became available for download Sept. 1. It was such a hit that Netflix immediately signed Field to a recurring role in its upcoming 10-part series "Maniac," starring Emma Stone and Jonah Hill. Stone also is starring in the historical biographical film "The Favourite," with Rachel Weisz and Nicholas Hoult.

Meanwhile, Julia Roberts, whose last film, "Wonder" (2017), cost \$20 million and grossed \$218 million, is currently shooting "Ben Is Back." She stars opposite Lucas Hedges (Oscar nominee for 2016's "Manchester by the Sea" and currently starring in "Lady Bird") and Emmy winner Courtney B. Vance (for "The People v O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story.")

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The "son" also rises! Patrick Schwarzenegger, son of Arnold Schwarzenegger, began as a model, played Romeo in the Ariana Grande music video for "Right There," had small roles in "Stuck in Love," with Greg Kinnear and Jennifer Connelly, and "Grown-Ups 2" (2013), with Adam Sandler. He received seventh billing in "Dear Eleanor" (2016) and third billing in "Go North" (which opened Jan. 13). Now he gets second billing, behind Bella Thorne, in the highly touted "Midnight Sun," which premieres March 23 everywhere! Looks like he learned how to muscle his way to the top from dad Arnold!

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Four-time Oscar nominee Michelle Williams -- for "Brokeback Mountain" (2005), "Blue Valentine" (2011), "My Week With Marilyn" (2011) and "Manchester by the Sea" (2016) -- has two big films out at the same time. First



Patrick Schwarzenegger [Depositphotos]

up was the musical "The Greatest Showman" (which I loved), as Hugh Jackman's wife, followed by "All the Money in the World," as Christopher Plummer's daughter and mother of his kidnapped grandson. She's already completed the comedy "I Feel Pretty," with Amy Schumer, due June 29, and "Venom," with Tom Hardy as the new Marvel Universe superhero, coming Oct. 5.

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Jared Leto, Oscar winner for "Dallas Buyer's Club" (2013), who rode "Suicide Squad" from its \$175 million cost to a \$747 million gross, will be back for the sequel, which starts filming in March for a 2019 release. He's just completed "The Outsider," with Emile Hirsch and Rory Cochrane (of "Argo" and currently in "Hostiles"), and is editing the documentary "A Day in the Life of America," which he began putting together last July 4 with cameras all over the country. In addition, he has plans to play Andy Warhol in a film, direct a thriller ("77") for Paramount Pictures, portray a slain mobster who is re-animated with superpowers in "Bloodshot," as well as playing "The Joker" and starring in "Tron 3." Leto's got so much on his plate, they're going to have to re-animate him!

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"How did it happen that their lips came together? How does it happen that birds sing, that snow melts, that the rose unfolds, that the dawn whitens behind the stark shapes of trees on the quivering summit of the hill? A kiss, and all was said." — VICTOR HUGO



# ARTS & LEISURE



## Cartoonist Roman’s Visit to Amity

Author and illustrator, Dave Roman, visited Amity Regional High School on January 10, 2018, to offer workshops to Amity’s Art and English Language Arts classes.

Mr. Roman is the creator of *Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity*, which won Maryland’s Black-Eyed Susan Book Award. Mr. Roman has also written *Teen Boat!*, which was honored as a Junior Library Guild Selection, and *Agnes Quill: An Anthology of Mystery*. He is the co-author of two New York Times best-selling graphic novels, *X-Men: Misfits* and *The Last Airbender: Zuko’s Story*.

A graduate of the School of Visual Arts (New York), Mr. Roman worked as a comics editor for Nickelodeon Maga-

zine from 1998 to 2009. He currently lives in New York.

Mr. Roman’s visit was a lively and visually engaging discussion about comics and how they have served as inspiration throughout his life, fostering a love for reading and a passion to make his own books.

The event was hosted by Amity librarians, Robert Musco and Victoria Hulse, and made possible by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. More information about the Foundation’s mission and work can be found at: [www.jamie-hulleyartsfund.org](http://www.jamie-hulleyartsfund.org).

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## Around The World In 60 Minutes

You are invited to the rescheduled concert at the Case Memorial Library on Saturday, February 24, at 1:00, where you will be entertained by the husband and wife duo of Handler and Levesque; Judy on guitar and Mark on guitar and mandolin. They “have performed over 2000 concerts together in the United States and Europe. Their sophisticated and expressive arrangements blend classical, Brazilian, Latin American, klezmer, gypsy, jazz, Celtic and folk music influences to create a unique and extraordinary sound. This, matched with their impeccable musicianship, has won them a widespread enthusiastic following.”

Their program called, *Rhythms of the World*, is an exuberant celebration of cultures of music from around the world. You will enjoy “the lilt of a jam session at an Irish pub, a rollicking

tarantella from Italy, the appealing rhythms of nouveau flamenco from Spain, the warmth and passion of Brazil, the rhythmic poetry of Eastern Europe, the hard-swinging elegance of Gypsy jazz, a sweet love song from Taiwan, the sultry sounds of a Middle Eastern melody and more!”

Who can resist such an exciting selection of international music? The Friends of the Library invite you to join them for this program sponsored by the Shirley Prown Fund. Remember to register at the library or call 203.891.2170.

The Friends would also like to thank you for your faithful attendance of the programs celebrating its 25th anniversary and hope you will consider becoming a member so that, together, we can continue to support all the wonderful services our Library offers.



“Positive Energy” by Afaf Khalil



Carved Wood – Jharoka by Mridula

## Cultural Harmony

“Cultural Harmony” exhibition is featuring an inspiring collection of artworks by dual artists from different cultures, sharing a common platform of art.

Afaf Khalil and Mridula Kumar are both international self-made artists, who are committed to deliver the message of art worldwide. Khalil is an American with an Egyptian background, and Kumar is Asian Indian. Both are influenced by their great cul-

tures. They collaborated in making this Exhibition possible, so that they may reveal the uniqueness of their culture.

**Exhibition:** February 3rd - February 28th 2018

**Reception:** February 15th (5PM - 7 PM)

**Location:** Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Rd. Orange, CT. (Gallery on 2nd Floor)

*Gallery is open during library hours.*



## Hop the Bus to the New Haven Symphony

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is once again sponsoring Hop the Bus to the New Haven Symphony for the February 15 concert. This is the fourth year the OACC has sponsored free busses to the NHSO concerts at Woolsey Hall.

Concertgoers can avoid the hassle of finding a parking space near Woolsey Hall by taking advantage of this FREE service. The bus picks up riders in front of High Plains Community Center in Orange at 6:45 PM, and drops them off in front of Woolsey Hall, picking them up immediately following the concert. This service is made possible by grants from the Orange Lions and Orange Foundation.

The February 15 concert, Neale Conducts Mozart, features guest conductor Alasdair Neale. The West coast conductor is music director of the Sun Valley Summer Symphony and the Marin Symphony, and previously served in leadership roles with the San Francisco Symphony and Youth Orchestra. He takes his turn at the NHO podium with an engaging mix of timeless classics and new favorites including Mozart’s Piano Concerto No. 20 with NHO Artist-in-Residence Michael Brown Program.

For bus reservations, call 203-878-7417. For concert tickets call the New Haven Symphony office at 203-865-0831.





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## Bark Bytes...

BY VICKI & RICHARD  
HOROWITZ



## Tiring Your Bundle of Joy—Physically and Mentally

How can we be great owners and tire our dogs out? This is a common question shared by many dog owners.

Physical exercise is only part of the equation. So how are you stimulating your dog's mind and mentally tiring them?" If your answer is "I do not know," following are some suggestions to help you differentiate between physical and mental exercise, which in turn will help tire your bundle of joy.

This is an area where there is a parallel between dogs and people. If you have a mentally stimulating day where your brain really gets a workout, you are usually very tired and ready to just relax. If you don't have any mental stimulation, you have more energy at the end of the day. The same holds true with your dog.

Have you noticed that a physical workout energizes you? The physical conditioning builds more stamina. It's the same with dogs. There is a point where the exercise will tire them, but it takes a lot! Dogs can run and run for hours and still be ready for more, but 10 to 15 minutes of making them concentrate and THINK is exhausting, and they'll be ready for a nap. Just as the physical exercise will give you and your dog physical stamina, exercising the brain will build mental stamina.

So, how can you exercise your dog's brain? Training is one great way as they are focusing and thinking. Making your dog sit and stay, correcting their mistakes and praising them for the right behavior is a great way of stimulating their brain. They need to think about what they are doing and need to concentrate. Dogs do not want a correction. They thrive on being praised for doing the right thing.

A very slow walk—making sure your dog is right next to you—is an-

other brain-stimulating exercise. The slower you walk, the more your dog has to think about what they are doing. We've seen, over and over again, very high-energy dogs crash as soon as they come back from a very structured five-to ten-minute walk. A "power walk" will give them more energy, but a walk that requires brainpower will be exhausting.

Puzzles are a great way to mentally stimulate your dog's brain. Take one of their favorite treats, let them sniff the treat and then hide it. Let them try to find it.

Scatter feeding is another great mental game. Your dog will have to search for his supper. Scatter feeding also works well if your dog has a tendency to eat too quickly. We've never met a dog that didn't love this game. Scatter feeding is simply taking some of their food and scattering it around in an area or even outside (weather permitting).

The more you exercise your dog's brain, the happier and calmer they will be. Dogs need physical exercise, just as we do, but also need mental stimulation. Dogs who are bored are more likely get into trouble.

If your dog is digging or chewing inappropriate items or if he's running all over the house out of control, look at the mental side of the equation. A mentally stimulated dog is a tired dog and a tired dog is a calm dog. A calm dog is a happy dog, and that's what we all want.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit [www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com](http://www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com).





**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There'll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don't wind up tackling tasks that are better left to others.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It's also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** It's not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.

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# I Spy: Watching Pets With Security Cameras

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I found out recently that my son "watches" his dog while at work by monitoring him with a security camera. I don't think that's a good way to care for a pet. What's your take? -- Pat in Concord, New Hampshire

**DEAR PAT:** While nothing replaces in-person, face-to-face interaction between pet and owner, many people are unable to be with their pet during the day. Having a dog walker or pet sitter helps to ensure a pet is cared for during this time, but still doesn't replace an owner's voice.

So it's not surprising that more and more owners are using today's technology to keep an eye on their pets. Video cameras and connected

mobile apps allow them to check in on the house. And because some video systems have integrated speakers, those owners can even speak to their pets through the monitoring app.

You can watch videos on the Internet of dogs guiltily slipping off the couch when their owner's disembodied voice calls "Off!" from an unseen speaker. But such a setup may offer a bit of comfort to a lonely pet, as well.

To answer your question, remote monitoring is just fine to keep an eye on a pet's health or to see what kind of behavior they exhibit when the owner is not around. But it can't replace being there. I imagine that your son would much rather be hanging out with his dog than be stuck at the office.

**SEND YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO ASK@PAWSCORNER.COM.**

## The Garden Bug

**Re-think your water usage**

Start planning now for how sustainably your garden will function in the coming year. Will you use soaker hoses instead of sprinklers, or set up a rain barrel to collect rain water? How often will you water? Will you set up a rain gauge so that you don't water more often than is needed? Position watering devices to keep water from falling into storm gutters, walkways or into the street. Keep all outdoor faucets in good repair so as not to drip. Consider plants that use less water overall.

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