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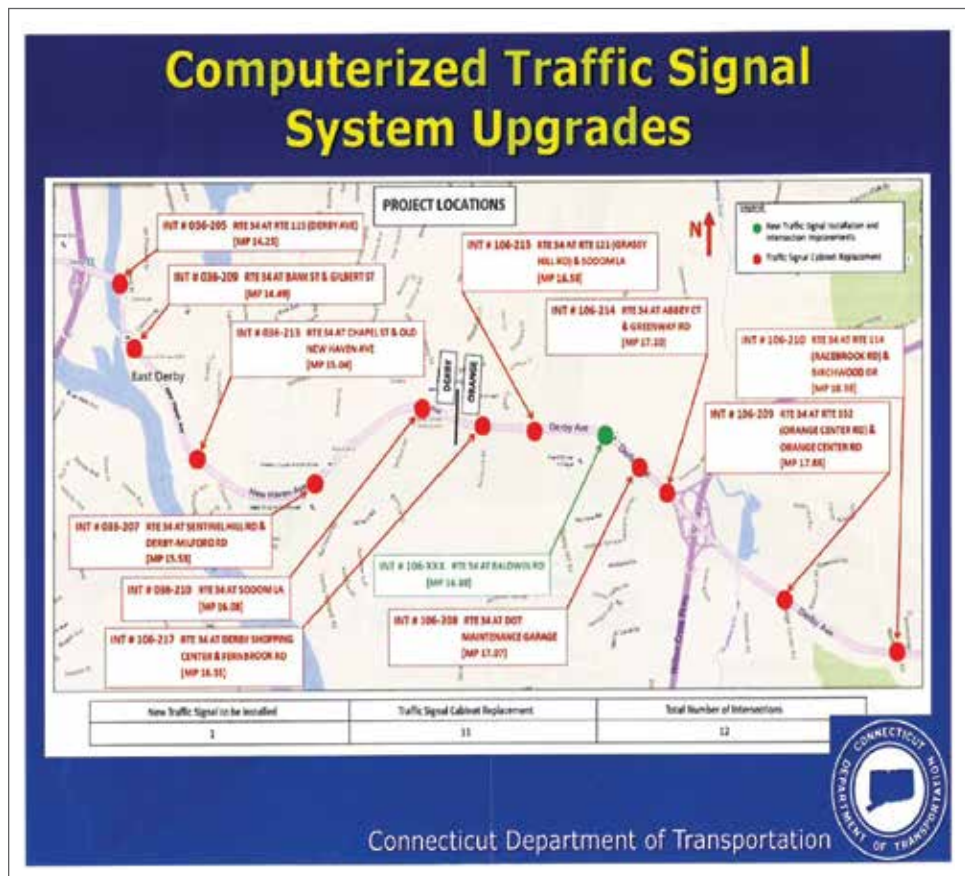
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DOT DETAILS IMPROVEMENTS TO DERBY AVENUE (RTE. 34)

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Representatives from the State's Department of Transportation presented preliminary road improvement plans to make the Baldwin Road and Route 34 intersection safer to a handful of residents and town officials at an informational meeting last month. The plan calls for installing new signal lights at the intersection and expanding the north- and south-bound turning lanes. As part of the project, signal cabinets at five existing traffic signals in Derby and six in Orange along Route 34 will be updated. Improvements are expected to begin in the spring of 2019 and be completed that fall at a cost of about \$2 million. According to DOT representatives, 90 percent of the cost will be paid with federal funds and 10 percent will

be paid in state funds.

DOT project manager Nilesh Patel, P.E., said the state roads that are earmarked for improvements are determined using a formula that evaluates safety, volume and crash rate in an area. "The Baldwin Road intersection is a safety issue and a congestion issue," he said. Between 2012 and 2014 there have been 20 crashes at this intersection, five of which resulted in personal injuries. Eleven of the crashes were due to vehicles turning left onto Route 34 from Baldwin Road.

The DOT plans to widen the existing eastbound turning lanes on Derby Avenue by using the median area and

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CALENDAR ADOPTED FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education adopted a calendar for the 2017-2018 school year at its monthly meeting in January. School will begin on Monday, August 28 and will tentatively end on Thursday, June 7 unless the district needs to make up snow days. The calendar includes 10 minimum days, mostly to allow for professional development. As has been the tradition for the past couple of years, students will be off on President's Day and the following day for a February break.

At its December meeting, the board discussed starting the year with a half-day on Monday, but based on suggestions by teachers, school will start with a full day and a full five-day week. "We've tried to align our calendar with Amity as best as we could with regards to how the needs of families may play into this. Some of our students have siblings at Amity and are relied upon to be quasi-babysitters for our younger students," explained Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti.

Board Member Mara Saccente was

concerned with the younger children starting with a full week. "Our question was how the kids handle that first full week with a full day. We don't follow the Amity district with all of our days. Woodbridge has zero half-days for PD, I think we should do what's best for our kids of Orange."

Scarpetti reiterated that the older Amity children are relied upon to watch their younger elementary school siblings on half-days. Speaking of a conversation that board had earlier in the meeting about increased collaboration between the teachers and staff of Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange schools for professional development, Board Member Kim Browe said she would like to see even more collaboration before the calendar is set. "Many of our families have students in the Amity district and next year, we should have this discussion about the calendar earlier so that these opportunities for professional development aren't missed. Even if ACES isn't

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AMITY HIGH SCHOOL CUTS RIBBON FOR NEW FUEL CELL

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The irony of gathering in the icy winds of an incoming Nor'easter to witness the ribbon cutting of a state-of-the-art facility that provides "clean" heat and power to Amity Regional High School wasn't lost on the impressive crowd of state dignitaries, school officials, residents and students that gathered to celebrate its completion. The fuel cell began providing energy to the high school in December and will soon serve as the generation source for the Town's microgrid, which will supply power to seven municipal buildings during outages caused by storms, including Town Hall, the library, the fire station, the police department, the Department of Public Works, the town's Senior Center and the high school.

Before cutting the ribbon, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, said, "Microgrids, and the fuel cells that are helping support them, are an essential part of our strategy to make certain that we harden our infrastructure in order to better withstand the type of catastrophic storms we have experienced in recent years. At the same time, they are also providing an efficient energy source that in the long run will help save taxpayer money." The fuel cell is expected to save the Amity school district about \$70,000 in lowered fuel and energy costs annually.

The fuel cell power plant was built and installed by FuelCell Energy of Danbury, which operates it under contract with United Illuminating. The new fuel cell, located at the rear of Amity

Regional High can generate up to 2.2 megawatts of clean, environmentally friendly, renewable energy. According to Kurt Goddard, vice president of investor relations with FuelCell Energy, "the unit converts clean natural gas into electricity and heat through a highly efficient electrochemical process that is free of combustion and creates virtually no unhealthy emissions that are released into the air". The continuous, clean power being generated means no smog; acid rain; or particulate matter which aggravates asthma.

Charles Dumais, superintendent of the Amity Regional School District, said having the fuel cell on the grounds of the high school provides an invaluable education opportunity, particularly to students in its advanced placement manufacturing and environmental science classes. "We view this project as a triple win including clean power for the community, reduced financial impact on the district, and educational opportunities for our students from this innovative fuel cell power generation," Dumais said.

Woodbridge was chosen in 2013 as one of nine pilot projects in the state for the installation of a microgrid. The DEEP program is designed to "develop innovative ways to keep critical buildings powered during electric grid outages," said the official press release at the time. Woodbridge received its share of the state money — \$3 million — a year later. Construction of the fuel cell started last spring.

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widen Baldwin Road to provide a separate left-turn lane and right-turn lane at the intersection with Route 34. A new traffic light at the intersection will stop traffic while drivers are turning into or out of Baldwin Road. The DOT expects to purchase up to 15 feet of property on Baldwin Road from Fieldview Farm to make the improvements.

Several ladies in the audience questioned the DOT's decision to move forward with this project when, in their opinion, the intersection of Grassy Hill Road and Route 34 seems much more dangerous. Beechlawn Terrace resident Marianne Bauer wrote a letter to the DOT in 2012 about her concerns. "I'm disappointed that it's been five years and nothing's been done," she said.

Patel reported the DOT is aware of residents' concerns about the Grassy Hill intersection but said funding is allocated based on safety issues. "The funding goes to higher risk areas first," he said.

Orange Police Chief Robert Gagne said the level of service at the Grassy Hill/Derby Avenue intersection is “not as good as we’d like it to be,” but there are less crashes there than at the Baldwin Road/Derby Avenue intersection. “Based on the accident history it’s not a safety issue; it’s a convenience and capacity issue,” Gagne said. “We certainly don’t want to see it become a safety issue but as of right now there’s not enough verified crash history data to initiate immediate upgrades. The state doesn’t have any money so it would need to be an immediate safety concern to come to the top of the hopper.”



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OFFICIALS ADDRESS NATIONAL HEROIN EPIDEMIC

Prevention Stressed to Amity HS Students

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Prevention is the best recourse to heroin addiction was the message from FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration officials, the mental health community and even former addicts who addressed an audience at Amity Regional High School last month. The group painted a bleak and sobering picture of the state's heroin epidemic as part of the school's community outreach program, designed to raise awareness of the nationwide trend that the over-prescribing of opiate medications by the medical community is leading to heroin addiction.

Superintendent of Schools Chip Dumais said he is often asked whether there is a drug problem at Amity. "I reply one kid on drugs is a drug problem," he said. Despite the fact that the BOW district has had less than five deaths known to be caused by overdoses in the past few years, Dumais acknowledges Amity is not immune. Nationwide statistics estimate one in five high school seniors misuse prescription drugs at least once and 75 percent of heroin users first abused prescription pills. They later turn to heroin as a cheaper substitute of the opiate drug. The statistics are sobering; more people today are dying prematurely from drug overdoses than from accidents or gunshot wounds.

The evening kicked off with an emotional and disturbing film documentary, "Chasing the Dragon, the Life of an Opiate Addict" which featured a handful of opiate abusers and their loved ones sharing their raw, unfiltered and often disturbing stories that had few happy endings. One addict featured in the film said, "You lose control, getting high becomes a full time job and the needle is your boss. All day long you think about how you are going to get it and do it and eventually you need the drug just to feel normal and not feel sick," he said. "It destroys everything good in you; it will suck the life out of you. You can't be an addict and maintain a normal life." In a footnote at the end of the film, most of the addicts featured had followed the typical path of the user – they had since died or were in jail. As one parent in the film concluded sadly, "If you want to fail and be in and out of jail, go ahead and get high. It is much stronger than you – it will win and it will affect everyone in your family for the rest of their lives."

After the film, FBI Community Outreach Specialist/Media Coordinator and panelist Charles K. Grady said he's seen the film at least 50 times and each time he gets more depressed. The reality of heroin use, which makes it even more insidious than other drugs, is that it can actually change the addict's brain chemistry. "An addict's brain says it needs the drug to breathe, and the addict can't fight that, no one can fight their own brain," Grady said. "This is not weed or even cocaine, it can't be taken lightly. No one chooses to be addicted to heroin. They might have set out to get high but they wind up addicted. Prevention is

the best way to fight it." All panelists stressed that no one is immune from heroin addiction – anyone can end up addicted – an Eagle Scout, an honor student, a mother, a father, an athlete, – the product of a 'good home' with 'good parents'.

"This epidemic is way bigger than we can put people in jail over," Grady said. "You have the ability to make a difference. If I said ISIS is at the Post Mall you'd grab your pitchforks and run over there but if I told you a lot of pills are leaving CVS you wouldn't do anything. It's almost impossible to pinpoint the percentage of Amity students and residents taking opiates. We have to pay attention and pull together as a community."

Audience members who contributed to the community discussion voiced frustration that the state has inadequate treatment facilities for addicts who are trying to recover and that there is a stigma to admitting to heroin addiction. One parent of a recovering addict said, "It's not a well-worn path – it's pretty damn lonely. Once a kid leaves the emergency room it is impossible to get help," she said. A physician in the audience admitted the medical community must do its part to be more mindful of over-prescribing opiate pain medication.

Panelists and former heroin addicts Maks Danilin and Ada Martinez also added their own experiences to the discussion. "I started using prescription drugs in high school, never thinking I'd wind up using heroin. Pills didn't seem dangerous – I got them from my parents or my friends' parents. I never thought it would lead to me hurting the people I loved most or seeing a friend die in front of me," Martinez said.

Danilin stressed the importance of parents' educating themselves about the drugs and keeping an open dialog with your children. "I'd come home with bloodshot eyes and my parents thought I was 'just smoking weed'. Parents and communities have to pull together to fight this epidemic. This room should be packed tonight," he said. "Tell your neighbors – we need to spread the word. There's no one solution—it takes a community."

Grady seconded Danilin's comments urging parents and friends to speak out if they suspect someone is using opiates. "We all have the ability to communicate. Don't be afraid to parent. Say 'I'm worried about your son/daughter'. If you fail to do that we've failed each other. It's the only way to stop the toe tags," he said.

Since 2012, the Orange Police Department has responded to 14 heroin-related events which resulted in one death. Victims were not necessarily Orange residents but were in Orange when the incidents occurred. Chief Robert Gagne reports that although heroin use is on the rise in Connecticut and around the country, the epidemic

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To the Editor:

We, the undersigned Jewish Federations throughout the State of Connecticut, along with JFACT (Jewish Federations Association of Connecticut) and the Anti-Defamation League of Connecticut, oppose President Trump’s Executive Order barring many refugees and immigrants from entering the United States. President Trump’s Executive Order, issued on Friday, January 27, 2017, bans any refugees from entering the United States for 120 days; suspends indefinitely any Syrian refugee resettlement; and bans nationals from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen for any reason for 90 days.

Judaism instructs, repeatedly and unambiguously, that we are forbidden from oppressing the stranger. The Bible states no less than 36 separate times that we are obligated to care for the stranger in our society. Leviticus 19:34, as one example, teaches, “The strangers who reside with you shall be to you as your citizens; you shall love each one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt”. Both Jewish values and Jewish historical experience as immigrants and refugees mandate that we repudiate policies that demonize, ostracize, and leave stranded refugees and other vulnerable immigrants. We remember all too well the story of the St. Louis—of Jewish refugees fleeing Europe by ship on the eve of the Holocaust who were denied entry into the U.S. and sent back, many to their deaths. We cannot and will not stand idly by as today’s victims of war and terror are left helpless and isolated. Nor can we support policies that single out those who practice a certain religion—in this case Islam—for disproportionate treatment.

While we encourage efforts to increase American security, this Executive Order threatens to do the opposite. The Executive Order likely will provide material to further incite radical Islamists against the United States and certainly has alienated the allies we need to defeat them. We therefore stand with the numerous national Jewish organizations—including the leadership of the Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Orthodox Movements, the Jewish Council for

Public Affairs, the ADL, and HIAS—who have voiced strenuous concern about this Executive Order. We also specifically affirm our commitment to stand with our friends and neighbors in the Muslim community who are rightfully concerned with the implications this ban will have on their loved ones. America should continue to live up to its reputation as a safe haven for people fleeing religious persecution, civil war, terror, and other atrocities in their native countries and in need of refuge. Faced with the largest global refugee crisis of our time, the United States must continue to be a beacon of freedom, safety, and hope.

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SPRING CLASSES SET TO BEGIN

This spring there are several new courses to choose from, as well as many standard favorites. To view the full catalog, and to register online, simply log onto www.AmityAdultEd.ce.eleyo.com. A sampling of new courses being offered this spring include: Watercolor Painting; Business Brokerage; Healthy Comfort Foods Freezer Meal Workshop; Hula Hoop Fitness & Dance; Before You Go to the Hospital; Creating a Gratitude Practice; Retirement-Transitioning into the Next Phase of Your Life; Stress Management; Do These Colors go Together?...a class in Interior Design; Love, Health & Healing, with Dr. Bernie Siegel; and a large variety of Gardening Classes. Returning favorites include: Amazing 1-2-3 Acrylic Painting; Glass Etching Workshop; Real Estate Principles and Practices; Guitar; Memoir Writing; Babysitting Basics; Ballroom Dancing;

Boating Safety & Personal Watercraft; Fly Fishing; Dog Obedience; Introduction to Angels; Zentangle; First Aid; CPR, Adult, Child & Infant; Look Before You Leap Into Your Own Business; Digital Photography; Mandarin Chinese; Italian; Polish; Stained Glass; Yoga; Zumba; Tai Chi; Sewing; Tennis, and an array of Computer and Registration is now open for the 2017 Spring Session of Amity Adult & Continuing Financial Planning Classes. Bus trips this spring include: Churches of Manhattan; "Hairspray" at the Thomaston Opera House, and Tall Ships in Boston. For full course descriptions, and to register for classes, view the entire Spring 2017 Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog at: www.Amity-AdultEd.ce.eleyo.com. For more information, please contact Karen Wade at 203-392-2005.

NETWORK OF EXEC. WOMEN OFFER
UNDERGRAD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Network of Executive Women has announced that scholarship applications will be accepted from February 01, to February 28, 2017. Undergraduate scholarships are offered to women residing or attending school in New Haven or Fairfield Counties who demonstrate financial need. Applicants must be returning, continuing or commencing schooling or other types of training to further their educational goals and/or enhance their job skills. In fairness to all applicants, completed applications will only be considered if submitted in the time frame stated above. For applications, please contact Virginia Allen at (203) 795-0305. You may visit our

website at Networkofexecutivewomen.net for information concerning our organization. The Network of Executive Women Milford, Inc. provides a platform where business and executive women share ideas and accomplishments, also to support the goals of each individual. The Network of Executive Women is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for women in need of financial assistance by awarding annual scholarships. These scholarships are funded through Network sponsored events, member participation and private donations. Go to www.networkofexecutivewomen.net for further information.

16TH ANNUAL SCRABBLE
CHALLENGE

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven

Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is, "to empower adults through literacy". March 30th, 2017 marks Literacy Volunteers' annual Scrabble Challenge fundraiser at The Hopkins School located on 986 Forest Road, New Haven, CT. The Scrabble Challenge is a fun, social competition that offers contestants an opportunity to put their literacy skills to good use. Proceeds of this fundraiser help fund free literacy classes for adults in Greater New Haven and The Valley towns. Teams consist of four players at each table at a cost of \$35 per person, or a total of \$140 per table. Teams of college students will

receive a discounted rate of \$100 per table. There will be multiple opportunities to win prizes in the categories of: education, friends and family, and the corporate cup. Sponsors of this event include Beers, Hamerman, Cohen & Burger, PC., Chemwerth, Hopkins School, the Knights of Columbus, NewAlliance Foundation, United Way of Greater New haven, Yale New Haven Hospital and Yale University. Additional event sponsorship opportunities are still available. Sponsorship and team registration forms can be located by visiting the Literacy Volunteers website at www.lvagnh.org or by calling the office at (203) 776-5899.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY
MARCH ENTRANCE EXAM

For those who missed the fall testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an entrance exam for applicants to grades 9 and 10 on Tuesday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Academy, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. Students who plan to take the test must submit the Application for Admission online at www.sacredhearthamden.org, with the \$60 fee, and contact Director of Admission Elaine Lambole at 203-288-2309, x307 for an interview.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12 founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women for learning, service, and achievement in a global society. More than 500 students, hailing from 60 towns and over 80 feeder schools in Connecticut, are enrolled. The Academy is currently celebrating its 70th anniversary.

FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL
LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2017 Lucy Scillia Scholarship are now available at the Case Memorial Library. Given by The Friends of the Case Memorial Library, the \$1000 scholarship is awarded annually to an Orange resident who is a senior in any area high school and is planning to further his/her education in college. The deadline for submitting applications is April 15th. The Scillia Scholarship was created in memory of Lucy Scillia, longtime Friends member, Library Commission Member and Children's Librarian dedicated to fostering the love of reading and learning. She loved books and children,

promoting reading for pleasure and knowledge to young and old throughout her life. In addition to providing a scholarship, The Friends of the Library raises funds to support the Library, hosts special programming for adults and children, operates the semi annual fundraisers—The Great! Book Sales, provides volunteer opportunities, supports various educational organizations with book donations, and provides Museum Passes that allow families and individuals opportunities to enjoy a variety of educational attractions for free or at a discounted rate.

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has yet to affect the BOW community "in a significant way". Regardless, the department is "keeping an eye on it" and taking precautionary measures. In addition to resource officers stationed at Amity, a DARE officer affiliated with the grammar schools, and an officer in the statewide narcotic force, the department

also added a trained narcotics canine, Trent, to assist in drug-related investigations. Orange officers and paramedics are equipped with Narcan™ (naloxone), a prescription medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. "We've done these things but we hope it doesn't ever become a significant problem," Gagne said.

Kindergarten Registration
Town of Orange

If your child is turning five on or before January 1, 2018 it is time to register for kindergarten.

Please register on our website oess.org by February 17th.

Registration appointments/screening will be held in March. Parents are asked to bring with them to the appointment a birth certificate, proof of residency, and medical/immunization records.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



MARY L. TRACY SPECIAL ED PROGRAM RECEIVES DONATION

On January 17th, Mrs. Chyeon Ock Lee donated \$1230 to the special education program of the Mary L. Tracy School. The proceeds came from a knitting exhibition at the Case Memorial Library that Mrs. Lee held, featuring knitted dolls that she knitted herself. Mrs. Lee began knitting in the summer of 2015, teaching herself through watching YouTube videos. Mrs. Lee has come to know of the Mary L Tracy special educa-

tion program through her family friends, and her efforts have certainly made the community aware of a great program in our town.

The principal of Mary L Tracy, Principal Kai Byrd, said, "We are very excited to meet your friend, and grateful for all she is doing to support the program". "Ms. Rosemary Slowik, director of the special education program (pictured above) adds, "We will put the donation into good use."

LUCY SCILLIA SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO ORANGE SENIORS

Applications are now open for the Lucia Scillia Scholarship, a \$1,000 award sponsored by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. The Lucy Scillia Scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Orange.

Lucia Scillia devoted much of her life to instilling a love of reading in children. After a fulfilling career as a school librarian, Lucy continued to share her love of books through a variety of activities. Among her many achievements is the establishment of the library at the former Sacred Heart-St. Peter's School

in New Haven, where she served as the school's volunteer librarian. Lucy was also a longtime member of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, served on the Orange Town Library Commission, and was active in library fundraising efforts.

The application deadline is April 30. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit a narrative, information sheet, and high school transcript. Applications are available at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477 or on the website: www.casememorallibrary.org.

ORANGE MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Orange Masons, in association with Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, are offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89 or a resident of the town of Orange.

Also being offered are two "Lodge Family Scholarships" for \$1,000 each. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson, of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89.

Applicants must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts should be sent directly from your school.] Send To: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Elmer F. Manley, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2016. Your full name, address email and phone where you can be reached must also be included. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbypolly@yahoo.com. Subject: Scholarship.

STUDENT NEWS

Dean's List

Noelle Bencivengo Named To Castleton University Dean's List

Castleton, VT -- To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5. Those from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Noelle Bencivengo and Sarah Santini were recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year.

CCSU Fall 2016 Dean's List Announced

New Britain, Conn. -- Central Connecticut State University President Zulma R. Toro is proud to announce the students who earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 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 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA. The students from Orange who achieved Dean's List distinction are: Marisa Ferretti, Madison Flanagan, Kaitlin Gunning and Daniel Ryan.

Orange Student Named To Curry College Dean's List

Milton, MA -- Curry College is proud to announce that Kayla Prete of Orange has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the semester.

Eastern Connecticut State University Full-Time Students Named To Fall 2016 Dean's List

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released the names of full-time students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. Those from Orange include: Katherine Esposito '20, major is Health Sciences; Jaclyn Kordiak '17, major is General Studies; Dominic Livoti '19, major is Environmental Earth Science; Amanda Meade '17, major is Communication; and Mackenzie Seymour '20, major is Business Administration and

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MARY L. TRACY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S FAIR

Mary L. Tracy School, 650 Schoolhouse Lane, will be holding its annual Children's Fair, Saturday, March 4th from 11 am to 3 pm (snow date is March 11th). Fairgoers can expect a Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, Games, Crafts, Nail Painting and Tattoos, plus a Bake Walk, Cupcake Decorating, and More!

Tickets for Children are \$15. The fair is the largest fundraiser for the PTO and profits will directly support the programs of the students at MLT.



Mary L. Tracy School

Contact Dianna Fuehrlein for more information, gatordianna@gmail.com or 352-494-6060. See you there!

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going to have a collaborative discussion with districts, that we have our own collaborative discussion with Bethany, Woodbridge and Amity so that when we go into ACES, we have a schedule that meets the needs of the three area

towns," she said. "When I look at the calendar, I see missed opportunities and us having to make adjustments after the fact. I don't want to be sitting here at this time next year having the same conversation."

The board unanimously approved the calendar.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCAM

At this time, the Orange Police does not have any active complaints, however, we feel getting this information out is critical to our crime prevention mission. Callers claim to be the Health Inspector asking for free food or payment for a permit; others claim to be a utility provider (UI, Regional Water Authority) stating their bill was not paid and that if you do not pay by credit card over the phone immediately the services will be shut off.

Utility companies will not call and demand payment over the phone. Hang up immediately and look up the direct number of your utility provider from your bill to confirm any questionable contact. Do not talk to the scammers as they may try to record your voice.

The Health Department will never call you asking for payment over the phone or at your place of business! If you

need to make a payment to the Orange Health Department it must be in person, by mail to the Town Hall, or using our online permitting system. Please call our office to verify any request! 203-891-4733.

Orange Health Inspectors will not ask, nor would accept free food, drinks or services at any time! The Orange Police will work closely with the Health Department should future calls be received.

- Do not give ANY information over the phone.
- Do not pay anyone unless you are at our office at the Town Hall.
- Write down any phone numbers, date and time that you are solicited and report them directly to the Orange Police Department at the non-emergency number at 203-891-2130.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



TIPS FOR A FIRE SAFE WINTER SEASON

Winter has arrived with snow, ice, and cold temperatures. The use of wood burning stoves, fireplaces and space heaters to help defray the cost of home heating fuel and utilities has increased. Although these are all major factors in residential fires, many of these fires can be prevented. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office recommends the following tips for a safe winter season.

If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please aid the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow. Then, if needed, it can be easily located. Clear snow away from all doorways, so several exits are available. If windows are used as emergency exits, be sure they open easily. Practice using them. Home escape ladders are also suggested.

Do not overload the circuit when using an electric heater. Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance cord. Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.

Never use a range or oven for heat. This is a safety hazard as well as a potential source of toxic fumes.

Be sure fireplaces and wood stoves are installed properly. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned, if necessary. Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire. Do not break apart synthetic logs or use more than one at a time. They may burn unevenly and release high levels of carbon monoxide. Keep a screen in front of the fireplace opening. Never close the damper

with hot ashes in the fireplace or discard them in or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and away from the house. Put out the fire in a fireplace before going to bed.

Inspect exhaust parts on kerosene heaters for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shutoff. Use only the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. Never use fuel burning appliances without proper ventilation as coal, kerosene or propane can produce deadly fumes. Keep flammable liquids in approved metal containers outside the house in a well ventilated storage area. Never fill the heater while it is on or hot. Refuel outdoors and avoid overfilling.

Never burn charcoal indoors. It can give off high levels of carbon monoxide.

Use hot water or an UL labeled appliance, such as a hair dryer, to thaw frozen pipes. Do not use a blow torch or open flame.

Have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and smoke alarms in all sleeping areas also.

Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

Free carbon monoxide alarms are available for Orange residents from the Fire Marshal's Office at 355 Boston Post Road. If you have questions or concerns about fire safety or prevention or wish to have an alarm installed, please call 203-891-4711, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com.

TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017

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



1st	Memorial Day Cmte.....	6:30 pm	HPCC
	Conservation Comm.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
2nd	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	HPCC
7th	Economic Development Comm	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
8th	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
9th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte.....	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
13th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Mid. School, Orange
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy School
14th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
	Pension Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall
21st	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte ...	5:00 pm	Clark Bldg
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Bond Construction Cmte.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Youth Services Advisory Board	7:00 pm	HPCC

O.V.F.D. AUXILIARY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 8th annual Pancake Supper on Monday, March 6th 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.



Orange Volunteer Fire Department

286 Boston Post Road, Orange. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, email Lynn@LMK415@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

At the Case Memorial Library Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Registration is required where noted. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

Weekly Storytimes

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for three to five-year-olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session. No storytime on January 16 or February 20.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Little ones from birth up to age two 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.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for twos. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays, and puppetry together.

Events for Children

Battery Motor Making

Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.

For tweens in grades 4 to 6. Learn how to make a working magnetic motor using a battery, magnets, and copper wire. All material will be provided. Registration is required and begins on January 31. Space is limited.

Events for Teens

Teen Craft: Paint-by-Numbers Style Paintings

Tuesday, February 21, 3-4 p.m.

For students in grades 6-12. Learn how to create a paint-by-numbers style painting in this fun afternoon class. No painting experience necessary. All materials will be provided. Registration is required and begins on January 31. Space is limited.

Events for Adults

Cookies and Coloring for Adults

Tuesday, February 14, 2 p.m.

Think of the fun you had and the hours you spent with your coloring books and crayons in your childhood. Let's return to those happy days and in the process reduce your stress, make new friends, and nibble some cookies. All supplies will be provided. Presented by The Friends of the Library in celebra-



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tion of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required.

An Afternoon with Nat King Cole

Saturday, February 18, 1 p.m.

Join the Jim Scianna Trio, featuring bassist Jim Scianna, vocalist Atla DeChamplain, and pianist Matt DeChamplain, as they present songs and arrangements in the style of vocalist, pianist, and bandleader Nat King Cole. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, January 28.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase discussion leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

2017 Oscar Film: Florence Foster Jenkins

Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 1, 1 p.m.

The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer, despite having a terrible singing voice; 1 hr. 51 minutes. Registration is required and begins on February 6.

2017 Oscar Film: Arrival

Monday, March 6, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 8, 1 p.m.

When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors. 1 hr. 56 minutes. Registration is required and begins on February 13.

Wellness Book Group

Wednesday, March 8, 11 a.m.

Join Adult Services Librarian Marianne Pysarchyk for a discussion of

Originals by Adam Grant. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. This program is held at the Senior Center and is free and open to participants of all ages. Please call the Senior Center at 203-891-4784 to register.

2017 Oscar Film: Manchester by the Sea

Monday, March 20, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 27, 1 p.m.

An uncle is asked to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy's father dies. 2 hrs, 17 minutes. Registration is required and begins on February 27.

Books & Breakfast: Morning Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast discussion leader Carol Davidson a discussion of Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies in the Civil War

Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m.

Focusing on four women who

risked all for their country during the Civil War, military historian Matthew Bartlett tells how these women played an important part in the extensive spy networks that were formed on both the Union and Confederate sides. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, March 4.

2017 Oscar Film: Hacksaw Ridge

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 29, 1 p.m.

WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. 2 hrs., 19 minutes. Registration is required and begins on March 6.

Art In The Library

February: Watercolors and colored pencil drawings by Suzanne Wagner and mixed media by Barbara Dierolf, on view February 2-27.

Museum Pass to Long Wharf Theatre

The Library is pleased to announce a new museum pass for the Long Wharf Theatre which is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The pass is available on a first come, first-served basis and allows patrons to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve two free adult tickets for a performance of the current show at Long Wharf. Here's how it works: Call or stop in the Library up to one week in advance of the performance you would like to attend to inquire about its availability. If the pass is available, you will have two days to come to the Library to check it out with your valid library card. Once you have the pass from the Library, call Long Wharf Theatre to reserve your seats. The day of the performance, bring the library pass to the box office to exchange it for your tickets.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY YARN STORMING

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library invite you to help celebrate its 25th Anniversary in 2017. We will be planning many special events, lectures, music and films throughout the year. One of the ways we would like to celebrate is to collaborate with other town organizations, groups and individuals to Yarn Bomb also called Yarn Storming the library. This ART of Integrating yarn into the town is meant to bring color, fun, warmth and happiness to public spaces. The Friends would like to highlight the Case with your help

to bring humor and a smile this spring while showcasing our already beautiful library. If you knit, crochet, sew, if you are a beginner or advanced and would like to participate and contribute your skills please contact Lucia Bloom for more information at luciabloom@sbcglobal.net or Lorraine Adinolfi at raine4me@gmail.com. We would like to unveil our project at our Annual Meeting June 17, 2017 and the installation will remain until the end of June, so we need to get yarning. All are welcome to join us.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



SUBWAY WORLD HQ ADDS TALENT TO GROWING GLOBAL TEAM

One of the world’s most recognized brands, SUBWAY® restaurants, a leader in the global Quick Service Restaurant industry, has added more than a dozen key team members to its Milford Headquarters team in the areas of Digital Marketing, Technology, Restaurant Operations, Guest Care, and Public Relations. These new hires come amidst global expansion of the company’s Headquarters resources, in an effort to support the franchisees of nearly 45,000 restaurants and their millions of guests around the world.

A major focus of the brand’s immediate goals includes enhancing their presence in the digital space. Last June, the company launched Subway Digital, a new team dedicated to help enhance the guest experience through the integration of digital tools, such as a refreshed mobile app and Loyalty program. The Milford-based team is seeking top digital and technology talent to fill 75 roles for the SUBWAY® Digital Team this year.

Guest satisfaction is imperative to the brand’s success, recently hiring a Director of Customer Engagement to focus on transforming how the brand interacts and engages with guests globally on a daily basis. Director roles have also been recently filled in Global Public

Relations and Restaurant Operations, both of which are seeking additional team members. They join a team of nearly 1,000 at the Milford campus; roles are also available at the chain’s regional offices.

“We are committed to building our workforce and being a leading employer in Connecticut and in our industry, while other area companies are reducing their workforce,” said Lisa Shea, Vice President of Human Resources for the SUBWAY® brand. “We have a large number of open positions across all functions of the business, and we’re looking for dedicated individuals to join our collaborative team.”

A recently produced video highlights the Milford World Headquarters, featuring employee profiles and commentary on career development, benefits such as on-site yoga and meditation classes, and sweeping drone footage of Milford’s downtown area and coastline. The video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/FdJAQX1KrNY>.

The brand is seeking talent for more than 150 open jobs across various departments at its global Milford headquarters. Interested applicants can visit www.subway.com/careers to browse current openings.

WARECK D’OSTILIO REAL ESTATE LAUNCHES WD MANAGEMENT, LLC

John Wareck and Frank D’Ostilio, principals of Real Living Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate proudly announce the launch of a new company, WD Management, LLC. WD Management, LLC is a full service property management company overseeing the operation of rental apartment complexes, commercial, retail and industrial real estate properties throughout Connecticut.

The company also welcomes Neil P. Currie as the Director. Mr. Currie has a Masters Degree in Urban and Environmental Planning and a BA in East Asian Studies and Architecture, both from the University of Virginia. Licensed in real estate, Mr. Currie has headed sales and leasing departments, personally managed and over-seen day to-day property operations for rental apartment complexes including lease renewals, insurance requirements, and

negotiations with new clients as well as third party contractors. He has successfully increased an 80-unit portfolio by adding 215 units over a two-year period.

A resident of North Haven, Mr. Currie will base WD Management, LLC from the Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate, LLC Milford corporate office at 174 Cherry Street.

“Real estate is all about relationships and servicing the clients with the highest quality possible. Understanding the needs of our clients along with our local knowledge and expertise assures competent, successful and worry-free property management,” said John Wareck.

Real Living Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

ROSEMARY SOWITCKY PROMOTED TO MANAGER AT WEICHERT

Clem Fucci, Tom Cavaliere and Nick Mastrangelo are pleased to announce Rosemary Sowitcky has been promoted to Manager of Weichert Regional Properties Orange office, effective January 1, 2017. Rosemary was appointed Assistant Manager in May of 2016.

Rosemary, a resident of West Haven, has been a fulltime Realtor since 1985 and has contributed countless hours of her time serving on many industry-related committees from the local level to the state level. Over the course of her career from 2008 to 2011, she was appointed to the Connecticut Association of Realtor’s State of Connecticut panel of Professional Standards. In 2008, Rosemary became an approved instructor for REBAC courses for CAR/State of Connecticut. From 1994 to 2010 she served as a Professional Standards Committee Member and Chairperson for the Greater New Haven Board of Realtors. She also served with the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors Board member for Equal Opportunity, Education Committee and the MLS Committees. She earned her Graduate of Realtors Institute designation in 1989, Certified Residential Specialist in 1995, earned the Senior Real Estate Specialist designation in 2004, completed the Accredited Buyer Representation designation in 2007, and received the Platinum Award for Customer Service from 2002 to 2008. Rosemary has been nominated twice for Realtor of the Year which she



Rosemary Sowitcky

says is a “very rewarding and humbling experience”.

“Rosemary has been with Weichert Regional Properties since 1991 and has been a great asset as an agent trainer as well as a highly respected and productive real estate agent. We are proud to have her on the team,” said Clem Fucci, broker.

Rosemary is pleased to be affiliated with Weichert and shares the Weichert Family Core Values providing excellent professional and personal service to buyers and sellers. Regional Properties is one of the top 10 Weichert franchises nationwide. The firm has offices in Hamden and Orange, CT. The company web address is www.weichertrp.com. Contact her at 203-795-2390 or email her at rsowitcky@weichertrp.com.

CURTAIN CALL AWARDED BEST OF HOUZZ 2017

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



Orange, CT Employees

SMOOTHIE KING'S "CHANGE A MEAL CHALLENGE" RETURNS

Smoothie King Franchises, Inc., the leading smoothie franchise company with more than 800 stores worldwide, is launching its third year of the "Change a Meal Challenge," a program encouraging guests to replace one meal a day with one of Smoothie King's meal replacement smoothies, exercise daily, choose other sensible meals, and stick with it—all in order to help them meet their goal weight. "One of the top New Year's resolutions is to lose weight. By encouraging guests to follow each step of the challenge, Smoothie King is helping to make it easier than ever to jump start your 2017 diet in a delicious way," said Mitchell Grittman, Product Developer for Smoothie King. "With more than 20 Change a Meal Challenge meal replacement smoothies to choose from, Smoothie King has a variety of options to help guests reach their goal weight."

Numerous guests from past Change a Meal Challenges have contacted Smoothie King to share their transformation stories. To view a few, please visit <http://www.smoothieking.com/changeameal>. Weight loss is dependent on each individual's needs and is based on a low-calorie diet and exercise program. Consult your physician before beginning any diet program.

Smoothie King's meal replacement smoothies have less than 400 calories

and contain a minimum of 10 grams of protein for a 20-ounce cup. The list includes nine different smoothies, with 22 total flavor options:

- Greek Yogurt Smoothies - Pineapple Mango, Strawberry Blueberry, Peach Papaya
- Slim-N-Trim Smoothies- Chocolate
- The Shredder Smoothies - Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla
- Lean1 Smoothies - Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla, Pineapple Mango
- High Protein Smoothies- Banana, Lemon, Pineapple
- The Activator Smoothies - Chocolate, Strawberry
- Vegan Smoothies - Dark Chocolate Banana, Mango Kale
- Gladiator- Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla
- Coffee High Protein - Vanilla

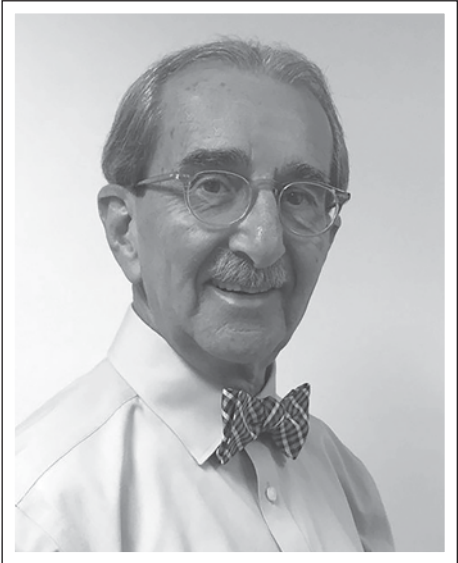
Smoothie King Franchises, Inc. is a privately held, New Orleans-area-based franchise company with more than 800 units worldwide. By creating each smoothie with a purpose, Smoothie King makes it simple and pleasurable for guests to achieve their individual health goals as part of a low-calorie diet and regular exercise routine. The franchise also offers a number of healthy retail products, including sports beverages, energy bars, vitamins, supplements and more.

WAYNE HUGENDUBEL RE-APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Wayne Hugendubel, of Orange has been re-appointed to the Board of Directors for The New Haven Middlesex Association of REALTORS® (NHMR) for a one-year term. Wayne Hugendubel is a REALTOR with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, located in Orange. He has been a real estate agent for 33 years and specializes in residential real estate. He holds the following designations: CRS – Certified Residential Specialist and ABR – Accredited Buyer Representative.

"Wayne will be a dynamic addition to our Board of Directors," said NHMR CEO Dawn Calvo. "Directors are nominated by fellow board members and voted on by our general membership. His nomination and approval are a testament to his/her professionalism, knowledge and the respect he/she has gained throughout the real estate community."

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for New Haven and Middlesex counties. The Association is comprised of over 2,700 members and is the second largest Realtor association in the state. NHMR provides professional development, education, programs and resources for Realtors and appraisers. NHMR is an advocate for issues whose purpose is to preserve the free enterprise system and to protect the rights of private property owners.

DALLAS DAVIS JOINS REAL LIVING WARECK D'OSTILIO REAL ESTATE

John Wareck and Frank D'Ostilio, Jr., partners of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate take great pride in announcing that Dallas Davis has joined the company. A consistent performer with a very bright, productive and growing future in the industry, he will be working out of the company's New Haven office located at 47 High Street at Yale.

A licensed Realtor since 2011, Dallas has extensive experience in all aspects of buying and selling real estate and works across a portfolio of properties throughout New Haven County. Originally from Texas, Dallas earned a degree in Business Administration from Northwest Vista College in San Antonio. Early in his career, he was the featured Realtor in an segment of "House Hunters", a nationally syndicated program on HGTV.

"We are delighted to have Dallas affiliated with Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate," said John Wareck, Partner/broker. "His experience, professionalism, warmth, and great spirit is a great addition in our office," he added. "Our strong position in the community and continued growth have enabled us to achieve a level of sales growth unsurpassed in the New Haven real estate market," added Frank D'Ostilio, Jr., Partner.

Dallas is devoted to the New Haven area community and stays well informed and proactive. He also co-hosts a neighborhood talk show about promotions,



Dallas Davis

ideas and events on radio 103.5FM. "I have been privileged to work with a diverse range of residential and commercial clients in my career thus far and look forward to working alongside these great people at Wareck D'Ostilio. I am passionate about real estate sales and continue to keep on the forefront of today's real estate trends. No matter where you are in the world, I can assist you with all of your real estate needs." Contact Dallas at 203-278-6595 or email him at Dallas@WDSSELLS.com.

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Please limit letters to 500 words and include a daytime phone number in case we have any questions. Letters must be exclusive to the Orange Town News for publication. We reserve the right to reject any letter.

Did You Know? A New Year, New Numbers to Keep in Mind for 2017

Gift and Estate Tax:

- The federal lifetime exemption for property passing to non-spouse beneficiaries has been increased to \$5,490,000.00.
- The Connecticut lifetime exemption for property passing to non-spouse beneficiaries remains the same at \$2,000,000.00.
- There is still an unlimited gift/estate deduction for property passing to a spouse; however, in order to qualify for the unlimited gift/estate deduction the spouse must be a U.S. citizen.
- The amount that can be gifted to any one person without needing to file a gift tax return remains the same at \$14,000.00 per recipient.
- Additional gifts can be made for qualified medical expenses and qualified education expenses without needing to file a gift tax return.

Long Term Care Provided in a Nursing Home:

- If one spouse is living at home ("Community Spouse") and the other spouse is living in a nursing home, the amount of non-excluded assets the Community Spouse can keep increased to \$120,900.00.
- If one spouse is living at home and the other spouse is living in a nursing home, the minimum amount of monthly income the Community Spouse can have has been increased to \$2,002.50, and the amount it can be increased to, without an administrative hearing increased to \$3,022.50.
- If one spouse is living at home and the other spouse is living in a nursing home, the amount of equity in the family home that can be excluded increased to \$840,000.00.
- Long Term Care Provided in Your Home:
- The amount of monthly income you can have and still be eligible for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) has been increased to \$2,205.00.
- Use of a pooled trust for excess income to establish eligibility or to avoid co-pays remains a viable option.

If you are interested in learning more about how these 2017 numbers affect you and your family 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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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



This Old House...

If it were a dress, it would be considered to be very tattered. The seams might be worn, the fabric suspect, but its structure when all considered might have a second life. Thus we see an original Treat house on Turkey Hill Road, just beyond the parkway entrance. It stands with a legacy of the Treat family having been built, from all its interior details, in the late 1750s. The map of 1850 shows the owner to be William Treat and again in 1868. The Treat genealogy is extensive in both Milford and Orange with Robert Treat being among the original settlers of Milford in 1639. By 1659 the population of Milford had grown to over five hundred and there was demand for more land and Robert Treat, among others, negotiated with the Sachem of the Paugussets, Ansantawae for land whose boundaries include the present Town of Orange.

Robert Treat, once again found himself in the public's eye when a dispute over the combining of New Haven to the new Connecticut Colony caused him to take sides in 1662. He was in favor of the move while Branford and New Haven were not. The discussions continued until, in 1664, Milford grew tired of the delay and severed all ties with New Haven uniting with the Connecticut Colony. Treat was active in the affairs of Milford becoming one of the most distinguished men of the Colony. His fame didn't stop there as he served as either Deputy Governor or Governor for thirty-two years.

The Treats have distinguished themselves throughout the history of Orange with houses still standing in town. Another of the Treat family members fought in the Revolutionary War, leaving us his Journal of 1777 that now rests in the National Archives in Washington. D.C., 23 faded, dog-eared, 4x6 pages, written in pen and ink. In this precious document, Treat describes his participation in the first battle of Saratoga on September 19th. He writes of service with American Generals Benedict Arnold and Horatio Gates* telling of problems with accommodations, food, illness and desertion. At the age of 19, he recorded the events in his own manner, spelling the words

as best he could but leaving us valuable information of that decisive Saratoga Battle. His wife was Content Bryan, daughter of Jehiel Bryan and Esther Buckingham.

Jehiel also fought in the Revolutionary War with a fine service record of his own.

All the many acres around the house on Turkey Hill appear to have been settled by one Treat or another. The land had been handed down from Governor Robert Treat, it having been given to him by Charles II, the

King of England, known as the "King's Grants" for service to the crown during King Phillip's War.** The Treats were farmers and tilled the land growing wheat. The lands were located on both the east and west sides of what is now Grassy Hill Road. William Treat, owner of the house on the 1850 Orange map can be traced back to Robert Treat, as noted, one of the original members of the colony of Milford.

Some folks think of our very early history as romantic with heroes bigger than life but the area of town

that might not be romantic is the area around the Turkey Hill house that eventually was owned by the Yarosh family. Perhaps less in the hero category, but in the commercial category was the Orange Canning Company, a subsidiary of American Can Company, located on Park Avenue, New York City in 1931. It was located across the street

from the Treat house now referred to as the ***Finer house, canning local vegetables and fruits; tomatoes, string beans, lima beans, peaches, pears and beets.

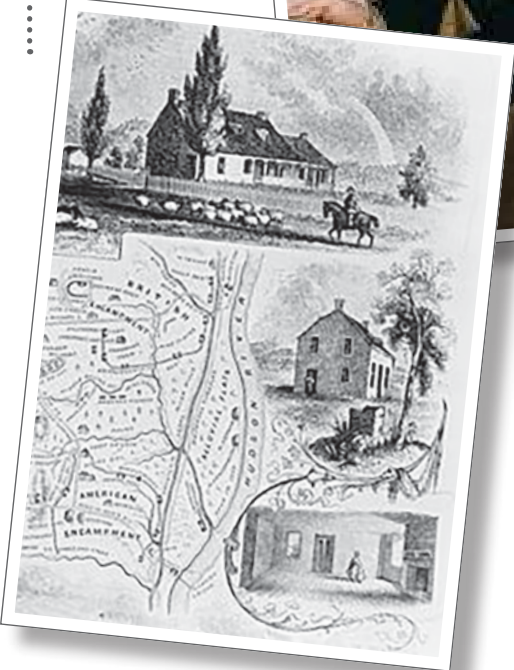
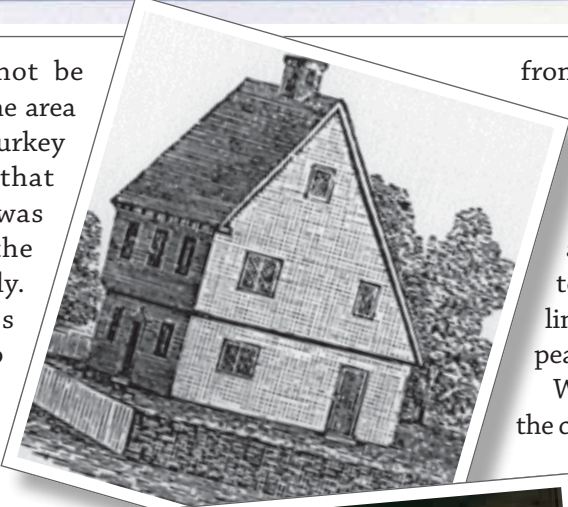
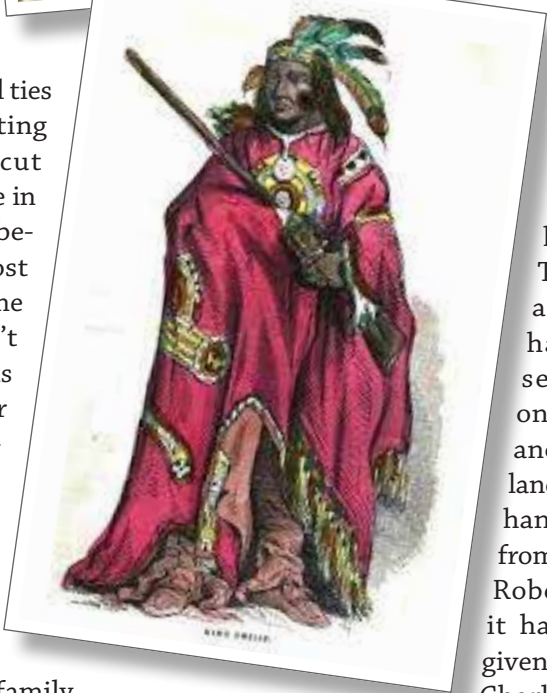
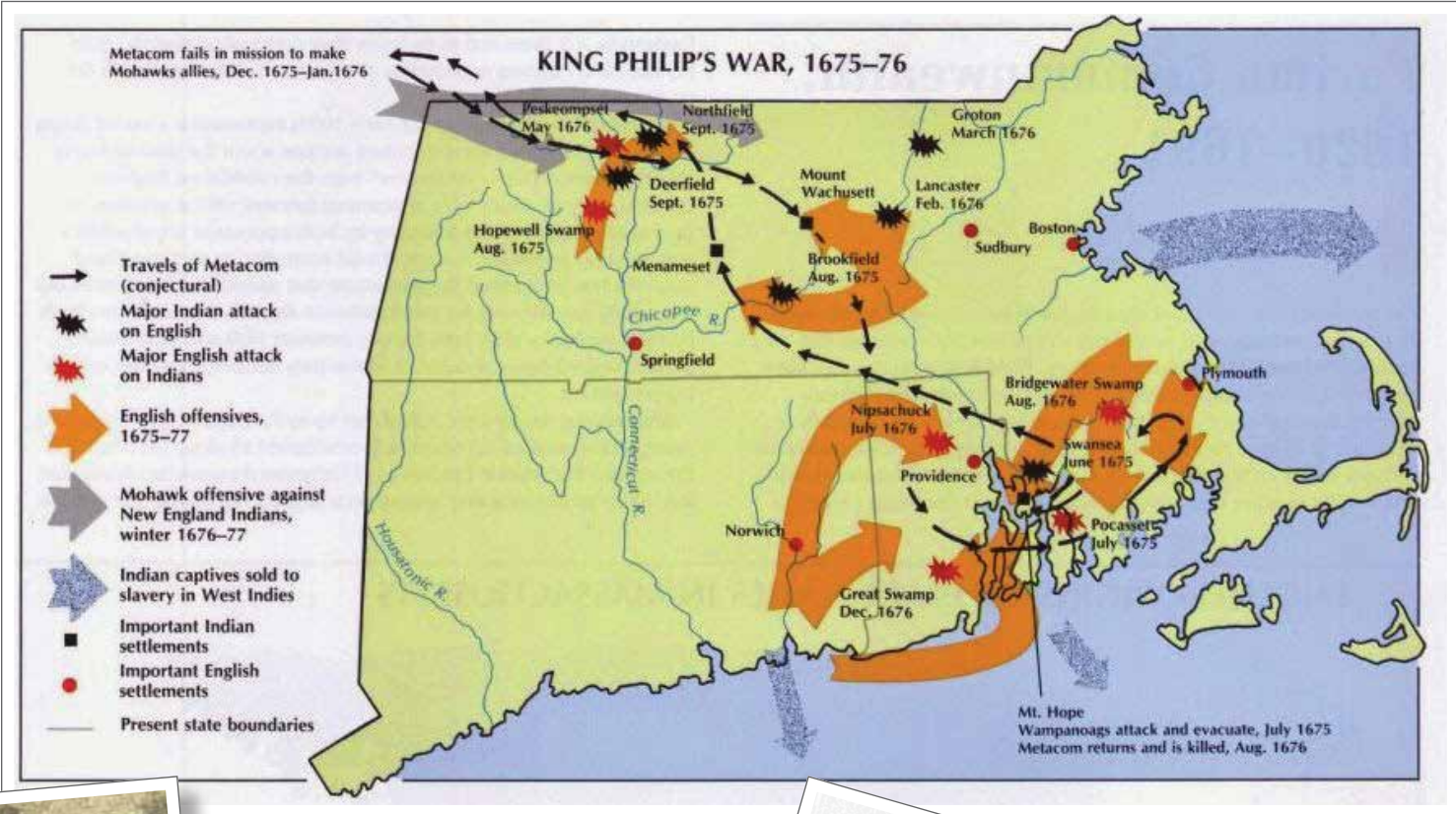
We were told that the cannery sold canned fruit to the State of CT for the prisoners in the state prisons. Information put together in our research can connect the Treat family with the property where the canning factory was located. One can only imagine how successful this Orange company was on land that might have, at one time, belonged to

our first governor, Robert Treat.

*Horatio Gates' refusal to acknowledge Benedict Arnold and his successful strategies during the war was one of the reasons cited for his desertion.

**King Philip's war was a war between the Wampanoag tribe leader, Metacomet and the colonists. 1675-1676

***The Finer house is part of acreage that the Town of Orange has purchased recently from Mickey Finer and his wife, Terry.



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STUDENT NEWS

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Roger Williams University Announces Fall 2016 Dean's List

Bristol, RI -- Select students have been named to the Fall 2016 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. The Orange students include: Michael Jarmon and Catherine Dunleavy.

Claire Sweeney Earns Dean's List Honors At Saint Joseph's University

Philadelphia, PA -- Claire Sweeney, of Orange, CT, earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2016 semester. Sweeney studies Psychology in the University's College of Arts and Sciences. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn dean's list status for a semester.

Anthony Coscia Named To Siena College Dean's List For Fall 2016 Semester

Loudonville, NY -- Anthony Coscia has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. Coscia is an Actuarial Science major from Orange, CT. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

December 2016 Dean's List for Southern Connecticut University

Those from Orange named to the SCSU Dean's List are: Thomas Brunski, BS, COM; Vincent Ceccarelli, BS, NUR;

Madison Csejka, BS ENG; Miranda Curnane, BA, PSY; Shane Gallagher, BS, EXS; Stephanie Haberman, BS, LBS; Christopher Hughes, BS, EDU; Youssef Maklad, BA, 1111; Rebecca Matyasovsky, BS, BUS; Nicholas Mazzacco, BS, BUS; Stephanie Melanson; BS, 1111; Steven Meyer, BS, CHE; Cody Peters, BS, PCH; Luke Sacramone, BS, SWK; Mary Spodnick, BA, PSY; James Steinbrick, BS, REC; William Steinbrick, BS, HIS; Alyssa Wesiberger, BS, NUR; and Alexander Woznicki, BS, CMD.

Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students For The 2016 Fall Semester

Springfield, MA -- Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2016 Fall Semester. The following Orange students were named to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2016 term: Allison Koshes, studying Health Science; Corinne Johnson, studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy; and Ashlyn Gallo, studying Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy. Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the semester, the student must not have any incompletes in the designated semester, and the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Andrea Noss Named To SUNY Oswego Deans' List

Oswego, NY -- Andrea E. Noss of Orange, a junior business administration major, earned Deans' List recognition at SUNY Oswego for fall 2016. She was among students who received a grade point average of 3.3 to 3.79. Oswego students receiving a GPA of 3.8

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to 4.0 earn President’s List recognition.

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

Newark, DE -- Students from Orange have been named to the University of Delaware Dean’s List for the Fall 2016 semester: Courtney Brennan, Morgan Guadagnoli, Rebecca Kaplan, and Lauren Mastrofrancesco. 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.

**Elizabeth Poland Of Orange
Named To The University
Of Hartford Dean’s List**

West Hartford, CT -- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Elizabeth Poland of Orange has been named to its Dean’s List for Fall 2016.

**Timothy Johnston Named
To The University Of New
Hampshire’s Dean’s List For
The Fall 2016 Semester**

Durham, NH -- Timothy Johnston of Orange has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of New Hampshire for earning Honors for the fall 2016 semester. Johnston is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. 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.

**More Than 5,400 University
Of Rhode Island Students Are
Named To The Dean’s List**

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that 5,401 students have qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean’s List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island’s cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, other states and more than 16 countries. To qualify for 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 are named to the University of Rhode Island’s Fall 2016 Dean’s List with their area of study: Nicole Marie Guadagnoli, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies; Caitlin M Nickerson, majoring in Communicative Disorders; Jarod Tashea, majoring in Accounting; Julia Forbes, majoring

in Textile, Fashion Merchandising & Design; Michael Lawrence Stewart, majoring in Nursing; and Michael James Saxa, majoring in General Business.

**Local Residents Named To
The University Of Scranton’s
Fall 2016 Dean’s List**

Scranton, PA -- Local residents were among the more than 1,500 students named to The University of Scranton’s Dean’s List for the 2016 fall semester. The Dean’s List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the fall semester to make the Dean’s List. The students from Orange are: Haley Forcier, a freshman occupational therapy major in the University’s Panuska College of Professional Studies; and Samantha Gaynor, a freshman occupational therapy major in the University’s Panuska College of Professional Studies.

**Students Named To
The University Of
Vermont Dean’s List**

Burlington, VT -- To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. The following students from Orange have been named to the dean’s list at the University of Vermont: Anthony Sacco and Genna Wechsler.

**WCSU Names Students
To Dean’s List For Fall
2016 Semester**

Danbury, Conn. — Western Connecticut State University has named the following Orange students to the Dean’s List for fall 2016: Kevin Durkee, Musical Theatre; Dennis Flanagan, Justice & Law Administration; Gabrielle Gambardella, Elementary Education; Andrew Gusciora, Theatre Arts; Avery Jones, Audio & Music Production; Rebecca Norton, Biology; Jenna Pisano, Elementary Education; Molly Ronan, Political Science; Steven Wasserman, Media Arts.

**Ajay King Named To
Worcester Polytechnic
Institute’s Fall 2016
Dean’s List**

Worcester, MA -- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Ajay King of Orange, Conn., a member of the class of 2018 majoring in mechanical engineering, was named to the university’s Dean’s List for academic excellence for the fall 2016 semester. A total of 1,424 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s fall 2016 Dean’s List. 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

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



ROMANTIC RESTAURANTS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY 2017

Love is always in the air on Valentine's Day. Having a romantic dinner with your "significant other" is one of the most memorable ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. This is the 7th year sharing my favorite picks for romantic restaurants in the area featuring many well established icons. All of these local family owned restaurants have the ambiance that will make your Valentine's Day celebration very special.

Café Goodfellas - 702 State Street, New Haven, CT 06511- 203-785-8722 -www.cafegoodfellas.com - This award winning restaurant features Italian food prepared to perfection & elegant service. Chef/Owner Gerry Iannacone focuses on simple farm fresh ingredients coupled with traditional Italian cooking in an atmosphere where customers have a great time.

Consiglio's - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511 - 203-865-4489 - www.consiglios.com. The time has come to "Rediscover" Consiglio's. The longevity of this restaurant speaks for itself-can you believe 1938! Consiglio's is the perfect example of the "Little Italy" restaurant offering warm, cozy, romantic ambiance, flawless service and, of course, the outstanding food. You must experience Consiglio's Dinner Theatre & Cooking Classes. A fun evening for a group or that special date for two.

Gabriele Ristorante Italiano - 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-799-2633 - www.gabrielect.com. They have been going strong since 1973 with many local and high profile regular customers. Lovely newly renovated interior, great lounge and consistently good food.

La Famiglia Vincenzo - 1573 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT 06460 -203-951-0585-www.lafamigliav.com. Owner Carol Gloria offers an intimate dining with guests being her priority. La Famiglia's main focus is to create a more personal dining experience in addition to great food and service. The menu is rooted in classic and contemporary Italian dishes along with some modern twists.

Ola Restaurant - 350 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-0522-olarestaurantct.com. This special Latin inspired restaurant is definitely the talk of the town (or should I say more like the tri-state area). Brothers Melvin and Wagner Lopez along with their lovely spouses, Andrea & Cherry, opened Ola in July of 2007. After almost nine years in Orange with little advertising, but a lot of word of mouth, incredible reviews including the New York Times, Ola's business is booming. They now have an Ola Restaurant in Wallingford as well.

Rainbow Gardens Restaurant & Bar - 117 North Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-2500- www.rainbowgardens.org Rainbow Gardens Restaurant & Bar is the quintessential example of a quaint & cozy New England family owned restaurant but with all the modern amenities. The dining area offers a series of private areas for that intimate cozy dinner. The view of the Milford Green is spectacular through large picture windows with stained glass accents. The owners of Rainbow Gardens were recently featured on The Food Network's popular show "Chopped" family edition.

Scribner's Restaurant - 31 Village Road, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-7019-www.scribnersrestaurant.com. Scribner and Susan Bliss have owned this iconic establishment for 43 years. This award winning restaurant has been consistently recognized as one of the best seafood restaurants in Connecticut. Scribner's serves only the highest quality fresh fish and shellfish. The restaurant has an extremely warm & cozy atmosphere showcasing many antiques along with a nautical theme. Scribner's Restaurant is located in the Woodmont section of Milford just steps away from sweeping views of Long Island Sound.

Seasons by Jeffrey's - 501 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-1910 - www.seasonsbyjeffreys.com. This exquisite location has an excellent reputation for outstanding food and service. The intimate lounge offers a fireplace and piano. Many evenings you will find guests dancing and being serenaded by owner Claudio himself. He is a true gentleman and the ultimate host with a gift of making his customers feel like they are very special and part of his family.

Solun Tapas Bar & Restaurant - 245 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525 - 203-298-9741 www.soluntapasbar.com. Owner Carlos Hernandez shares his passion for tapas cuisine in a traditional & elegant style. Solun's professional staff will make your dining experience very special, offering exceptional food, outstanding service and ambiance. Solun's cozy bar is definitely on the top my list for a fun evening.

The Library Wine Bar & Bistro - 60 N. Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492 - 203-678-4656 - www.thelibrarywinebar.com. This unique establishment is literally Wallingford's old town library. Built in 1899, it was passionately and lovingly restored back to its classic architectural beauty by the Gouveia family of Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford. They combined the essence of historic downtown Wallingford with the old-world traditions of Portuguese and Mediterranean cuisine, along with a worldwide wine selection.

FINAL NOTES: These are a few of my favorite "romantic spots" in the area that offer great food, service and that special ambiance for the perfect Valentine's Day celebration. Reservations are a must for all these popular restaurants. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL and don't forget the romance! If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



Q: I am so taken with the new series “**This Is Us.**” It’s such a wonderful ensemble piece; I care about the lives of every single character! Do you know yet if it has been renewed for another season? -- Layla C., via email

A: NBC’s freshman family dramedy has indeed been renewed for a second season. And I can do you one better: NBC has so much faith in its new series -- judging by fan response, it’s with good reason -- that the network has gone ahead and renewed it for a third season as well. This is almost unprecedented, usually it’s the long-established series that get multiple-season renewals, not new series. That really says something about the network’s confidence in “This Is Us.”

Q: Is it true that “**Charmed**” is being revived? -- Valerie F., via Twitter

A: The CW recently confirmed rumors that it is developing a revival of the network’s popular supernatural series, which aired from 1998-2006. The catch with the reimagining of the series is that it will be set BEFORE the original one -- 1976, to be exact. The new version will be written by **Jessica O’Toole, Amy Rardin** and **Jennie Snyder**, who all work on the CW’s “**Jane the Virgin.**” Since they are in the very early stages of development, no characters, storyline or cast has been announced yet, but I’ll keep you posted.

Q: The surrealness of the current presidential election got me to thinking about my favorite fictional president: Frank Underwood. Can you tell me when “**House of Cards**” will be back? -- Niall



Robin Wright [Netflix]

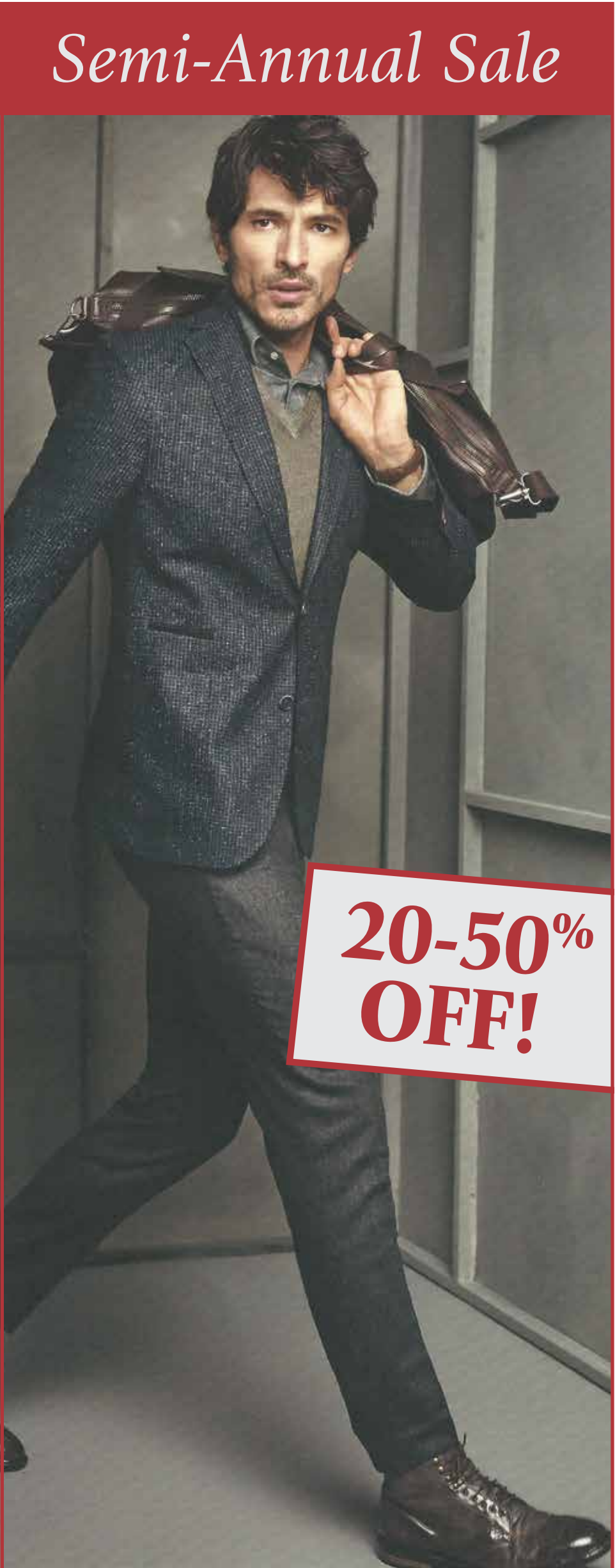
T. in Nevada

A: Season five of the high-stakes political drama will drop May 30 on Netflix. As with every season, all episodes will be available at once, but try to pace yourself. If you’re like me, you’ll watch them all in one weekend and then be sad that you have to wait another whole year to see what **Kevin Spacey, Robin Wright** and the rest of the gang have up their sleeves. Also returning are **Michael Kelly, Jayne Atkinson, Neve Campbell, Derek Cecil, Paul Sparks** and **Joel Kinnaman**. I’m really looking forward to this season. With the tagline: “We make the terror,” and with Frank and Claire running as president and vice president, respectively, it’s just opened up a whole new world of dastardly deeds done under the guise of patriotism.

Q: I believe the true-crime movie that is going to air on ID is called “**Fatal Vision,**” not “Final Vision,” as you stated in a previous column. “Fatal Vision” is the title of the book that **Joe McGinniss** wrote concerning the **Jeffrey MacDonald** case. Don’t know where you got “Final” from, but it is incorrect. -- Janice A., via email

A: Oops, Janice, you caught me being human! Yes, you are correct in that the movie is called “Fatal Vision.” I apologize for my slip of the finger.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803; or e-mail her at letters@cindy-elavsky.com.



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THE JIM SCIANNA TRIO PERFORMS
“A TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE”

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is pleased to present an afternoon with the Jim Scianna Trio as they entertain us with “A Tribute to Nat King Cole” on Saturday, February 18 (snow date, February 25) at 1:00 in the Meeting Room of the library.

The Trio features Jim Scianna, on bass, Atla DeChamplain, vocalist, and Matt DeChamplain, on piano. The Jim Scianna Trio specializes in presenting high quality jazz music, along with engaging historical information about the featured artist and their music.

Nat King Cole had a musical childhood playing the organ and singing in the choir in his father’s Baptist church. His career began as a jazz pianist. He eventually formed the King Cole Trio, the name based on the children’s nursery

rhyme. The hits began to follow. Who doesn’t remember “Straighten Up and Fly Right,” “The Christmas Song,” and “(I Love You) For Sentimental Reasons”?

When he turned pop vocalist, he added “Mona Lisa” and “Unforgettable” to his repertoire of hits. He was the first African-American to host his own TV variety show, but, because of a lack of sponsors, it lasted for only a year. He remained popular until his death at age 45 in 1965. His daughter Natalie kept his legacy alive when she recorded a duet with her late father’s track of “Unforgettable”.

This program is part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the Friends. Please register at the library, bring your Valentine, and spend an hour listening to the warm ballads of Nat King Cole.

TRAVEL TALK WITH
LESLIE MARSH



Maria L. from Woodbridge asks: Why is it necessary to have a passport that’s still valid six months after you return to the United States? My current passport expires about 4 and a half months after I return from my trip to Italy and I really don’t want to spend the extra money right now.

Thanks for contacting me, Maria, that’s a great question! Many people incorrectly believe that this rule is in place as a way for our government to make extra money by making citizens to renew their passports before the renewal date. The truth is, the six-month rule isn’t a requirement of the United States government at all, it’s actually a requirement of many foreign governments, put in place to keep visitors from staying past their passport expiration. This is the reason people whose passports expire with less than six months

left are required to renew early. For the most part, airlines and cruise lines won’t even allow you to board if your passport doesn’t meet the six-month guideline so you’re going to have to go ahead and renew for your upcoming trip.

As a further FYI, the tenth anniversary of the implementation of Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative was January 23, 2017. What this means is there will be a lot of passport renewals submitted in the next couple of months which will most likely slow down the process for a while. If you’re planning on traveling and don’t have a passport, I’d recommend applying early, leaving yourself sufficient time prior to your departure date to receive your new passport.

To ask your travel question, send an email to leslie@getreadytocruise.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

“VISIONS IN ART” OPENS AT THE
CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

“Visions in Art” opens at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, Connecticut during the month of February 2017 featuring the work of Suzanne E. Wagner, natural science artist in watercolor and colored pencil. The Artist opening will be on February 9 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The exhibit is part of the library’s Art in the Library series.

Rev. Wagner notes, “It is fulfilling to be able to recreate some of nature’s most amazing miracles like the anatomy of a flower or the wing structure of a bird, even the antennae of a beetle. These aspects of nature are extraordinary works of art in and of themselves. I live in gratitude to be able to study them and then paint or draw them to the best of my given ability. I use art, especially watercolor, as a contemplative practice; a way in which to go deep into my spirit and meditate upon the issues of life, my children, my work. I use my art in search of answers to problems that the subject poses and indeed, life poses.

I have nurtured my creativity through painting and in the beauty of the world around me. I majored in art while I was in college not knowing exactly what I was going to do with it, if anything at all. It wasn’t until later that I realized that delving so deeply in art would help me to use the creative process in so many different aspects of my life and work.”

After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts



Suzanne E. Wagne

with a major in Watercolor from William Woods University in Fulton MO, Rev. Wagner later went on to complete a

Master of Divinity from Andover

Newton Theological School,

Newton Center, MA.

She was ordained in

the United Church

of Christ in 2002

and serves at the

Orange Congre-

gational Church

as its Senior Re-

development

Pastor. She con-

tinues to take

art classes with

the Connecticut

Natural Science

Illustrators in col-

laboration with the

Yale Peabody Museum

of Natural History: Yale

University, New Haven, CT.

She is a member of the

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators,

Connecticut Natural Science Illustra-

tors, New York Botanical Garden, and

the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural

History.



SIXTH ANNUAL DEBBIE FRIEDMAN
MEMORIAL CONCERT

Religious school students and teachers, rabbis, cantors, cantorial soloists and instrumentalists from five area synagogues will come together on Sunday, February 12 at 10:00 am, for a morning of singing and celebration in memory of the music and legacy of Debbie Friedman, z”l. The concert, which will take place at The Towers, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, is free and open to the public. Please bring your friends and your voices.

The participating congregations are Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (New Haven), Congregation Mishkan Israel (Hamden), Temple Beth David

(Cheshire), Temple Beth Tikvah (Madison), and Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven (Orange).

In addition to several iconic songs by Friedman, who died in 2011, traditional tunes and songs by two generations of musicians who were influenced and inspired by her ability to bring a woman’s voice and perspective into late 20th century Jewish music, and to write accessible songs combining liturgy and social commentary, will be performed.

For more information about this event, please go to the Temple Emanuel website: www.templemanuel-gnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000.



A recent special guest (originally from Guinea, Africa) shares traditional clothing with a student who was thrilled to join him in playing the drums or “djembe.” February is off to a fantastic start at MLT School!



Are you feeling the love? Students at Mary L. Tracy School certainly are! The student pictured here was excited to have his Grandma surprise him in his classroom as Mystery Reader at MLT Preschool.



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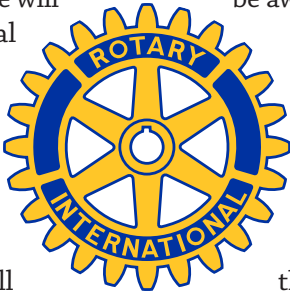


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ROTARY CLUB OF ORANGE
ARTISAN FESTIVAL

The Rotary Club of Orange will be hosting its 2nd Annual Artisan Festival at the High Plains Community Center on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10am – 6pm. Join us for the most creative event of the year. Food, Fun, and Live Music! Door prizes will

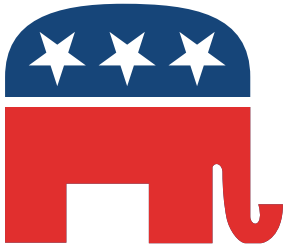


be awarded throughout the day. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 at www.rotarycluboforange.org/artisanfestival. Tickets can be purchased for \$12 at the door. All proceeds are to benefit the good works of the Rotary Club of Orange.

ORTC ANNUAL ST.
PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Back by popular demand, the Orange Republican Town Committee is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Monday, March 13th at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Ave., West Haven at 6:30 pm. There will be a complete Irish Dinner with Corned Beef and Cabbage and all that goes with it.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and reservations must be made in advance by March 6th. Checks should



be made out to ORTC and mailed to P.O. Box 632, Orange CT 06477. There will be a cash bar and door prizes.

We hope many of our friends will join us. It is always an enjoyable opportunity for "Wearing of the Green" by all who attend.

For questions and/or reservations, please call Pat Zeoli at (203) 795-9679.

ORANGE GARDEN CLUB TO
CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

The Garden Club of Orange will be celebrating Valentine's Day February 14, 2017 with "A Cinematic Garden Tour". The Clubs meets at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. Luncheon 11:30, Business Meeting 12:15, Program 1:00. The DESIGN: "TOGETHER WE LOVE", a traditional design for a "Table for Two" will be exhibited by Carolyn Dirsra, Betty Hadlock, Marion Rizzo, and Lisa Stackpole. Members are encouraged to bring Horticulture "Potted Treasures",

Cactus and Succulents, Flowering plants, Vining Plants, plants grown for foliage, or any meritorious specimen. The 36 Connecticut Flower and Garden Show in Hartford will be February 23-26 2017, "Woodlands Enchantment". Several members will be exhibiting in "Federated Garden Clubs of CT Design and Horticulture Competition". The Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCCT. To learn more, call Joanne Friedrichs 203-795-4266.



First row from left to right: Monica Kreuzer, Amity High School Assistant Principal, Karen Waterman, Amity High School Counselor, Lindsay Marieb, mother of Kyle, January Student of the Month Kyle Marieb, and Anna Marieb, grandmother of Kyle. Second row: Dr. Charles "Chip" Dumais, Rotarian and Superintendent of the Amity Regional School District, Robert Gilbert, Superintendent of Beecher Road School, Colleen Murray, Rotarian and Superintendent of Bethany Community School, Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Superintendent of Schools from Orange and Norman Marieb, grandfather of Kyle.

WOODBIDGE ROTARY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Orange resident and senior Kyle Marieb was recently honored by the Woodbridge Rotary Club as Amity High school Student of the Month for January. Amity High School Counselor Karen Waterman nominated Kyle expressing how "dynamic, genuine, brilliant and gracious he is". The Student of the Month Program is co-sponsored by the Woodbridge Rotary Club and Woodbridge Social Restaurant. Kyle who has a love for computer science has taken every programming course offered at Amity, attended the National Computer Camp for three years and has been an active member of the AHS Computer Science Club. Last summer, Kyle attended an engineering and leadership program held at the Olin College of Engineering. In addition, Kyle

was selected for the Yale University ITS High School Internship Program. Kyle has excelled at troubleshooting computer problems, researching the newest technologies and building computers. Additional curricular activities include being a member of the Amity High School Link Crew which is a selective club that helps freshmen transition to high school and work to improve school spirit and create a safe community for all Amity students. Within the Amity community, Kyle is also an exceptional peer tutor working with students to understand concepts and main ideas. Recently, Kyle earned Eagle rank in Boy Scouts for his project supervising the construction of 20 benches for the Orange Country Fair for people to sit and relax on.

A **terrarium** is a group of plants growing inside an enclosed, clear container. Once watered, the plants create a mini-environment, transpiring moisture through their leaves that condenses on the inside of the container and flows back to the soil. Place it where it can receive bright light but not full sun.

— Brenda Weaver

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh Senior Services Director

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.

Friday Lunch

Friday lunches will be provided by the Orange Senior Center and various Assisted Living Facilities. On the 2nd Friday of the Month lunch will be supplied by Coachman Square. To register, call (203) 891-4765 the week before. At the time this was written we have scheduled Coachman Square of Woodbridge to supply lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month. Coachman Square is limited to 30 people.

New Club! Cribbage Club

Join us on Mondays as the senior center and Assisted Living Services sponsor Cribbage Club Mondays from 1:00—3:00pm. Mark Halliday of Assisted Living Services will instruct students on how to play cribbage for the first hour. The second hour will be time to play. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

New Class! Introduction to Computers

Calling all newbie computer users! Frank Marini has agreed to teach an introductory computer course! This 5 week starts February 2, 9:30-11:30am, for only \$25. Sign up at the Senior Center office.

Turkey Hill School Technology Partnership

The Orange Senior Center and the Turkey Hill School with a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation have partnered to bring you 3 free Technology Seminars. Learn from the experts, the Kids! Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat.

How to Connect with Friends & Family with Devices

February 6, 10am

AARP Tax Program

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

Wellness with Shop Rite

Shop Rite of Orange's Registered Dietitian, Courtney Huggins, RD will lead a Heart Healthy Wellness seminar

and recipes on Monday, February 13. Call (203) 891-4784 to RSVP.

Movie of the Month

Friday, February 17 "The Light Between Oceans", 1:00pm; from the M. L. Stedman novel. A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia raise a baby they rescue from a drifting rowing boat. Popcorn & soda will be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Book Club

The monthly book club will meet on Friday, February 24. The book is The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman.

Submit Your Living Treasure Nominations Now

Nominations are being accepted through March 11, 2017 for the 2017 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 5, 2017.

2017 Trips

UCONN vs. SMU BASKETBALL at Gampel Pavilion—Saturday, No minimum trip February 11, 2017. There is nothing like seeing a live game. Cost \$56pp. This no minimum trip includes transportation and tickets to the game. Full payment is due at registration.

CT FLOWER SHOW & LUNCH—No minimum trip February 23, 2017 (snow date 2/24). "The Spirit of Spring" at the CT Flower & Garden Show at the Connecticut Convention Center with a lunch stop. Cost \$80pp. Includes transportation, Lunch, & Admission. Full payment due at registration.

MOHEGAN SUN 2017 AAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME – March 6-7, 2017 no minimum overnight trip. Cost \$229pp double, \$315 single, \$214pp triple; includes transportation, hotel accommodations, AAC Final Game Ticket, taxes, gratuity, baggage handling and more. Full payment is due at registration.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY at the Aqua Turf - no minimum trip March 14, 2017. Enjoy live Irish entertainment by Padraig Allen and the Maclean Avenue Band. Enjoy and Irish lunch including corned beef & cabbage, baked scrod, and all the fixings, topped off with carrot cake as well as a complimentary glass of wine or beer. Cost: \$77pp includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

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“JEWISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN UKRAINE”

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The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut presents “Jewish Genealogical Research in Ukraine” on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, CT 06111. This program is free and open to the public.

Ms. Diamond discusses various strategies used to get documents from Ukraine: hiring private researchers, crowdsourcing research for specific towns, and utilizing the Family History Library’s resources. Many of these strategies also apply to much of Eastern Europe. The talk includes demonstrations of the wide variety of document types available for different parts of Ukraine (including those parts formerly

in the Russian Empire, Austro-Hungarian Empire and Poland), allowing you to both trace your family back generations and to gain an understanding of the people they were.

Lara Diamond is President of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland (JGSMD) and has been researching her family for 25 years, since she was too young to have a driver’s license and had to rely on her mother as a chauffeur. She has traced all branches of her family back to Europe and most multiple generations back in Europe. She blogs about her mostly Eastern European research at larasgenealogy.blogspot.com.

For additional information, please visit www.jgsct.org.

COMMUNITY MITZVAH DAY

Mitzvah Day, the event formerly known as Super Sunday, will be a day of community service taking place on Sunday, March 5th. Mitzvah Day combines fun with fundraising and allows volunteers of all ages the opportunity to participate in meaningful mitzvah projects. A mitzvah is an act of kindness, and collectively we will do our part to improve our community through these acts of kindness.

Beginning after 12 noon on Sunday, March 5th, all around the greater New Haven area, Mitzvah Day t-shirts will be distributed and the mitzvah projects will begin. Volunteers are requested to sign up in advance to have the opportunity to choose how to help the community, with projects located in different venues including the JCC Fitness Center, B’nai Jacob, Tower One/Tower East and the Federation Shoreline office. Participating agencies include Southern CT Hebrew Academy and Ezra Academy, Camp Laurelwood, and Jewish Family Service. Teens from BBYO and JTE are also participating in Mitzvah Day this year.

Although the projects involve organizations under the Federation umbrella, there are two places in Woodbridge that are special to the JCC this year. “We could not have a day of mitzvot without including the Woodbridge Volunteer

Fire Department and Brookdale Assisted Living” states Judy Alperin Diamondstein, CEO of the Jewish Federation. She continues, “the hospitality and care that Brookdale showed our Yeladim children, our staff and our displaced members after the fire was amazing. And, of course, there aren’t enough ways to say thank you to the fire department with their bravery and skill on display fighting the fire at the JCC.”

Some projects on Mitzvah Day this year will include: thank you note making for Brookdale and the Woodbridge Fire Department, preparing toiletry kits and snack bags that JFS will distribute, Baking for Good at Tower One/Tower East, Mitzvah Fit classes at the new JCC Fitness Center, making sandwiches on the Shoreline for a shelter, and more. Project information and registration will be online at jccnh.org and jewishnewhaven.org. Also online will be the collection sites for the toiletry drop off that all community members are welcome to donate in advance of Mitzvah Day.

Mitzvah Day is an opportunity to unite as a community to support those in need. All are welcome to participate. Volunteers and sponsors are needed to make the first Mitzvah Day a success! Please email Debbie Brander at debbieb@jccnh.org for more information.

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM EVENTS

Weekly Services

Minyan Services Sunday 9:00 AM; Monday 7:30 AM ; Thursday 7:30 AM
Healing Circle Wednesday 7:30 AM
Shabbat Services Friday 7:00 PM; Saturday 9:30 PM

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi

Every Wednesday (please call the office for schedule) Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class devoted to the ancient texts of our heritage and the light they shed on the current issues. The class begins at 11:00 am and ends at 12 noon sharp. All Are Welcome.

Adult Education Movie

Sunday, February 12, 2017, 2:00 pm, “DOUGH”, starring Tony award-winning actor Jonathan Pryce. An old Jewish baker, Nat, struggles to keep his business afloat. He clings to his way of life as a Kosher bakery owner in London’s East End. Understaffed, Nat reluctantly enlists the help of teenager, Ayyash. When Ayyash accidentally drops his stash of marijuana into the mixing dough, the Challah starts flying off the shelves. “DOUGH” is a warmhearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. RELEASED IN 2015. Runtime: 94 minutes. BRIEF DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW.

Shabbat Across America, March 3, 2017

All Are Welcome to Celebrate Shabbat Across America “A Taste Of Shabbat!” Come to an exciting new “Shabbat Across America” service focusing on Shabbat foods and their origins! At this service, we’ll nibble on a variety of Jewish foods, while the rabbi explains their significance!



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cancel! Why do we eat Gefilte fish on Shabbat? Why does Tzimmis bring good luck? Why is the deeper meaning of Kugel? What’s Kishke? Why is Cholent regarded as Jewish “soul food”? Bring friends, neighbors, co-workers and, of course, family. All are welcome. The service begins at 7:00pm - in the Social Hall! We prefer that you RSVP to the office by February 24 at 203-799-2341.

Paint n’ Sip

Sunday, March 5, 2-4 pm; Escape Winter Without Boarding A Plane! Paint a beautiful summer scene while sipping on a little sangria! (Non-alcoholic drinks for kids.) Adults and children welcome! \$45.00 includes all painting supplies, sangria punch/beverages and snacks. Go to <http://paintsocialart.com/eventcalendars/ctevents/> to register.

Zumba Gold At Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

CONGREGATION B’NAI JACOB FEBRUARY EVENTS

75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, (203) 389-2111, info@bnaijacob.org

Ongoing Classes

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Rabbi Rona Shapiro
Monday nights, 7:30 pm to 9 pm
February 13, 27; March 6, 13, 20; April 3, 24; May 1

We will delve into this amazing, wild, and mysterious book and gain an understanding of the imaginative life of the kabbalists and the possibilities for our own connection to God. No experience necessary. Free to B’nai Jacob members. \$100 nonmembers

Wednesdays with Rabbi Shapiro
February 1, 8, 15, 22 at noon

Come bring your lunch and learn with

the Rabbi. This is a drop-in class -- you can come when you can, and no previous experience is necessary.

Shabbat

Torah Yoga with Rabbi Myriam Klotz

Director, Spirituality Initiative at Hebrew Union College, NY
February 25, Shabbat at 9 am

Rabbi Klotz will lead us in Torah Yoga (“an experience of Jewish Wisdom through yoga instruction together with the study of Jewish texts”), followed by Shir Hadash at 10 am and Torah Service at 11 am. Wear comfortable clothing and bring yoga mats.



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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD HOSTS LIFELINE SCREENING

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is pleased to host Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offering affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at The Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441



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or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers. 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 @ 9:30 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdoranged.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangedfor frequent postings.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST ADDS PRE-K CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge started a new, once a month, Pre-K Church School class for children ages 3 and up on January 8th in the nursery adjacent to the sanctuary. The class will meet on the second Sunday of each month to give children an introduction to Sunday School and their parents the opportunity to worship in the Meeting House while their children are at school. For additional information, contact the Morgan Aery, Director of Christian Education, at Morgan@uccw.org. We invite all members of the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane, for the following weekly services and special events: **Sunday Services** – 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. 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. Pre-K class the second Sunday of the month. **Middle School Youth Group** for 5th



First Church of Christ

– 8th graders meets the second Sunday of the month. On February 12, the group will meet 4 - 7 p.m. to watch the movie "The Pursuit of Happiness" (PG-13) followed by a discussion on homelessness and its causes. **Weekly Bible Study** - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary. **Lenten Bible Study Series** – Thursdays, March 9 through April 6. from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Each evening will begin with a light supper of soup, bread and fellowship at 6 followed by Bible study at 6:30. For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Orange Congregational Church at 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT 06477, 203-795-9749, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services: at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Every Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is a child-care experienced Crib Room Attendant for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending the 10 a.m. worship service. Church school for K-4th Grade takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service and we have opportunities for older children and teens in our Pilgrim Fellowship. On February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel, please join us for a contemplative service of chant, scripture,



Orange Congregational Church

silence and prayer. Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on February 28 from 5-7 p.m. in the John Ho dining room. On March 1st we will begin the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with communion and the imposition of ashes.



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O God, You are my God;
I shall seek You earnestly;
my soul thirsts for You,
my flesh yearns for You,
in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

— Psalm 63:1 —

"Türliche Jungfrau" by Robert Philipp (1930)

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



WINES FOR VALENTINE'S

Sparkling wine is perfect for any occasion. It is great for brunch or to start a great holiday meal. For Valentine's Day it is a must. Sparkling Rose that is well made and not a sickly sweet wine is one of my favorite choices. The pricey wines are made Champagne method which is double fermentation in the bottle. These wines to be nice do not have to be from the Champagne Region in France and; therefore, should not be referred to as Champagne. They are sparkling wines. There are many that really sparkle in more ways than one.

NV Champagne Lanson Rose Label Brut Rose is a great choice at about \$49.00. This is a delicate rosé champagne with subtle notes of red currant and cranberry balanced by deeper toastier notes. It's a perfect aperitif wine; it's refreshing, but with enough weight to make you crave it with something more substantial. And anyone who's mad about the color combination of pink and black will be drawn to this gorgeous bottling. Pair with Oysters Rockefeller, roasted pork, prosciutto and cheese.

Another great choice is Angove Family Winemakers Zibibbo Pinik Moscato. This Moscato is from Down Under!! Actually the climate in Southern Italy – where Moscato is known as Zibibbo – is quite similar to that in Southern Australia. Pink Moscatos – which are tinted with a splash of red wine – have become quite fashionable lately. This one is crafted from Muscat of Alexandria grapes and the wine delivers Moscato's delicious fruit cocktail of peaches, nectarines spiced with hint of nutmeg. Roasted pears with blue cheese or creamy cheeses with fresh berries, like a coeur a la crème would be a great match! A great wine for about \$15.00.

2014 Blackbird Vineyards Arriviste Napa Valley Rose is another great choice. This wine is salmon pink and has subtle aromas of cherry and tart red berries like a rose from Provence in the South of France. Then it develops into its blend of Merlot, Cabernet and Cabernet Franc. I think they chose this blend because whatever the winemaker had more of they put into the blend and they all came out great. This wine is made from what is called

the saignee method. In making red wines when the wine reaches a desired color and flavor they draw some wine off and bottle it. This wine is great with smoked salmon and hearty cheeses. The cost is about \$24.00.

Made from bio-dynamically raised Pinot Noir grapes, this is one of the most beautiful brut rosés in its price category. It's a cap classique, the South African term for sparkling wines made the same way as Champagne. Like a pale pink jewel, it sparkles with flavors of pink grapefruit, rhubarb and red berries. It goes great with segments of avocado, butter-poached lobster and a crab salad. At about \$16 a good bargain.

Any exploration of rosé would be incomplete without a brachetto d'acqui. The grape is prized in its native Piedmont as an aphrodisiac, perhaps because of its seductive aroma and sweet-tart flavor that blends floral rose with raspberries and cranberry. Cleopatra loved wines from this ancient grape and both Marc Anthony and Caesar wooed her with it. Brachetto is a natural with dark bittersweet chocolate; but it's quite delicious as a foil for salty foods like figs stuffed with blue cheese. About \$19.

For an excellent bargain, there's the non-vintage Korbel Brut Rosé (\$14) in a limited-edition pink bottle with a lace design. The wine is racy and spicy, with ample berry fruit and a trace of sweetness. The non-vintage Mumm Napa Brut Rosé (\$24) is a step up in price but is often discounted. It's pale and delicate, with red fruit, mineral and a hint of vanilla. The wines are well made and popular.

Enjoy your Valentine's day with your special someone, family and friends. You will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, The Milford Board of Ed and at Moltose Wine and Beer supply and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

SHOW YOUR LOVE WITH LIFE INSURANCE

By Roberta L Nestor

Years ago, when young couples married and bought a home, the first thing they did was get life insurance, just in case. Whether you are a two income family or one, it is unlikely that a surviving spouse would be able to continue mortgage payments if the primary wage earner were to pass prematurely. A further need for life insurance happens when children are born, again, just in case. How would a surviving spouse who is just starting their career be able to afford college if the primary wage earner were to pass?

So, why is it that 82% of people agree that they need life insurance and yet only 62% actually have it? Studies from LIMRA'S Life Insurance Barometer are startling: Only 44% of U.S. households had individual life insurance as of 2010 which is a 50 year low. In 1960, 72% of Americans owned individual life insurance. Further, 70% of U.S. households with children under age 18 would have trouble meeting everyday living expenses within a few months if the primary wage earner were to die today.

The bottom line is, most people think life insurance is too expensive. This could be more of a perception than a reality. Millennials, for the most part, are living healthier lives than their parents did at their same ages. Non-smokers who are committed to diet and exercise is a lifestyle choice for many young adults, especially those with children. With life insurance, you are rewarded for good health in the form of being issued as a "preferred status". One thing that has not changed with life insurance is that the younger you are and the healthier you are when you purchase it, the least expensive it will be.

Now, to debunk the myth that life insurance is too expensive! Certainly traditional whole life or universal life (think permanent insurance) is much more costly than term insurance. For most young families term insurance makes sense because it is affordable. For example, for a preferred 30 year old male purchasing a 20 year term policy with a \$250,000 death benefit, the premiums could be anywhere from \$155 - \$175 a year, depending on the insurer.

Underwriting for policies has changed over the years. Having a sibling or parent of the proposed insured that either died

from or has been diagnosed with cancer or cardiovascular disease prior to age 65 can negatively impact the premium. Even your driving record has impact. If the proposed insured has had more than 3 speeding tickets and/or moving violations in the past 5 years; or any DUIs, license suspension or revocation you could also end up paying more. That same policy above for a 30 year old male with these 2 conditions (and otherwise preferred health) could raise annual premiums from \$155 a year to \$268 with the same insurer.

While shopping for life insurance on-line might be convenient, it's not necessarily the best route. Working with an advisor who can shop for you and understands the underwriting process can save you time and they can also work with you to determine the right amount of insurance needed. Income replacement, mortgage liabilities and having money for college education are all critical to your new family.

Another detractor of buying individual life insurance is because it is often an employee benefit with employers. Even though you may currently have life insurance through your employer, there is a strong likelihood that this generation of job-hoppers will have multiple employers throughout their careers. Employer benefits can change – we've seen that with our health insurance benefits, what was once standard to be free, is now costly. Your best bet is to have your own life insurance and to protect your family while you are young and healthy!

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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 or call Margaret at (203) 877-4313.

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.

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. Beginning August, meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except for October which will be held on October 14, 2014.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive

(off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (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 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.

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 2017: March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 14, and December 5. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Hearing Loss Association - SW CT Chapter Monthly Meeting, Saturday March 15, 2017, 10:00am, Watermark, 3030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport; subject is information on how you can hear better while watching TV using an inductive loop system; speaker will be Ken Gerety, owner of Hearing Loop Systems of CT. Contact Mike at 203.268-2924 for additional information.

P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Traditional Irish Music Session With Brian Conway, Thursday, February 16, 2017, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, CT, 7:45 pm. Admission is free. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed. BYOB. For information on the session, call Tim at 203-257-8737.

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DEATH NOTICES

The Orange Town News will publish Death Notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: edit@orangetownnews.com

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara D. Ciola

Barbara D. Ciola, 84, of Orange, beloved wife of the late Konstantine J. Ciola, passed away on January 22, 2017. She was born in Derby, CT on February 15, 1932, daughter of the late Ralph Wilbur and Thelma Appelt Davis.

Barbara was an active member of the Orange Historical Society for many years. She was an excellent cook with a knack for baking. Barbara loved her flower garden and enjoyed watching birds. She also loved dogs and cats but nothing compared to the love she had for her family.

Barbara is survived by her children, Anne (Chris) Tasso, William (Roni) Ciola and John Ciola; grandchildren, Kenny (Jessa) Ciola, Jessie (Jeff) Kuchar, Shauna Ciola, Jenna Ciola, and Kyle Ciola; great-granddaughter, Bailey Ciola; sister, Judy Zaprzalka; sister-in-law, Sophie Connor; caregiver, Jen Morgan; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Paul Davis.

Funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street Milford, CT. A Funeral Service took place at the funeral home. Interment followed at Mt. St. Peter Cemetery, 219 New Haven Ave., Derby, CT. Memorial donations in Barbara's honor may be

made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Elizabeth Mary Badarick Burns

Betty passed-away peacefully on January 10, 2017. She was born on April 15, 1929. Betty resided in Ansonia and Orange (Maplewood) before recently moving to Seymour. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, James.

Betty was the loving mother of Thomas (Maryellen) Burns, James (Nancy), Patricia (Stan) Biga, Melanie (John) Gramesty), and Robert Burns. Betty is also survived by her grandsons Jeff Biga, James Burns, Mathew Gramesty, and Eric and Evan Mau, and her only granddaughter, Kristen Puglisi, and one great-grandson, Joseph Puglisi as well as several nieces and nephews.

Betty is survived by a sister, Anne Zuraw and sisters-in-law, Joyce Barney, Kay Badarick and Stella Burns. She was predeceased by brothers, Michael and Peter, and sisters, Mary, Millie, Tillie, Helen, and Janice. She was also predeceased by a daughter-in-law, Dr. Alicia Stanton Burns.

A mass of Christian burial was celebrated on January 14, 2017 at Holy Rosary Church in Ansonia.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. **Split (PG-13)**

James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy
2. **xXx: Return of Xander Cage (PG-13)**

Vin Diesel, Donnie Yen
3. **Hidden Figures (PG)**

Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer
4. **Sing (PG)**

animated
5. **La La Land (PG-13)**

Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone
6. **Rogue One: A Star War's Story (PG-13)**

Felicity Jones, Diego Luna
7. **Monster Trucks (PG)**

Lucas Till, Jane Levy
8. **Patriots Day (R)**

Mark Wahlberg, Michelle Monaghan
9. **The Founder (PG-13)**

Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman
10. **Sleepless (R)**

Jamie Foxx, Michelle Monaghan

TOP 10 VOD

1. **The Accountant (R)**

Ben Affleck
2. **Deepwater Horizon (PG-13)**

Mark Wahlberg
3. **Sully (PG-13)**

Tom Hanks
4. **Kevin Hart: What Now? (R)**

Kevin Hart
5. **The Secret Life of Pets (PG)**

animated
6. **The Magnificent Seven (PG-13)**

Denzel Washington
7. **Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (PG)**

Griffin Gluck
8. **Storks (PG)**

animated
9. **The Birth of a Nation (R)**

Nate Parker
10. **Snowden (R)**

Joseph Gordon-Levitt

1. Name the group that released "(I'm a) Road Runner."

2. What duo released "What Kind of Fool," and when?

3. Which female singer released "As Tears Go By" before the Rolling Stones did?

4. What band had a hit with "My Best Friend's Girl"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The eastern world, it is explodin', Violence flarin', bullets loadin', You're old enough to kill but not for votin', You don't believe in war, but what's that gun you're totin'."



1. Junior Walker and the All-Stars, in 1966, on their "Road Runner" album. Walker played tenor sax but couldn't sing in the key he played in, requiring engineering adjustments to bring the two together. 2. Barbra Streisand and Barry Gibb, in 1981. The song appeared on their collaboration album. 3. Marianne Faithfull, in 1964. The song launched her career. 4. The Cars, in 1978. 5. "Bve of Destruction," by Barry McGuire in 1965. The Vietnam War protest song, written by F.F. Sloan, went to No. 1 on the charts. The original version was a rough vocal done in one take and wasn't intended to be released, but once a DJ got hold of it, out into the world it went.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2015, the Nationals' Max Scherzer became the sixth pitcher to toss two no-hitters in a season. Name three of the other five to do it.

2. The New York Mets' Daniel Murphy set a record in 2015 for homering in the most consecutive postseason games (six). Who had held the record?

3. Who was the first NFL player to tally 1,000 points for two different teams?

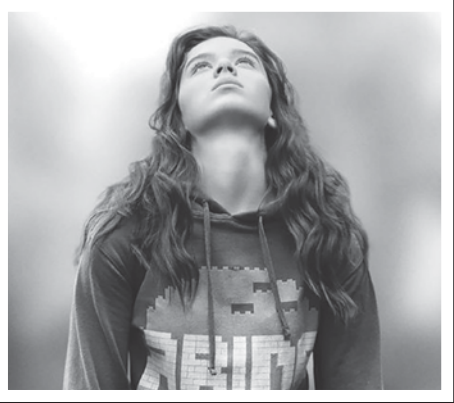
4. When was the last time before 2016 (Wisconsin) that a winning team in an NCAA Tournament men's basketball game scored 47 or fewer points?

5. Which did NHL legend Gordie Howe win more of: the Hart Trophy (league MVP) or the Art Ross Trophy (top scorer)?

6. When was the last time before 2016 that the Colorado Rapids reached the conference finals of the MLS Cup playoffs?

7. In 2016, Nyquist became the second horse in 10 years to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile race one year and the Kentucky Derby the next. Who was the other?

1. Johnny Vander Meer (1938), Allie Reynolds ('51), Virgil Trucks ('52), Nolan Ryan ('73) and Roy Halladay (2010). 2. Carlos Beltran of the Houston Astros did it in five consecutive postseason games in 2004. 3. Adam Vinatieri, with New England and Indianapolis. 4. Butler scored 47 points in a win versus Mississippi State in 2003. 5. He won six of each. 6. It was 2010, when the Rapids won the MLS Cup. 7. Street Sense, in 2006-07.



Hailee Steinfeld in "The Edge of Seventeen" [STX Entertainment]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of February 13, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Arrival" (PG-13) -- When big ol' alien spacecraft appear all over the globe, sending mankind into a state of frenzied panic, the U.S. government taps an accomplished linguist to break down the aliens' language and discern their intentions. While Dr. Louise Banks (Amy Adams) learns more about the mysterious tentacled space critters and their visual language of shifting vapors, pressure from her military handlers (and humanity at large) puts her in a precarious situation -- what if the outsiders learn too much about us while we're trying to study them?

Director Denis Villeneuve ("Sicario") sets out to combine massive, world-tilting sci-fi conflicts with up-close intimate character conflicts and emotion.

"Interstellar" tried to plot this same course, but "Arrival" doesn't get caught in the asteroid field of gooberiness that plagued "Interstellar's" mission.

"Bleed for This" (R) -- Miles Teller stars as Vinny Pazienza, a boxer who came from behind to win huge titles, then came from behind again by stepping back into the ring after a car accident that nearly paralyzed him. After a head-on crash puts "The Pazmanian Devil" in a halo-brace, he's told he'll be lucky to walk again, and the slightest jolt to his head or neck could be the end. This is unacceptable, and with the help of an equally dogged trainer (Aaron Eckhart), the near-broken boxer starts to train again -- still with vertebrae out of whack and bolts drilled in his head.

It's based on a true story, but so are most boxing movies, and this one is a lot like them. The constant underdog-ism, the working-class neighborhood and inspirational turnarounds, all pretty conventional. But even if it's by the book, that's still not enough to bring down the energy and performances.

"The Edge of Seventeen" (R) -- Nadine (Hailee Steinfeld) is really in the thick of the adolescent awkwards, but this isn't the wild-romp kind of teen movie, it's the more insightful, John Hughesian kind where coming-of-age proves to be a funny and humiliating parade of disappointment and self-sabotage. Nadine is left all alone when her only pal, Krista (Haley Lu Richardson), starts dating her older brother, a frustratingly perfect student and athlete. Her only confidante is her flippant history teacher (Woody Harrelson), who doesn't hesitate to mock her teen turmoil. The story succeeds in keeping you on the heroine's side even as she succumbs to the mistakes we all know she should see coming a mile away.

Sudoku answers on page 30

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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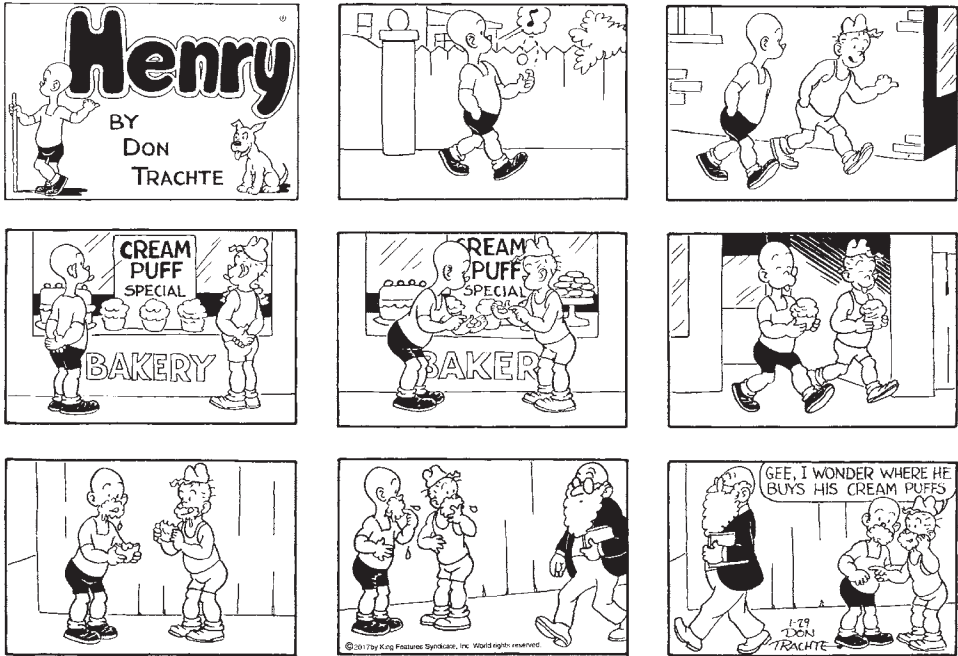
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tavern
- 4 Tosses in
- 8 Slays, "Sopranos" style
- 12 Altar affirmative
- 13 Voice in an iPhone
- 14 Law office aide, for short
- 15 "Sinkin'"
- 17 Caspian feeder
- 18 Teut.
- 19 Financial rescue
- 21 Decapitate
- 24 Fish eggs
- 25 Greek vowel
- 26 Coffee holder
- 28 Family member

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DOWN

- 1 Auction
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Fiber
- 4 Religious retreat
- 5 Cacophony
- 6 Defeat
- 7 Shankar's instrument
- 8 Rich
- 9 Gambling game
- 10 Herr's wife
- 11 Shaker contents
- 16 "Golly!"
- 20 Debtor's letters
- 21 Ice mass
- 22 List-ending abbr.
- 23 Fix the soundtrack
- 27 Deity
- 29 Cold symptom
- 30 Misplace
- 31 Stretches (out)
- 33 Showed disdain
- 35 Two, in
- 38 Butterfly catcher
- 40 Feels pins and needles
- 43 Workshop machine
- 45 Ordinal suffix
- 46 Troubles
- 47 Not working
- 48 American Beauty, e.g.
- 49 Rain hard
- 53 Web address
- 54 A billion years
- 55 Disco fan on "The Simpsons"

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HOLLYWOOD

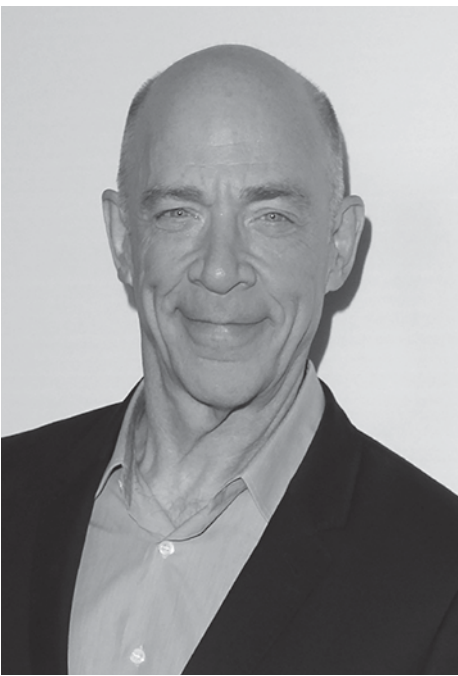
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- J.K. Simmons is the busiest supporting actor in Hollywood. At 62, he's made 80 films and starred in four TV series: "Oz" (1997-2003), "Law & Order" (1997-2010), "The Closer" (2005-2012) and his own NBC series, "Growing Up Fisher" (2014), playing a blind man. He's also the TV spokesman for Farmers Insurance. Then along came "Whiplash," for which he won the best-supporting actor Oscar.

Now, in addition to Farmers Insurance commercials and the current releases of "La La Land" and "Patriot's Day," Simmons has seven films awaiting release in 2017: "Renegades," with Sullivan Stapleton (of "Blindspot") and Charlie Bewley (vampire Demetri in "The Twilight" saga), out Feb. 3; "All Nighter" (top billed), with Emile Hirsch, opening March 17; "The Snowman," with Michael Fassbender, out Oct. 13; "The Justice League," coming Nov. 17; and "The Bachelors" (top-billed), as well as "Bastards," with Owen Wilson and Glenn Close; and "I'm Not Here" (top-billed), with Sebastian Stan ("Captain America") and Mandy Moore. Simmons has been married for 20 years to Michelle Schumacher and has two children.

Debbie Reynolds (who died Dec. 28) was one of the last stars of The Golden Age of MGM musicals. "That's Entertainment" (1974) and the sequels "2" (1976) and "3" (1994) paid tribute to the glorious musicals of MGM. I knew her very well, and she was a handful, always wanting to run the show, but worth the trouble because she knew her stuff.

Debbie was only 19 when she starred with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Conner in the 1952 classic "Singin' in the Rain." Some of her other great films were: "The Tender Trap" (1955), with Frank Sinatra;



J.K. Simmons [Depositphotos]

"Tammy and the Bachelor" (1957); "The Rat Race" (1960), with Tony Curtis; and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," which earned her a best-actress Oscar nomination. "The Singing Nun" (1966) and "In and Out" (1997), with Tom Selleck, were two of her best later films. Her last film was playing Liberace's mother with Michael Douglas in HBO's "Behind the Candelabra."

The last remaining MGM musical film stars are Arlene Dahl (92), "Three Little Words" (1950); Angela Lansbury (91), "The Harvey Girls" and "Till the Clouds Roll By" (both in 1946); Ann Blyth (88), "Kismet" (1955); Jane Powell (87), "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954); Leslie Caron (86), "Lili" (1953) and "Gigi" (1958); and Margaret O'Brien (80), "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944).

When I ran alongside Debbie's vintage convertible down Fifth Avenue enroute to the New York premiere of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," I was touched when she said, "Take a rest, come sit with me in the car." When I told her I couldn't shoot her from there, she chided, "That's what I had in mind, the flashes are blinding me!"



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Orange, Connecticut

To Be HELD

Thursday, February 23, 2017

at 7:00 p.m.

at the

Orange Town Hall

Lower Level Meeting Room

617 Orange Center Road

Orange, Connecticut

(Inclement Weather Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017)

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HOW CHOCOLATE BECAME TIED TO VALENTINE'S DAY

Heart-shaped boxes filled with decadent treats are coveted gifts on Valentine's Day. Chocolate lovers typically have a favorite type of chocolate, whether it's creamy filled truffles or chocolate pieces with fruit or nut fillings.

The tradition of gifting chocolate is anything but new. Chocolate and other sweet treats have been offered for centuries as prized gifts. Even ancient Aztecs and Mayans celebrated chocolate and saw it as a hot commodity. Drinks made of cacao beans would be given as presents to people of high status. Chocolate also would be offered to the gods as a token of appreciation. Cacao beans were even used as a form of currency at one point.

During the 17th century, chocolate consumption grew considerably across Europe. Chocolate houses cropped up in London, and the French elite often indulged in chocolate. Chocolate's popularity continued to grow, but the dessert was not linked to Valentine's Day until nearly 200 years later. In the mid-1800s, an enterprising individual named Richard Cadbury was looking for a way to



make chocolate even more popular than it already was. He sought out a method to make drinking chocolate more palatable and created "eating chocolates." These chocolates were packaged in decorative boxes. Eventually, Cadbury saw the benefit of putting images of cupids and roses on the boxes. Cadbury even designed chocolate boxes in the shape of hearts that could be saved as mementos. These chocolates soon became intertwined with Valentine's Day celebrations.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Milton Hershey dabbled in commercial-

izing chocolate as well. Hershey began as a caramel maker, but experimented with covering the caramels in chocolate in 1894. Hershey would go on to develop one of the most successful brands of chocolate in the United States, which included the famous Hershey bar. In 1907, Hershey launched production of teardrop shaped "kisses." (The chocolates were given their unusual name because of the "smooching" noise made by the chocolate when being manufactured.) The kisses became wildly popular and made for affordable chocolate gifts on

Valentine's Day.


Many other chocolate manufacturers soon began packaging their chocolates in special boxes for Valentine's Day. Russell Stover and Whitmans are two such manufacturers who have long specialized in heart-shaped boxes or other decorative Valentine's gifts.

Traditionally, men have gifted women with boxes of chocolate for Valentine's Day. However, that role is reversed in other areas of the world. For example, in Japan, women give gifts — namely chocolates — to the men in their lives to express love, courtesy or social obligation. This tradition first began in 1936 when confectioner Morozoff Ltd. ran the first ever Valentine's Day ad in Japan through a local English newspaper. By the 1950s, other Japanese confectioners were following suit.

Chocolate has long been tied to Valentine's Day gifting. Whether one believes that chocolate symbolizes heightened status, acts as an aphrodisiac or is just a special treat, chocolates will likely always be associated with the day of love.

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OSA SPRING 2017 Soccer Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 27th, 2017

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

When: Sundays, APRIL 23rd through JUNE 18th 2017

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 27, 2017
\$10.00 late fee on any registrations after March 27th, 2017

Format: Prek-Kindergarten (Clinic) Divisions will remain coed
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Girls and Boys divisions in the following groups:
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Girls 3rd & 4th 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 11th, 2017 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MARY L TRACY SCHOOL
(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 27th, 2017

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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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): _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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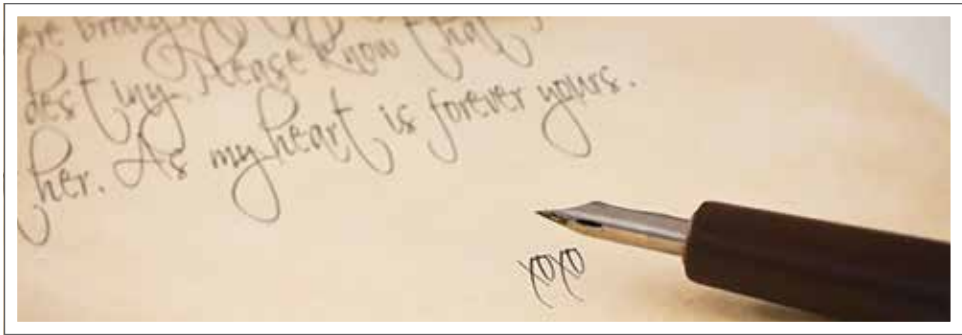
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LEARN HOW TO WRITE A CLASSIC LOVE LETTER

Today's digital world has given rise to fast, stunted communications. According to the Pew Research Center, texting is the most widely used smartphone app, with 97 percent of Americans using it at least once a day. Across the globe, 8.3 trillion text messages are sent each year. That translates to roughly 16 million messages per minute.

In addition to text messaging, social media posts are generally concise and short on depth. The written form of communication has changed dramatically in the last decade, as letter-writing and other forms of prose have all but faded away.

But come Valentine's Day, it can be special to dust off that pen and paper to express oneself via the written word in the name of love. Love letters are cherished keepsakes that can be kept for years. Such couples can illustrate a couple's present-day love for one another and shed insight on their relationship years later. Here are some steps for writing a romantic love letter or note.

Jot down ideas and inspiration. Make a list of attributes and qualities in a spouse or romantic interest that you would like to highlight. Write down

phrases and terms that come to mind. These words can serve as the foundation for the letter.

Categorize your thoughts into three areas. Jot down things that you like and love about the person, things that the person may do for you or your family that you appreciate, and various memories from throughout the years.

Write what you know. Do not feel pressured to make this letter more complicated than it has to be. The words will come when you write from the heart. While you can use other letters to spur ideas, do not lose your voice or try to mimic someone else's work.

Make the letter personal and specific. Small details are important and make love letters more meaningful. Such details illustrate to a significant other that this letter was specifically written with them in mind.

Disregard length. The letter does not have to be a certain length. Whether it is a paragraph or several pages, the letter will be a success if it says what you want to express. It doesn't have to be long if that's not your style.

Writing a love letter can be a wonderful way to express romantic sentiments this Valentine's Day.

LOCAL SPORTS



The Yale Jr. Bulldogs Bantam AA team traveled to Rhode Island January 13-16 to participate in the Kennedy Memorial Hockey Tournament. The team brought home the gold medal after winning the championship game in overtime for a 2-1 win over the Minutemen Flames (Mass.). Connor Smith (#27) of Amity Middle School Orange, was the starting goaltender. The team is coached by Jon Bellanio.

GIRLS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT!

Bethwood Softball is hosting a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, February 18th, 2017. This event is for all girls ages 7-14 and will held at the Amity High school auxiliary gym.

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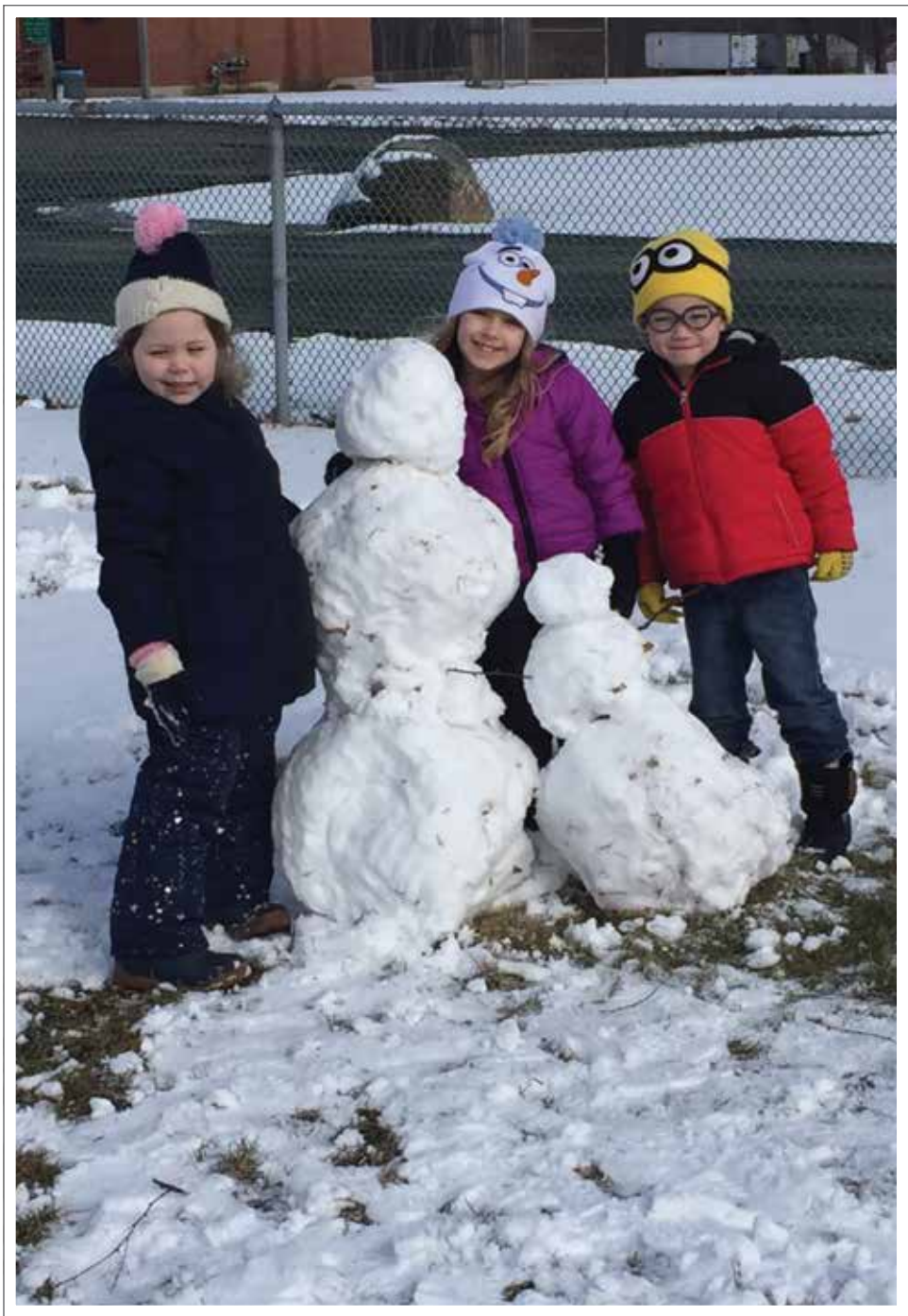


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Students from OCNS 5s kindergarten readiness class enjoying the snow.



The 4s class at Orange Community Nursery school learned about the humanbody this month.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



DO YOU TEACH YOUR DOG USING ROUTINES?

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

February is Responsible Dog Ownership Month. Does your dog follow your routines or is your day dominated by your dog’s demands? When your dog starts pestering you, do you give in to his/her demands? Here we’ll talk about the importance of regular routines so your dog knows what to expect from you.

All of us have daily routines. Some of them may include your dogs, some don’t. Even though some of your routines don’t include your dogs, they may affect them in some ways. The ones that do include them become part of their routines.

Many of us get up in the morning to a cup of coffee with the coffee pot set the night before so we can get our caffeine fix as soon as possible. You may turn on the news or ramp up your iPad to catch up on what is going on in the world. You may let your dogs out first thing, or you may take them for a walk after breakfast. Either way they should know what to expect and let you start your morning peacefully.

Based on repetition, your dog should know your daily routines, including when you are going to let him out, where he should toilet and where he should sleep. He should know when he is going to get fed and the routine around that. For instance, do you consistently feed him in the same place and at the same time every day? Feeding your dog at the same time every day is important not just for his emotional and mental well-being, but also because his metabolism will get used to the pattern. When you pull out his leash, does he jump all over you or wait patiently by the door? Is he the first to run out the door or do you lead, having your dog follow you as you pass through the door first?

Just like babies, dogs need struc-

ture and routines. Dogs are creatures of habit. You should use your routines to teach your dog how to live with you versus the other way around. Dogs misbehave when their lives are unstructured and chaotic. Well-balanced dogs that are secure in their environment, routine and day-to-day lives find it much easier to adapt to changes or upsets that do come along from time to time, whether planned for or unexpected.

It is important that every time they demand your attention, you don’t give in. How many times has your dog nuzzled you while you are doing something because he is bored? Do you stop what you are doing or teach your dog to patiently wait? Although it is hard to not give in to their cute face, it is important your dog knows he can’t always get what he wants when he wants it.

Once your dog is trained properly, you shouldn’t have to give him as many instructions because he should know what to do. Your verbal interactions with him are important, consistently reinforcing his good behavior. However, he should know what to do without you having to say anything. Make sure your training commands are clear and not open to interpretation and are applied consistently.

Remember that dogs worry. They are happier when they know what is going to happen next. Routine makes their life more predictable, something all dogs crave. You can teach your dog how to live with you or he will try and teach you how to live with him. The former approach will make you both happier!

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.

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to "ram" your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like your fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln, you have a way of handling the most difficult situations with grace and conviction.

CAT GONE MISSING?
HERE'S WHAT TO DO

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My tomcat, "Morris," slipped out the front door a couple of days ago when my visiting aunt and uncle were chatting with other relatives in the doorway. He hasn't been back yet. I searched the yard and neighborhood for him without any luck. What else can I do? My uncle keeps saying that he'll just come back on his own after he's done "doing what tomcats do." Morris is neutered, so that doesn't make sense. What do you think? -- Karen T., via email



DEAR KAREN: Keep searching for Morris, and don't listen to your uncle, who is parroting an old observation that dates back to when cats were generally outdoor pets or working mousers. Morris sounds like an indoor cat and could be in trouble if he's unfamiliar with the outdoors. Is he a regular escape artist, or is this his

- first time getting out? Here are a few things to do:
- Contact nearby animal shelters. Describe Morris' identifying features, such as color or stripes or any fur markings. Do this as quickly as possible, because many shelters euthanize strays after a set number of days have passed.
 - Contact your veterinarian and any nearby vets to find out if Morris was brought in. If he is wearing a collar and ID tag, a kind stranger may bring him there.
 - Search nearby woods and wild areas, calling Morris by name.
 - Place a dish of cat food and water outside the door, on the chance that he is nearby and will get hungry.
 - Post flyers throughout the neighborhood and around town with Morris' description, and a contact number or email.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

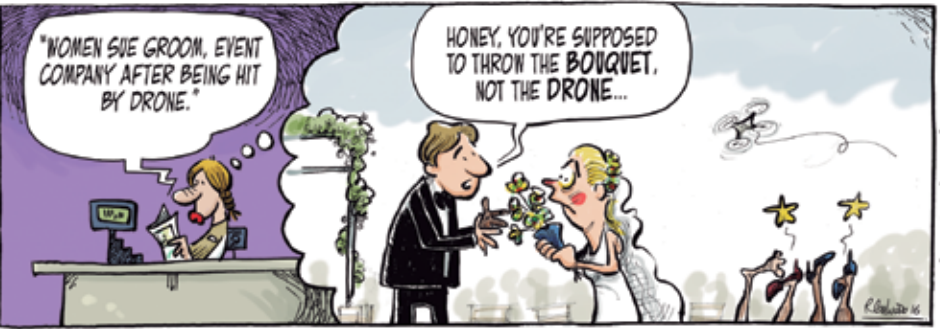


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THE CASHIER

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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



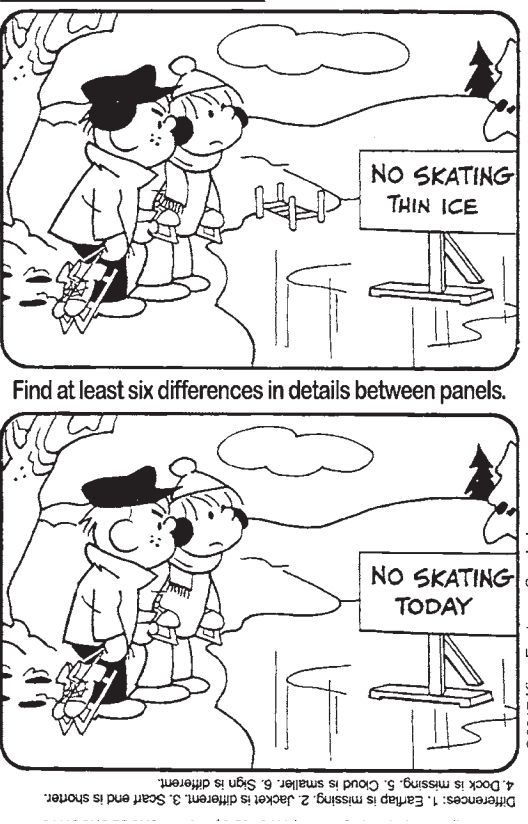
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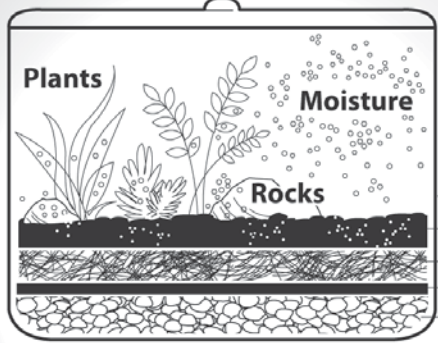
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2. Las Cruces, N.M.
3. Eau Claire, Wisc.
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5. Morgantown, W.Va.
6. Pittsburgh
7. San Antonio
8. Omaha, Neb.
9. Grand Junction, Colo.
10. Gainesville, Fla.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



The Garden Bug



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— Brenda Weaver

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