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to include an Instrumental Music Program two years ago. In 2011, 162 students participated. This year, there are 300.

"Attrition is very low, and the students are continuing on in middle school band," she says. "Our band teacher, Ms. Gina Patrick has been priming the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to march in their first annual Memorial Day Parade this coming May, but to do so, they need marching uniforms, drums and cymbals." Overall, the program needs approximately \$9,000.

"We are off to a really good start with this generous donation from the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation," McMullin says. Plans are to purchase a silky t-shirt and a pair of black dress pants for each child. "In addition, we need lightweight snare drums, harnesses, and cymbals with hand holds," she says.

McMullin describes the goal, "The goal of any instrumental music program is, of course, aimed at transferring the intrinsic values of music, personal expression, creativity, spirituality, and identity. However, the skills and responsibilities of playing in an ensemble are also integral to a successful program. Thus, the 'right to perform' is an important aspect of our students' development. The marching band, the parade, the uniform, and the instruments are all significant pride factors in their first appearance as a marching band."

She expects 130 of the children to be available to march and expect they will make an impressive sight on the parade route. "We expect to see the pride in our students' faces and in the faces of their parents and other parade-goers who get to witness Orange's first Elementary Marching Band. Elementary Bands are not common and we are not taking this opportunity lightly or for granted," she says.

The students will also wear their uniforms (the orange shirt and black dress pants) for concerts and additional performances. We are ordering shirts and pants in a wide variety of generic sizes and will collect them back at the end of the year. The pants have tape-up hems and adjustable waist bands. Student will be expected to provide their own black shoes and black socks.



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## BOARD OF ED EXPLORES FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

In a six-to-four vote, the Orange Board of Education opted to hold off on a decision to offer a full-day kindergarten option at Mary L. Tracy School next fall until its March meeting. Based on requests from families and a subsequent electronic survey, Schools Superintendent Lynn McMullin drafted a pilot plan that would add 80 minutes to the kindergarten day with school for all grades, K-6, ending at 3 p.m. The pilot would be an optional tuition-based program. She presented the plan to the Board of Education at its monthly meeting February 10, but several board members felt they needed more time to consider the proposal.

“We want to look at the impact of the pilot and come back to it,” McMullin said when presenting the plan. A tuition-based extension would be an enrichment program to kindergarteners. A Board of Education supported extension would incorporate curriculum changes and ‘loosen up the whole day’. We have three options: we change nothing; we offer an option that parents pay for; or we go full-scale, full-day,” McMullin said, noting that Orange kindergarteners are currently exceeding state-level benchmarks in both reading and math.

Board of Education Member Christian Young questioned how success of the offering would be measured in students. “If it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” he said, referring to the educational aspect of the time extension. He and Kimberley Browe were two of six board members who voted in favor of tabling the vote for now.

“We haven’t defined what we want to accomplish. It’s not that I’m opposed, I just want us to be clear on what we want to achieve before we approve implementation,” Browe said.

State Representative Paul Davis spoke on the topic. Davis, a town resident for 36 years and former science teacher has been on the State Education Committee for 10 years and he said, “During that time I’ve never heard anyone say that more time in the classroom for young children would not be beneficial. “Seventy six percent of state schools have full-day kindergarten programs including Woodbridge and Bethany, which puts our kids at a disadvantage when they all meet up at Amity,” he said. Davis said our students need greater time in schools for both academics and social growth and the curriculum must include greater exposure to the sciences and social studies. He recommends a full-day kindergarten program for all children in Orange beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

The survey, intended for parents of incoming kindergartners, asked for opinions on offering a tuition-based, five-day option, costing \$140 per month. The survey was answered by 499 people, many of whom were not parents of incoming kindergartners. Fifty three percent were in favor of the offering, 25% answered, ‘No, any tuition will prevent my child from attending and the remaining 22% said, ‘No, the cost is too high’. In a follow-up survey, 61% felt it should be mandatory for all children and funded by the Board of Education. The remaining 39% felt all-day kindergarten should be optional and tuition-based.

The pilot program would allow the district to collect data and revisit the offering after the 2014-2015 school year. The board will address the topic at its next regular meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.



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Left to Right: Senior Wish Society of Milford Board Members – Jay Jaser, Elder Law Attorney; Kathleen Milewski, Golden Hill Skilled Rehabilitation Center; Liz Castiline, Maplewood at Orange; and Geri Dichkewich, Milford Senior Center.

## MAPLEWOOD AT ORANGE RECEIVES 2013 SHINING STAR

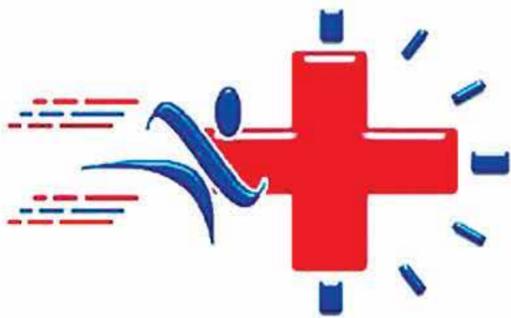
Maplewood at Orange received the 2013 Shining Star Award for supporting the Senior Wish Society of Milford. The award recognizes Maplewood's commitment and dedication to the Senior Wish Society, with their recent contribution (see photo).

Senior Wish Society assists Milford and Orange seniors with purchases and expenses they may not be able to afford. The mission of the society is to bring together providers of services to the elderly for the purpose of granting wishes to elderly recipients of limited income.

This donation is the result of Maplewood at Orange's recent annual Festival of Trees event where local businesses, organizations and individuals donate decorated holiday trees that are part of a silent auction event.

"Maplewood of Orange is proud to support the local community and charities such as the Senior Wish Society of Milford. We are happy to lend a hand to organizations that make a difference in the lives of seniors, all of whom we hold near and dear to our hearts at Maplewood," said Amber Braman, Executive Director of Maplewood at Orange.

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# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

## STUDENT NEWS

### Coby Moran Named to the Dean's List at The Citadel

Charleston, SC -- Coby Dane Moran of Orange, CT, has been named to the Dean's List at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, for academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year. Dean's List recognition is given to those students whose grade point average is 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work. While at The Citadel, Coby is working toward a BA in Criminal Justice.

### Lauren Ide Named to the Honors List at Fairleigh Dickinson University

Madison, NJ -- Lauren Ide, of Orange, CT, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham, located in Madison, N.J. has been named to the Honors List for the Fall 2013 Semester.

To qualify for the Honors List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

### Area Residents Named to Dean's List at Fairfield University

Fairfield, CT -- Fairfield University has announced that the following Orange residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester: Tyler Bishop, Sandra DiDonato, Abigayel Phillips, Mark Pinciario, Gregg Pizzi, and Robert Schwartz.

### Holy Cross Dean's List for Fall, 2013

Worcester, Mass. - Brendan Healey, a second year student at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2013-14 academic year. He is the son of Mark A. Healey and Celia Pinzi of Orange, Connecticut. He majors in Spanish and Sociology.

### Local Students Achieve Dean's List Status for Fall 2013

North Andover, MA -- Merrimack College has announced the names of Orange students who have achieved Dean's List Status for Fall 2013. To achieve Deans' List status, a student must earn a 3.25 gpa out of 4.0. Those achieving Deans' List status are: Christopher Cimmino and Jennifer Post.

### Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Students Named to Fall 2013 Dean's List at RPI

Troy, NY -- About 3,250 students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C." Orange, CT Dean's List recipients include: Kelsey Kish, who studies Architecture and Katherine Marciano, who studies Biochemistry and Biophysics.

### Area Students Make the Dean's List at RIT

Rochester, NY -- The following Orange residents made the Dean's List for Fall 2013 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology: Jake Dulin is a first-year student in the software engineering program in RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and Jared Loewenthal is a second-year student in the electrical engineering program in RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their quarterly GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

### Local Students Named to Springfield College Dean's List

Springfield, MA -- Springfield College has named the following Orange residents to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2013 term: Stephanie Antonellis, studying Art Therapy; Brian Foley, studying Athletic Training.; and Allison Koshes, studying Health Science/General Studies.

### Anfal Nyhan Receives Faculty Honors at Trinity College for Fall 2013 Semester

Hartford, CT -- Anfal Nyhan of Orange, CT, a member of the class of Spring 2014 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., has received Faculty Honors for the 2013 fall semester. To earn Faculty Honors, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 3.667 with no individual letter grade below B-minus.

### Dean's List Honors Announced at Tufts University

Medford, MA -- Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester. Among these students are Orange residents Gabrielle Cella and Kevin O'Brien. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

### Sarah Shanley Named to Fall 2013 Dean's List at the University Of Delaware

Newark, DE -- Sarah Shanley of Orange, CT has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. 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.

### Local Students Named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven

West Haven, CT -- The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall 2013 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List. Orange students named are: Turki Aljohani, Rebecca Altschuler, Brian Ball, Jennifer Defonzo, Caryl Fisher, Ryan Geonzon, Natalia Isaeva, Rachel Leigh, Ostap Lisowitch, Justin Morgan, Pavlo Sapsa, Lauren Tiroletto, and Pasquale Villano.

### University of Rhode Island Names Students to the Fall 2013 Dean's List

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that about 4,300 undergraduates have qualified for the Fall 2013 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York, New Jersey, and many other states and nations. To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The following students from Orange were named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List: Nikki Guadagnoli and Caitlin Nickerson.

### Local Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List

Burlington, VT -- The following Orange students have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2013 semester at the University of Vermont: Kayla Dorey, an Environmental Studies major in the College of Arts & Sciences; Emma Feldmann, a Communication Science & Disorders major in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences; and Samantha Monck, an Animal Sciences major in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences. 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.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSE AT RACE BROOK SCHOOL

The OVNA is pleased to announce the addition of Kari Watkins, RN as the full-time school nurse at Race Brook School effective January 13, 2014. Kari graduated from Messiah College in Pa. After completing her BS degree from Messiah College she continued on her studies at Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing where she graduated as an RN with high honors. Kari was born and raised in Orange and attended the Orange and Amity schools. Prior to working for the Town of Orange and Race Brook School, Kari was employed at Bridgeport Hospital.

Ms. Watkins replaces Amy Wargo, RN who has recently moved to Mary L. Tracy School to continue her responsibilities as its school nurse and school nurse administrative supervisor for all our public and private schools in Orange.

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

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor

Millions of adults will celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year with parties and parades, but it takes more than the luck of the Irish to make sure everyone who observes the holiday gets home safely. That's why Dichello Distributors, Inc., the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, is working with area bars and restaurants to encourage revelers 21 and older to celebrate responsibly and designate a driver or make plans for a safe ride home.

We hope all residents will join us in celebrating responsibly on St. Patrick's Day, and the weekend prior to it. After all, these are our roads and it's our shared responsibility to keep them safe.

Sincerely,

Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
Dichello Distributors, Inc.

To the Editor

The physical and structural problems that face all of Orange's elementary schools can no longer be managed. The scope and severity has grown beyond what the most recent bond can handle. After attending the Board of Education building and grounds sub-committee meeting on the evening of February 3rd, I gained a better understanding of the issues. Our schools have had it and so have many members of the board. It's time to replace our schools.

While everyone is familiar with recent events and problems at Peck Place School, what is not widely known are all of the other problems that face our schools. The most urgent and concerning is at Turkey Hill. Recently a classroom was relocated after a custodian noticed a gap near a window. Engineers have looked at the problem and determined that due to poor original design, many of Turkey Hill's exterior walls are not properly anchored. They estimate 50% of all classrooms may be at risk. They have looked at the problem wall and intend to survey the entire school with both architectural drawings and onsite visits. According to what was said at the meeting, the state code requires school building walls to withstand 110 mph winds. Turkey Hill is not considered safe to occupy if those winds exceed 50mph. The BOE's intention was to add this to the February 10th meeting agenda as they see this as an urgent issue. It was stressed that the roof which is secured via joists is NOT an issue as far as a collapse is concerned.

The list of needed repairs to all four schools is long. When the recent bond was created, the BOE asked for 21 Million dollars to repair our schools, they were given 8 million, 36% of which will be reimbursed by the state of CT. While original roofs and boilers will be replaced, asbestos will still remain in many areas of the schools. Old rusted and dented windows and doors will not be replaced due to the existence of PCBs. Any ADA upgrades were cut during the bonding process. The parking lot at Peck Place? There's no time and certainly no money.

Now is the time to stop using band aids to cover up major wounds. Peck Place School was not relocated because of a frozen pipe. It was the 45-year old asbestos adhered floor tiles that caused what otherwise should have been a week's clean-up. The structural stability of Turkey Hill is now in question and may be an even worse

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## ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION – SPRING IS COMING

As snow once again blankets Orange, the Orange Conservation Commission (OCC) is looking forward to springtime in Orange's Open Spaces. With nearly a thousand acres of open spaces in Orange, the OCC is planning activities to enhance the accessibility and sustainability of our open spaces (Paul Ode Nature Trail at the High Plains Community Center, Howard Brooks Conservation Area off Mapledale Road, Wrights Pond on Old Grassy Hill Road, Housatonic Overlook at Cedar Grove Road/High Ridge Road, Racebrook Tract on Racebrook Road, Fred Wolfe Park off of Hollow Road and Ewen Farm Preserve on St John's Drive and the Turkey Hill Preserve on Derby-Milford Road). These open spaces represent Orange's investment to protect the resources, plants and animals of our Town while simultaneously fulfilling its commitment to provide open space for passive recreational use and enjoyment on the properties.

Heading the list of these activities, a Conservation & Management Plan for Turkey Hill Preserve was recently developed and presented to the OCC. This Plan identified conservation strategies and adaptive management actions to allow Orange to carry out its stewardship goal of maintaining the Turkey Hill Preserve (THP) in a natural state that balances the need for protection and for passive recreational uses. The study identified a very diverse collection of habitats, plants and animals present in the THP. THP contains high quality headwater streams that drain into Turkey Hill and Little Turkey Hill Brooks and into the Wepawaug River – very important to the fish population in these downstream habitats. In addition, the THP contains a number of wetland areas with vernal pools left after the snow finally melts. These pools are important to the development of plant and animal life that works its way up the food chain. So how do we protect these wetland areas while still enjoying a woodland walk? Stay on the trail! Blazing for blue trail at THP was recently enhanced to enable hikers to easily follow the loop that starts at the parking lot off of Derby-Milford Road (at the intersection of Turkey Hill Road). Future articles will identify what to be on the lookout for as you hike the trails at THP and other Open Space areas.

In the spirit of Spring cleaning, the OCC will have a "workday" at 9:00am on Saturday, March 29th at the Housatonic Overlook, parking is at the end of High Ridge Road. We will be cleaning up the trails, clearing brush and fallen branches and enjoying being out of doors in this beautiful spot in preparation for a Connecticut Trails Days event at this site on June 7th. You don't have to wait until March 29th to participate in cleanup activities. As you walk any of the Open Space trails, pick up any trash you may find and deposit in appropriate trash cans at the entrances.

Lastly, Orange is very fortunate to have these Open Spaces available to our residents. Our Town leaders have exhibited great forethought in acquiring these properties for us and our children to enjoy. It is now up to us to step forward and accept responsibility for stewardship of this land.

The OCC needs more volunteers to help maintain trails and care for the land on all open space properties for which the OCC is responsible. We are seeking highly motivated individuals or families who regularly use the trails and want to give something back to the town. Training in basic trail maintenance skills can be provided. The OCC is especially interested in retired persons looking to stay physically active, young adults looking for a challenge, students who need to fulfill community service hours for graduation, families with older children who enjoy working together in the outdoors, owners of properties in the vicinity of town-owned land who would personally benefit from good stewardship practices nearby, amateur or professional naturalists, people who have or would like to develop leadership skills and/or those experienced with hand tools, painting, carpentry, or landscaping. If you are interested in helping the OCC in this way, please contact OCC commission member Sharon Ewen at [sme71@yahoo.com](mailto:sme71@yahoo.com). Aside from being a great way to provide community service, trail maintenance can be very rewarding!

### "Peck Place" continued from Page 1

a favorable solution for anyone involved, least of all, Orange's elementary students. In an introduction to the plan, McMullin said her team, "approached the task dutifully and with diligence, but with heavy hearts."

Two days later, at the special Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the Peck Place project, Zeoli said, "My job is to pose the questions, not to bring the data and homework, but to have the board consider all of the options," he said. "Every one of us is concerned with the town, you and your children. This board is looking out for you and the other 13,000 people who are not in this room," he joked. "We just needed more information."

Peck Place School was damaged by flooding the morning of January 6, as children returned to school after the holiday break. Freezing temperatures caused two pipes to burst at the school, allowing thousands of gallons of water to flow in through the ceilings of classrooms leaving the entire school flooded with water. As the building was dried, floor tiles with adhesive containing asbestos began to crack and though air quality tests came back negative, indicating asbestos had not yet seeped into the air, administration decided on a permanent replacement of the floors which would involve a lengthier closing of the school for an abatement project.

At the February 19 meeting, Facilities Director Mike Luzzi explained that there was not decent enough insulation to protect the pipes from freezing. "The buildings were checked at 1 p.m. Sunday. At some point when the temperature went above 32 degrees, the pipes burst. For eight years, I've been trying to protect these buildings like my own house," Luzzi said. When asked if there is a plan in place to make sure this doesn't happen at the other two elementary schools, he said he will work on a plan.

"This is a unique project that you didn't want or need, but we're stuck with it," said Santo Manicone, a consultant with Facility Support Services who is working on the project with the Department of Health. Asbestos will be removed from other areas of the school as part of this project, but the school will not be asbestos free. "I haven't met too many asbestos free buildings," Manicone said. He assured residents and the board that the building will be clean and safe when it is reopened.

Once the project receives all necessary board approvals, any money spent will come from the town's fund balance, money that is intended as a 'rainy day fund' for events such as this, according to McNabola. At a later date, once work is complete and any state and insurance reimbursements are made; the town would have an option to bond the amount of the project and replace the funds to the account. McNabola assured the crowd that the project would be complete before school starts next fall. "It has to be ready, we don't have a choice," he said.

## AMITY SPRING ADULT & CONTINUING ED COURSES SET

### Welcome Spring! A Great Time to Learn Something New!

The spring program of Amity Adult & Continuing Education is set to start the first week of March with several new courses to choose from, as well as many standard favorites. To view the full catalog, log onto [www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com](http://www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com), or visit the Amity website at [www.amityregion5.org](http://www.amityregion5.org). Just click on the Adult Ed option across the top of the page, and then on "2014 Spring Program".

The Amity Adult & Continuing Education Program recently conducted an online survey asking members of the community for their opinions on a number of issues, including new classes they would like to see offered. Some of the new classes added to the spring catalog as a result are Marketing 101, Social Networking & Social Media for Business, eBay Clinic, iPad Basics, Retirement Income Planning Workshop, Financial Tools for Baby Boomers & Their Parents, Chinese Rhyme-A New, Innovative Method to Learn Chinese, Pet Partners Therapy Dog Course, Permaculture Workshop, Babysitting Basics, Search Engine Optimization/Search Engine Marketing, PowerPointless, Crocheting and more.

Perennial favorites still being offered include Zumba, Jewelry Making, Amazing 1-2-3 Acrylic Painting, Drawing Essentials, Oil Painting, Stained Glass, Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint, Selling on eBay, CPR for Adult, Child and Infant, Hoop Dance Fitness, Public Speaking, Digital Photography, Boating Safety and Personal Watercraft, Fly Fishing, and Tennis Clinics.

For those ready to learn a new language, Italian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, and Russian classes will be offered. Music courses include Drums! Find the Rhythm Within, Ukulele, and Guitar. Jim Turecek will be instructing his popular class in the art of making one-of-a-kind Handcrafted Knives. Jim has been crafting award-winning knives since 1979. Jeff O'Hara is again teaching Solidworks 3-D Modeling Fundamentals, a must-have course for anyone in the engineering or manufacturing field. Woodbridge's own Dr. Bernie Siegel will return to teach his popular Reflections on the Art of Living and Healing course. Jim Purcival will continue teaching his popular Yoga class, and Steve Kurimai will be again offering Tai Chi & Chi-Kung.

There are bus trips galore! Among the offerings are trips to Boston's Little Italy & Quincy Market, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens & Arthur Avenue, West Point Dress Parade, Macy's Fireworks & Cruise, Lighthouse Cruise-Narragansett Bay, Philadelphia Flower Show, Maple Madness & Butterflies in New Hampshire, and many more.

For full course descriptions and other details, view the complete spring 2014 Amity Adult & Continuing Education online catalog at [www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com](http://www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com). For more information, please contact Karen Wade at 203-392-2005.

# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4.

Registration is highly recommended for all Library programs.

## Weekly Storytimes

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## Events for Adults

### Oscar Ballot Contest

Fill out a ballot with your predictions for the 2014 Academy Award winners and receive a free popcorn! The two participants who correctly predict the most Oscar winners will receive an Oscar DVD of their choice.

March 1: Last day to submit a ballot

March 2: 2014 Academy Awards

### “Blue Jasmine”

**Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 5, 1 p.m. with subtitles**

After everything in her life falls to pieces, including her marriage to wealthy businessman Hal, elegant New York socialite Jasmine moves into her sister Ginger's modest apartment in San Francisco to try to pull herself back together again.

PG-13. 98 minutes.

Registration is highly recommended.

### “Dallas Buyers Club”

**Monday, March 17, 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 19, 1 p.m. with subtitles**

In 1985 Dallas, electrician and hustler Ron Woodruff works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he himself is diagnosed with the disease.

R. 177 minutes.

Registration is highly recommended and begins on March 10.

### Drop-In Tech Help

**Thursday, February 27, March 6, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Monday, March 10, 5-6 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

We're here to help with your tech questions whether you need help downloading e-books to your device, want to update your resume, or need assistance using your computer or the Internet. Help is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you need help downloading e-books please be sure to bring your Case Memorial Card and have your passwords ready (Amazon ID and password for Kindle; Apple ID and password for iPad and iPhone). Open to Orange residents only.

### Resume Workshop

**Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.**

Learn what defines a great resume, what details you should include, what the different types are, and how to use them to land the right job. Each attendee will receive a comprehensive resume manual to take home. Presented by Chuck Goorhigian of CT Job Works.

### Books & Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

**Tuesday, March 18, 10 a.m.**

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

### Rally Caps, Rain Delays, and Racing Sausages

**Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.**

Debut author Eric Kabakoff chronicles his quest to visit every major league baseball stadium and offers a look at team's relationship with their fans. Rally Caps, Rain Delays, and Racing Sausages was named one of the best indie books of 2013. Books will be available for signing.

### The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

**Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.**

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Dinner by Herman Koch. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

### Art in the Library

**March 3-28: Oils by William Meddick.**

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If you've ever been to one of the Library's semi-annual book sales you know our basement is holding a treasure trove of great books, movies, and music. But, you may not know that all of these materials come from the many generous people in our community who want to give their possessions a second life. Why not join their ranks and help support the library by donating your new and gently used books, CDs, and DVDs to the Friends of the Library's book sales? You'll free up some space in your home, get a donation receipt for your taxes, and feel good knowing that you've helped the Friends to support many of the great materials, programs, and services you enjoy at the Library. Donations are accepted any time the Library is open. Call the Library for a list of accepted materials.

## MORE OFFERINGS FROM CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### Movies on DVD

Breaking Bad: The Final Season  
Breaking Dawn  
Grown Ups 2  
The Lone Ranger  
Red 2  
R.I.P.D.  
Two Guns  
We're the Millers  
White House Down  
Wolverine

### Audiobooks

Baldacci, David – King & Maxwell  
Bradlee, Ben Jr. – The Kid: The Immortal Life of Ted Williams (Biography)  
Evanovich, Janet – Takedown Twenty  
Groom, Winston – The Aviators (387.7)  
Horan, Nancy – Under the Wide and Starry Sky  
Wiles, Deborah – Each Little Bird That Sings (j)  
Woods, Stuart – Standup Guy

### Music

Barnes, James – Danza Sinfonica  
The Beatles – Live at the BBC  
Childish Gambino – Because the Internet  
Clark, Brandy – 12 Stories  
Mahler, Gustav – Das Lied von der Erde  
Mendelssohn, Felix – String Quintets  
Mozart, W. A. – Piano Sonatas 10-12  
Streisand, Barbra – Back to Brooklyn  
Vampire Weekend – Modern Vampires of the City  
Van Ronk, Dave – Down in Washington Square  
Various Artists – The Lost Notebooks of Hank Williams

## FROM OUR READERS

“From Our Readers” continued from Page 6

problem than what Peck Place faced. Our schools have outlived their life expectancy. A lack of planning and investment, by the Town of Orange, has caused us to be where we are today. Orange must invest in its number one asset, its schools. It is why families choose to live here. Continuing to ignore this crucial need will only cost taxpayers with expensive repairs and relocations and lower property values. Orange has a history of great schools. It's time to live up to that history.

*Edward Thorndike*

### To the Editor

Thank you to Jim Zeoli and your staff for an outstanding evening on January 31 in honor of my retirement from the Orange Board of Selectmen. The bagpiper was one of many nice surprises and even the weather was co-operative. I wish to also thank so many wonderful friends who were in attendance, sent letters, called me and gave checks to the charities of my choice – The American Legion Post 127 in Orange and the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. The kindness and generosity of many was greatly appreciated.

*Joe Blake and Family*

### To the Editor

On behalf of the Orange Lions Club, we would like to thank everyone for your extremely generous contributions and donations to our wine tasting event. Having an assortment of local culinary creations in a fun, social, and relaxed atmosphere made for a wonderful evening for all that attended. The Orange Lions Club is delighted with the success of our wine tasting event and is thrilled to share that the money raised help to support local charities such as:

- Wounded Warrior Project;
- Fidelco Guide Dogs;
- CT Radio Information Services for the Blind;
- Amity High School Scholarship Program;
- Orange Senior Center; and
- Connecticut Lions Eye Research Center.

With the generous support of people like you, the Orange Lions Club will be able to help many of the individuals and families that rely on the services of the organizations listed above not only to meet their essential daily needs, but to work towards a brighter future. We also would like to thank the following Sponsors who helped to make this a wonderful event for our Town:

- Lion Pat McCorkle;
- Orange Town Newspaper;
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- Dr. Lawrence Messina (Lion);
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- Cohen & Wolf (Attn Vincent Marino);
- Colonial Properties;
- Lion Eve Overchuk;
- Baybrook Remodelers (Lion Ken Carney);
- Lion Arlene Consiglio - In memory of Milton Consiglio; and
- Ruotolo Mechanical, Inc. (Lion Ron Ruotolo).

We would also like to thank our food vendors, Andinis, Marcos Pizzeria, Scratch and Racebrook Wine & Liquor, plus many others who helped out with door prizes, raffles and donations.

For more information about the Orange Lions or to become a member, please call Laurie Bouve at 203-676-0179.

*Laurie Bouve*

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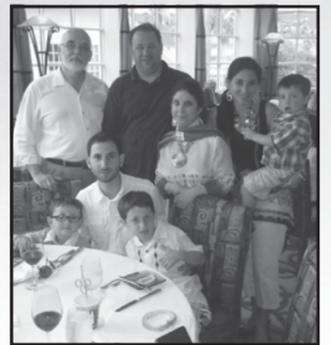
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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2014

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



Town Hall

3rd	Zoning Board of Appeals ..... 7:00 pm Country Fair Committee ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall HPCC
4th	Economic Development Commission 5:30 pm Town Plan & Zoning Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
5th	OVNA Board of Governors..... 8:30 am	Clark Bldg
6th	OGAT ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	Traffic Authority ..... 4:30 pm Board of Police Commissioners..... 4:30 pm Amity Board of Education ..... 6:30 pm Conservation Commission ..... 7:00 pm Orange Board of Education ..... 7:30 pm	Police Dept Police Dept Woodbridge HPCC Mary L. Tracy Bldg
11th	Inland Wetlands Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Board of Selectmen ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	WPCA..... 7:00 pm Community Services Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall HPCC
17th	Family Counseling Committee..... 9:00 am ODAAC ..... 7:00 pm Board of Health ..... 7:30 pm	HPCC Clark Bldg HPCC
18th	Town Plan & Zoning Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
19th	CERT ..... 7:00 pm Recycling Committee ..... 7:30 pm Board of Finance ..... 7:30 pm	HPCC HPCC Town Hall
20th	Senior Center Advisory Committee... 1:00 pm Case Memorial Library Commission . 7:30 pm	HPCC Case Mem. Library
24th	Youth Services..... 7:30 pm	HPCC
26th	Safety Commission ..... 9:00 am Park & Recreation Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
27th	Bond Construction Oversight Comm 7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	Emergency Management..... 8:00 am	Police Station

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



While I am not quite sure if I am tired of winter and the snow, I am starting to fantasize about spring. I am thinking about how green the lawns will be, the fresh smell in the air, and the plants and flowers blooming. I am also thinking about my two favorite sights in Orange.

In the spring, I love the ride down Ridge Road as there are so many different plants, flowers and trees with all sorts of bright summery colors that it always lifts my moods. My other favorite sight is Meetinghouse Lane between Ridge and Orange Center Roads. When I head up Meetinghouse at around 6:45

a.m., the sun is starting to peak through the leaves and creates the most beautiful dappled look that makes me think of a country lane and relaxing Sunday afternoons.

So, as you are looking out the window, I hope you too can think of spring and imagine how much nicer spring will be this year after such a cold, rough, snowy winter.

Now for the here and now. For the next month, the food bank is looking for donations of any kind of crackers and cookies as we are completely out of these items. Thanks.

## FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



### Youth Services/Anti Defamation League to Offer Parenting Program on Bullying

Orange Youth Services and The Anti-Defamation League - A World of Difference Institute are offering a Parenting session on Bullying at the High Plains Community Center on Tuesday, March 25th, from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the Center's Cafeteria. As part of an E-Parenting series funding provided by SDE Enhancement Grant, the program is entitled "What Do We Want for Our Children - What Parents Need to Know About Bullying- Strategies". Bullying is one of the most primary issues facing school children today. The program will cover both elementary and middle levels. There will also be a parent question and answer session to allow for personal strategies. The program will be filmed by OGAT. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

### Area Residents Need Snow Shoveling? Youth Services Job Bank Can Assist

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, clerical assistance and more. For further information, call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.



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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Exercise Pays Off

Have you noticed that your muscles seem to get weaker as you get older? It's thought that starting at age 40, we lose about 1 percent of muscle mass each year. Multiple studies have questioned whether that muscle loss is true aging or whether it's from disuse.

One particular study compared "master athletes" (recreational athletes who seriously exercised four to five times a week) who were 40 to 80 years old. Researchers measured leg strength, muscle mass and fat content of their muscles. They even took MRI scans of cross sections of the muscles of those at various ages who exercised versus those who didn't.

They discovered that the loss of muscle mass and strength was not due to aging alone. Senior athletes had almost as much leg muscle as the younger athletes. There was little fat in the muscles of senior athletes. There was little loss of strength.

Which means there's hope for the rest of us.

Here's my theory, after viewing the photos: We might not get back all the muscles and strength we had when we were very active and younger, but we can get back some of it, even if we've been sedentary for years. At the very least we can maintain what we have and avoid further loss of strength.

Here's what we get with regular exercise:

- Physical stability: Our core muscles and legs can hold us up, keeping us strong and agile. Without that strength, we're more likely to suffer from falls and broken bones.
- Calcium remains in our bones, which gives them strength.
- Self-confidence: When we can continue to do things for ourselves; we keep our independence.

Ask about classes at your local senior center. Even yoga or tai chi would be a good place to start.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com).

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Ida Julianelle celebrated her 104th birthday at a party at Orange Health and Rehabilitation Center, 225 Boston Post Road Orange, where she resides. Pictured left: Evelyn Ricci, youngest sister 94 yrs. old; Middle: Carole Hopson, daughter; Right: Ida Julianelle. She also has a son Robert Julianelle, 3 grandsons and 1 great grandson.

## THE ORANGE CHAMBER HOLDING "SPRING BACK TO HEALTH CRAWL"

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is holding a "Spring Back to Health Crawl" on Saturday, April 5, from 10am to 4pm. The public is invited to take part in this free event, which features 8 local businesses showcasing different health/wellness demonstrations. Participants can stop at each business and get their "passport" stamped. Anyone who goes to all 8 locations will be entered to win one of 8 prizes donated by each business.

"The Chamber is very excited about this event," said Dr. David Durso, Co-Chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee. "It's a chance to get the public involved and for businesses to spread awareness about health and wellness."

The businesses participating are: Advanced Spine and Sport, Aleez Salon and Spa, Anytime Fitness, Chefs Equipment Emporium, Hawley Lane Shoes, Orange Music School, and Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Center and Raymour & Flannigan Furniture. Passports can be picked up the day of event at any of the participating businesses.

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## THE KITCHEN DIVA

By Angela Shelf Medearis

### Roast Up a Feast of Flavors

Roasting meats and vegetables is one of the oldest cooking techniques in human history. The earliest form of cooking was probably the direct heat method -- placing raw meat into an open fire. Roasting via indirect heat was probably an accident. Raw meat was left near the fire, cooking the side closest to the heat. Eventually, somebody thought of putting the meat on a stick, and turning it so that all of the sides cooked evenly -- and spit-roasting was born.

The earliest ovens were made of earth and clay and were found in Central Europe. An earth oven is one of the key indicators of human civilization. It is one of the most common artifacts archaeologists look for at an anthropological dig.

Typically, a pit was dug into the ground and then heated, usually by rocks or smoldering debris. The food was wrapped in leaves and set on top of the heat source, then covered with earth. Cooking times are usually long, as the food is cooked by slow roasting. This type of earth oven has been used by many cultures.



In pre-dynastic Egypt, each mud-brick house had an oven. The ceramic oven is built of clay or another ceramic material, and takes different forms depending on the culture. It is one of the earliest forms of our modern ovens. In India, it is referred to as a "tandoor." Ovens were used to cook food and to make bricks. Brick is another ceramic material and was used to make ovens popular in Italy. With no need for spits or constantly turning the food over a fire, oven roasting was born.

High-heat roasting concentrates the flavor of meats and vegetables and brings out their natural sweetness. Best of all, it can be done year-round -- on the grill in good weather and in the oven during cold weather.

There's no comparison between roasted and steamed vegetables. Roasted veggies have browning, caramelization and crisp edges and texture, which adds to their flavor. Roasted vegetables also add wonderful flavors to dishes without a lot of fat and calories. Roasting garlic, potatoes and carrots can work wonders as fat substitutes in recipes for mashed vegetables, sauces, cream soups and casseroles. You can spread six cloves of roasted garlic over a slice of bread as you would butter.

This recipe for Oven Roasted Vegetable Hash is the perfect way to roast up a feast of flavors using your favorite seasonal vegetables!

#### OVEN ROASTED VEGETABLE HASH

You can prepare all the vegetables up to 4 hours ahead, except the onions, which will become bitter. Don't overcrowd the pan or the food will steam, not roast.

- 3 to 3-1/2 pounds root vegetables, in any combination\*
- 2 cups broccoli or cauliflower florets
- 2 medium yellow onions, peeled
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, rendered bacon or pancetta fat or brown butter, or a mixture of the oils
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon honey or sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 4 ounces aged goat cheese

1. Preheat oven to 450 F.

2. Peel the root vegetables. Cut celery root into 1-inch-thick slices, then cut each slice into 1/4- to 1/3-inch thick strips; cut crosswise to make 1/4- to 1/3-inch dice. If any of the other vegetables are thicker than 1-1/2 inches in diameter, cut them lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into 1/4- to 1/3-inch-thick slices. Cut the onions into eighths through the root ends, leaving the wedges intact.

3. Line a heavy-rimmed baking pan with foil or parchment paper. Place the oil into a large bowl. Mix the oil with the poultry seasoning, pepper, sugar and 1/2 tablespoon of the salt. Place the onions into the oil and toss to coat. Lay the onion wedges cut-side down in one corner of the pan.

4. Place the rest of the vegetables into the bowl and mix with remaining oil until well-coated. Scatter the root vegetables over the rest of the pan. Sprinkle the vegetables with the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of the salt.

5. Roast, turning the vegetables every 15 minutes or so with a spatula, until tender and golden, about 45 minutes. The cooked hash can be stored, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. Warm in a nonstick skillet over moderate heat before serving.

To Prep Ahead: Mix the vegetables with the seasoned oil, and cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap. Set aside at room temperature. Proceed with the instructions for roasting the vegetables. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

\*Root vegetables include parsnips, carrots, celery root, parsley root, turnips, white or sweet potatoes, acorn or butternut squash, Brussels sprouts, asparagus, green beans and garlic.

(Additional information provided by Elaine Magee, MPH, RD, [www.WebMD.com](http://www.WebMD.com))

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# SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



For information or reservations on the following events call the center at (203) 891-4784.

## Last Call for Living Treasure Nominations!

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 7, 2014 for the 2014 Living Treasure Awards. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 9, 2014. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age. As a volunteer, they must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office.

## Lunch & Learn is now LUNCH & FUN!

A special Friday Lunch & Fun, on March 14, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Rita's African Show, with Rita Wagener. Rita is a native of Uganda and will share her customs, culture, and beliefs of her people. Rita's show takes you through fashions and dances of Africa. At the end of the show, you feel like you have traveled to Africa, without even being on a plane! You don't need a passport to go on this journey with Rita and her audience! Rita involves the audience by inviting them to participate in modeling and dancing. It's a great time for everyone! Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the Center to let us know you will be attending.

## Calling All Singers! Come join the all new Senior Chorus

The recent survey that went out in November came back with many people requesting a Senior Center Chorus or Choir. Well your wish has come true! Tamari Witkin Marcus will conduct the Orange Senior Center Chorus. Ms. Witkin Marcus has a Masters in Music: Composition and Piano Performance from Indiana University. She will instruct our chorus on Fridays from 1 – 2:45pm beginning March 14, 2014. The weeks in March will be used to audition those interested in participating. The spirit of the chorus will be to allow everyone to join and participate. Auditions are for identifying skill level or "placement" purposes. The official start date is April 4, will run 10 weeks until June 13. Cost of the class is \$60.

## Money Management Club

A hot new group, Money Management has been meeting bi-weekly. The next meetings are March 14 & 28, from 9:00am to 10:00am. The group is intended as a means to share and discuss basic financial planning experiences and perhaps review some investment vehicles of interest. No sales professionals are involved. This group is intended for entertainment purposes only.

## St. Patrick's Day Cabaret

Join us on Monday, March 17, for a FREE St. Patrick's Day Cabaret from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Tom Hooker Hanford returns to lead us in Irish Pub songs. Coffee and dessert will be available. Seats are limited to the first 80 so call the center to reserve a seat!

## Vitas Veteran's Coffee Hour

March 20 noon – 1:00pm, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care will present a Veteran Coffee Hour. Wayne Rioux is a U.S. Army Vietnam Era Veteran who served from 1973 to 1975. He engages Veterans in conversation about their military service experiences, assignments, their likes and dislikes about the military. He will provide information and paperwork on the CT Veterans Wartime Service Medal veterans are entitled to and distribute application forms for the Honor Flight. He will also discuss benefits available at the very end of life. Veterans and family are members.

## Teen Tech Talk

Tuesday, March 11th -4 pm Rabbi Wainhaus and the Congregation Or Shalom Amity High School Teens will offer personalized help with iPhone, iPad, and laptop computers in the Senior Lounge.

## iClub

The i-club will be meeting the third Thursday of the month—March 20, 11:30am in the Senior Lounge. The club meets to discuss the wonderful apps found, answer questions, and share experience using i-phones, i-pads, and laptops.

## Blood Pressure & Hypertension Screenings

Griffin Hospital Outreach and Valley Parish Nurse Mobile Van will be at the HPCC the first Tuesday of the month, March 4, 10:00 – 11:00 for blood pressure screenings. The OVNA offers screenings at 605A Orange Center Rd Thursday, March 20, 1:00 – 2:00 pm.

## Bereavement Group

Coping with the loss of a loved one has no set time frame. There are moments when we seem to be managing just fine and then there are moments when we continue to struggle. Holiday, lifecycle events, and everyday living can at times feel overwhelming. Please come join us as we support one another in a shared loss. Laughter and tears are both welcome. Jan Cowles, facilitator, is the Bereavement Coordinator for Constellation Hospice here in Orange. The group meets bi-weekly, March 4, and March 18 from 10—11:30am room 2 at the Senior Center. Call Jan to let her know you are coming at 203-497-3888.

## Senior Lunch Program

The senior lunch program runs Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A nutritious lunch is served meeting the daily allowance guidelines set forth by a licensed nutritionist. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60 years and over. People under 60 years of age will need to pay the full price of \$5.60 a meal. Call Ellen in the kitchen by noon the day before to register (203) 891-4765.

## Trips

**RAGTIME at the WESTCHESTER THEATER**—Thursday, March 13, 2014. E.L. Doctorow's novel comes vividly to life in this Tony Award-winning musical set against the backdrop of the ragtime craze in New York City and New Rochelle. This award winning musical intertwines the stories of three families as they confront timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in turn of the century America. Cost \$99pp. Trip includes transportation, lunch, driver's gratuity, admission to the show. Full payment is due at registration.

**St. Patrick's Day trip—DUBLIN CITY RAMBLERS @ FOXWOODS**—Wednesday, March 19, 2014. See Ireland's #1 Ballads/Folk group of the year on a limited engagement US Tour. Cost \$64. Includes transportation, Foxwoods Bonus Package, Buffet Lunch, driver's gratuity, reserved seating. Full payment due at registration.

**BROADWAY**—Motown the Musical or Kinky Boots (You Choose the Show) - April 2. Lunch at Carmine's in New York, family style with platters of Rigatoni & Broccoli and Chicken Parmigiana. Choose between either Motown the Musical—the real story of the one-of-a-kind sound that hit the airwaves and changed our culture forever. Featuring all the hit classics you love! Or you can choose to see Kinky Boots—which features a richly diverse musical score from Grammy Award-winning Cyndi Lauper. Boots won six 2013 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Choreography. Cost for Motown: \$223 pp and cost for Kinky Boots is \$203 pp. Trip Includes transportation, lunch, admissions, & driver gratuities. Full payment is due with reservation. Now accepting registrations.

**THE POMPEII EXHIBIT** - April 12-13, 2014 (2 days & 1 night). Trip includes a guided tour of Philadelphia with a local historian in colonial dress. See the popular murals of the city. Stay at the Crowne Plaza of Wilmington North. Visit the famous Franklin Institute and experience one of the most famous volcanic eruptions of all time. Includes transportation, hotel, wine & cheese reception, Dinner & Show at the hotel, guided tour, breakfast, admission to Pompeii exhibit, baggage handling, taxes, and driver & escort gratuities. Cost is \$307pp, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available.

**THE RIDE**—Monday April 21, 2014. Start off with a stop at Eataly, a 50,000 square foot space which features multiple restaurants, a microbrewery, pizzeria, year-round rooftop beer garden and more. Lunch is on your own. In the afternoon, combining entertainment and tourism, The Ride drives through NYC. Stop and see performances in front of such sights as Grand Central Station, 42nd Street, Central Park, and more. Cost \$110. Trip includes transportation, driver's gratuity, and admission to The Ride. Full payment is due at registration.



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# HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



## You Ain't Seen Nothin'...



Bradley Avenue Railroad Crossing (looking west).



Dogwood Road Railroad Crossing (looking north).



Orange's First Plow Andrew Hine 1920.

It was just about 130 years ago when folks around Orange were to experience two of the most horrific weather systems as could be tolerated by a small, New England town. On May 29, 1884 there was such a heavy frost that it killed every growing thing...all the fruit, vegetables and flowers for miles around. For years after, it was referred to as "the great freeze"...well that's one way to remember it anyway. It wasn't until 1888 that Orange was to find itself in the middle of what was to become the most famous blizzard of all time...the Blizzard of 1888.

If the Metro North passengers think they have it bad, just imagine a three-car freight and passenger train starting from Derby on Monday morning at 7:00 A.M. bound for New Haven, being marooned on the train for

nearly four days as it made its way through Platt Valley. In what was to become the storm to end all storms, 13 passengers were stuck on the New Haven & Derby Line with the snowdrifts covering the tracks. Platt Valley was the area south of where Lambert Road and Porter Lane intersect with the train having traveled southeast behind #111 Porter Lane, crossing Lambert toward Bradley Road (Racebrook Road). A Mr. Platt owned property on the east side of Lambert Road, thus the name. Scobie postcards from 1909, in that part of town, are labeled Lover's Lane. By Tuesday afternoon, the group had climbed through the drifts to the nearest farmhouse and as luck would have it, the freight that was being carried consisted of six hundred pies, five gallons of oysters and three hundred pounds of pork, bacon and sausages.



Platt Valley (also known as "Lover's Lane").

Of the 13, six remained at the house while the others returned to the train. By Wednesday, the brakeman and five other men managed to make their way to New Haven and on Thursday, a rescue party came to take away the rest of the weary travelers. It took 100 men, four days to open a path from Tyler City to New Haven so that milk could be delivered there. The openings were only wide enough to accommodate a sleigh or farm-sled. No doubt Edward Russell's creamery, located in the lower level at the only factory at Tyler City, was glad to have the roadway cleared.

The snow had begun on Sunday afternoon, March 12 and continued for three days and three nights. The District Schools did not open but a few of the more hardy girls and boys went to high school held at The Academy

on the Green. By noon, the children could not reach their homes but stopped to spend the night with some neighbors who lived near the Green. Just imagine the fright of the parents without any modern communication to ascertain the whereabouts of their children.

Nearly a month later, on April 7, Charlotte Woodruff, wife of Jeremiah Woodruff died at the age of 78 with the diagnosis of apoplexy. It took a group of men two days to widen Turkey Hill Road to allow for a hearse and funeral carriages to get to the center of town after her death. Looking at an 1868 map of Orange, it would appear that Mrs. Woodruff's home was quite a distance from Turkey Hill Road as a J. Woodruff and a J.W. appear very near the railroad tracks that crossed Derby Milford Road. Some traces of snow, in town, were still evident in May and it was many weeks that runners were used on the "bus" that took the high school students to the Academy on the Green.

Another storm which took the attention of the residents of Orange was in 1934 around the 22nd of February when it looked like history was going to repeat itself with a snow storm that was headed for day number 3 but stopped after two, leaving some very high drifts but nothing compared to the Blizzard of '88. In Mary Woodruff's History of Orange she writes, "The present system of snow plows, constantly keeping the main roads open, helped people to get around more readily."

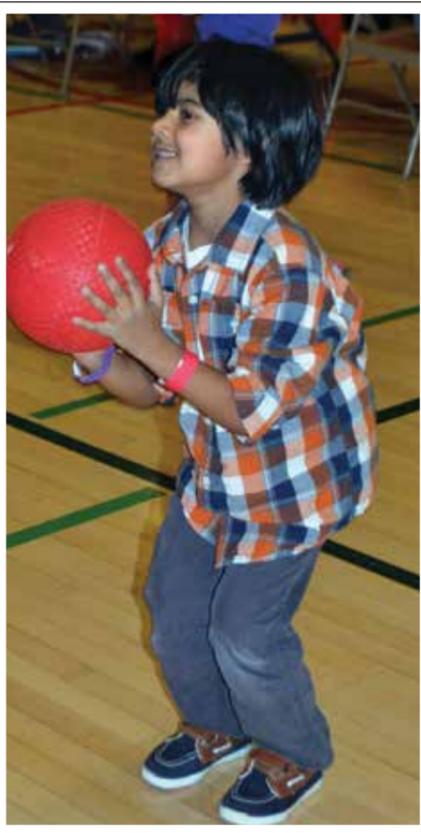


Snow Storm (1934)

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Peck Place School held their Father/Daughter dance on Friday, February 7th. The group of dads and daughters gathered beforehand at the Bear N Grill Restaurant.



Pictured are two students playing a couple of the many games offered that day.

## VALENTINE'S CHILDREN'S FAIR AT MLT

Mary L. Tracy recently held its annual Valentine's Children's Fair, which was sponsored by the school's PTO. This fair is the schools largest fundraiser. All proceeds go directly to the PTO to help support programs and field trips for the students throughout the school year. The fair consisted of a silent auction, class raffle baskets, games, crafts, manicures, face painting, a cake walk, and cupcake decorating. Thank you to all of the volunteers as well as the fair committee who made this event a success!



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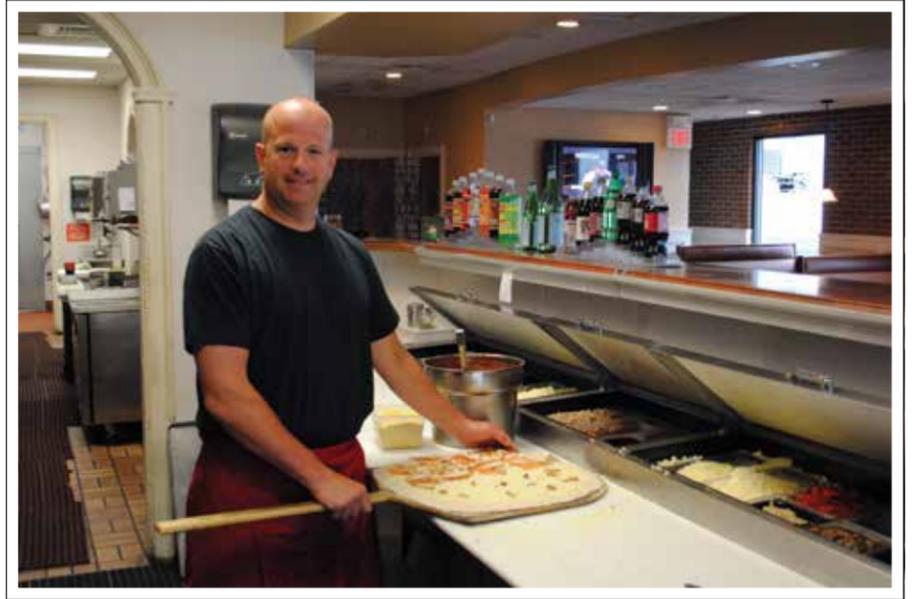
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# Reno's

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## HEART OF GOLD

By Linda Meneo

If you have lived in Orange over the past 8 years or so, you probably participated or heard about the huge fundraiser Reno's Pizza held at its original location in 2007. The event was to raise funds for a new playground at Peck Place School. The former principal, Mr. DeCant was playing the guitar, kids were singing, teachers and staff were serving- it was so much fun!

Dave Kennedy, the owner of the Reneo's Pizzeria and his wife Stephanie did not stop there. Year after year they give back to our Town. In 2010, when Reno's Pizzeria was moving to 500 Boston Post Rd. at Hawley Lane Plaza, parents and Orange residents couldn't wait for Reno's to re-open. The Kennedys posted status updates every few days on their Facebook page, the progress being cheered by their supporters. Although their new place is smaller they keep on giving. To say the Kennedys are good to their community would be an understatement. The friendliness of their staff shows that there is a lot of good going on within the business as well.

Reno's Pizzeria's slogan states "We Live Here, We Work Here, We Go To School Here! I have heard many times during various meetings "let's ask Reno's for donations," or "Reno's is good with giving," or "why don't we do a Reno's Gift Cards Fundraiser." Reno's Pizzeria supports not only elementary or middle schools but also organizations - long-time supporters of softball and baseball events and teams, i.e. CT Crushers Baseball Team. Time after time Committee Chairs come to the Kennedys for help and they are never denied.

I felt compelled to write this article of recognition after it was announced that Reno's will be giving FREE pizza for the entire Peck Place School at its Yale West location. BOE and school officials offer a limited lunch to students, since there is no cafeteria to make hot lunches; they are doing everything they can to make lunch attractive. Out of the goodness of their hearts Reno's once again steps up for the Town of Orange- this simply is icing on the cake! This is Community Service at its best; it just does not get any better!

Personally, and on the behalf of many parents and organizations we all thank you for everything you do. Dave and Stephanie Kennedy are what make the Town of Orange great. You are the STAR family and exemplary business of our community with a Heart of Gold.

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Seven year old Evelyn Alfaro is donating 11" of her hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. She is a 2nd grader at Peck Place School.

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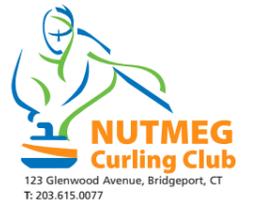
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Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current school transcript to: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2014. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbyPolly@yahoo.com: Subject: Scholarship.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Orange Scholarship Fund applications are now available at Case Memorial Library. Consideration is open to any Orange resident who is a senior in any of the local high schools, public and private, and plans to continue his or her academic career. Scholarships are based on need, academic record, and service to the community. Applications must be in by April 15, and only those that are complete at that time will be considered. Awards are made in June for the following academic year.

## ORANGE DRUG ALCOHOL ACTION COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENT

The Orange Drug Alcohol Action Committee (ODAAC), which serves all of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge as a community-wide resource for prevention and health, invites you to SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, March 20, 1014 for a community-wide discussion of important issues on creating and sustaining a healthy community. Parents, educators, government leaders, clergy and concerned citizens are welcome to share your thoughts with us as we look for ways to keep our community safe and healthy.

Spend a morning with others from our community examining ways that we can address these four key components of healthy living - healthy relationships, health acceptance, healthy behaviors, and healthy lifestyles.

Bring an open mind, an appetite for brainstorming, and a friend or colleague who will benefit from the experience!

When: Thursday, March 20, 2014, 8:30 am -11:30 am

Where: Grassy Hill Country Club, 441 Clark Lane, Orange, CT

Breakfast to be provided.

Please RSVP to Joan Kreiger, Coordinator Orange Drug Alcohol Action Committee (ODAAC) at jkreiger@orange-ct.gov or (203)215-9780.

## NETWORK OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The Network of Executive Women's monthly luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 12:00 Noon at Aldario's Restaurant, 240 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford.

How would you respond to ten questions on leadership, women and career? Come join the discussion. The Network of Executive Women provides a platform for business and executive women to share ideas, promote one another's endeavors and accomplishments, and to support goals of individual members. Join us for networking opportunities. To register, visit: <http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.org/Luncheons.html>. Cost of luncheon is \$17 for members, \$22 for guests, and \$5 for anyone who attends only.



The Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded a \$2,000.00 Grant to the Amity Teen Center to support the Teens Making a Difference Program. This program allows our teens to give back to their community with various projects.

Pictured are Jen Romanoff, Amity Teen Center's Executive Director; Linda Cohen, Treasurer; Jane Opper, President; Damaris Garcia, The manager of Liberty Bank's New Haven and Woodbridge Offices and George Thompson, Assistant Manager of the Woodbridge Branch of Liberty Bank.



Pictured (L-R): Bruce H Carlson, Rick Bourdeau, Michael Yuan, Lewis Meritt, Andrew Su, Liam Williams, James White, Center: Eeman Abbasi.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION HS ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Post 127 Orange held its Oratorical Contest at Amity High School on January 24th with Legionnaire James White officiating. The top four contestants, out of thirteen, were then presented to a panel of judges. The winners chosen were:

- First Place: Eeman Abbasi
- Second Place: Michael Yuan;
- Third Place: Andrew Su; and
- Fourth Place: Liam Williams.

All participants did an outstanding job of presenting an eight to ten minute speech focused on "The citizens' responsibilities within the Constitution of The United States".

The first place winner, Eeman Abbasi, then competed on February 1st at District 2 of the American Legion and won First Place. She will now go on to the State Finals to be held in Hartford on March 1st.

The Awards Ceremony for the Oratorical Competition was held at Post 127, Grassy Hill Road, on February 5th. All of the winners received an award; Eeman also received her District Award and a Citation from the 2nd District Oratorical Chair, Mr. Bruce H. Carlson.

## ORANGE ALE HOUSE & GRILLE HOSTS "BUSINESS AFTER HOURS"

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 - The Orange Ale House & Grill will host "Business After Hours", presented jointly by the Milford and Orange Chambers of Commerce, on Wednesday, March 26th from 5-7pm. The Orange Ale House is located at 517 Boston Post Road, Orange. The event includes door prizes, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and expanded business networking with two Chambers of Commerce participating. Price is \$14 advance, \$20 at door, \$25 for prospective members. To register, please call 203-878-0681 or email [chamber@milfordct.com](mailto:chamber@milfordct.com). Advance registration is requested.

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One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student pursuing a course of study in agriculture, home economics or a related field during the next school year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student pursuing a course of study in any field during the next school year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student to be chosen at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

All applications must be received and returned to the fair secretary by May 15th. Please mail to:

Marianne Bauer, Secretary - Orange Country Fair  
1041 Beechlawn Terrace  
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**ORANGE GOP TOWN COMMITTEE  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

The Orange Republican Town Committee is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 17th at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Avenue, West Haven at 6:30 pm. It will be a complete Irish Dinner with Corned Beef and Cabbage and all that goes with it. Tickets are \$37.00 pp. and reservations must be made in advance by March 8th. Checks should be made out to ORTC and mailed to 177 Old Tavern Road, Orange CT 06477.

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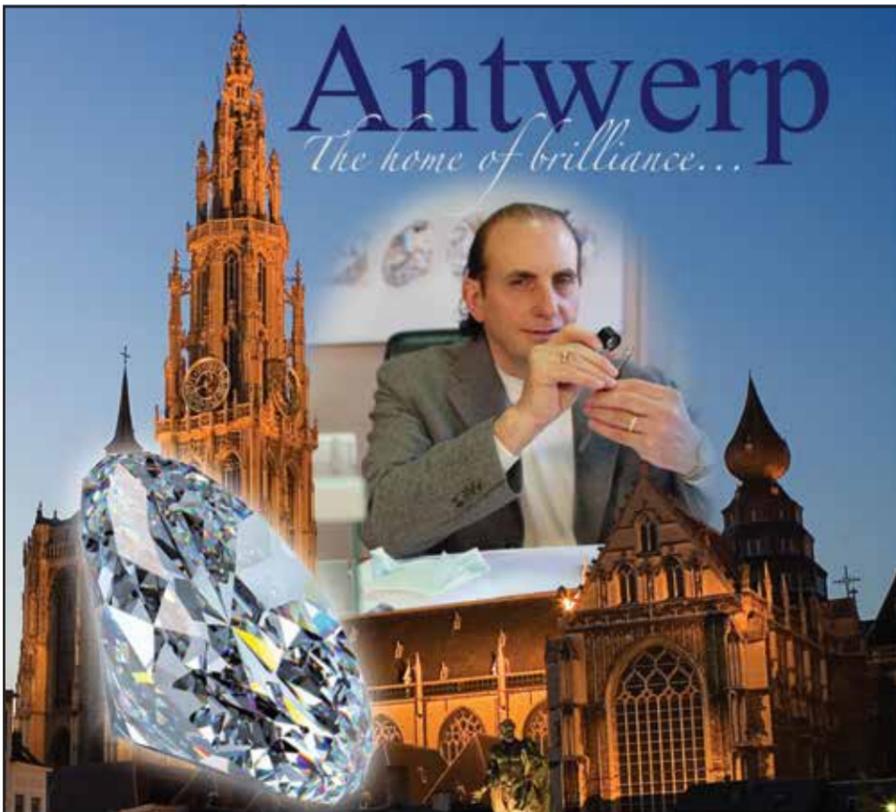
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The Turkey Hill School Student Council held a donation drive for items for the Yale Children's Hospital. Yale has a great group of Child Life Specialists who are child development experts that work to ensure that life remains as normal as possible for children in health care settings. They promote effective coping through play, self-expression activities, and age-appropriate medical preparation and education. They offer opportunities for play and expressive activities, to encourage normal development and a sense of FUN in spite of challenging circumstances. This is a wonderful program, and Turkey Hill School was happy to stock the supplies that are used at Yale Children's Hospital to keep these pediatric patients busy and happy. Two of Turkey Hill's student council representatives dropped off 3 carts filled with games, DVDs, crafts, game systems, books, and many other items to Erica Bailey, one of the Child Life Specialists at Yale Children's Hospital. She was very grateful for the wonderful donation!



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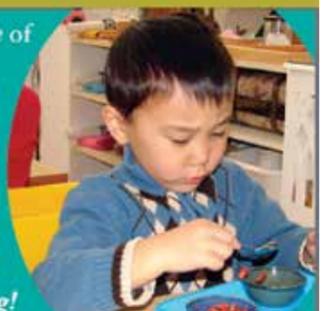
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**Q:** I am devastated by the recent death of **Philip Seymour Hoffman**. Do you know what will become of **"Mockingjay"**? -- Jessica W., via email

**A:** Philip Seymour Hoffman, who passed away last month at the age of 46, had finished **"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -- Part 1"** (which is set for release this November), and had one scene left to film for **"Mockingjay -- Part 2"** (to be released November 2015). That scene, however, was an emotional and pivotal scene, and as of this writing, it hasn't been revealed how the filmmakers plan to work around that. A Lionsgate executive told **"The Hollywood Reporter"**: "We're all extraordinarily sad. ... Obviously, we're going to have a couple of work-around issues, but the movie will be creatively whole. His performances in both [remaining] movies will be up to the best of his craft. We feel it will be a good tribute to him."

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**Q:** It's good to see **Jennifer Lopez** back in the saddle as a judge on **"American Idol,"** but I miss seeing her on the big screen. Does she have any plans for a film in the near future? -- Gigi R., Chicago

**A:** Jennifer Lopez and **Viola Davis** (**"The Help"**) are set to co-star together in the film **"Lila and Eve."** It tells the story of a grief-stricken mother (Viola) who, in the aftermath of her son's murder, attends a support group where she meets Eve (Jennifer), who has lost her daughter. When Lila hits numerous roadblocks from the police in bringing justice for her son's slaying, Eve urges Lila to take matters into her own hands to track down her son's killers. The film is scheduled for a late 2014/early 2015 release date, and is expected hit the

festival circuit before opening to wider audiences.

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**Q:** Please tell me what happened to the miniseries **"The Assets."** It was really good, and I would like to see all of it. -- Marcia H., via email

**A:** Due to dismal ratings, ABC pulled the eight-part drama after airing only two episodes. At the recent Television Critics Association press tour, ABC Entertainment Group president **Paul Lee** said that he was proud of the show, even if its ratings weren't what they were hoping for. He said the remaining six episodes of "The Assets" would be made available at some point in the future -- either on ABC or ABC.com -- but no specific time frame was given.

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**Q:** I haven't seen **Samantha Brown** on TV in a very long time. Will I see her again soon? -- John L., Leesburg, Fla.

**A:** Next up for Samantha is co-hosting the Travel Channel's **"The Trip: 2014"** -- which also features **Adam Richman, Don Wildman** and **Anthony Melchiorri** -- as they explore the ultimate insider experiences in Spain and Morocco. This television special is also a sweepstakes: Go to [travelchannel.com](http://travelchannel.com) by March 24, and enter for your chance to win this \$100,000 dream vacation.

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On Friday, January 31st, Fifth Grade students at Turkey Hill School participated in Colonial Day. Students were able to dress up as colonial children as they experienced a simulated day in the life of a colonist. The fifth grade students rotated between three classrooms where they were able to participate in many different stations, run by parent volunteers. Stations included such activities as baking their own corn bread, making their own hornbooks, as well as marble games. A boy in Miss Fiore's class exclaimed, "I really loved the baking the best, because we all got to learn what they use to make and eat." Another Fifth Grader from Mrs. Roy's class is quoted as saying, "It was fun to see some of the games that colonial children played. I really like Cat's Cradle, and didn't realize it could be played for so long." Prior to this activity, students studied aspects of colonial life and jobs, as well as the economy and geography of the original 13 colonies. "It was interesting to see how different kids played games back then. They didn't have Xbox like we do! They played games like Nine Men's Morris. I found it surprising how fun the game was!" exclaimed a student from Miss Cohen's class.



Students from Amity Middle School in Orange recently made Valentine cards for the residents at Maplewood Assisted Living, also in Orange. The students are 7th graders on Team X. The Valentine cards include acrostic poems composed by the students. This yearly tradition is their way of showing their appreciation for the cherished members of our community.

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**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.

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**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 except for January, July & August, 7pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email [Orangerecycles@gmail.com](mailto:Orangerecycles@gmail.com).

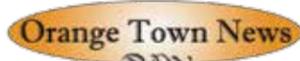
**Blood Pressure Clinic** presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange (formerly Laurel Estates), 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

**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.orangectrotary.org](http://www.orangectrotary.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.

**Milford Chamber Of Commerce's "Good Morning Milford"** Seminar And Round Table Discussion,. "Making the Most of Your Marketing Investment" presented by Robert Kademian, Chief Marketing Officer, ROI Marketing of New England, LLC Friday, February 28, 2014, 8:30am-9:30am, Milford Chamber of Commerce, 5 Broad Street, Milford, no charge for this event. RSVP is required by emailing [chamber@milfordct.com](mailto:chamber@milfordct.com) or calling 203-878-0681.

**Saint Ann Church Health and Wellness Fair**, for people of all ages between 10:00am- 1:00pm, Saturday, March 29, 2014, Parish Center, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. Participants include the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter; American Liver Foundation, CT Chapter, American Parkinson Disease Association, CT Chapter; Bridges, A Community Support System; Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers; Connecticut Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped; Connecticut Office of Tourism; Corazon Family Fitness (ongoing ZUMBA demos for adults and children); Costco, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation; Donate Life CT, Energize Connecticut; Griffin Hospital Mobile Health Resource Van (osteoporosis screening, breast wellness, and medication management); Milford Health Department (Putting on AIRS Asthma Program); Milford Human Services, Milford Senior Center; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Safe Kids CT (car seat safety); Shop Rite (nutritionist); South Central Area Agency on Aging; St. Ann Parish Nurses (blood pressure screenings); St. Luke's Elder Care Services (Gatekeeper Program); St. Vincent's Health Services Cardiology (blood sugar screenings - fasting recommended); Walgreen's Pharmacy (pharmacist); and Yale New Haven Hospital Lifeline Medical Alert as well as several speakers on health and safety-related topics and an indoor obstacle course of children. This program is free of charge and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Maria Tomasetti, [atomasetti@snet.net](mailto:atomasetti@snet.net) or 203-988-8598.



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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Education Benefits: New Tool for Vets

Whether you're a veteran or a family member using GI Bill benefits or the DoD Military Tuition Assistance Program, if things go wrong, it's hard to know where to turn. The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a new complaint system online, in partnership with the Departments of Defense, Education and Justice, as well as the Federal Trade Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau -- big guns all of them.

This reporting system will help in three ways: Veterans can report negative experiences with a school; the government can identify unfair or misleading practices; quality academic support will be available.

The range of complaint topics is broad and includes problems with credit transfers, changes in degree requirements and unfair recruiting practices, all covered by the Principles of Excellence that schools must follow if they receive government money for veterans programs.

The reporting program can be reached on the GI Bill and DoD websites. Once a complaint is received, the agencies will contact the school and work at a resolution. Go to [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/) and click on GI Bill Feedback System. For DoD, go to [www.militaryonesource.mil/](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/) and put "school complaints" in the search box to reach the Postsecondary Education Complaint System.

At the same time, the VA has opened up the GI Bill Comparison Tool. This is quite a site, even though it's in Beta testing (still being tried out). In one place you can explore your career, compare schools, choose a school, apply for benefits and more. Just by answering a few questions, you can get an estimate of your benefits and information about the school's value (how much you'll earn in your career).

For the comparison tool, go online to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> and click on GI Bill Comparison Tool. If you don't know exactly the direction you want to take, start with the CareerScope assessment tool.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to [columnreply2@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply2@gmail.com).



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## HEALTH AND FITNESS



*Exercising after 50 is a great way for men and women to improve their energy levels and manage many existing medical conditions.*

### ADDRESSING COMMON CONCERNS ABOUT EXERCISE AFTER 50

Exercise is an essential element of a healthy lifestyle. Including exercise in your daily routine can lower your risk for diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and exercise can even sharpen mental acuity, reduce anxiety and improve mood. But as beneficial as exercise can be, many men and women, particularly men and women over the age of 50, who have not laced up their sneakers in years are hesitant to begin an exercise regimen for a variety of reasons, potentially putting their long-term health at risk.

Regardless of a person's age, beginning a new exercise regimen can be intimidating. But it's especially so for men and women over the age of 50, who might not know where to begin or how to approach adopting a healthier lifestyle. According to the National Institute on Aging, the following are a few points men and women should know as they attempt to improve their physical fitness with a more active lifestyle.

Exercise is safe even if you have not been physically active in a long time. Many older men and women worry that suddenly embracing physical fitness after years of inactivity may be detrimental to their health. But that's only true if men and women don't exercise caution at the outset of their routines. When beginning the routine, take things very slowly at first, choosing to walk or bike every day rather than hitting the treadmill and adjusting it to maximum resistance. When strength training, start off with very little weight so your muscles can grow acclimated to the motions and you can get the exercises down pat. As you grow more comfortable and your body starts to feel more up to the challenges of daily exercise, you can begin to gradually alter your cardiovascular and strength training workouts to make them more challenging.

Exercise can make existing medical conditions more manageable. Men and women over the age of 50 who have preexisting medical conditions are likely to find that exercise alleviates rather than exacerbates their physical problems. The NIA notes that studies have shown that regular exercise and physical activity can benefit people with arthritis, high blood pressure and heart disease. But it's still recommended that men and women with preexisting medical conditions consult with their physicians before making any lifestyle changes. Some conditions may affect a person's ability to be active, and it's best to get the go-ahead from a physician before beginning an exercise regimen. Doctors may even suggest certain activities that have been known to alleviate particular conditions.

Exercise reduces fatigue, so sitting around to preserve strength is not effective. Exercise improves strength and energy levels, so sitting on the sideline to preserve your strength is counterproductive and could lead to serious medical problems. The "Report on Physical Activity and Health" from the U.S. Surgeon General's office noted that men and women who are inactive are almost twice as likely to develop heart disease as those who are more active. While getting adequate rest and giving your body ample time to recover from physical activity is essential, your body won't benefit by avoiding exercise to preserve your strength. However, even moderate physical activity performed on a regular basis can reduce fatigue.

No one is too old to exercise. It's not uncommon for men and women in their golden years to think they are too old to exercise. Some may feel that their toned down workouts cannot possibly be making much of an impact thanks to the physical limitations old age has put on their bodies, while others may think it's unwise for someone in their 70s or 80s to be physically active. But no one is too old to exercise, as exercise helps the body stay strong and fit even when you can no longer max out on the bench press or squat hundreds of pounds. Scaling back your exercise routine will be necessary as you get older, but that does not mean you cannot still enjoy and benefit from physical activity.

Continuing to exercise as you age is a great way to improve your quality of life and stay as active as possible well into your golden years.

## LOCAL BUSINESS

### NANCY ANDERSEN JOINS WARECK D'OSTILIO REAL ESTATE

John Wareck and Frank D'Ostilio, Jr., partners of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate take great pride in welcoming Nancy Andersen to the company. Nancy is a native of Milford, CT and a lifetime resident of the area. A graduate of Milford High School, she received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Connecticut College and earned her MBA from Providence College.

Nancy began her career in the financial services sector at Putnam and Fidelity Investments in Boston. She later moved back to the area and became an AMS certified Montessori teacher. Nancy enjoyed many years working with families as a teacher at The Children's House of Montessori in Woodbridge, CT.



*Nancy Andersen*

Self-motivated and energetic, Nancy possesses a natural ability to develop strong communication with her clients. Nancy brings honesty, dedication, exemplary organizational skills and a likeable manner that will help you sell or purchase your home.

An avid swimmer, Nancy recently took up golf and is patiently waiting for warmer weather to improve her game. She loves to cook, spend spare time with family and friends and take long walks with her dog. Contact her at 203-701-4848.

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is a full service residential & commercial brokerage firm offering complete buying, selling, and rental services.

### WARECK ELECTED CHAIRMAN, COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS

John Wareck, partner and broker of Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio was recently appointed to the Chairman's position of the Commercial Investment Division of the New Haven Board of Realtors. John Wareck has worked in the commercial real estate industry for almost two decades.

In 2005, he was awarded Business New Haven's Rising Star award for his work on the Johnson Simons downtown revitalization project. Located on the corner of Church and Center streets, the 130-year-old Johnson and Simons buildings, two adjoining properties, were converted into 13 "Manhattan-style" lofts, ranging from 1,800 to 3,500 square feet.

In 2008, he was awarded The Charles L. Terrell Downtowner of the Year award by the Town Green District. John was instrumental in bringing Starbucks on Chapel Street to downtown New Haven. His most recent accomplishment was adding Panera Bread's Bakery & Café, an innovative idea and 1st prototype for the company.

In November 2011, John collaborated with another well respected name in real estate, Frank D'Ostilio, Jr. to form Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate. The following year, the company joined Real Living, one of the nation's most innovative real estate franchises.



*John Wareck*



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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## VENDORS WANTED AT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Vendors are wanted for the annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church to be held on June 14 (rain date – June 15) at the High Plains Fairgrounds in Orange, CT. Artists, artisans, handcrafters, antique dealers and local business owners are welcome. For more information, contact the church at 203-795-9749 or visit the church website at [www.orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org). Last year 70 vendors were at this popular event that welcomed more than 3,000 visitors to the Fairgrounds.



Orange Congregational Church

## EVENTS AT THE JCC

JCC Theaterworks Presents *The Last Seder*

**Thursday, 3/6, 8pm; Sunday, 3/9, 2pm & 7pm; Monday, 3/10, 8pm**

Written by Jennifer Maisel, directed by Dana Sachs, with poignancy, hilarity, dysfunction, and grace, four daughters return for their final Passover celebration in their childhood home. Tickets: \$25, \$12 seniors and students. Purchase tickets: <http://jccnh.org/page.aspx?id=265294>. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, [dedek@jccnh.org](mailto:dedek@jccnh.org), 203-387-2522 x300.

### Bake For Good

**Sunday, 3/9, 11am-3pm**

The Art of Making Hamantaschen and the Tradition of Shalach Manot! Volunteer your time to bake hamantaschen for Jewish seniors. No experience or supplies necessary. Take home your own hamantaschen and the recipe to try with your family. Open to the public. Suggested minimum age: 6 years. \$5 per workstation (limit 1-2 people per station), Pre-register by Tuesday, March 4, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Contact: Linda, [linda@towerone.org](mailto:linda@towerone.org), 203-772-1816 x350.

### Bagels and Books (Ages 2-4)

**Sunday, 3/9, 10:30-11:15am**

Monthly, pre-school aged children have the opportunity to attend a free interactive storytime and singalong, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Register: Laura LJ Ross, (203)387-2522 x 317, [laurar@jccnh.org](mailto:laurar@jccnh.org).

### Arts for the Center: The Colors of Israel by Joan Jacobson Zamore

**Exhibit runs 3/11-Jun. 13  
Reception Thursday, 3/20, 7:30pm**

Joan Jacobson Zamore has a BA and MA in Art from Hunter College and an MFA in printmaking from Pratt Institute. She taught in the New Haven Public Schools and currently teaches out of her studio in Milford, CT. Her prize-winning work can be seen at Yale University, Colgate University, Eastern Connecticut State University, the Housatonic Museum of Art, Aetna Corporation, The (Boston) Art Connection, and the poetry publication "Parnassus", JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Contact: DeDe Jacob-Komisar, [dedek@jccnh.org](mailto:dedek@jccnh.org), 203-387-2522.

### Author B.A. Shapiro, The Art Forger

**Wednesday, 3/12, 11am**

Author BA Shapiro discusses her novel. An artist has entered into a Faustian bargain with a powerful gallery owner by agreeing to forge a Degas in exchange for a one-woman show in his renowned gallery. A thrilling novel about seeing—and not seeing—the secrets that lie beneath the canvas, \$6 suggested donation, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, [dedek@jccnh.org](mailto:dedek@jccnh.org), 203-387-2522 x300.

### Costume Carnival

**Sunday, 3/16, 12-3pm**

JCC's Costume Carnival in honor of Purim is the place to be! Rejoice in humor and silliness in costume with carnival games, prizes, face painting, your favorite superheroes and princesses, children's parade and theater, and so much more! Free Admission to children's parade and theater. Purchase tickets for games and food. JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, Contact: Laura LJ Ross, [laurar@jccnh.org](mailto:laurar@jccnh.org), 203-387-2522 x317.

## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UPCOMING SERVICES

### Weekly Services

**Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Midweek Contemplative Eucharist with Discussion and Healing Prayer

**Sunday:** 7:45 a.m. Traditional Eucharist – no music  
9:00 a.m. Church Alive, Eucharist with the worship band

10:30a.m. Choral Eucharist



Church of the Good Shepherd

### March 5th - Ash Wednesday Services

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes with prayer.
- Ashes to Go at Dunkin Donuts (297 Boston Post Rd- near Cold Stone Ice Cream)
- 6:30 a.m.- 8:00 a.m., and Westfield Shopping Mall 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. in parking lot

### Join Us...

**Sunday Evening - Yoga Body Prayer:** 7:00 p.m. Using the Vinyasa Yoga Method and taught by certified Yoga Instructor MaryAnn Haverstock, begin your week with Yoga and centering prayer and meditation. This class is for all levels of yoga practice and experience. Bring a yoga mat or towel, water and wear comfortable clothes. Free will offering

**New Bible Study:** Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. (starts March 12th) Join us as we learn about some of the women of the Bible. No prior bible study knowledge required. Bring your Bibles. Please call the office to register. 203.795.6577.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Sorrows Church 378 Spring Street, Orange, (203) 795-5076 will be holding Masses for Ash Wednesday and Lenten on the following dates:

- Ash Wednesday Masses (March 5th): 9:00am and 6:00pm \*with distribution of ashes;
- Lent, two Masses offered daily (Monday to Saturday), 9:00am and 6:00pm.
- Sunday Masses are 9:00am and 1:00pm.



Our Lady of Sorrows

## EXCITING PURIM EVENTS

Join Chabad of Orange/Woodbridge for exciting Purim fun at two wonderful Purim events March 15 and 16 at 261 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT. The fun begins Saturday evening, March 15, 8:15pm with Purim in Hollywood. This blockbuster party at Chabad lounge features a Megillah reading, the music of Nu Haven Kapelye Klezmer Orchestra, and a red carpet photo shoot. Chinese food and a salad bar will round out this festive evening. Come dressed as a favorite film or television character and receive five free raffle tickets. We look forward to welcoming adults and teens over 16 years of age at this exciting event. Reservations made by March 11 are \$18/person, at the door \$20/person. Make your reservations by calling 203-795-7095.

The fun continues Sunday, March 16, 11:00am-2:00pm with Purim Palooza. Bring the entire family to enjoy a megillah reading, masquerade party, great entertainment, and a delicious lunch. A stellar player from Court Jesters Comedy Basketball will thrill the older crowd with laughs, amazing skills, tricks, showmanship and good cheer. For the six and under crowd, fabulous children's entertainer, Bobby Doowah, gets the kids grooving and shaking with his unique style of interactive hands-on music and movement. Bobby Doowah's contagious enthusiasm, originality and creativity charms kids and parents alike. Finally, Eric Girardi with dazzle the entire crowd with mesmerizing skills of object manipulation choreographed to music at his "Bending Gravity Performance". Admission, which includes entertainment and lunch, is only \$10/person and \$8/children under 6 years of age. For more information about these events, please call 203-795-7095.

**HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

**TEMPLE EMANUEL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND**

Temple Emanuel welcomes all members of the community to participate in our 2014 Scholar-in-Residence weekend, February 28 to March 2. In a series of discussions over the course of three days, Rabbis Marcia Plumb and Michael Shire will lead us in an exploration of the ways in which Judaism can become a centering thread in our search for meaning, help us cultivate a sense of wonder and creativity in our children, and help us find new ways to reach out to members of our community and find a shared place of value and trust as we experience Shabbat in a new way.



Temple Emanuel

Highlights of the weekend include:

Friday, February 28 at 8p – Kabbalat Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Michael Farbman, assisted by members of the Temple Emanuel Band. Rabbi Plumb will discuss the recipes for holiness handed down through Jewish study, practice and thought, and their influences on current traditions.

Saturday, March 1 at 10:30a – Rabbi Plumb leads Musar study, the traditional practice of focusing on character development through the use of biblical and rabbinic texts with the goal of finding new avenues to holiness and meaning in our own lives.

Saturday, March 1 at 4p - Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Michael Shire. Join us for food for the soul and body at the traditional third meal of Shabbat. Our Torah portion, Pekudei, describes the holy vessels of the Israelite camp. We will use this text to search for connections between ancient and modern traditions.

Saturday, March 1 at 5:30p – Our community comes together to bid farewell to Shabbat with an expanded Havdalah service.

Sunday, March 2 at 10a – Rabbi Shire leads a discussion for adults about “modern prophets” and the Jewish perspective on social justice community engagement and the tradition of Tikkun Olam (repair of the world).

Rabbi Marcia Plumb is the Rabbinic Chaplain at the Hebrew Senior Life facility in Boston and Associate Rabbi at Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill, MA. Rabbi Dr Michael Shire is the Dean and Professor of the Shoolman Graduate School of Jewish Education at Hebrew College in Boston.

For more information about this program and all events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, including Rabbi Michael’s monthly story hour for children in pre-K and Kindergarten and their families, please go to the TE website: [www.templemanuel-gnh.org](http://www.templemanuel-gnh.org) or call the temple office at 203-397-3000.

**INSPIRE: A WEEKEND OF FUN, LEARNING AND COMMUNITY**

**Congregation B’nai Jacob, March 21-23, 2014**

Congregation B’nai Jacob is proud present Rabbi Micah Odenheimer as their 2014 Inspire Scholar. Odenheimer is the founder and director of Tevel B’Tzedek (the world in justice), an Israeli peace corps. A California native and Yale graduate, he received his rabbinic ordination in 1984 and became a student and close friend of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach. After making aliyah in 1988, Odenheimer worked extensively on social justice issues as founder of the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jewry and at Tevel B’Tzedek. He is also an award-winning journalist who has reported on poverty, globalization and human rights for notable publications, including The Washington Post, The Guardian, The London Times, Jerusalem Report and Haaretz.



Rabbi Micah Odenheimer

This Inspire Weekend is sponsored by James M. Shure.

**Inspire Weekend Schedule**

**March 21** - Friday night, following dinner, 8:30pm - Chasidic Teachings about Shabbat, the Cosmos, and the Meaning of Life

**March 22** - Saturday, following Kiddush, 12:30pm; The Path of the Just: Judaism and Social Justice in the Age of Globalization - Seudah Shlishit, 6:30pm Shlomo Carlebach and his Torah

**March 23** - Sunday morning, 10am, Shabbos in Somalia - Sunday morning, 11:30am, Special Program for Kids and Teens

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# FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

By Paul Davis



## Davis Endorses Jobs & Business Agenda Investing in Job Training Helps Area Manufacturers

State Representative Paul Davis (D-Milford/Orange/West Haven) is endorsing the jobs and business agenda that Democratic leaders from the House and Senate announced recently for the upcoming 2014 General Assembly session that convened on February 5th. "There is no question that creating jobs must continue to be a legislative priority," Rep. Davis said. "I have worked hard on addressing employment concerns and am pleased that our agenda includes proposals to help put people back to work and reaches out to small businesses and manufacturers who continue to struggle."

The Democrat agenda includes the following proposals:

- Re-capitalizing Connecticut's highly successful STEP-Up program, which offers employers who hire an unemployed worker either a wage subsidy to help pay a new employee's salary for the first six months, or provides a six-month training grant. Since its creation in October 2011, more than 2,000 unemployed people have been hired under STEP-Up.
- Implementing new school-to-job programs such as an accelerated certificate program (12 months) combining basic education and technical and career training; an I-Best program for adult students lacking a GED which combines GED preparation with real-world skills training; and an Advanced Manufacturing Certificate Program, where students combine paid work and college level study towards the attainment of an associate's degree.
- Cutting Red Tape by pre-permitting business development, renovation or new construction by pre-approving zoning and environmental reviews in order to save businesses time and money.



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# GET READY TO CRUISE NEWS

By Leslie Marsh



## Dining is Changing on Cruise Ships

One of the things people love about cruising is the food. The meals are included in the cost of a cruise, and it's true that on many ships, food is available 24 hours a day. But it isn't all about the buffets and the dining rooms; there are many alternatives in dining, food choices and activities.

Many cruise lines now have restaurants and menus created by world famous chefs. Jacques Pepin, the legendary Master Chef, is the Executive Culinary Director for Oceania Cruises. His influence produces some of the finest cuisine at sea in a variety of restaurants that serve many of his signature dishes. Iron chef Geoffrey Zakarian has created the restaurant Ocean Blue, which can be found onboard the Norwegian Breakaway and Norwegian Getaway, offering fantastic seafood choices. Love lobster rolls? Try his outdoor venue onboard! Another Iron Chef, Nobu Matsuhisa, lends his name and expertise to Silk Road, a restaurant on both the Crystal Serenity and Crystal Symphony. In addition to daily menu choices, he prepares a full dinner on board twice a year, complete with sake pairings. Guy Fieri of "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" has created a new burger venue for Carnival called Guy's Burger Joint where you can enjoy burgers off the grill and hand cut fries.

Many cruise lines are offering epicurean activities and adventures for passengers. Azamara offers cooking classes on such things as Brazilian street foods and sushi. Silversea guests can participate in a unique cooking school experience on several select sailings with cooking demonstrations, a Lunch and Learn class where the chef demonstrates the preparation of and serves lunch courses, and a Market to Plate experience where guests accompany the chef to shop for fresh ingredients which are later prepared onboard. Holland America's Culinary Arts Center offers several activities for lovers of food and wine including hands-on cooking classes, wine tastings and appearances by special guest chefs. By the way, if you have a favorite local chef, you might want to consider organizing a foodie cruise. He/she would sail with you and other restaurant patrons and do some exclusive cooking demonstrations and classes. Call me for info!

Everyone's into food these days with unlimited TV shows, restaurant weeks and learning activities available all over the country. The cruise lines have taken notice of this intense interest and have widely broadened the choices they offer their passengers proving once again that there's something for everyone on a cruise!

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns and operates Cruise Planners of Orange. She can be reached at 203-799-2367 or [leslie@getreadytocruise.com](mailto:leslie@getreadytocruise.com).

# Orange Soccer Association Fall Soccer Program Registration Form



## ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 605  
Orange, Connecticut 06477

### OSA SPRING 2014 Soccer Program

----> REVISED START DATE APRIL 27 2014 <-----

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>ST</sup>, 2014

**Who:** Boys and Girls, Residents of Orange, Ages 5 through 12.

**When:** Sundays, APRIL 27<sup>ST</sup> through JUNE 22<sup>TH</sup> 2014

**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 22, 2014  
\$10.00 Late fee on any registrations after March 24<sup>ND</sup>, 2014

**Format:** U-5 (Clinic) Divisions will remain coed  
(U-5 = Age 5 as of JULY 30, 2014) 12:00-1:00 PM

**Girls and Boys divisions in the following age groups:**

- U-6 & 7 division (Age 6 & 7 as of JULY 30, 2014) PLAYS AFTER 1:00 PM
- U-8 & 9 division (Ages 8-9 as of JULY 30, 2014) PLAYS AFTER 1:00 PM
- U-12 division (Ages 10-12 as of JULY 30, 2014) PLAYS AFTER 12:30 PM

**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 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
MARY L TRACY SCHOOL ←----- NEW SPOT  
(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 24<sup>ND</sup>, 2014

**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.

**Sponsor Information:**

If you wish to sponsor a team please complete the section labeled Sponsors at the bottom of the registration form on the reverse side of this page. If you supply camera ready artwork of your company's logo, it will be silk screened on the back of the team's shirts. If you cannot supply a logo, your company's name will be printed in block letters on the back of the shirts. Thank you for your support. Sponsor forms must be received no later than Sunday, APRIL 1<sup>ND</sup> 2014.

**Fees:** \$100.00 per team per season.  
\$200.00 per team for three (3) seasons.

**Questions:** Contact Dario Salati, Registrar, by email, [dariosalati@gmail.com](mailto:dariosalati@gmail.com), OR [www.OSA-CT.COM](http://www.OSA-CT.COM)  
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## ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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### OSA SPRING 2014 Soccer Program PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Soccer Questionnaire (Please complete): Boys Soccer: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls Soccer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Was Player registered in: Spring 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Youth: MED. LG. ADULT: SM. MED. LG. X-LG. XX-LG.

**Parent/Guardian Authorization and Release:** I/We hereby authorize our child to participate in the 2014 OSA spring Season, and agree to hold the OSA, its directors, officers and coaches, harmless for any liability arising there from. I/We authorize the rendering of emergency medical care under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well being of my/our child.

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

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Hannah Rappaport  
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Maren Westgard  
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Jake Bronson  
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Marc Chodos  
Logan Corris  
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George Antonellis  
Samuel Arnold  
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Stone Bragaw  
Catherine Brown  
Abigail Chamberlain  
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- A- or better in four subjects which meet 5 times per week for at least one semester.
- B or better in all other subjects which meet 5 times per week for at least one semester.
- B- or better in subjects which meet fewer than 5 times per week or less than one semester.

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In order to achieve Citizenship Honors, student must receive five (5) fours; and the remainder of the citizenship ratings must not be below a three.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Frank J. D'Amico

Frank J. D'Amico, age 81, resident of Orange and Wellfleet, MA and beloved husband to the late Roberta A. Phillips D'Amico, entered into eternal rest on Monday, February 3, 2014 after a long illness at CT Hospice in Branford. Born on December 3, 1932 in Branford, he was the son of the late John and Josephine D'Amico. Prior to his retirement, Frank was a dedicated teacher and coach for the Amity school system for over 33 years. His greatest joy in life was helping those in need of assistance. Loving father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend, Frank will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his sons, John C. (Angie) D'Amico of Estero, FL and Robert B. D'Amico of Braintree, MA and his cherished grandsons, Brian J. and Nicholas F. D'Amico of Braintree, MA. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia Donegan of West Haven, CT and nieces, Lori (Tom) Dooley of Hillsborough, NJ and Lynn (Joe) Bonaldo of Orange and great nieces and nephews, Tara Bonaldo and Andrew and Kathryn Dooley. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Edward Donegan.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Frank's life was held on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT 06477. Burial was private. Arrangements were handled by the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St. Milford, CT 06460. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT 06477 or to Ct. Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd., Branford, CT 06405. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.codywhitefuneralservice.com](http://www.codywhitefuneralservice.com).

### Judi L. Schectman

Judi L. Schectman, 53, formerly of Orange, CT, passed away on Saturday, February 15th, 2014 at her home in Stamford, CT. Judi was born on April 20th, 1960 to Edwin and Marilyn Lieberman in New York City. Judi graduated Amity Regional High School, Woodbridge, CT, in 1978, and then went on to Katherine Gibbs College, New York, NY, where she acquired her Associates Degree in Occupational Studies in 1981. Judi was an avid New York Mets fan and a lover of all animals. She also loved to travel with her family with Maui, HI, being her favorite vacation locale. Most of all, Judi loved spending time with her doting husband, Alan, her adoring daughter, Claire, and her many close friends. Judi's biggest accomplishment in life was, by far, her daughter, to whom she devoted her life. Left to cherish her memory are: Parents, Edwin & Marilyn Lieberman, Husband, Alan Schectman, Daughter, Claire Schectman, Sister, Robin Heinecke along with several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Family and friends celebrated her life with the funeral service that took place on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at the I.J. Morris Funeral Home; 21 East Deer Park Rd., Dix Hills, NY 11746 at 1PM followed by burial at the Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735. In lieu of flowers, please honor Judi by donating in her name to the CT Humane Society by visiting <http://www.cthumane.org/>. To leave an online condolence, please visit <http://www.leopgallagherstamford.com/>.

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## DOLLAR\$ AND \$EN\$E

### WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?

By Roberta L. Nestor

Inevitably, when a family member or loved one passes on, there are several things that have to be taken care of. It is a confusing time, wrought with emotion but also the compelling need that you have to take care of things. Taking care of things that you are now responsible for contributes to getting through those early days when you lose a loved one. However, well intended family members will start lengthy conversations that begin with "did you do..."? Or, "I know someone who..." and "don't you think you should..." or "when are you going to ..."? Okay, there are several "things" you will have to do.

Here are some of the most common questions when someone loses a family member.

- Do I need to contact social security? Yes. Does it have to be done right away? It should be done as soon as possible because if social security checks continue to be deposited into the account of the deceased, they will expect repayment. And, social security does give a death benefit. Surviving spouses will generally collect \$250.
- Should I contact an attorney? Most often, yes, you should make every effort to locate the will or trust of the deceased and contact the attorney associated.
- Do I still have to file an income tax return for the year in which someone passed away? Yes, a final return for the individual is required just like for any other tax year. However, this is not to be confused with an estate income tax return or Form 706 (which is prepared by an attorney and needs to be filed within 9 months of the decedent's death).
- What is involved with opening an account for the estate? You (or your attorney) can go online to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and the executor or trustee can request a tax ID number for the estate. Only then can the executor open a bank account which is generally used to funnel all of the assets of the deceased until they are distributed according to the will.
- Why do I need a probate certificate if everything was owned jointly? Any jointly owned assets should have the name of the deceased removed. That can only be done with a certificate from probate and a death certificate. For example, you will not be able to use a jointly owned checking account if the deceased is still on the account and their name can only be removed with the probate and death certificates.

These are basics for getting started with the process. If your family member had a financial advisor, they are a tremendous resource to assist you with all of the other "things" that you will eventually have to deal with, but not necessarily right away. If you notify the advisor of the death, they will notify the investment companies, and give you the information needed as to values of investments as of date of death. Valuation of all assets that the deceased had ownership in will be needed by the attorney to complete Form 706.

Making any real financial decisions should be avoided, like selling a home or investing proceeds from a life insurance. Don't ever feel pressured to make any investment decisions. Too often we find surviving spouses inadvertently locking themselves and their money into something not suitable. When someone passes away, it does not mean you have to liquidate and repurchase a new investment and being told otherwise is unethical. It is impossible to make investment decisions when you have no idea of your needs. Investment decisions should only be made when you have a clear mind and when you have given yourself time to access your financial needs.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Ride Along (PG-13)**  
Ice Cube, Kevin Hart
- 2. Frozen (PG)**  
animated
- 3. That Awkward Moment (R)**  
Zac Efron, Michael B. Jordan
- 4. The Nut Job (PG)**  
animated
- 5. Lone Survivor (R)**  
Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch
- 6. Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)**  
Chris Pine, Kevin Costner
- 7. Labor Day (PG-13)**  
Kate Winslet, Josh Brolin
- 8. American Hustle (R)**  
Christian Bale, Amy Adams
- 9. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)**  
Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill
- 10. I, Frankenstein (PG-13)**  
Aaron Eckhart, Bill Nighy

## TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Captain Phillips (PG)**  
Tom Hanks
- 2. Prisoners (R)**  
Hugh Jackman
- 3. Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13)**  
Forest Whitaker
- 4. Despicable Me 2 (PG)**  
animated
- 5. The Family (R)**  
Robert De Niro
- 6. We're the Millers (R)**  
Jennifer Aniston
- 7. Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG)**  
Logan Lerman
- 8. Fast & Furious 6 (PG-13)**  
Vin Diesel
- 9. The Wolverine (PG-13)**  
Hugh Jackman
- 10. The Lone Ranger (PG-13)**  
Johnny Depp

## CHART BUSTERS

### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Katy Perry**  
"Dark Horse"
- 2. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha**  
"Timber"
- 3. One Republic**  
"Counting Stars"
- 4. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera**  
"Say Something"
- 5. Eminem feat. Rihanna**  
"The Monster"
- 6. Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz**  
"Talk Dirty"
- 7. Passenger**  
"Let Her Go"
- 8. Lorde**  
"Team"
- 9. Lorde**  
"Royals"
- 10. Bastille**  
"Pompeii"



Katy Perry

### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Luke Bryan**  
"Drink a Beer"
- 2. David Nail**  
"Whatever She's Got"
- 3. Cole Swindell**  
"Chillin' It"
- 4. Jason Aldean**  
"When She Says Baby"
- 5. Florida Georgia Line**  
"Stay"
- 6. Eric Paslay**  
"Friday Night"
- 7. Lady Antebellum**  
"Compass"
- 8. Rascal Flatts**  
"Rewind"
- 9. Brantley Gilbert**  
"Bottoms Up"
- 10. Cassadee Pope**  
"Wasting All These Tears"

- Name the five jazz musicians that have been on the cover of Time magazine.
- What was pop music's first charity single?
- Who wrote "I Was Made to Love Her"? Hint: His mother helped.
- Which artist released "This Is My Song" in 1967?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Losin' you would end my life you see, cause you mean that much to me. You could have told me yourself that you love someone else."



1. Louis Armstrong (1949), Dave Brubeck (1954), Duke Ellington (1956), Theolonius Monk (1964) and Wynton Marsalis (1990).  
2. "Bangla Desh," by George Harrison in 1971. The release was to raise awareness for the Bangladesh refugee crisis.  
3. Stevie Wonder, with his mother and two others.  
4. Petula Clark. The song was written by Charlie Chaplin for use in his film "A Countess from Hong Kong."  
5. "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," The Miracles in 1966, but was rejected by Berry Gordy, owner of Motown. Marvin Gaye recorded it in 1967 -- again rejected. Gladys Knight & the Pips came out with a version in 1967. It was the Marvin Gaye version, finally released in 1968, that's become the classic.



Scene from "Gravity"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 24, 2014.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Gravity" (PG-13)** -- Spiraling off into the dark void of space, two astronauts undergo a pulse-pounding struggle for survival as their odds of ever reaching Earth again plummet with each new obstacle. Sandra Bullock plays a medical officer on her first trip into outer space who is paired with a veteran astronaut, played by George Clooney. While working on the Hubble telescope, a patch of space debris cuts them off from the space shuttle and sends the pair careening into space. During its box-office run, "Gravity"

attracted rave reviews from audiences and critics. Cinema purists have hailed it as a model for how 3-D filmmaking should be done. For us home-video audiences, the movie offers a tenacious survival drama that will leave you gasping for sweet, sweet oxygen.

### "Thor: The Dark World" (PG-13)

-- Long ago, the Norse gods of Asgard banished some ancient evil dudes to a far-off dimension. Natalie Portman, while searching for a way to contact Thor, accidentally unleashes the sealed-away evil powers. Once again, the fate of the universe is in the brawny hands of Thor the thunder god (Chris Hemsworth). This time, however, Thor needs to recruit the reluctant aid of his evil brother, Loki (Tom Hiddleston), the god of chaos and the villain of "The Avengers."

While Hemsworth carried the first Thor film on his broad shoulders, this sequel is largely propped up by the caustic and sneering screen presence of Hiddleston. As Thor's adopted brother and chief rival, he's also the balancing point for the movie that allows it to make fun of itself. Audiences get to drink in the foamy, hammer-smashy battles, then wash it down with the refreshingly sour lemonade of Loki's anti-hero.

### "Nebraska" (R)

-- A bitter old man and his disillusioned son take an eye-opening road trip from Missouri to Nebraska in this black-and-white dark comedy. Bruce Dern plays Woody Grant, a crusty Midwestern alcoholic who believes he's won a magazine sweepstakes. His son, Dave ("SNL's" Will Forte), agrees to take him on the road. The film gives a lot of consideration to the landscapes surrounding the minuscule drama; lots of wide open, underwhelming backdrops underscore the brief exchanges of dialogue and quiet realizations of missed opportunities.

Sudoku answers on page 36

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

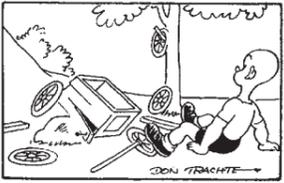
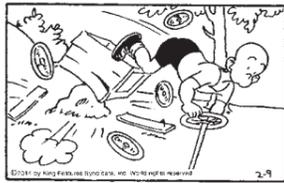
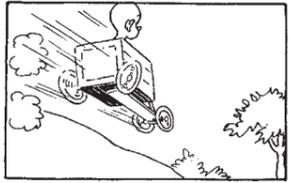
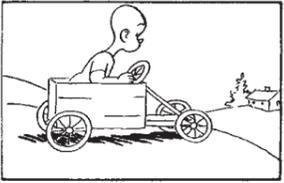
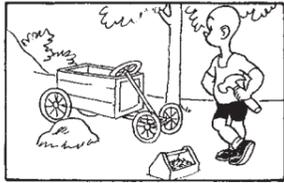
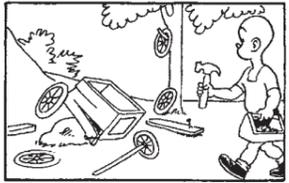
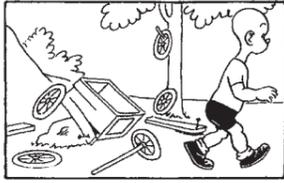
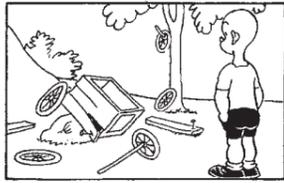
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
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# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

## King Crossword

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- 1 Labyrinth choice
- 5 Skillets
- 9 Half a dance?
- 12 Lotion additive
- 13 Fraternal baseball surname
- 14 Attila, e.g.
- 15 Unknown people
- 17 Pismire
- 18 Evening affair
- 19 Depend (on)
- 21 "And this should matter to me ... why?"
- 22 Object
- 24 "National Treasure" star
- 27 Chart format
- 28 Superman's alias
- 31 Melody
- 32 Corroded
- 33 "Go, team!"
- 34 Let the cat out of the bag
- 36 Badly
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- 48 Puts on the line
- 51 "— the ramparts ..."
- 52 About half the children
- 53 Tiger Woods' ex
- 54 "— Dalloway"
- 55 Trade
- 56 Logical
- 6 Hearty brew
- 7 Neither mate
- 8 Some Japanese fare
- 9 They make alterations
- 10 Suspended
- 11 Initial stake
- 16 Ultramodernist
- 20 Squid squirt
- 22 Marquee datum
- 23 Command to Rover
- 24 "Cash —"
- 25 Have something
- 26 Farmers
- 27 Bucket
- 29 "Unh-unh"
- 30 Your
- 35 Feathery accessory
- 37 Saws
- 39 Consecrate
- 40 Charged bit
- 41 Leeway
- 42 Basin
- 43 React in horror
- 44 Anatomical tissue
- 45 Ireland
- 46 Slave to crosswords?
- 49 Without delay
- 50 "CSI" evidence

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## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Bradley Cooper

HOLLYWOOD -- Bradley Cooper keeps getting nominated for awards, but as yet, hasn't taken any home. Is he making a move to gain new respectability as an actor by taking on the title role of John Merrick in "The Elephant Man" on Broadway? He'll appear later this year with Patricia Clarkson and his "American Hustle" co-star Alessandro Nivola. Meanwhile, Hugh Jackman, who passed on returning to Broadway in a musical about "Houdini," instead will do "The River" next year. It's about a trout-loving loner and the two women in his life.

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Robert DeNiro must be shocked that his film "Grudge Match," with Sylvester Stallone, did so poorly at the box office. It cost \$40 million to make and so far has not recouped its cost. DeNiro's last film, "American Hustle," cost \$40 million but took in close to \$150 million. Coming up he's got the action/crime thriller "Motel" with John Cusack, the action film "Hands of Stone" with Ellen Barkin and Usher, and the Martin Scorsese film "The Irishman" with Al Pacino and Joe Pesci. And speaking of Pacino, he has the drama "Manglehorn" with Holly Hunter, and the comedy/drama "Imagine" with Jennifer Garner, Annette Bening and Bobby Cannavale in his future. Age isn't slowing these great actors down.

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One of our newest actors, Benedict Cumberbatch, must never rest. In addition to "Sherlock" on PBS, he's starring with Gary Oldman (who's also directing) and Ralph Finnes in "Flying Horse" with Keira Knightly; in "Imitation Game" as cryptographer Alan Turing, who

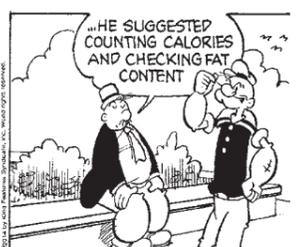
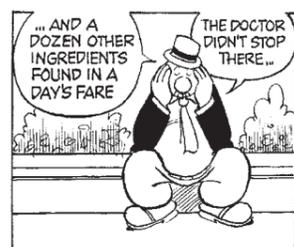
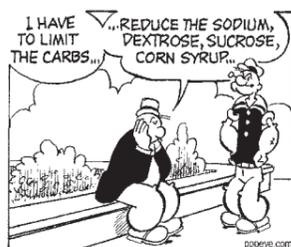
was prosecuted for his homosexuality; and with Robert Pattinson in "The Lost City of Z" as Amazon jungle explorer Percy Fawcett, who searched for the lost city but never returned.

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Arnold Schwarzenegger has successfully made the jump from California governor back to movie star. "The Expendables 2" cost \$100 million and grossed \$312 million, "The Last Stand" cost \$30 million and made \$50 million, and "Escape Plan" with Sylvester Stallone cost \$50 million and grossed \$134 million. His next \$40 million epic is "Sabotage" with Sam Worthington, Terrence Howard and Joe Manganiello, due out March 24.

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"The Man of Steel" is now "The Man from U.N.C.L.E."! Henry Cavill started shooting the Guy Ritchie reboot of the popular '60s TV series in London. He'll play Napoleon Solo, with "The Lone Ranger" Armie Hammer as Illya Kuryakin and Hugh Grant as Alexander Waverly, their boss, originally played by Leo G. Carroll. It's still set in the 1960s Cold War era. The original series spawned the sequel "The Girl from U.N.C.L.E." with Stephanie Powers and Noel Harrison. David Beckham is set for a small role in this film, and the upcoming "The Secret Service." Soccer star Beckham acting? Hope we don't have to say UNCLE!



# PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- 860 MAPLEDALE RD**  
Lois Blackman to Thomas W Goodman ..... \$13,000
- 403 WHITNEY AVE APT 15**  
Hao Xin Lu to Jianxin Shi ..... \$360,000
- 564 GRASSY HILL RD**  
Ruth R Rogers to John F Keefe Jr ..... \$480,000
- 545 LOCUST DR**  
Maureen Doolittle to Su Ping Zou..... \$200,000
- 296 GREAT OAK RD**  
Bruselinda Koslowski AKA to Kellie L McFarland..... \$295,000

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# ARTS & LEISURE



Fishing, Fort Hale Park, New Haven (oil, 30" x 30").

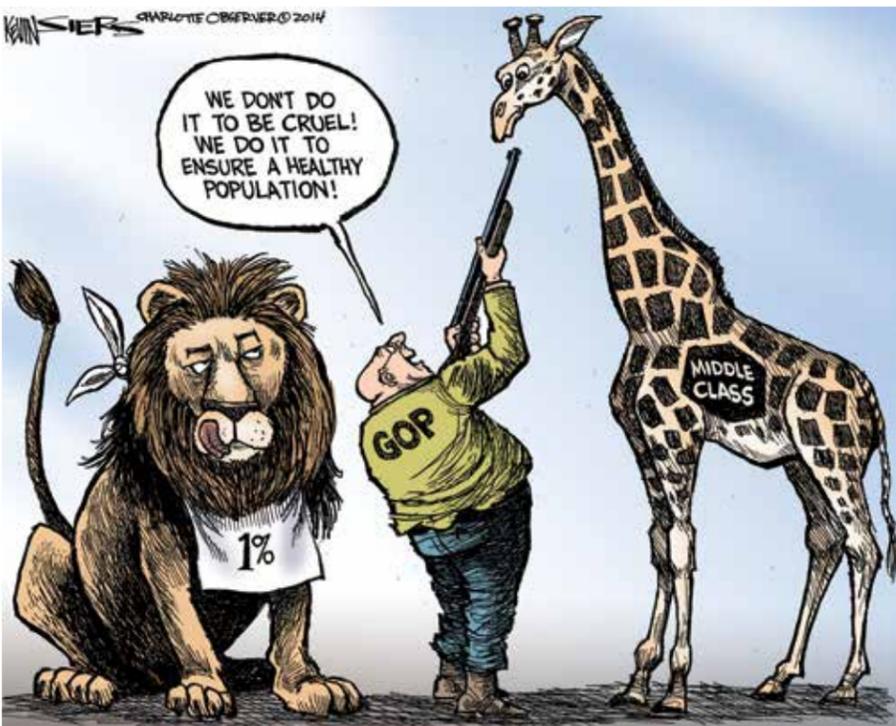
## ART EXHIBIT - WILLIAM MEDDICK

Painter, William Meddick will be exhibiting his oil paintings at the Case Memorial Library, in its 2nd floor art gallery, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT. His works will be on view from March 6 - 29, 2014 with a public opening reception on Thursday, March 6 from 5PM - 7 PM. All of his works are done with direct observation of the subject matter, ranging from landscapes, still lifes and figures within interiors. Meddick studied painting at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY and was an apprentice scenic painter at Atlas Scenic Studios, Norwalk, CT. He has exhibited widely throughout the region and currently serves on the board of the New Haven Paint and Clay Club in New Haven, CT. Hours for the Case Memorial Library are Monday and Thursday from 10AM - 8PM; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10AM - 5PM and Saturdays from 10AM - 4PM.

## ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE WANTED

The Walnut Beach Association is proud to present its 16th annual Walnut Beach Arts Festival to take place on Sunday, August 3rd, 2014 from 10-5. The Association is looking for artists and craftspeople to be a part of this annual event.

There will also be two bands performing at the pavilion across the street, plenty of off street parking, food trucks, and lots of other activities for the entire family. Go to its web-site [www.walnutbeachassociation.com](http://www.walnutbeachassociation.com) to download an application or call Tyyne' Catapano at 203-882-9453 for more information.



## AMITY THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS "IN THE HEIGHTS"

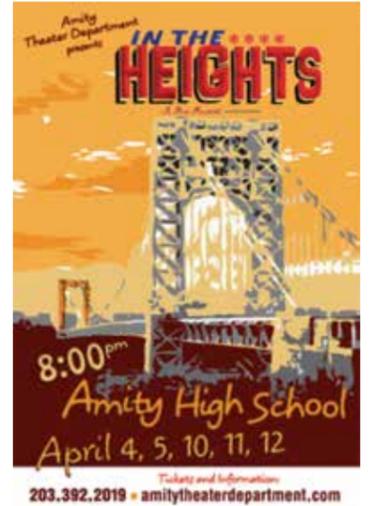
"In the Heights", winner of four 2008 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2008 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album, is coming to Amity High School April 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 2014.

In the Heights, tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood - a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. Like Fiddler on the Roof, In the Heights celebrates a community and culture through incredible dance, song, and glimpse into hopes, dreams, and struggles of the residents in New York's vibrant Washington Heights neighborhood. It's a community on the brink of change, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

The Washington Post said In the Heights, is "Pure Broadway. An evening of old-style, innocent pleasure," and Ben Brantley of The New York Times enthused "In the Heights, is an exuberant, animated shrine to the importance of family ties and being faithful to where you come from."

The Amity High School Theater Department, the 2013 winner of "Best Musical" at the Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards is delighted to be one of the first theaters in the region to produce this show. The Amity production will feature senior Nick Bottone of Bethany as Usnavi, Senior Shaylen Harger of Orange as Nina, Sophomore Chris Cassella of Orange as Benny, Senior Chelsea Tambis of Woodbridge as Vanessa, Senior Nicole Simon of Woodbridge as Abuela Claudia, Senior Alida Ballou of Bethany as Daniela, Senior Sara Abriola of Bethany as Carla and Senior C.J. Spaziani of Orange as Sonny. The talented cast of 44 has begun rehearsals and is very excited to be able to present this new, family friendly, Broadway smash. The show will once again be directed by Rob and Andrea Kennedy with musical direction by Peter Randazzo.

For tickets and information please go to our website at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/amitytheaterdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/amitytheaterdepartment).



## ART IN TOWN HALL

The Gallery at the Town Hall in Orange will be showing the National Science Illustrations of Reverend Suzanne Wagner during the months of March and April. The exhibit of water colors and graphite will highlight some of Suzanne's studies of Nature's most amazing miracles. She is a member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and the Connecticut Natural Science Illustrators. Suzanne received her BFA at William Woods University in Missouri and her Master of Divinity at Andover Newton Theological School. At the present time, the Reverend Suzanne is the Interim Senior Pastor at the Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. The opening reception will be on March 12 from 4 to 6 pm at the Orange Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road.

## LOCAL SPORTS



### KARATE STUDENTS EARN NEW BELTS AT GRADUATION

Orange Recreation Karate students earn new belts at their Belt Test Graduation held on January 28, 2014 at High Plains Community Center in Orange. Master Sansonetti congratulates his students on earning their new belts. Superior Karate teaches classes in Trumbull, Stratford, Orange, & Monroe. For more information, call Chris Sansonetti at 203-936-7508 or visit our website: [www.superiorkarate.net](http://www.superiorkarate.net).

### ORANGE AMERICAN LEGION TO FORM "PREP 15 & UNDER"

The Orange American Legion program is proud to announce the formation of a Prep 15 and under team which will commence its season in June of 2014. Tryouts will be held in early March at the Grind in Orange. The exact date will be announced shortly. Players between the ages of 13 and 15 who are interested in trying out should contact Bob Mirto at 203-687-8299 immediately.

The program will introduce players from Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge to the esteemed legion program immediately upon their transition from the smaller field. They will obtain all the benefits of a travel program at a reasonable cost, including excellent coaching and workouts as well as an extremely competitive season.

Players who are playing Babe Ruth or Senior Little League are eligible, as we have flexibility in our schedule. This program has attempted to coordinate its schedule with Babe Ruth and Senior Little League and has the endorsement of the Amity High School Coaching Staff. Coach Coppola has been a party to the meetings coordinating the leagues and is extremely supportive of this endeavor.

## BARK BYTES...

By Richard & Vicki Horowitz

### Can't Play Outdoors?

Can't or don't want to take your dog outside?  
Try these indoor games with your dog.

All dogs need exercise, even when there is inclement weather or you just don't feel like going outside. Try playing some of these indoor games with your dog to keep him healthy and happy. In addition, playing with your dog, like training him, enhances the bond you share and helps him keep his focus on you!

You can change these games depending on how your dog is best motivated: praise/belly rubs, favorite toys, items to fetch, or treats. If you do use treats, one way to keep your dog from gaining weight from too many snacks is to use some of his mealtime kibble to play the games. As with any activity, keep each session short and fun! It's better to end the game before your dog gets bored or overly excited.

**WHERE'S THE TREAT?** - Start with 3 or 4 buckets (old cups or margarine tubs would work too). Show your dog that you have a treat or a favorite small toy. Put your dog in a SIT/STAY or DOWN/STAY about 10 feet away, then make sure he can see you as you place his prize under one of the buckets. Then say WHERE'S THE TREAT? and encourage him to smell the buckets—give him lots of praise when he paws, sits beside, or barks next to the correct bucket, and then lift it up so he can claim his reward. You can up the difficulty level by changing the position of the buckets after you place the treat or pretending to put treats under multiple buckets.

**NAME THAT TOY** - Gather a group of toys that are noticeably different (for example, a stuffed duck, pig and shark). Hold a toy up for your dog to sniff and see, get him excited, and toss it, saying WHERE'S YOUR SHARK? When he comes back with it, give him lots of praise, then do the same with the pig, then with the duck, etc. Repeat again and again, and be consistent with your naming. Once he has mastered a few names, set out multiple toys and tell him which to get.

**FIND IT!** - Put your dog in a SIT/STAY. Show your dog a toy or treat and put it on the floor so the dog can see it. Say FIND IT! Naturally, your dog will enthusiastically—and hopefully, easily—find the toy or treat. Make the next prize a bit more difficult to locate, say, behind a chair. Continue to vary treat placement, or, for a real challenge, set up a roomful of hidden delights in advance. Watch your dog as he searches, and tap your foot and give an OOH or gasp to get him excited about the ones he's missed.

**STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN** - Settle in at the bottom of the staircase, putting your dog in a SIT/STAY next to you. Throw your dog's favorite toy to the top of the stairs. Say FETCH or GET IT. After he dashes up the stairs and grabs the toy, call him to COME, ask him to DROP or RELEASE, and repeat as above until your dog slumps to the floor in giddy exhaustion. (Note that this is not a good game for puppies, as their joints are still developing, or dogs prone to injury.)

**RECALL REPRISE** - Enlist a significant other or child to help with this game. Each person grabs a handful of treats or kibble. Stand a couple of feet apart. One person calls the dog to COME. When he does, he receives praise and a treat. Then the other person calls. Praise and treat. Both people take two steps backwards. Repeat. Every fourth or fifth time, use praise only. See how far apart (Different rooms? Different floors?) you can venture. For even more fun, have three or more people in different rooms calling the dog.

**CLEAN UP!** - Teach your dog to CLEAN UP after playtime by picking up his toys and putting them back in the toy box. Have your dog pick up a toy while you hold the toy box up to him. Tell him to DROP IT. When he does, give him lots of praise. Repeat with the next toy. Once he gets the idea, put the toy box on the floor and guide the dog over to it and say DROP IT. Keep it fun and simple, and use the same words each time for every command.

**COME WHEN CALLED** - Call your dog to COME, put him in a SIT/STAY, and then move away from him. After a minute or so, call him to COME again, and repeat. Try to increase the distance you move away and the length of time you wait before calling your dog to you. This game is great for dogs with attention-seeking behaviors, as it teaches them to wait for your commands.

**CIRCUS CLOWN** - If your dog likes to jump, you can burn off a lot of his energy by teaching him to jump over and through things. Start with your dog on a leash. Place a pole or stick just barely off the ground, and have your dog walk over it. As you raise it each time, you will need to move him back and let him get a running start. Give him lots of praise every time he jumps over. Once he masters the pole, try a Hula-Hoop!

**HIDE & SEEK** - This old standby is still loads of fun for you and your dog. Have your dog STAY in one room. Go into another room and hide. Call your dog. Try not to give away your location by laughing! Kids love to play this game with the family dog.

**WORK FOR YOUR DINNER** - Remember that dogs use about the same amount of energy when they are challenged mentally as physically! Treat-rewarding puzzles, such as the Buster® Food Cube, Canine Genius® connectable toys, or the Wobbler by KONG®, make your dog work for his treats—or you can use kibble with the toys to feed your dog his entire meal.

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



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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You face a more difficult challenge than you expected. But with that strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Before you act on your "feelings" about that upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal that misunderstanding before it takes a potentially irreversible turn and leaves you regretting the loss of a good friend.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated Rolodex file is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A friend's problem might take more time than you want to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information you might later wish you had kept secret.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once that's done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

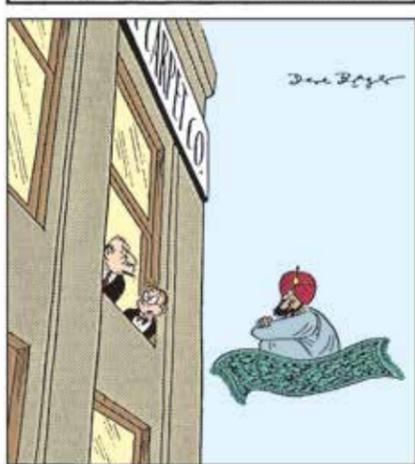
**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



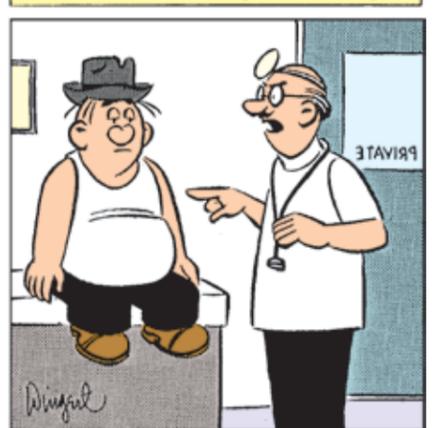
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**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



**HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert**



"He wants to know if we can use a foreign sales representative..."

"If you want to go on enjoying life, you'll have to stop living it so well."

## top ten

### Gums and Mints

1. Orbit
2. Trident
3. 5
4. Extra
5. Eclipse
6. Trident White
7. Tic Tac
8. Dentyne Ice
9. Orbit White
10. Ice Breakers

Source: IRI

**HOCUS - FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

## PETS, POT DON'T MIX

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I read a report this week that said more and more pets are being treated for "marijuana poisoning" from accidentally ingesting their owners' medically prescribed marijuana. Is this true? Why haven't we heard more about it? -- Concerned in California



**DEAR CONCERNED:** As the number of states that allow medical marijuana to be prescribed increases, it's likely you will hear more stories about pets being affected by ingesting this drug. A recent NBC News report estimated that calls to the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center reporting pet poisonings increased 30 percent between 2009 and 2013.

However, Time magazine disputes that report, noting that the actual number of calls increased from 213 in 2009 to about 320 last year -- a very small percentage of the 18,000 total calls the APCC gets each year from owners.

My take on the issue is this: Marijuana is a drug, so owners need to use common sense. You wouldn't leave other prescriptions lying around for the dog or cat to eat. So don't leave your stash lying around.

Further, many patients use baked goods to ingest marijuana rather than smoking it. "Pot brownies," for example, contain chocolate, which is definitely dangerous to dogs and can cause severe symptoms when eaten. The APCC gets far more calls about poisoning from chocolate ingestion than from any other substance, Time noted.

That said, pet owners who see or suspect their dog or cat has ingested marijuana should contact their veterinarian for advice. They also should watch their pet for unusual symptoms, such as lethargy, excessive drooling, diarrhea or incontinence, and take them to the vet immediately if they begin experiencing these or any other problems.

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

## The Garden Bug



**Cowslip** is a herbaceous perennial with upright stems bearing bell-shaped, yellow flowers. It is native to the United Kingdom, but can be found in northeastern sections of North America. It is known commonly by many names such as fairycup, lady's keys, palsewort, primerole and St. Peter's wort.

- Brenda Weaver

Detail of *Primula veris humilis*, a woodcut by Carolus Clusius (1526-1609)  
Sources: plants.usda.gov; rhs.org.uk; www.picturingplants.com



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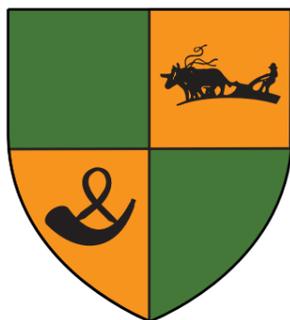
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