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TEACHERS EVALUATED AS PART OF ONGOING GROWTH PROCESS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

At Orange Schools, the students aren't the only ones learning and growing, the teachers are also in a constant state of growth. Each year, the staff at Orange Schools are evaluated and then they set goals in several areas in an effort to continuously improve the educational process.

Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin says the process looks to a positive, not negative result. "My expectations are that everyone is working hard to meet their goals, but as I have said from the very beginning, this teacher evaluation plan in Orange—and this is why we wrote our own—is not ever going to be about trying to dismiss somebody. It's not about evaluation so that we can get rid of people who aren't effective. It's always about growth," McMullin says.

The evaluations are meeting a number of criteria set forth by the state and board of education. According to McMullin, a teacher evaluation plan and an administrator evaluation plan are required by state statutes, as is a school safety survey. Orange wrote its own teacher evaluation plan, melding together the requirements the state set forth and also meeting the state statute required for safety for all state schools. "We recognize that if we combine the principal and teacher evaluations on school climate, we're going to make improvements in the school. By focusing on things that are really important to us, we're able to write meaningful goals," McMullin says.

As part of the teacher evaluation process, there are two sets of surveys: one that goes out to the parents and those that go to second, fourth and sixth grade students. The feeling is that they represent most of the kids in the school. The parent surveys are customized according to the goals of each individual school.

According to McMullin, there are six or seven questions to the particular goal at each school. "At Peck Place, the goal focuses on improving parents' and students' sense of achievement in being important and recognized. Race Brook's goal centered around teacher communication and Turkey Hill is in the process of writing its survey," she explains.

Once the results are in, teachers will assess how close they came to meeting their goal this year. Race Brook's survey is being conducted now—it closes May 9.

"The teachers have a responsibility to set a personal goal in their classroom where they also contributed to the principal's goal," McMullin says. "Maybe a teacher thought that he or she wasn't very good about getting back to parents in a timely

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PROGRAM

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2014. Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Parade Grounds at the Gazebo. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.

The Memorial Day Committee is proud to announce the recipients for this year's parade:

Laurence P. Czajkowski has been chosen Grand Marshal. He is a U.S. Army Veteran who entered the service as a Private in 1968 and retired as a Major 30 years later in 1998. He served during the Vietnam era as well as the Cold and Gulf War eras. He is a member of the CT Army Retiree's Council, a member and liaison officer with the West Point Army Retiree's Council, past Commander of American Legion Post #127, and an ex-officio member of the Memorial Day Committee. He was awarded Citizen of the Year by the Sons and Daughters of Italy - State of CT in 2009.

Peter J. MacDonald will be the Honorary Chief of Staff. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran serving from 1965 to 1978. His overseas assignments included serving in Okinawa from 1965 - 1967, in Vietnam from 1967 - 1968, in Germany from 1974 - 1977, and in the Marshall Islands in 1978. His career in education has spanned 34 years from 1979 to 2013. He was an Associate Professor of Aeronautics/Computer Science at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, Senior Instructor at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation, and Teacher of Information Systems Technology at Bullard-Havens Technical High School. He also served as Commander of the American Legion Post #127.

Joseph F. Blake will be this year's Honored Veteran. He is a Korean War Veteran who served with the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 attaining the rank of Corporal. Joe is a well-known Orange resident whose public service included Chairman of the 160th Birthday Celebration of the Town, a member of the Orange Sewer Authority (bringing sewers to the Boston Post Road). He was involved in many building projects including High Plains Community Center, Mary L. Tracy School, the Post Road Firehouse, the Clark Building and Silverbrook Estates (Congregate Senior Housing). Joe is a member of the Democratic Town Committee and served 34 years on the Board of Selectmen. He is a past Chaplain of the American Legion Post #127, former President of Holy Infant Parish Council and is currently a Minister of the Eucharist at Holy Infant Church.

The keynote speaker will be Philip Grande, Sr. He is a U.S. Army Vietnam era Veteran who attained the rank of E-7 (Sergeant first class) SFC. After active service, he spent 16 years in the National Guard. For the last four years, he has been a member of the American Legion Post #127 and presently is the Sergeant-at-Arms. He is a member of the Water Pollution Control Authority of the Town of Orange.

Robert Mirto, Esq., Town Meeting Moderator, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Frederick O'Brien, Esq. will serve as Parade Announcer.

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"BIG MACK" ROLLS INTO TOWN

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A big Mack rolled into town early last week as the newest addition to the Public Works Department fleet of heavy equipment. The new \$175,000 truck, which will be used primarily in winter to plow snow and sand roads, replaces the departments' old Mack truck which was 17-years old. The truck will come in handy if Orange experiences another long winter like this past one during which Public Works crews were called out 20 times to clear and/or salt and sand local roads. "It's pretty fancy," said Public Works Director Don Foyer of the new purchase. "It has an 11-foot snow plow, a built-in sander in the body and a state-of-the-art computerized system for spreading salt," he said.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli is also happy about the new purchase which was ordered last fall. "I was intricately involved in the truck's production and delivery and I'm thrilled it's here and added to our fleet," he said. "It's a beautiful piece of machinery." Zeoli points out that since the recession the Board of Finance has put off approving large purchases. "I'm grateful it made it into the budget. We're in dire need," he said. "This was a major step in helping clear our roads and keep them clear." The Public Works' Mack trucks generally last up to 30 years; in fact one of their trucks was used to plow during the 1980 blizzard. The department's fleet includes seven large trucks and four smaller masonry dump trucks which are all equipped for plowing and sanding. When the new budget takes effect in July, Foyer plans to spend about \$220,000 to replace a front end pay loader. "We're good for now," Foyer said.





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The race begins and ends at Race Brook Elementary School on Grannis Road and is sure to be a morning of fun and activity for runners, walkers and families. All funds raised will be used to enhance both educational and fitness activities for students at Race Brook School.

The race course is USATF certified and prizes will be awarded to the first male and female finisher in each age group. The Kids' Fun Run will take place on the track behind the school, and all kids will receive a ribbon to acknowledge their participation.

The first 150 registered runners will receive a tee shirt and all participants will be entered into the post-race raffle for some great prizes from local merchants. In keeping with the 'Rockin' theme, the event will also feature music at the finish line and along the race course.

Anyone interested in running the 5K, walking two miles for fitness, or participating in the Kids' Fun Run can visit the event website at www.racebrookrockin-roadrace.com, check out the event Facebook page at Race Brook's Rockin' Road Race or send an email to mnicefaro@aol.com. Online registration is available at www.hitekracing.com.



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Horak, who has a degree in bio-molecular science and works full-time in medical device sales, decided to bring home 12 “test” bags and accessories to see the reactions of people at home. She purchased a large satchel to keep the paperwork she needed for her job at Yale New Haven Hospital. “Everywhere I went people asked me if they could feel my bag and they wanted to know where I bought it,” she said. “You really have to touch it to appreciate it.” The test a success, she signed an exclusive importing deal with a Portuguese manu-

facturing plant and placed a large order that included briefcases, wallets, golf bags and, of course, pocketbooks. She named her new business Bela Kortisa, (beautiful cork) and began holding trunk shows at home. “People have to get their hands on them and feel them to really appreciate them,” she said. Several local boutiques and an area winery have also begun to carry her items which sell for around \$100-\$250.

Horak, who dabbled in modeling after high school, always dreamed of owning her own business. She has also begun sketching her own pocketbook designs. “One day I hope to have my own line,” she said. For now she is trying to keep her own passion for pocketbooks in check. “They are addicting!” she said. “I’ve even named each of the bags I’m selling after a different beach in Portugal. I say that when you buy a bag you then have to visit the beach!”

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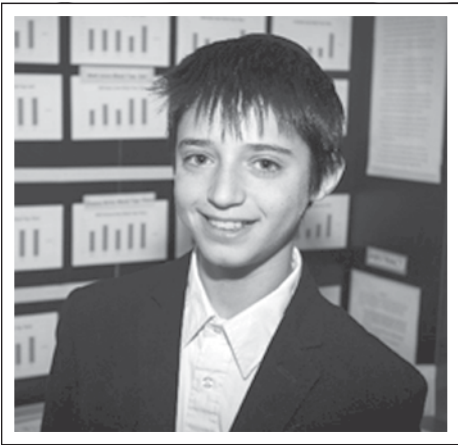
ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

SUPERINTENDENTS RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

South Central Area Superintendents' Association (SCASA) held its 8th annual Student Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 14, 2014, at 12:00 Noon at Laurel View Country Club in Hamden, CT. This program provides area Superintendents with the opportunity to recognize students' accomplishments based on high academic achievement, strong extra-curricular involvement, and an important commitment to community service.

The students recognized from the Orange Public Schools were: Matea Salati and Elizabeth Cohen from Race Brook School, Ameya Menta and Raymond Lu from Turkey Hill School and Tess Csejka and Bassim Zafar from The Peck Place School.

Congratulations to the students and their parents.



Left, Jacob Hasbani and right, Ben Forti.

ORANGE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT 66TH ANNUAL CT SCIENCE FAIR

Orange student, Jacob Hasbani, was honored as a finalist for his project, "Analysis of Natural Sources of Possible Road de-icers and Effect on Pavement, Soil and Plants". Ben Forti was also honored for his project, "Analysis of Phosphorus (fertilizer) Recovery From Varied "Run-Off" Sources (Local Rivers and L.I.S.) at the 66th annual Science and Engineering Fair at Quinnipiac University that was held on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Energize Connecticut and the eesmarks program sponsored the Special Award categories of Alternative/Renewable Energy for middle and high school students; Future Sustainability for high school students; and Sustainable Resources and Practices for middle school students. Robertson and Forti's projects were honored in the "Sustainable Resources and Practices" for middle school students.

On hand to present the awards to the finalists were Connecticut Light & Power Senior Program Administrator Rebecca Meyer and The United Illuminating Company Director of Commercial and Industrial Services Roy Haller. Representatives from CL&P and UI served as judging chairs and coordinated approximately 30 judges from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Capitol Region Education Council, Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, Pratt & Whitney, United Technologies Corporation, University of New Haven and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair is open to students in grades seven through 12 across the state, who compete for more than 600 spots each year. The objective of the fair is to attract young people to careers in the science and engineering industry, while also developing critical thinking skills. The fair is supported by several academic and industrial organizations throughout the state, with funds directed to the awards, operations and various educational activities.

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ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM HELD AT COMMUNITY CENTER

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A program about bullying drew a small but interested audience last week at the High Plains Community center. Several parents and grandparents of children who are currently being bullied in elementary school were in attendance and eager for any advice on how to deal with this stressful situation. The program, presented by Cyd Slotoroff, a trainer for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program; and moderated by Amity High School teacher and Youth Services board member, Robert Cataldi, was sponsored by the town's Youth Services Department.

Slotoroff gave a well-rounded presentation that included defining bullying and mean behaviors, and outlining strategies to help targets of bullies and ways bystanders can stand up to support someone being bullied. Communication, compassion and support are just a few of the tips Slotoroff offered as tools to deal with bullying situations. Outlining the four behaviors of a bullying situation – the target, aggressor, bystander and ally – Slotoroff focused most on ways parents can teach their children to be allies rather than bystanders – perhaps the most successful way to ward off or diffuse a bullying situation. "Talk to your kids about the role they take when they see someone being bullied. Studies show incidents stop within ten seconds if someone intervenes," she said. "Be an ally by supporting the target and challenging the aggressor. If no one steps up, it propagates an aggressor's power. Bystanders can change the culture by becoming allies. Help children understand that their actions or lack of actions contribute to the situation." Research indicates that 85% of bullying instances that occur in front of others, only 20% will try to stop it.

Slotoroff acknowledged stepping up is not easy and bystanders often feel guilty and unsafe when they are witnessing a bullying situation. Through many conversations with young people, Slotoroff has witnessed how a young bystander struggles with their desire to fit in vs. their conscience and doing what they know is right. "Bystanders feel guilty and unsafe. They are fearful they could be the next target," she said. On the other hand, Slotoroff said she's found that whenever a bystander chooses to be an ally, the results are nearly always positive, even if they suffer consequences

like the loss of a friend or getting ridiculed themselves. "Kids rarely say they are sorry they stepped in. They tend to feel really good about themselves and it really does build character," she said.

Kids are also unsure of what to do to be an ally, and that's where role-playing and open communication with a parent can help. Teaching specific ways to be supportive can be helpful, for example, inviting the target to play or counteracting a bully's mean speak with positive comments. "An ally can challenge the perpetrator in a way that's respectful or by saying, 'Hey that's not cool,' or 'Cut it out,'" Slotoroff said. "It's a skill you get better at over time." Kids also have to be aware that there's a difference between "snitching" and "reporting" bullying behavior. If nothing else, an ally can diffuse bullying situations by breaking the cycle and refusing to "feed it". "Don't pass on or spread rumors, don't pass on that nasty email," she said.

If a child is bullied, Slotoroff gave the following advice: Discourage retaliation; ask the child what they want to do; stay calm and levelheaded; reach out to school; contact law enforcement if warranted; have the child build other networks outside of school; keep the child safe online; give advice on how to stand up for yourself; be supportive; and take name calling and mean speak seriously.

Mean behavior can be as hurtful as bullying which is one of the reasons why Moderator Robert Cataldi often discusses the power of language in his classes at Amity High School. "Kids today are bombarded with darkness, nastiness and violence in the music they listen to, the television and movies they watch and the video games they play. "Sometimes kids don't realize the impact of their words and I deal a lot with language explaining what's not appropriate or not funny and why it's not appropriate or funny."

Youth Services Coordinator John Ulatowski did not know what to expect when they planned the April event. "It is an important topic and it seemed the people who did attend got a lot out of it," he said. "A group of parents stayed after the presentation and talked among themselves and I take that as a good sign if a parent took something away from it that may translate to a child getting something out of it. Change can start with one kid."



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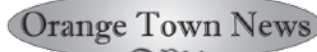
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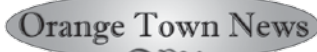
To the Editor

Prom and graduation season means a lot of milestones for high schoolers and their parents. With talk of celebrations and excitement in the air, now is a window of opportunity to talk to your teen about making safe, smart decisions about alcohol.

Parents play an important role in helping teens make smart decisions when it comes to alcohol. In fact, the GfK Roper Youth Report reaffirms that parents continue to be the strongest influence on youth decisions about drinking and have been for more than twenty years.

We at Dichello Distributors, Inc. would like to thank the parents, educators, law enforcement and many others who are making progress in reducing underage drinking. Let's continue this positive trend by talking with our teens this prom and graduation season.

Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator



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manner. Their goal for this year may be 'Any time a parent contacts me this year, I'll get back to them within 24 hours.'

Once the goals for the year have been met, the principals look at the survey results, examine the data and then identify a point that could use more attention. He then talks with teachers about their focus for the next year, building on the efforts in place from the prior year.

Teachers and principals have five goals: A parent feedback goal, a student feedback goal, two student performance improvement goals in math and reading and each teacher will have a personal goal. 'A teacher may say they're not very strong on the SmartBoard and choose to focus on that. Another teacher may say, 'My differentiation skills are not what they should be when it comes to students.' McMullin says.

Though some schools separate a state-required school safety survey from their annual evaluations, Orange chose to combine the two. According to McMullin, 'The reason we didn't look at school safety in a separate survey is because school safety is part of school climate. We rolled them in together and we're meeting the requirements of the state statute and the teacher evaluation rules. My expectation is that because we've put this into place carefully and thoughtfully, that there will always be growth. It's highly self-reflective. Everybody's working together in workshops. These are the things that help schools improve,' McMullin says.

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WEICHERT, REALTORS HONORED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

WEICHERT, REALTORS - Regional Properties Broker/Owner Clem Fucci was called to the stage at the 2014 Weichert National Convention on three occasions to receive recognition from the franchise organization. Fucci accepted the 2013 Ambassador Cup, along with two first-time honors presented by Weichert Real Estate Affiliates (WREA).

The 2013 Ambassador Cup was presented to the Orange office of WEICHERT, REALTORS® - Regional Properties, one of only 35 "awards of excellence" given to an office system-wide in 2013. This was the ninth award of excellence presented to the group in nine years.

In addition, both the Orange office and the three-office company rose to the top of a short list of affiliates that were identified as tops in overall achievement among Weichert franchises in 37 states, a new category of awards added this past year. Martin Rueter, president of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. (WREA), the franchise division of Weichert, Realtors, congratulated Fucci and the others for their outstanding contributions to the growing reputation of WREA. Weichert Real Estate Affiliates announced its first affiliate in 2002, was identified in 2005 by Entrepreneur magazine as one of the fastest growing U.S. franchises, and in Entrepreneur's January 2013 Franchise 500, ranked #2 among all competitors.

Themed The Way Forward, the March 26-28, 2014 sessions held at Caesar's Atlantic City were attended by some 1,000 conventioners, who were brought to their feet on several occasions, from Rueter's opening "welcome to a normal, healthy, robust real estate market" to the final guest speaker, Tommy Lasorda.

Regional Properties joined the Weichert network in 2005. The firm has offices in Orange, Hamden and New Haven, Connecticut. The company Web address is www.weichertrp.com.



Clem Fucci

STUDENT NEWS

Local Residents Named to the Fall Term Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall

Wallingford, CT -- The following Orange students were named to the Winter Term 2014 Dean's List at Choate Rosemary Hall: Matthew Canna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Canna; Thomas Canna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Canna; and Nathan Chang, son of Dr. Dean Chang and Dr. Sue S. Chang. Located in Wallingford, Connecticut, Choate Rosemary Hall is an independent secondary school enrolling 865 boarding and day students from 40 states and D.C., and 40 countries.

Xinyuan Hu Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA -- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Xinyuan Hu of Orange, Conn., was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hu was initiated at University of Connecticut. Hu is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

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



Town Hall

1st	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
5th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Committee	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
6th	Economic Development Commission	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
7th	OVNA Board of Governors	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Memorial Day Committee	7:00 pm	HPCC
8th	WPCA	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Annual Town Meeting	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Community Services Commission	7:30 pm	HPCC
12th	Tree Committee	4:30 pm	Case Mem. Library
	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy Bldg
13th	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
14th	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	Senior Center Advisory Committee	1:00 pm	HPCC
	Case Memorial Library Commission	7:30 pm	Case Mem. Library
19th	Family Counseling Committee	9:00 am	HPCC
	ODAAC	7:00 pm	Clark Bldg
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Youth Services	7:30 pm	HPCC
20th	Orange Budget Referendum	12 noon	HPCC
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
21st	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Memorial Day Committee	7:00 pm	To Be Determined
	Recycling Committee	7:30 pm	HPCC
22nd	OVNA Professional Advisory Comm.	5:00 pm	Clark Bldg
	Bond Construction Oversight Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Emergency Management	8:00 am	Police Station
28th	Safety Commission	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Park & Recreation Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
29th	Pension Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall

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Sitting next to her at the table were Assistant State Attorney Mark Kohler, head of special litigation for tribal issues, and Attorney Gerald Weiner, a Woodbridge resident and town counsel, who had represented homeowners in cases of land claims in the past.

Back in 1992-93 the Indians were going to Town Clerk offices and putting blanket liens on titles of properties, which had been taken from them without congressional approval. "For a significant time title insurance would not insure these properties," Attorney Weiner said. He said at this time it appears title companies are willing to insure, though title insurance is not cheap. Should there be land claims, "It will be a burden and affect the ability to sell or refinance," he said.

"Homeowners were caught under a legal cloud," DeLauro said. They couldn't sell their properties or refinance for some 14 years until the case was settled in 2004/05 with the decision of the Department of the Interior – based on an earlier finding of the Bureau of Indian Affairs – that denied the tribal status.

The Golden Hill Paugussetts do have a reservation in Trumbull, consisting of a home on a quarter-acre lot. But the reservation ceased to exist as a distinct community in 1823, the BIA found. "They lost their tribal cohesiveness," said Ken Lenz, an Orange selectman, who attended the meeting along with First Selectman Jim Zeoli. Lenz, an attorney, said about 95-99 parcels in Orange were affected, plus some in Shelton, Oxford and Southbury. In all, some 160 parcels were claimed by the Paugussetts at the time. The Indians claimed about 100 acres in Orange, from Route 34 south, to the lower part of the Catholic cemetery, and both sides of Milford – Derby Road, south to the Bespuda Farm.

For now, no such property claims are being made. However, the proposed new criteria would make recognition much easier. Under the proposed rules, the existence of the "reservation" in Trumbull since 1934 alone would be sufficient grounds for federal recognition.

If approved, "there is no need to demonstrate political or social continuity," DeLauro said. "The Paugussett reservation would be enough. This is contrary to long-standing principles for acknowledgement," DeLauro said. "We will try to put a stop to these proposed changes."

One argument she brought forward is that the new regulation seems to affect mostly one tribe, the Golden Hill Paugussetts, and one other tribe in Virginia. The new regulation, called a "Discussion Draft," was issued by BIA Assistant Secretary Jim Washburn in June 2013. The Connecticut delegation sent a strongly-worded letter in August, stating their opposition: "We fully understand that there are some aspects of the federal recognition process that could be improved — most notably the long delay from the date of filing of the petition to actual decision-making," they wrote. "This delay can be attributed to a lack of sufficient resources. Lowering the standards for which an Indian group may be recognized as a Tribe and eliminating access to an impartial check on the Bureau's decisions regarding federal recognition, however, is not an appropriate remedy."

The Department of the Interior, of which the BIA is a branch, has sent the proposal to the Office of Budget and Management on April 13. It has a 90-day period to review the proposal, followed by a public comment period. DeLauro encouraged homeowners to take advantage of that right to comment. She said comments can be directed to her office for now.

Lenz said eventually comments will go to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, however, the Discussion Draft has not been published yet and no officer has been assigned to it. Formal comment period is 180 days. Any member of the public can comment, not only those who are potentially affected. After the comment period, the Secretary of the Interior has to approve the regulation as well. "It's not a done deal," Lenz said.

Homeowners were asking DeLauro for the reasons the Bureau was re-opening the issue. "I don't know what the motivation is," she said. Some homeowners brought up the hope of the Paugussetts for a casino in Bridgeport. "If they get recognition, the legislators will be on their side," said Susan Sharnoff.

When asked which side the Connecticut delegation is taking on the issue, DeLauro was very forceful. "We are there, [for the homeowners]" she said. "We're going to fight like hell."

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Thursday, May 15, 2:30-3:30 PM

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Saturday, May 3 at 11:00 AM

Instructor: Sue Neufeld. Bring a yoga mat or towel.

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Monday, May 12 at 7:00 PM

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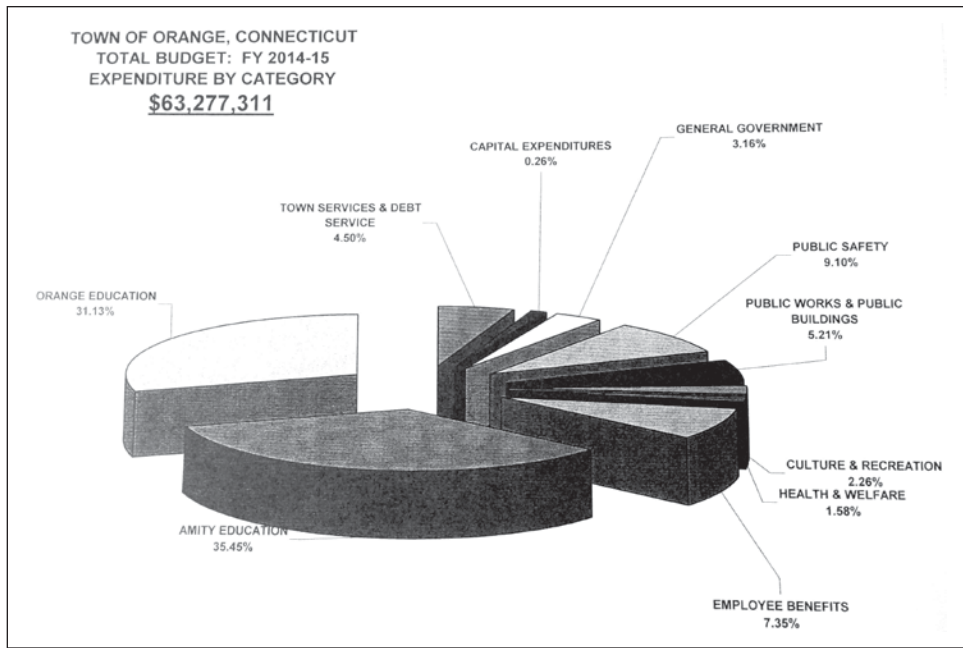


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ANNUAL BUDGET REFERENDUM MAY 20

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange residents will be given the opportunity to learn about the proposed budget for 2014-2015 in the upcoming weeks. An information budget hearing will be held April 23 at High Plains Community Center at 7:30 PM. The annual Town Meeting will be May 8 at High Plains at 7:30 p.m. and a town-wide referendum will be held May 20, only at High Plains, from noon to 8 p.m.

In March, the Orange Board of Education unanimously approved a proposed budget for the 2014-15 school year with a 6.3% increase over the current year's \$18.3 million dollar budget. Contractual salary increases and capital improvements are driving the increase. Requested funds for capital improvements at all four schools accounts for one-third of the budget increase. The town budgeted \$18,000 for capital improvements this school year. Next year, the Board of Education is asking for \$397,000 for improvements to the aging schools.

Newly appointed superintendent of Amity schools, Charles Dumais, calls the proposed 2014-2015 Amity budget 'fiscally responsible,' providing the necessary resources to maintain the high quality of education to students, while keeping the impact to taxes as low as possible. In his budget presentation, he noted that the five-year average increase in total expenditures was 1.24 percent and the current year budget increase was 1.98 percent. He adds, "These low budget increases cannot be sustained without seriously impacting the high quality of education expected by the community."

The 2014-2015 Board of Education Approved Budget increases total expenditures by \$1,681,600 or 3.78 percent over the current budget. The member town allocations are \$1,436,073 or 3.32 percent over the current budget. Amity budget drivers are salaries, medical insurance, and special education. The budget balancers are the elimination of a certified staff position, OPEB Trust not funded, and lower debt service (i.e., redemption of principal and interest on the District's bonds).

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FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



We have recently received the date for this year's Post Office Food Drive better known as Stamp Out Hunger. The drive is schedule for May 10th. Normally we don't get the date ahead of time. This year we are fortunate to get this and I am now taking the liberty of letting the good citizens of Orange know what we need.

Every year I am just floored by the generosity of our residents with the amount of food that pours into our office not to mention the hard work of our Postal Carriers to deliver it to our office.

At this time we are in need of certain food/hygiene products. Items needed

include tomato sauce, cereal, juice boxes and bottles, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, macaroni and cheese, any and all paper products, crackers, cookies, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, small canned hams, ketchup, dish soap, body soap, shampoo, conditioner and laundry detergent. Some other staples include sugar, flour, salt and pepper and vegetable oil.

I want to thank everyone in advance for their assistance and look for our picture after the drive when we can show you how each household's donations added up to mountains of food to help our neighbors.

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Dr. Lavin's book *Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History and Oral Traditions Teach Us about their Communities and Cultures*

ORANGE LAND TRUST ANNUAL MEETING

Connecticut's Coastal American Indian Communities

The Orange Land Trust would like to invite you to our Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday May 7th, 2014, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road at 7 pm. Following a short business meeting our guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Lucianne Lavin, Director of Research and Collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies, a museum, research and educational center in Washington, Connecticut. The presentation is titled, "Connecticut's Coastal American Indian Communities, Then and Now", beginning with the earliest Paleo-Indian settlers and continuing through time to the Quinnipiac and Paugussett Communities. Dr. Lavin is the author of more than 100 articles concerning the original inhabitants of Connecticut who settled in this area more than 10,000 years ago.

Please join us for this interesting journey back in time to view life in Orange and surrounding areas, long before Interstate 95 or the Merritt Parkway, shopping centers, state and town government or even European settlers. Learn what archeological remains have revealed about these ancient people and their existence in Connecticut today.

Lucianne Lavin is a member of the state's Native American Heritage Advisory Council and Editor of the Journal of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut. Dr. Lavin is an anthropologist and archaeologist with over 40 years of research and field experience, including teaching, museum exhibits and curatorial work, cultural resource management, editorial work, and public relations.

She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University and her B.A. from Indiana University. She has taught archaeology and anthropology courses at a number of Connecticut and New York colleges, including Connecticut College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, and Adelphi University. During her term as a Research Associate at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, she co-directed its present Connecticut Prehistory exhibit and wrote the accompanying teacher's manual. She has owned and operated an archaeological firm for over 25 years.

Dr. Lavin has written over 150 professional publications and technical reports on the archaeology and ethnohistory of the Northeast. She was awarded the Russell Award by the Archaeological Society of Connecticut and elected Fellow of the New York State Archaeological Association for exemplary archaeology work in their respective states.

She is a Connecticut native, having lived much of her life in the lower Housatonic River Valley. Her book *Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History and Oral Traditions Teach Us about their Communities and Cultures*, recently published by Yale University Press (spring 2013), received an honorable mention in the New England Book Festival.

Dr. Lavin will have copies of her book available for sale and signing after the presentation. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Parenting Program on Get Connected Into Your Child's World of Social Media will be Presented at High Plains Community Center May 29th

Orange Youth Services and the Milford Prevention Council will present a Parenting program entitled Get Connected Into Your Child's World of Social Media on Thursday, May 29th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the High Plains Community Center cafeteria.

The program is funded by an Enhancement grant from the State Department of Education. Wendy Gibbons, Program Director of Milford Prevention Services

will give the presentation. Topics discussed will be focused on Social Media issues parents are most concerned about such as educating your child about the Internet, monitoring social networks, establishing rules, controlling mobile devices, and children having their own dedicated computer. The program is free and snacks and refreshment will be served. The program will be recorded by OGAT.

Youth Services, Orange Fire Marshal and Police Departments to Offer Home Alone Classes

Youth Services, in conjunction with the Orange Fire Marshal's Office and Orange Police Department, will hold Home Alone courses for 25 sixth-grade students per Elementary schools. Dates for the Home Alone courses are Tuesday, May 13th at Turkey Hill School for Turkey Hill students and Tuesday, May 20th at Racebrook School for Racebrook students - both at 3 pm to 4:15 pm in the school media center. Also, Tuesday, May 27th from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm for Peck Place students to be held at High Plains

Community Center, room 2. There is no cost for the program. Parents need to register with John at Youth Services at julatowski@orange-ct.gov. Include name of child, address, parent contact information, and school. Space is limited - students will be selected in order of email response. Course materials cover a wide range of categories such as fire and personal safety, visitors, and student responsibilities. Parents would also need to make arrangements for pickup for their child after the course.

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Breathe, Balance, Believe - Vinyasa Yoga for the Family, Mondays @ 5:15- 6:15 pm, Saturdays 9:00- 10:00 am, in the Parish hall, Church of the Good Shepherd 680 Racebrook Road, designed to help children and adults strengthen both physically and mentally, participants practice at their own level, teacher is certified and member RYT. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them.

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

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

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

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

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday except for January, July & August, 7pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangercycles@gmail.com.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net). Next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

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 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.

New NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, conference room on the second floor, meeting dates are May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2014. They are free of charge and facilitator led.

The Holy Infant Women's Guild Spring Tag Sale, Saturday, May 10, 2014, 9:00am-2:00pm, church gymnasium, 450 Racebrook Road; over 30 tables of new and used items for sale, cost to reserve a table is \$20/Guild members and \$25/non-members. To reserve a table, call Gloria at (203)795-4679.

The New Haven Mineral Club Annual Mineral Auction, Monday, May 12, 2014, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Building, Brooksvale Park, Hamden, Selected Minerals, Fossils and Various Items of Interest from the Collection of the New Haven Mineral Club and Members. Public is Welcome - Free Admission. <http://www.newhavenmineralclub.org/>.

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Festival and Fair, rain or shine Friday, May 30, 2014 and Saturday, May 31, 2014 11:00am-11:00pm, Sunday, June 1, 2014 11:00am-9:30pm, 4070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, free admission and free parking, authentic Greek food and pastries (both indoor and outdoor), games and rides, live music, cash raffle and other raffle prizes as well as a 50/50 raffle, expanded Greek agora (marketplace), tours of our 14th century byzantine style church, dancing in the aisles with ethnic dancers, cooking demonstrations, cultural exhibits and artifacts. We would love to have you.

Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, June 7, 2014, 8:00-11:00am, Fire Station, 355 Boston Post Road, Orange, scrambled eggs, your choice of bacon or sausage, potato patties and all you can eat "Chip's" pancakes, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea, \$8.00/Adults, Children ages 6-12/\$6.00, Age 5 and under/free with paying adult. For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-795-5882, email lmk415@yahoo.com, or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

Milford Lions 4th Annual Charity Car Show, Sunday June 8, 2014 (Rain date June 22, 2014), 9:00am-3:00pm, 612 Wheelers Farm Rd Milford, CT Merritt Corporate Woods, Food – Music – Raffle Prizes – Trophies, All Show Cars & Special Interest Vehicles Welcome, Goodie bags & Dash Plaques for the first 100 cars, \$12.00 entry fee per show car – Pre registration \$10.00 (no cutoff year), Spectator fee \$5.00 per person (Children under 5 Free), In coordination with: Connecticut Seaport Car Club, Sponsored by: Stevens Ford. For more information, call 203-641-2290 or check out <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/milfordct/> for pre-registration form and flyer.

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



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

Pasta Festa & Living Treasure Awards

Join us on Friday, May 9 from 5 to 8 pm for our annual Pasta Festa! We will again hold the dinner in the beautiful hall at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church on 480 Racebrook Road. The pasta and meatballs will be catered by Cusano's. Members of the Board of Selectmen will be on hand to help serve the meal. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year's Living Treasure Awards to Emma Cuzzocreo, Donald Lewis, & Elmer Manley. Winners of the raffle will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time. Transportation is available. Call Kim at (203) 891-4788. Please let us know if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets are on sale at \$20 per person.

Teen Tech Talk

Tuesday, May 13th -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 second Thursday this month—May 15, 11:30am in the Computer Room. The club meets to discuss the wonderful apps found, answer questions, and share experience using i-phones, i-pads, and laptops.

Money Management Club

The Money Management Club will meet weekly. Its next meetings are on May 9, 16 & 23, 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.

Wellness Seminars

The Senior Center Fitness Instructor, Tara Graham is a Health & Wellness coach. She will lead our Wellness series at 11:30am-12:30am in the Senior Lounge. May 15 Tara will present Digestive Wellness. June 26 Dr. Lahav will present Arthritis and Joint Replacement, sponsored by Constellation Health Services and Milford Rehabilitation Center. RSVP at (203) 891-4784.

A Very Special LUNCH & FUN!

We showed the movie "Lee Daniels' The Butler", now lets hear from a real retired White House Butler. Join us for Lunch & Fun, on May 1 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the senior lounge for White House Memories, with Alan DeValerio. Have you ever imagined what it would be like to attend a Presidential function at the White House? How about a State Dinner? Have you ever wondered what the Family Quarters of the White House look like? Well, former White House butler Alan DeValerio will tell you all about it! He'll give you the inside details about all the preparations involved in White House entertaining, and how it has evolved over the years from FDR to the present. Not only will he relate his firsthand experiences with history, but he'll pass on the stories he heard from those who have been taking care of our First Families ever since the Franklin Roosevelt administration! 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.

Rescheduled from April Lunch & FUN!

Join us for Lunch & Fun, on May 8 from 11:30am to 1:00pm for Trash to Tunes, with Dr. Dennis Waring. Trash to Tunes is a fun show where Dr. Waring uses hand-made and homemade musical instruments inspired from instruments around the world. The show is filled with interesting sights, sounds, and stories about the instruments that will give the audience new insights into folklore, music, craft, science and world view. Dr. Waring is an ethnomusicologist, educator, author, instrument maker, collector, performer, and arts consultant. He teaches World Music, American Music, and Music Education courses on the university level. 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.

Extra LUNCH & FUN!

Join us for Lunch & Fun, on Friday, May 23 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the senior lounge for Hapa Hilo Hula, with Joanne Wilder. Hula is the traditional dance of Hawaii. Hapa Hilo Hula means Half Twisted Dancing and is intertwined with stories. 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.

All New! Book Club

Come join the FREE Senior Center Book Club to be held the 4th Friday of each month starting May 23, from 2-3:30pm in Lounge.

5th Annual Peck Place Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again host a Senior Prom here at the HPCC on Tuesday, May 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year we had a ton of fun! There will be a buffet style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing. The attire is dressy, but you could wear whatever will make you comfortable. Oh, and the best part is it's FREE! Just RSVP to the senior center so we can tell the school how many will be attending.

Senior Lunch Program

The senior lunch program runs Mon. through Fri., 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.

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ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA – Oct 8—October 13, 2014 (6 days 8 meals). Highlights include: Balloon Fiesta, Old Town Albuquerque, Nuclear Science & History Museum, Indian Cultural Museum, Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe, Loretto Chapel, and the Santa Fe School of Cooking. Includes round trip air from Bradley Intl. Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers and group transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Cost is \$2,299pp with early booking discount, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available.

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BOSTON POPS @ TANGLEWOOD—Sunday, July 13, Keith Lockhart, conductor, and Jason Alexander as the special guest. Cost \$131. Includes transportation, driver's gratuity, admission and lunch. Full payment due at registration.

ODYSSEY LUNCHEON CRUISE – Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Luncheon Cruise on Boston Harbor aboard the Odyssey. Lunch includes fresh Caesar Salad, Lobster Bisque, Tuscan Chicken, Grilled Salmon, Beef Short Ribs, or Seafood Ravioli Granteee. Cost \$85. Includes transportation, cruise on Boston Harbor, driver's gratuity, and elegant luncheon. Full payment due at registration.

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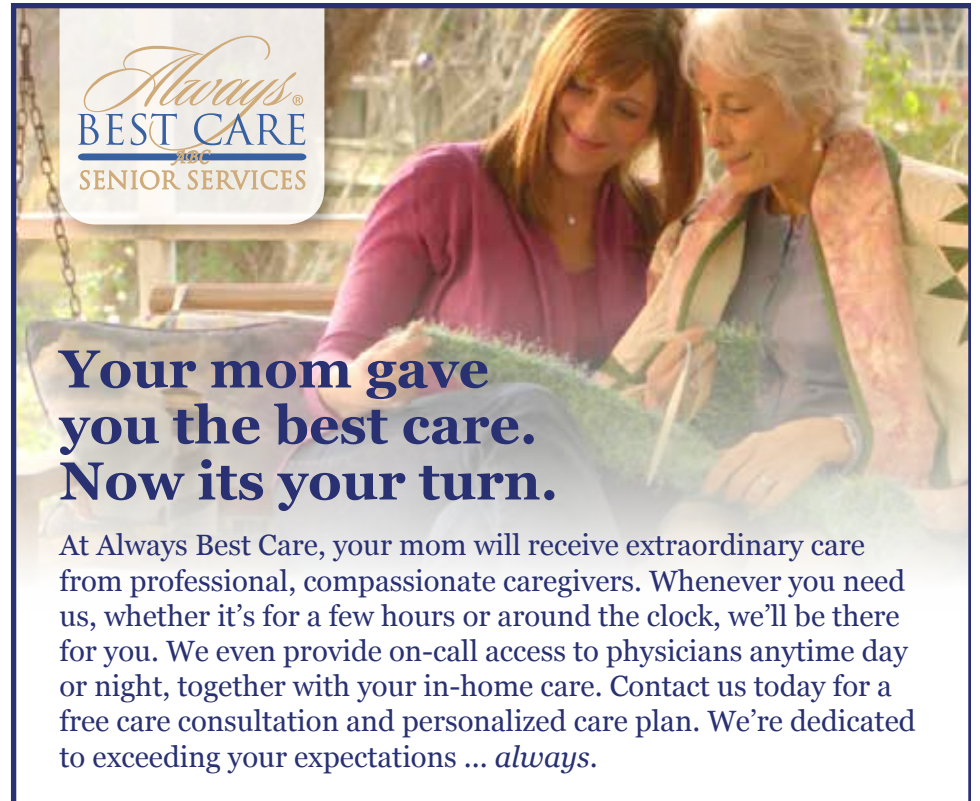
SENIOR CARE COUNCIL HOLDING HEALTH FAIR

The Senior Care Professional Council will be holding a symposium and health fair titled "Embrace Your World" on Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Thornton Wilder Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden. at 11:00a.m. Mary Jo Riley, President of the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel will speak on "What your Senior Center can do for you".

The symposium showcases services available to older adults. In addition to health exhibits with information, various agencies will be providing services and screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks, and body fat testing. Shingle shots will be offered by Rite Aid. Gift bags with snacks, free giveaways and raffles will be available.

The Senior Care Professional Council is a consortium of agencies serving our elders in New Haven, Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and Hamden area and represents the continuum of care to these individuals.

All are welcome to attend. Contact Betty Wetmore at 203-376-9677 or Mary Ellen LaRocca at 203-389-3429 for more information.

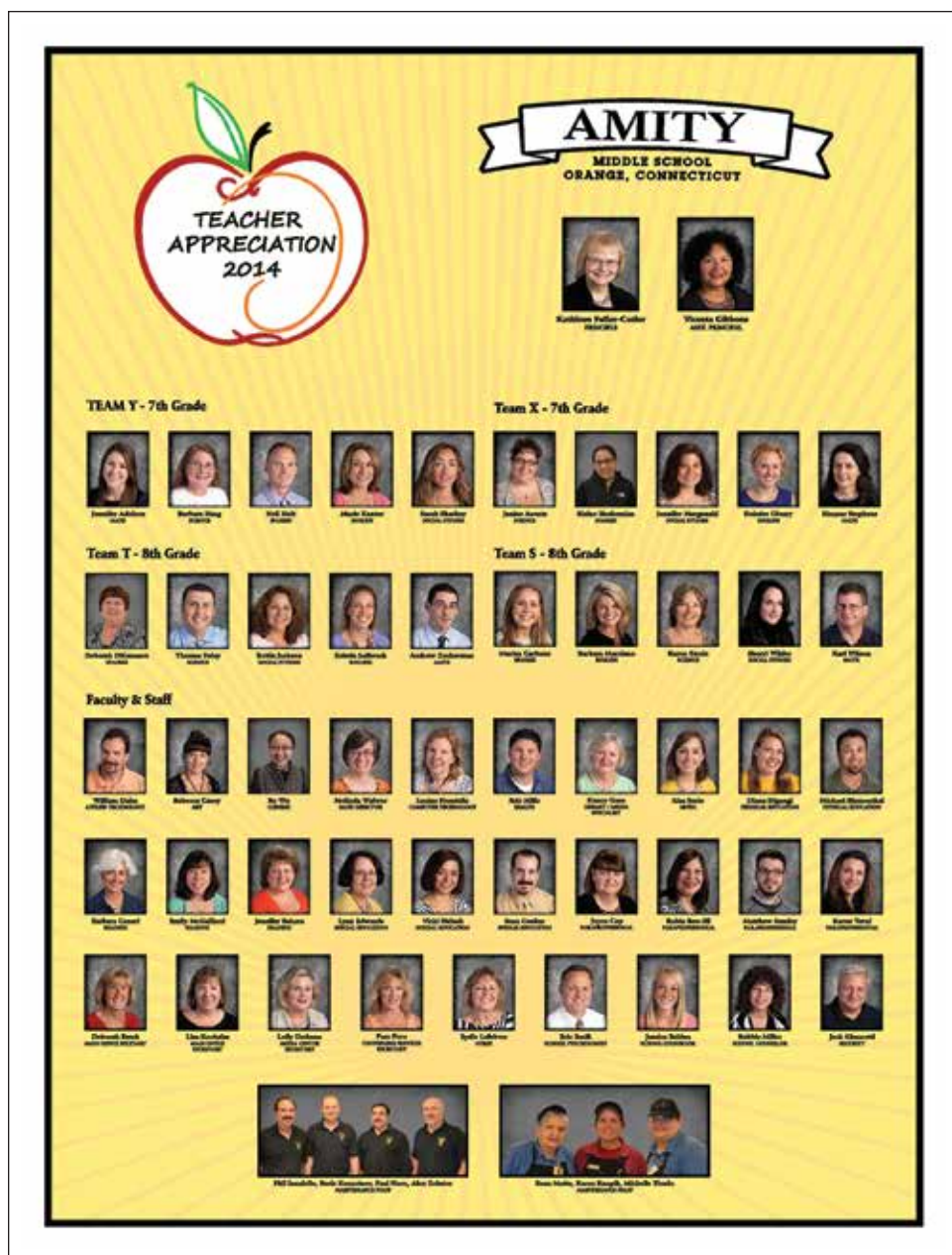


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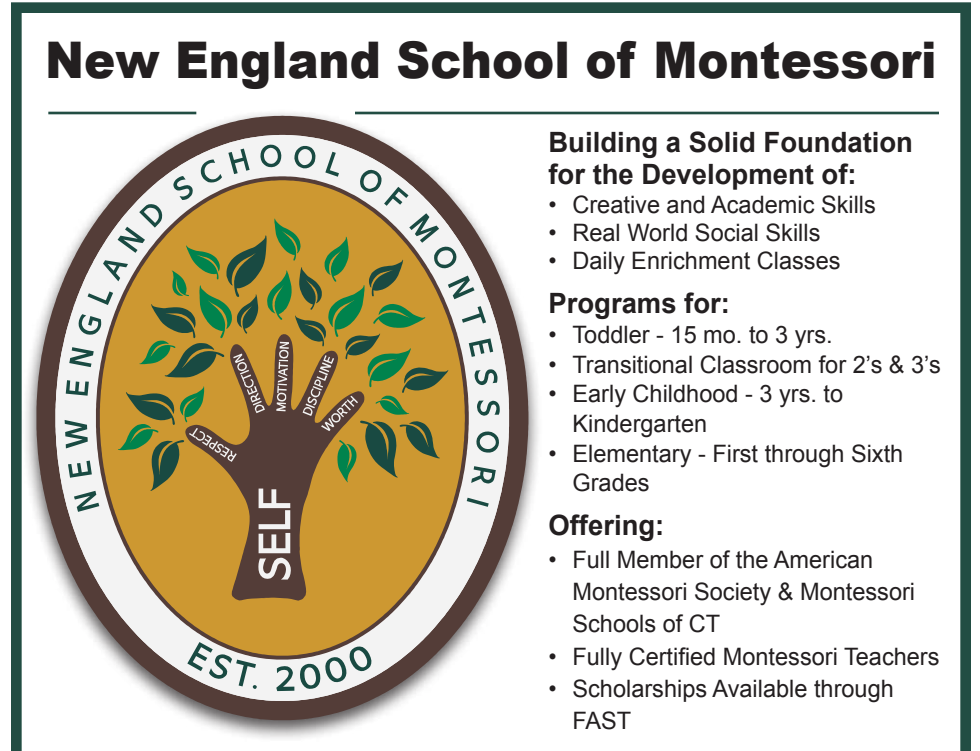
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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



Do You Know Where You Live?

Of course you do. Your real estate deed gives you your address and if you're in doubt, check out your driver's license. But have you really read your real estate deed? Probably not, as most of us work through an agent, they do the work, title search, deed registration and the like. You write out the check. There is more sectional history in Orange than is listed on the street signs.

From previous History Corner articles, most readers are aware of the Tyler City section of Orange which, in fact, does appear

on real estate deeds for properties in the original area, laid out by Samuel Halliwell and Philander Ferry in 1872. The New Haven & Derby Railroad had previously opened, August 9, 1871 for freight, passengers and mail which would connect the Elm City with the Naugatuck Valley, the "Gateway to the West".

Halliwell owned a teashop selling spices, wines and coffee from around the world and his partner Ferry was a confectionary shop owner. It would appear that these two gentlemen wished to increase their market and their pocketbooks but alas, after many years, Tyler City, the boomtown, ceased to exist except on property deeds. Residential subdivisions were the principle method by which Orange was transformed from a rural farming town in 1900 into a fully developed suburban community by 1955.

Let's take Birchwood Drive for instance. Samuel Batter developed this area between 1939 and 1942, just prior to WW II. Located north of Derby Turnpike, the lots sold quickly and the area is officially known as "The Birchwoods". Going south a bit to Buttonball Road we find the Arthur D. Clark Subdivision. Although existing maps indicate 1950, some of the homes were built in 1934, continuing into 1950.

Colonial Acres, originally mapped out by Harold Weise in 1947 began with Center Road Circle and Pinecrest Road, but later included Racebrook Terrace with developer Berner Lohne. Harry Cook and his son took on the Chestnut Ridge area, just off Derby Avenue with the houses built between 1930 and 1950. One of the most famous subdivisions is Fairlea Farms which you may remember was the dream of Wilson H. Lee. Not only did he turn the 100-acre Nettleton Farm into the largest dairy farm in Orange, he acquired additional lands west of the farm across from Orange Center Road spreading across 600 acres destined to be modestly built homes.

Some of the streets in his subdivisions bear the names of his family, friends and workers as in Wilson Road, his own first name. Fairlea Road is obvious, but Demarest Drive was named for his son-in-law, John Demarest and Mr. Lee's dairy manager was William Knight. Still another Knight, whose husband Frank also worked at the dairy is always remembered with Sarah Circle. One of the more intriguing names whose origin doesn't appear on record is Drummond Road.

Known as the Gaetano Subdivision built by John Gaetano in the early 50's is a fairly small area, North & South Rolling Ridge. Sunset Drive became part of the construction with a fairly obvious reason for its name. Another small street named Hitchcock Court was easily named for the Hitchcock Farm it encompassed, just off Orange Center Road.

Going back a good distance in years is Indian Hill Estates. Another Cook development with construction of a few homes built in 1909. A tight little community, situated in the northeastern part of Orange near Maltby Lakes, derives its name from the various Schaghticoke Native Americans that lived there, notably Aunt Icy as well as a Native burial ground. Born Isabella Wright, Icy was well loved by her neighbors and upon her 100th birthday, a grand party was held

in her honor. She lived to be 102 saying that not once had she sought the help of a doctor. Her party picture can be seen at The Academy as well as other members of her family and friends.

What would appear to be a very austere subdivision by name, is Paramount Park. In 1925, real estate developer Abraham Lander purchased a 90-acre farm from

Donato Viggiano and soon mapped out 500 building lots. The site was to be bounded by Diana Street to the north, east by Lindy Street, south by Milford Turnpike (Route 1) and west by Bradley Avenue (Racebrook Road) with lots 150'x 250'. A section located on the eastern portion was never fully developed until after World War II.

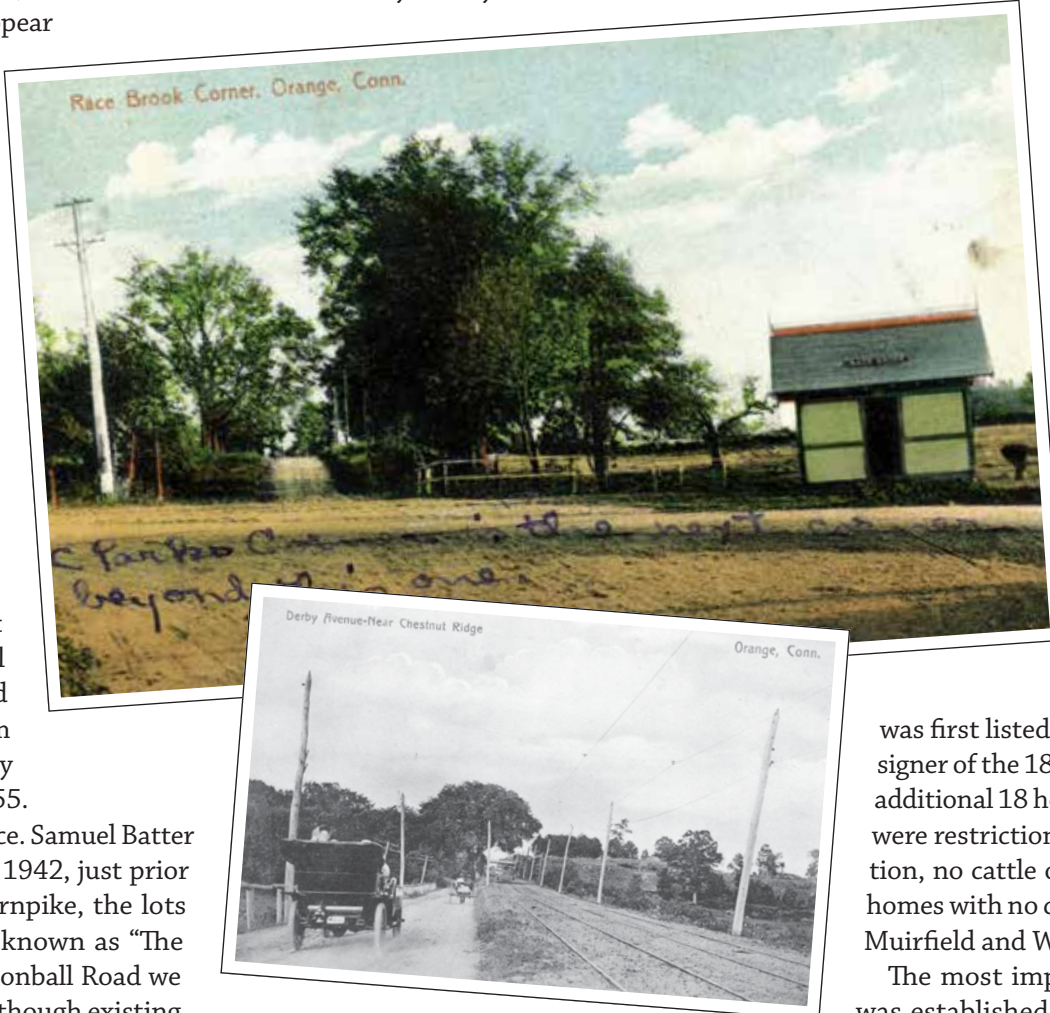
Racebrook Estates was the earliest large subdivision laid out in twentieth-century Orange. Located just north of Derby Avenue along the trolley route. Important streets included Alling Road, College Road, Ohman Avenue, Sheffield Road, Woodruff Road and Taft Road. Recently the Board of Selectmen voted to abandon a no name right of way between Taft Road and Alling Road. The homes were the work of J.W. Holloway Company from New York City with the earliest maps filed in 1916. Although the houses were to be of moderate means the deeds came with some restrictions; a minimum construction budget of \$1500, design and construction approved by the developer, at least two lots per dwelling, no flat roofs, and no fences except ornamental iron fences were permitted.

Dwight Russell mapped Russell Homestead in 1939, but the property was first listed as Robert Pryde Estates in 1925, the designer of the 18-hole golf course and a later designer of an additional 18 holes at the Race Brook County Club. There were restrictions here as well with substantial construction, no cattle or poultry on the property, single family homes with no commercial activity and a 40 foot setback. Muirfield and Woodside are part of Russell Homestead.

The most impressive real estate development effort was established on the former Clark property seen on Scobie postcards as Clark's Corner. The Healy, O'Sullivan-Shaughnessy enclave resulted from a partnership composed

of William Healy, a Derby attorney, William Shaughnessy, a Bridgeport contractor, and Patrick O'Sullivan, a prominent attorney and politician. Healy and O'Sullivan were law partners. In 1922, the three men purchased a substantial plot of land on the southwest corner of Orange Center Road and the Derby Turnpike from Dwight Clark. In the next three years they built three neighboring and imposing residences set well back from Orange Center Road on top of a low ridge, numbers 940, 942 & 952. The partners sold off spacious lots fronting Orange Center Road with the intention of creating an exclusive enclave with its own set of restrictions. There was to be no illegal or immoral activities, any house must be suitable to the character of the neighborhood and the total investment in land and buildings was to be at least \$18,000. Remember now, this was 1922!

These are only a few of the divisions of Orange and a trip to the Town Clerk's office will enlighten the homeowners when they look for their property deed which is readily available to the public. So now do you know where you live?



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Q: I was watching the Hallmark Channel, and I saw a commercial for a movie with **Eric Mabius**, and I think he works in a post office. Can you tell me more about that? I really liked him on **"Ugly Betty."** -- Brenda K., via email

A: While Eric previously has starred in a couple of movies for Hallmark, what you saw advertised is a new prime-time series that talented actor is starring in. In **"Signed, Sealed, Delivered,"** which premieres Easter Sunday, April 20, at 8/7c, Eric plays Oliver, a U.S. Postal Detective who solves puzzles and mysteries centering on letters that find their way to the Dead Letter Office. When I spoke with Eric recently about this new role that brought him back to series television, he told me how excited he is to help usher in "a new Hallmark Channel."

"I'd worked with Hallmark before on a couple of movies, and I thought: 'Why not Hallmark? Why not do an original series?' I firmly believe, and I think Hallmark shares the same belief, that this show is going to change everyone's opinion of Hallmark. It's not your mother's Hallmark anymore. It's really taking on issues in a way that's still family-friendly but much more; it's not just escapism."

Executive producer **Martha Williamson**, who also brought us **"Touched By an Angel,"** has really brought her A-game to this project, as Eric told me: "Based upon the content of the show and Martha's pedigree, every episode is a real gem. We're tickled when we come to the table for the read-throughs because she has all these surprises up her sleeve. She's really aiming for the stars."



Eric Mabius in "Signed, Sealed, Delivered"

Q: With the final season of **"Californication"** upon us, does **David Duchovny** have another series or movie on the horizon? -- Samuel D., Port Orange, Fla.

A: NBC has ordered a 13-episode period drama called **"Aquarius,"** in which David stars as a police detective hunting a hippie cult leader who turns out to be Charles Manson. The series will cover the early years of Manson and his "family," with the full story playing out in future seasons (if it gets renewed). David told **"Variety":** "I'm thrilled to be working with (NBC Chairman) **Bob Greenblatt** again and coming back to broadcast television. I think 'Aquarius' has a chance to be a special show and I can't wait to get going."

Q: I read that my favorite comedic actress, **Amy Poehler**, has a brother in the business too. Is that true? What can I see him in? -- Fred S., via email

A: Amy's brother, Greg, currently stars in and executive produces (with Amy) the Swedish sitcom **"Welcome to Sweden,"** which chronicles Greg's real-life experiences of moving to Sweden to marry to his Swedish girlfriend. The series -- which co-stars Amy, **Josephine Bornebusch**, **Lena Olin**, **Patrick Duffy** and **Illeana Douglas** -- is now airing in Sweden, and will begin airing here in the U.S. this fall on NBC.



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By Susan Noonan



MOTHER'S DAY 2014

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th this year. There are more than 83 million mothers living today in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There are approximately 2 billion mothers living worldwide. Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not created in the boardroom of Hallmark. In the United States Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. In 1914, Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

Mother's Day continues to this day to be one of the most commercially successful occasions. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. I thought this would be a good opportunity to mention what some of our local family owned restaurants are offering on this special day:

Andini's Pizza Bar & Grill—555 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-0200- Mother's Day specials. All moms receive a glass of champagne & dessert.

Carmine's Tuscan Grill Ristorante—1500 Whalley Avenue, New Haven (on the Woodbridge border)-203-389-2805- serving outstanding dishes from both northern & southern Italy offering a special Mother's Day menu.

China Pavilion—185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-3555-Award winning Asian cuisine-serving their regular menu all day.

Chip's Family Restaurant—321 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-5065-Award winning pancakes-serving breakfast, lunch & dinner.

Consiglio's—165 Wooster Street, New Haven-203-865-4489-This iconic Italian restaurant is celebrating 76 years & offering its regular dinner menu.

Coromandel-Cuisine of India—185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-9055-Award winning Indian cuisine-Mother's Day Brunch 11:45a-3:15p-offering 30 dishes-\$22.00 per person-they now have a new outdoor patio for dining & cocktails.

Gabriele Ristorante Italiano—326 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-2633-serving authentic Italian cuisine for 31 years-offering Mother's Day specials.

Jeffrey's Restaurant by Claudio—501 New Haven Avenue, Milford-203-878-1910-Fine dining at it's best-offering all mothers a glass of champagne with dinner.

Lisiano's Restaurant—514 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-1339-Family owned for 22 years offering homemade Italian dishes. All moms will receive a glass of wine.

Ola—350 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-0522-Award winning new world Latino cuisine & Mojito bar -offering all mothers a complementary glass of red or white sangria. They now have a Bridgeport location.

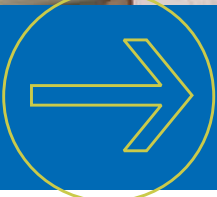
Pop's Family Restaurant—134 Old Gate Lane, Milford-203-876-1210-Popular family friendly restaurant serving breakfast, lunch & dinner on mom's special day.

Red Fish Grill—285 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-553-9901-Fresh grilled fish, fried seafood, lobster rolls, chicken, steaks, etc. with Mother's Day specials.

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Solun Restaurant—245 Amity Road, Woodbridge-203-298-9741-Outstanding Tapas cuisine-offering a special Mother's Day \$19.95-2 course brunch served from 11:30a-3:30p with \$5.00 Mimosas or Bloody Mary's. Regular menu available all day. Ken Krammer's "Jazzman Band" will be performing from 12:30-3:30p.

Final Notes: If you are fortunate enough to still have your Mother with you on this day, remember to do something special for her. A restaurant dinner, flowers, card, visit, or phone call with a kind word. Trust me, it will make her day! Happy Mother's Day to all our cherished moms. If you have a favorite restaurant please e-mail: susan@oragetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



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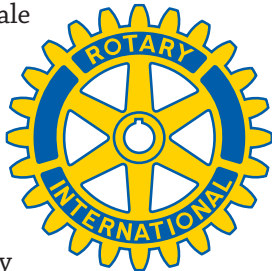
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The SZ Poli Lodge is a member of the National Order of Sons of Italy, that long standing organization that recognizes all things good about Italians in this country. The National Order is a major contributor to many charitable causes both here and abroad and our local lodge is proud to be a part of this tradition.

Lodge 2832 meets monthly on the first Wednesday, in the meeting room of the W.H. Italian American Club at 85 Chase Lane, West Haven. We have a number of events planned for the coming year and are now actively looking for new members to join us. For more information we invite you to contact our President, Albert Errato at 203-932-3471.

ORANGE ROTARY TO HOLD ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

The Rotary Club of Orange is holding its annual Rose Sale fundraiser on Friday, May 9th (Mother's Day Weekend). The cost is \$15/dozen which includes a clear plastic box and care packet; there will be a variety of colors to choose from and they make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Rotary's initiatives both abroad and in the local community, such as Operation Warm Coats For Kids Program and the Rotary College Scholarships for Orange residents. Roses will be available for pick-up between 11-2 on Friday, May 9th in front of High Plains Community Center and then from 2-6 at Colonial Properties, 200 Boston Post Road, Orange. Based on supply, they may also be available on Saturday, May 11th from 8-12 at the Orange Transfer Station. To order roses in advance, please contact Mike Richetelli, 203-795-8060, mike@colprop.com or any Orange Rotarian.



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ANNOUNCES BOATING CLASS

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-11 is offering a one-day About Boating Safely class on Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

In a classroom format, attendees will learn general information about boats and maintenance, navigation rules and aids to navigation, what to do in case of boating emergencies and Connecticut-specific law and regulations. Individuals who successfully complete this course will qualify for both the Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The course fee is \$60.00.

The classes will be held at the USCG Auxiliary West Haven Flotilla facility, 1 Kimberly Avenue, West Haven, CT. For further information or to register, please contact either Charlie Phippen at (860) 828-5438 or David Wendelowski at (203) 932-2651. Alternatively, information and on-line registration is available at <http://a0142411.uscgaux.info/educ.html>. A free State of CT Conservation ID Number must be obtained before the class by registering at ct.outdoorcentral.net.

AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD TAG SALE

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a tag sale on Saturday, June 7th from 8am -3pm at the Legion Hall, 630 Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

Donated item for the tag sale may be dropped off at the back of the Legion Hall up to two weeks before the tag sale.



JCC EVENTS FOR MAY

All events take place at the JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge unless otherwise stated.

Dancing Thru Pregnancy: Total Pregnancy Fitness

Class begins Tuesday, 5/6, 6-7pm - The premier pregnancy fitness program for healthy mom and baby! Four sessions: \$40 for JCC members, \$60 for nonmembers or drop-in \$15m/\$20nm per class. Contact: Susan Donovan, 203-387-2JCC, susand@jccnh.org

Kabbalah Inspired Expressive Art & Writing Workshop

Register by Tuesday, 5/1 - Wednesday, 5/7, 7-9pm. Facilitated by certified expressive arts educator, Amy J. Barry. A modern interpretation of the ancient Hebrew letters of Kabbalah will serve as inspiration for a variety of creative exercises that help people explore the intuitive, imagistic right side of the brain and transform negative thoughts and emotions into positive, life-altering responses. Atmwrite-ct.com. Cost: \$25. Location: JFGNH Shoreline Office, Lighthouse Square, 705 Boston Post Road, Guilford, 06437. Register: Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org.

Shabbat Friends Cooking Series (Ages 3-5)

Friday, 5/9, 1-2pm. A FREE monthly program provides a child-friendly space to ring in Shabbat in a format that captivates and encourages exploration through cooking. Appropriate for Ages 3-5 years old with a caregiver. Future Dates: 6/13. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

LJ On The Shoreline

Wednesday, 5/14, 11am - LJ is coming to you! Join LJ as we play, learn and grow to a surprise PJ book! Location: JFGNH Shoreline Office, Lighthouse Square, 705 Boston Post Road, Guilford, 06437. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

JCC Youththeatre Presents The Wizard Of Oz

Sunday, 5/18, 2pm - Fun for all ages. Tickets: \$10. Contact: Alison Lurie, 203-387-2522 x313, alisonl@jccnh.org.

Field Day And Cookout At JCC Day Camp (Ages 5-8)

Sunday, 5/25, 2-4pm - \$5 per child. Participate in outdoor games and activities, smores by the fire and more up at JCC Day Camp! Appropriate for ages 5-8 years old with caregiver. Registration Required, Laura LJ Ross, 203-387-2522 x 317, laurar@jccnh.org.

On The Road With LJ

Wednesday, 5/28, 4pm - Keep your eyes peeled for LJ coming to a location near you! Play, Learn & Grow. Location: Peabody Museum, 170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, 06511. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

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Wednesday, 5/21, 9am - Hosted by the Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL). Breakfast provided by Abel Catering. JCL volunteers will be recognized at the breakfast. Information on how to become a Reading Partner to New Haven youth will be available. JCL is an award-winning project partnering with seven New Haven public schools to recruit, train, and support volunteer reading partners in local public schools to read one-to-one with children. Students benefit from the interaction with a caring adult, sharing the pleasures of reading and the enjoyment of learning. <http://www.jewishnewhaven.org/page.aspx?id=246718>, Contact: Brenda Brenner, 203 387-2424 x308, bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org.



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In addition to a variety of dinner and dessert options, DJ Jen will be playing music and entertaining the kids with games and contests. Grab some lawn chairs or a blanket, leave the cooking to someone else and bring the family out for a fun evening!

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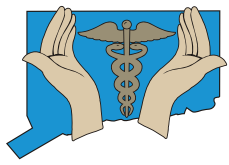
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We have been learning about community helpers this week and Orange Community Nursery School had a special visit from the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. The children got to see firefighters in all their protective gear, learn fire safety and see the inside of the fire truck. They even turned on the siren. Very exciting!

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The Amity Regional High School Class of 1974 will be holding it's 40th reunion at the Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge on Saturday, October 11, 2014, between 7:00 PM and 11:30 PM. If you use Facebook, please join the Amity Class of 1974 group to reconnect with old friends and learn more about reunion plans. The event features a full buffet with carving stations, coffee and dessert, and have a cash bar along with a DJ playing the vintage music of our time... all for \$65.00 per person. Please sign up ASAP. We need advance reservations to plan our catering! Remaining proceeds from the event will be donated to an Amity Class of '74 Scholarship fund. More info and reservations at: <http://networksolutionexperts.com/Amity1974.html>.



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RETIREMENT FOR STAY AT HOME MOMS

By Roberta L Nestor

If you are one of the two million mothers with young children who decided not to go back to work and fulfill an amazing career at home – kudos! American Greeting Card Company recently did a video for a fake job interview (you might have seen this on YouTube as it has over 14 million hits). Young adults interviewed for the position of “Director of Operations”. Not only did the ad specify the need to be mobile, 24/7 availability and to be prepared for exertion – negotiating, interpersonal, and medical, finance and culinary skills were also requirements. The faces of the individuals getting interviewed were priceless. One young lady asked if this job was even legal!

The potential job candidates drew the line when they learned that the Director of Operations, aka Motherhood doesn’t get paid a penny! It’s hard to put a price on the job of being a mom and raising a family, but in a 2012 survey (www.salary.com) they placed the annual value for a stay at home mom who works a total of 94.7 hours a week, with a 40 hour base and 54.7 hours of overtime doing mom duties at an annual salary of \$112,963! Let’s say that mom duties are extremely invaluable to their families.

Nonetheless, motherhood is perhaps the most rewarding and important jobs in society, even though there are no wages. No wage means no contributions to social security; no ROTH IRAs, and certainly no pension or 401k plans. Often the “retirement” plan doesn’t provide much security to a non-working spouse.

However, there are several ways to provide some financial security for your own retirement:

- Working spouses can contribute to traditional IRAs or ROTH IRAs on behalf of a non-working spouse. Contribution eligibility is based on the working spouse’s income and phases out at incomes over \$181,000.
- Learn how to maximize the working spouse’s social security benefits. Spouses can be eligible to receive 50% of the working spouse’s benefit when certain criteria is met. Make collecting your spouse’s benefit part of your retirement plan. Calculations for this are available at www.socialsecurity.gov.
- If you are worried about not having enough social security credits to be eligible for Medicare you may want to meet with your tax preparer to see what is involved for you to declare just enough income to earn you credits for Medicare eligibility.

You can buy your own pension with “future income” insurance products. Generally this requires a lump sum premium payment (\$25,000 minimum) and will guarantee an income to begin at the age you specify. These products can help supplement social security.

If your spouse has a pension plan, understand the payout options before their retirement date. Maximizing pension income with the use of life insurance is often a strategy that allows the highest income for the working spouse and instead of receiving survivorship benefits in the form of income, life insurance pays out a tax free lump sum.

Make sure you are an active participant in the retirement planning process. Often spouses just take it for granted that they understand how 401ks and ROTH IRAs work, but if you don’t have one of your own, it’s not only hard to determine what these plans are, but it is even more difficult to understand how they will work for you and your family during retirement. Meet with your family financial advisor and be sure to explore any and all options that will help you to secure your retirement.

Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network – a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products offered through Nestor Financial Network are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. Commonwealth Financial Network or Nestor Financial Network does not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation. Roberta can be reached at Nestor Financial Network, 203-876-8066 or roberta@nestorfinancial.com.

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**TOWN OF ORANGE, CONNECTICUT
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15**

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Classification	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Budget	FY 2014-15 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
				Amount	Percent
Property Taxes	55,472,803	57,054,294	58,009,723	955,429	1.67%
Prior Year Taxes & Supplemental MV	394,440	315,000	890,000	575,000	182.54%
Tax Interest & Liens	284,770	235,500	280,000	44,500	18.90%
Licenses, Permits & Fines	747,341	718,950	796,050	77,100	10.72%
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,979,510	2,004,465	2,292,596	288,131	14.37%
Program Revenue	223,977	253,410	219,600	-33,810	-13.34%
Investment Interest	42,646	106,397	81,458	-24,939	-23.44%
Facility & Service Charges	102,134	99,400	99,400	0	0.00%
Other	869,985	617,750	608,484	-9,266	-1.50%
Total General Fund Revenue	61,117,606 ✓	61,405,166 ✓	63,277,311 ✓	1,872,145	3.05%

BUDGET SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT

Classification	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Budget	FY 2014-15 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
				Amount	Percent
General Government					
01-001 Selectmen	180,591	193,727	198,828	5,101	2.63%
01-010 Probate Court	5,390	5,500	5,800	300	5.45%
01-030 Accounting	79,172	99,115	99,115	0	0.00%
01-031 Assessor	443,892	205,922	212,772	6,850	3.33%
01-032 Board of Assessment Appeals	355	9,500	4,500	-5,000	-52.63%
01-033 Director of Finance	220,145	251,876	253,982	2,106	0.84%
01-035 Tax Collector	149,033	138,972	145,026	6,054	4.36%
01-036 Treasurer	48,663	51,286	73,126	21,840	42.58%
01-037 Board of Finance	1,824	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
01-039 Pension	218	200	200	0	0.00%
01-040 Legal	220,558	245,000	245,000	0	0.00%
01-050 Town Clerk	155,104	179,915	201,030	21,115	11.74%
01-055 Voter Registrars	52,031	55,982	55,982	0	0.00%
01-170 Town Hall	179,804	189,380	190,700	1,320	0.70%
01-200 Planning & Zoning	126,344	159,188	124,338	-34,850	-21.89%
01-201 Zoning Board of Appeals	1,899	2,050	2,050	0	0.00%
01-202 Economic Development	71,391	71,100	71,100	0	0.00%
01-204 Inland-Wetlands Agency	42,580	43,182	44,455	1,273	2.95%
01-205 Conservation Commission	3,145	3,145	3,145	0	0.00%
01-206 Building Inspection	112,292	104,407	108,583	4,176	4.00%
Total General Government	2,094,431 ✓	2,011,447 ✓	2,041,732 ✓	30,285	1.51%
Public Safety					
02-100 Police: General Services	746,669	768,032	797,201	29,169	3.80%
02-101 Police: Uniformed Patrol	2,849,234	3,045,539	3,044,678	-861	-0.03%
02-102 Police: Investigative Services	378,826	381,041	447,082	66,041	17.33%
02-103 Police: Communication/Dispatch	279,843	270,450	299,989	29,539	10.92%
Sub Total: Police Services	4,254,572 ✓	4,465,062 ✓	4,588,950 ✓	123,888	2.77%
02-120 Fire Marshal	195,462	224,427	203,366	-21,061	-9.38%
02-121 Emergency Medical Service	241,160	254,750	261,946	7,196	2.82%
02-122 Fire Suppression: Water for Hydrants	372,000	425,000	450,000	25,000	5.88%
02-122 Volunteer Fire Department	160,000	173,500	173,250	-250	-0.14%
02-130 Emergency Management (Civil Def.)	2,759	3,700	3,700	0	0.00%
02-135 Animal Control	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	0.00%
Total Public Safety	5,300,953 ✓	5,621,439 ✓	5,756,212 ✓	134,773	2.40%
Public Works & Public Buildings					
03-150 Administration & Engineering	376,290	408,533	411,085	2,552	0.62%
03-155 Roadways	1,694,941	813,878	952,519	138,641	17.03%
03-157 Snow Removal	84,667	67,000	67,000	0	0.00%
03-158 Vehicle Maintenance	314,795	334,381	346,354	11,973	3.58%
03-161 Refuse	927,077	1,006,785	989,424	-17,361	-1.72%
Sub Total: Public Works	3,397,770 ✓	2,630,577 ✓	2,766,382 ✓	135,805	5.16%
03-171 Community Center	383,431	403,197	408,127	4,930	1.22%
03-172 Clark Building	50,174	58,467	55,283	-3,184	-5.45%
03-173 Case Library Building	80,696	85,100	90,250	5,150	6.05%
Sub Total: Public Buildings	514,301 ✓	546,764 ✓	553,660 ✓	6,896	1.26%
Total Public Works & Public Buildings	3,912,071 ✓	3,177,341 ✓	3,320,042 ✓	142,701	4.49%
Culture & Recreation					
04-250 Library	514,371	547,592	558,894	11,302	2.06%
04-260 Parks & Recreation - Admin	197,594	205,180	206,740	1,560	0.76%
04-261 Parks & Recreation - Maint	249,056	272,292	272,503	211	0.08%
04-262 Parks & Recreation - Pool	233,691	291,625	295,303	3,678	1.26%
04-263 Parks & Recreation - Programs	1,590	5,150	5,150	0	0.00%
04-270 Amity Teen Center	12,500	12,500	13,750	1,250	10.00%

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BUDGET SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT

Classification	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Budget	FY 2014-15 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease) Amount	Percent
<u>Total Culture & Recreation</u>	1,208,802 ✓	1,334,339 ✓	1,352,340 ✓	18,001	1.35%
<u>Health & Welfare</u>					
05-220 Environmental Health	175,546	179,263	178,483	-780	-0.44%
05-223 Drug & Alcohol Action	19,164	20,820	20,820	0	0.00%
05-226 School Nursing	219,951	243,612	258,860	15,248	6.26%
05-227 Director of Health	20,199	20,800	20,800	0	0.00%
05-228 Board of Health	569	850	850	0	0.00%
<u>Sub Total: Health Services</u>	435,429 ✓	465,345 ✓	479,813 ✓	14,468	3.11%
<u>Community Services</u>					
05-241 Community Services-Administration	124,034	136,391	136,923	532	0.39%
05-242 Community Services-Disabilities	2,841	3,725	3,725	0	0.00%
05-243 Community Services-Youth	39,062	42,311	42,311	0	0.00%
05-244 Community Services-Transportation	71,762	85,208	80,408	-4,800	-5.63%
05-245 Community Services-Elderly	117,405	122,354	122,872	518	0.42%
05-246 Community Services-Counseling	85,298	65,000	65,000	0	0.00%
<u>Sub Total: Community Services</u>	440,402 ✓	454,989 ✓	451,239 ✓	-3,750	-0.82%
<u>Total Health & Welfare</u>	875,831 ✓	920,334 ✓	931,052 ✓	10,718	1.16%
<u>Employee Benefits</u>					
06-300 Employee Benefits	4,504,417	5,134,844	5,213,422	78,578	1.53%
<u>Total Employee Benefits</u>	4,504,417 ✓	5,134,844 ✓	5,213,422 ✓	78,578	1.53%
<u>Town Services & Debt Service</u>					
08-034 Property Insurance	218,489	295,000	295,250	250	0.08%
08-249 Government Access TV	47,488	69,160	72,135	2,975	4.30%
08-320 Town Services and other	173,160	66,520	68,020	1,500	2.25%
10-290 Debt Service	2,323,415	2,583,465	2,936,561	353,096	13.67%
09-325 Capital Projects	242,213	297,000	667,950	370,950	124.90%
<u>Total Town Services & Debt Service</u>	3,004,765 ✓	3,311,145 ✓	4,039,916 ✓	728,771	22.01%
<u>SUBTOTAL - TOWN BUDGET</u>	20,901,270 ✓	21,510,889 ✓	22,654,716 ✓	1,143,827	5.32%
<u>Education</u>					
07-090 Orange Public Schools	17,766,888	18,250,055	18,821,908	571,853	3.13%
07-095 Amity Regional Schools	20,697,700	21,602,722	21,758,187	155,465	0.72%
07-095 Amity-School Resource Officer	41,500	41,500	42,500	1,000	2.41%
<u>Total Education</u>	38,506,088 ✓	39,894,277 ✓	40,622,595 ✓	728,318	1.83%
<u>Total Budget</u>	59,407,358 ✓	61,405,166 ✓	63,277,311 ✓	1,872,145	3.05%
<u>control totals</u>	59,407,358	61,405,166	63,277,311		

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OCC GOLF TOURNEY TO BENEFIT HOMELESS VETERANS & MORE

The Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is sponsoring its 18th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 27th, at Orange Hills Country Club located at 389 Racebrook Road in Orange. "We are reaching out to support homeless Veterans and their families and others in need," said organizer David Rubelmann. "We have worked closely with Columbus House for many years, and have a deep appreciation of the many services they provide for our Veterans and others in New Haven, Middlesex, and New London counties."



Orange Congregational Church

A minimum of fifty percent of the funds raised will be given to support the work of Columbus House, a New Haven based charitable organization that has provided services for homeless adults throughout the region and beyond since 1982. "Connecticut is home to over 1,000 homeless Veterans each year, including a growing number of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan," reports John Brooks of Columbus House. "Since 2008 we have had an initiative called The Homefront to support Veterans who are homeless, encompassing emergency shelter as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing solutions." Shelter and housing are combined with comprehensive case management services, street outreach, and temporary financial assistance to cover utility expenses, security deposits, moving costs, childcare, transportation, and rent. Columbus House was recently the recipient of a VA community-based grant called Supportive Services for Veteran Families. This program serves low-income Veterans and their families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and who are at 50% of the area median income.

Other facilities include Recovery House, a program for 16 men awaiting placement in sober housing, treatment programs, or permanent housing with out-patient treatment support. To learn more about Columbus House, go to its website at www.columbushouse.org.

The remainder of the funds will be distributed to a variety of local charitable and community services.

This 18-hole event will begin at 7:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. and will feature a scramble format. It will conclude with lunch and the distribution of raffle prizes.

Players will receive goody bags; prizes for various events including closest to the pin, longest drive, and a hole-in-one contest sponsored by A1 Toyota; breakfast; on-course refreshments; and lunch at Bear & Grill. Carts are included.

Cost will be \$125 per golfer. There is a \$50 discount for a student golfing with their parent. Lunch is available to non-golfers for \$25. A variety of sponsorships are available including Tee sponsorship @\$100 (with your name at the tee), Breakfast @\$250, Lunch @\$750, Silver @\$2,500 (includes 1 foursome), Gold @\$5,000 (includes 2 foursomes), and Longest Drive/Closest to the Pin/Putting Green Contest @\$500 each. Checks can be mailed to: Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT 06477. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Anyone interested in playing in the tournament, being a sponsor, or contributing prizes should call the church office at 203-795-9749.

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH FESTIVAL AND FAIR

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HOLY INFANT CHURCH TAG SALE

The Holy Infant Women's Guild will have its Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, May 10th, from 9 am to 2 pm. The sale will be in the church gymnasium located at 450 Racebrook Road. There will be over 30 tables of new and used items for sale. There are a few tables still available. The cost to reserve a table is \$20 for Guild members and \$25 for non-members. To reserve a table, call Gloria at (203)795-4679.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

Sunday May 11 (Mother's Day): There will be recitation of the rosary at 12:30pm, prior to the 1:00pm Mass.

May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue immediately after the 1:00pm Mass out on the lawn of the church. Benediction to follow. Rain date TBA.

Anyone is welcome to celebrate with us! Our Lady of Sorrows Church, a traditional Catholic Church, is located at 378 Spring Street, Orange.



Our Lady of Sorrows

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Services

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

Sundays: 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

Yoga Body Prayer

Sunday Evening, 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

Spring Rummage Sale

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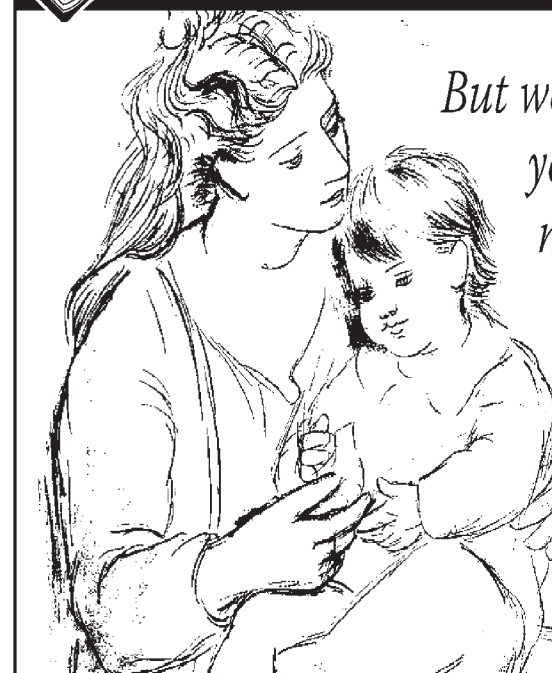
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Shepherd's Café

Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Church services are available at 12:30 for those who would like to attend. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. This is a new ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and a partnership between the church and Community Services. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road, and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.



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HOUSES OF WORSHIP

BETH-EL CENTER ANNOUNCES MORRIS OF WTIC FOX CT AS EMCEE

Beth-El Center is pleased to announce that Alison Morris will serve as Emcee for its Annual Spring Gala Fundraiser. Alison Morris is evening anchor at WTIC Fox CT in Hartford. Alison was previously at KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh where she reported on several award-winning national news stories. Her reports have appeared on The CBS Early Show and CBS affiliates nationwide. Beth-El Center is appreciative of Alison's support of its mission to alleviate homelessness and hunger in the Milford area through its shelter, soup kitchen and support services.



Alison Morris

The Spring Gala 'Light Up the Harbor' Fundraiser, one of the primary sources of income for the Beth-El Center, will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2014, 6:00pm to 11:00pm at the Milford Yacht Club at 131 Trumbull Ave. Milford, CT. Attendees will enjoy dinner, music, entertainment and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$100 per person. Enjoy a festive evening while helping the homeless and hungry in our community. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please visit <http://www.bethelmilford.org> or call 203.876.0747.

About Beth-El Center: The Beth-El Center is a recognized leader in caring for and meeting the needs of the hungry and homeless and strives to prevent and end homelessness. It serves individuals and families by providing temporary shelter and feeds up to sixty persons daily in the soup kitchen. Our clients include veterans, elderly and people working through unemployment, illness, catastrophic events, addictions and emotional problems. The Beth-El Center is located at 90 New Haven Avenue in Milford. Visit www.bethelmilford.org for more information.

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GET READY TO CRUISE NEWS

By Leslie Marsh



Cruise Scams and How to Avoid Them

We've all received a post card or phone call saying "great news, you've won a cruise," but buyer beware, this may actually be a scam designed to separate you from your money. You should be aware of these scams and some simple methods to protect yourself.

If you decide to call the company offering the free cruise and they ask for a credit card for "port fees" or other incidentals, be careful. These "fees" typically end up costing more than the cruise would. You might also be required to pay for a second guest travelling with you at a greatly inflated rate. They might also ask for your Social Security number or passport number, which puts you at risk for identity theft.

Some of these free offers are devised to get you to attend a presentation to buy into a timeshare or another expensive vacation. You may indeed get the free cruise, but you might end up on an inferior ship with less than acceptable accommodations.

Sometimes, the cruise offers are designed to get you to run up your phone bill. To claim your "prize," you're required to call a number with a 900 area code or an area code that sounds similar to American area codes. These numbers end up being from foreign countries and are a way for the scammers to take your money. You're left with no cruise and a high phone bill.

There are some very simple rules to protect you from scammers. Beware of words like "free." If something is truly free, you shouldn't have to make any upfront payments. If you don't recognize the source of the offer, it may not be legitimate. Check online to see if it's a bona fide cruise line or travel agency. If you go ahead and book, ask for a confirmation from the agent as well as from the cruise line to confirm that the offer is real. When paying for travel, always pay with a credit card instead of cash or a debit card to protect your payment in the event of a dispute.

When I was a child, my father told me that "nothing in life is free" and "if something seems too good to be true, it probably is." Always be a cautious consumer. When booking travel, the best way to both protect yourself and get the best rates and amenities, is to book with a professional travel advisor.

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns and operates Cruise Planners of Orange. She can be reached at 203-799-2367 or www.getreadytocruise.com.



MONEY-SAVING TIPS FOR SINGLE MOMS

Life as a single mother is not easy. In addition to the challenge of raising a child without another parent in the household, single mothers face many of the same challenges faced by married parents, only they must do so on just one income.

Stress is a reality for many single parents, and much of that stress can be traced to the financial burdens of single parenthood. Single parents often find themselves looking for ways to save money, and the following are a handful of ways to do just that.

Resist the urge to overextend your budget. Many expenses, such as groceries and housing, are necessities. But single parents know there is also tremendous pressure to spend money on things that have nothing to do with need. For example, come the holiday season, single parents may feel pressured to buy youngsters everything on their holiday wish list. It's easy to succumb to such pressure out of guilt or in an attempt to make sure kids don't feel cheated when they receive less gifts than their friends. But if succumbing to such pressure will stretch your budget, this might have grave consequences down the road. The same approach can be taken when making big-ticket purchases. If a new car will bust the budget, then shop for a preowned model, ideally one that is dealer certified and still covered under its original warranty.

Explain your financial situation to your kids. Keeping kids in the dark about your finances may lead to trouble or create undue stress. For instance, if kids are not aware that money is tight, then they may struggle to understand why they can't have the latest must-have sneakers or fill up the grocery cart on trips to the store. But single mothers who explain the idea of a budget and define that budget for their kids will likely find their kids are willing to cooperate and make good partners with regard to staying within the budget.

Pay bills on time. Allowing bills to go unpaid or routinely paying them late is only adding stress to a situation that, for many single mothers, is already stressful enough. Interest payments and penalties for paying late can quickly add up and turn a significant but manageable bill into an albatross that can loom over your finances for months if not years. If your credit card bills have already spiraled out of control, consult the credit card company to see if you can work out a payment plan in which interest will stop accruing so long as you continue to make agreed-upon monthly payments. Companies may be willing to work with you, and such a payment plan is less likely to have a negative impact on your long-term credit, something that cannot be said for declaring bankruptcy.

Trim entertainment costs. Another way for single mothers to save money is to trim the amount of money they spend each month on entertainment. Cable television has become increasingly expensive in recent years, but single mothers have alternatives that can be considerably less expensive. In lieu of paying for cable television, single mothers can subscribe to a streaming service, such as Netflix or Hulu Plus, that charges a fraction of what cable companies charge but still offers a substantial amount of current content.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



DINNER WITH DEB & DARLENE

My wife and her cousin grew up together and are more like sisters than cousins. They are both wonderful and natural cooks and bakers. Deb started as a line chief and was sent to CIA and became a full chief and later a catering director and food service director for Sodexo and many other firms. Darlene, although lacking lots of formal training, is a talent in the kitchen and shares her cousin's knowledge and ability in making delightful upscale foods and deserts.

During each holiday they get together and develop various specialties that delight everyone, but Easter is a special holiday. They get together and develop a menu that makes sure they please everyone in the family. They always proclaim that this is the last time, but the next year they spoil us all and do it all over again making sure everyone has their favorite specialty for dinner and for desert. They shop and cook for days preceding the holiday and no matter how much I try to convince them that MY job is the most difficult (matching the wines with these unique and varied menus) they both give me a rather hard and skeptical glance and go on about their endeavors. This year's menus and activities are as follows: A family prayer and Toast of a Mionetto Prosecco DOC Treviso.

Salad consisting of blueberry, mandarin oranges with blueberry goat cheese, tomato, sweet onions, with a Gorgonzola cheese dressing on a bed of butter lettuce. With this I matched a savignon blanc from South Africa called Klein Steenberg. Magnificent!

The next course consisted of uniquely decorated hard boiled eggs that we, in the Polish tradition, banged together to see who's egg would survive. Then we had a wonderful deep dish meat lasagna that was spectacular with a Chianti Reserva from Sabatucci a 1997 vintage. Wow!

Next we had a wonderful baked ham and kielbasi combination. My wife's cousin stuck some Pirogi's home made with a great 3 cheese filling for my son that were to die for. With this I matched a Wente Morning Fog Chardonnay 2011. It worked very well. Then we all rested and played with my one year-old granddaughter Stella for a while.

After about 30 minutes Deb emerged with a Grilled Bourbon Browne Sugar Glazed Tenderloin of Beef which she served with Potatoes Au gratin that I matched with a Napa Valley Cab Reserve from Siverado 2004. This was quite remarkable to say the least.

Then my favorite was served which was a Bourbon encrusted Leg of lamb with sweet Potato casserole with brown sugar and pecan topping and a panna cotta with kale and beans! This was matched with a Sicilian Aglianico 2007 from Carraia and a Malbic from Argentina that no one got to.

The deserts included Rice Pie, Wheat Pie, Chocolate Caramel Cheese Cake and Truffle loaf with sweet strawberry sauce. I served this with an Ice wine called Jewell Towne vineyards Rhapsody in blue. This is a great New Hapture Ice wine. It was a great day and the leftovers are better than the dinner! I can't wait until next year. Try some of these great foods with these great wines and you will be glad you did! If you would like a cooking technique email me and I will get it for you.

Winners of our last wine quiz were Jimmy Moule, former Amity grad and reed player extraordinaire and Lynn Eagle, an Orange resident.

This issue wine quiz: What wine was born of a Napa-Bordeaux joint venture between Baron Philippe de Rothschild and Robert Mondavi? Email me the answer and we will print your name in the Orange Town News and put you in for a drawing of well made homemade wines. Regards and thanks Ray Spaziani.

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway CC and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker Email Ray with your questions and wine events at ray.spaziani@gmail.com.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



SPRING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As the warm weather approaches, families are turning their attention to indoor cleaning and outdoor projects. This is the ideal time to tour the home and yard for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions and to correct problem areas. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggests these important fire safety guidelines to help ensure a pleasant season.

Please remember: OPEN BURNING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE TOWN OF ORANGE as there are numerous fire and safety concerns such as smoke, flying embers and the possibility of the fire spreading out of control. In addition, open burning is a violation of the Connecticut Clean Air Act. Our office understands that this may be an inconvenience and appreciates your cooperation.

Use gas and charcoal grills outdoors Only. They pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation, if used indoors or in any enclosed space. Position the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic. Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill and keep children and pets away from this area. Periodically, remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited. Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have

the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.

Replace smoke AND CARBON MON-OXIDE alarm batteries, if it was not done at the beginning of daylight savings time. This is a simple step that takes only a few minutes, but can save lives. The alarm will alert occupants and allow time for an escape. Test alarms every month by using the test button or an approved smoke substitute. Do not use an open flame device. Even though the alarms may work when tested, install a new smoke alarm after 10 years and a CO detector in accordance with the manufacturers suggestion to protect against failure, as older models may be less reliable. If an alarm "chirps" to indicate a low battery, immediately replace the batteries. The Fire Marshal's Office will provide and/or install free smoke and CO alarms to Orange residents. The smoke alarms have ten year batteries which never need replacing.

It is important to have and practice a home escape plan. Know two ways out of every room and make sure doors and windows can be opened easily. Designate a place for family members to meet outside. Call 911 after exiting the home.

If interested in taking part in the Smoke/CO Alarm Installation Program, for assistance with changing the batteries in an existing alarm, or if you have any questions or need further information about any fire prevention and/or safety matter, please call the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at: www.orangefiremarshal.com.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Vietnam Vets File Suit Over PTSD

Aided by the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Service Clinic, a handful of Vietnam veterans with PTSD filed suit in U.S. District Court in Connecticut alleging that the military didn't upgrade their discharges when it should have. Over the years, less than 5 percent of requests for upgrade have been given.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder didn't have a name back when these veterans were in Vietnam. That only came about in 1980. Various wars have called it "shell shock" and "combat exhaustion." During the Vietnam War, they were calling it "stress response syndrome." Doctors thought it was caused by "response" and would go away, and if it lasted too long, it must have been pre-existing.

What no one took into consideration back then was that there was a reason for the behaviors of veterans with PTSD, which included being absent without leave, drug use, hyper-vigilance, the inability to carry out duties, altercations and blackouts. Once PTSD had a name, and its symptoms and accompanying behaviors recognized, those undesirable discharges should have been upgraded for tens of thousands of veterans.

The veterans in the class-action lawsuit all had been given other-than-honorable discharges, which has followed them since then, bringing a lack of correct medical care, unemployment, homelessness and damaged relationships, as well as years of anxiety.

This lawsuit is similar to a 2008 lawsuit (Sabo vs. United States) that was filed for veterans who'd served in Iraq and Afghanistan. In those cases, veterans with PTSD only rated a 10 percent disability (when it should have been 50 percent after 2002), and the veterans therefore were denied benefits.

To read the lawsuit, search online for Case 3:14-cv-00260 in the U.S. District Court in Connecticut.

DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy M. Piazza

Dorothy M. Piazza, age 83, beloved wife of the late Ernest Piazza, joined her husband in eternal peace on Friday, April 11, 2014. Born on April 22, 1930 in Bridgeport, CT, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Natalie Tillson. Dorothy and Ernest resided in Orange, CT where they raised their 3 children for 49 years. As a graduate of Milford High School in 1948, she was actively involved in her reunion committee and always looked forward to reminiscing with old friends. She shared many good times and laughter with family and friends at their summer home on Lake Waramaug. Not only a devoted mother, but she also had a rewarding career. She worked for many years at Precision Products in Wallingford, CT where she retired in 1987. Dorothy's retirement years were embraced by her zest for life. The summers were full of festive BBQ's poolside at their home or traveling to Frye Island Maine with her children and grandchildren. Dorothy loved a leisurely afternoon with a great book or just good conversation over hors d'oeuvres and libations. Her passion for gardening put beauty in all of the lives around her. She was the most loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be truly missed by all.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Donna Hartman Piazza, Sharon Piazza Thurston (Bob), and Jeffery Piazza (Carrie); grandchildren Heather Klein Albert, Jason and Jarret Guercia, Lindsey and Rob Thurston, and Eric Takacs; great grandchildren Samantha and Collin Albert.

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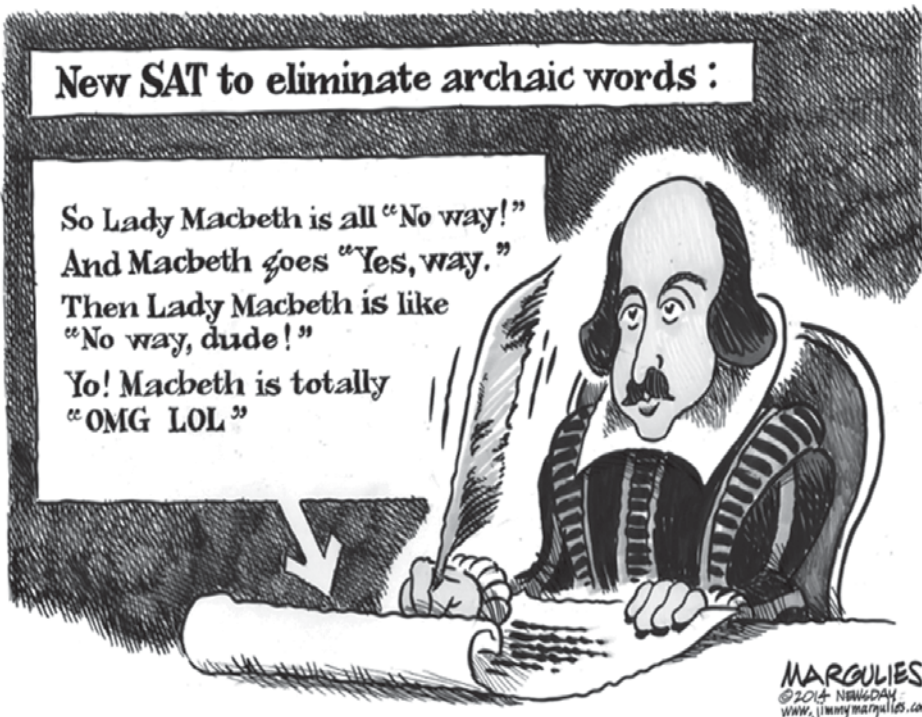
DEATH NOTICES

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everyday lives.

Public notices have been printed in local newspapers, the trusted sources for community information, for more than 200 years.



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF DECISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT administrative approval was given to Northeast Beverage for a 37,445 square foot building addition located at 32 Robinson Boulevard by the Wetland Enforcement Office on April 16, 2014. A copy of approval is available through the Orange Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission, Town Hall, Orange, CT.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of tax liens.
2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.
3. To approve, pursuant to Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes and other applicable laws, the discontinuance by the Board of Selectmen of a no name right-of-way between Taft Road and Alling Road. The discontinuance was voted by the Board of Selectmen on April 9, 2014 at the request of Michele Ciancola. The map of the land to be discontinued is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.
4. To receive and discuss the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

By virtue of Town Charter Section 2.6(c) and a vote of the Board of Selectmen, Item 4 shall be voted on by machine ballot at an adjourned Town Meeting-Referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 12 noon and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 2nd day of May 2014.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ORANGE
ATTEST: Patrick B. O'Sullivan, II - Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Pursuant to Section 2.6(c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Orange who are qualified to vote in Town Meetings, that a referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT for the purpose of voting on the following question:

SHALL THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 63,277,311 BE ADOPTED? YES NO

Voters approving the question shall vote "YES." Those voters opposing the question shall vote "NO."

The polls will be open during the hours between 12:00 NOON and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) Voters will cast their votes at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT.

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Office of the Town Clerk. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.6(c) of the Town of Orange Charter and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of Town officers.

Dated at Orange, CT this 2nd day of May 2014.

Patrick B. O'Sullivan, II - Town Clerk

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)**
Chris Evans, Samuel L. Jackson
- 2. Noah (PG-13)**
Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly
- 3. Divergent (PG-13)**
Shailene Woodley, Theo James
- 4. God's Not Dead (PG)**
Shane Harper, Kevin Sorbo
- 5. Muppets Most Wanted (PG)**
Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell
- 6. The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)**
Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham
- 7. Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG)**
animated
- 8. Sabotage (R)**
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sam Worthington
- 9. Need for Speed (PG-13)**
Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper
- 10. Non-Stop (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Gravity (PG-13)**
Sandra Bullock
- 2. American Hustle (R)**
Christian Bale
- 3. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)**
Leonardo DiCaprio
- 4. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 5. Frozen (PG)**
animated
- 6. Dallas Buyer's Club (R)**
Matthew McConaughey
- 7. Captain Phillips (PG)**
Tom Hanks
- 8. Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)**
Chris Hemsworth
- 9. The Counselor (R)**
Michael Fassbender
- 10. Free Birds (PG)**
animated

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Pharrell Williams**
"Happy"
- 2. John Legend**
"All of Me"
- 3. Katy Perry**
"Dark Horse"
- 4. Jason Derulo feat. 4 Chainz**
"Talk Dirty"
- 5. Idina Menzel**
"Let It Go"
- 6. Bastille**
"Pompeii"
- 7. Lorde**
"Team"
- 8. Aloe Blacc**
"The Man"
- 9. One Republic**
"Counting Stars"
- 10. DJ Snake & Lil Jon**
"Turn Down for What"



Brantley Gilbert

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan**
"This Is How We Roll"
- 2. Brantley Gilbert**
"Bottoms Up"
- 3. Blake Shelton**
"Doin' What She Likes"
- 4. Jerrod Niemann**
"Drink to That All Night"
- 5. Luke Bryan**
"Play It Again"
- 6. Keith Urban**
"Cop Car"
- 7. Eric Church**
"Give Me Back My Hometown"
- 8. Thomas Rhett**
"Get Me Some of That"
- 9. Randy Houser**
"Goodnight Kiss"
- 10. Dierks Bentley**
"I Hold On"

- When did George Harrison announce he was quitting The Beatles?
- Which singer is reputed to have been a gravedigger before getting into music?
- Where did Canned Heat get their name?
- Which duo had a hit with "Here Comes the Rain Again"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Well, I might take a train, I might take a plane, But if I have to walk I'm going just the same."



1. Jan. 10, 1969. The Beatles were rehearsing at Twickenham Film Studios in London. When Harrison left, John Lennon apparently didn't bat an eye and suggested they get Eric Clapton. "He's just as good and not such a headache."
2. Rod Stewart. He denies the claim, saying he only laid out the plots with string.
3. From a song about Sernio, the liquid fuel made of jellied alcohol, used under buffet chafing dishes.
4. British pop duo Eurythmics, in 1984.
5. "Kansas City," by Wilbert Harrison in 1959. It's one of the most widely covered songs ever. The Beatles, Bill Haley and His Comets, James Brown, Little Richard and dozens of others tried their luck with the song, but it is Harrison's version that has endured.



Suthep Po-ngam in "The Rocket"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 28, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Gimme Shelter" (PG-13) -- A tattooed teen named Apple (Vanessa Hudgens) runs away from her abusive addict mother (Rosario Dawson), and finds a new set of hardships ahead of her. Apple -- shaken, unwashed, starving and pregnant -- finds her father (Brendan Fraser) in an affluent New Jersey suburb. Eventually, she finds her way into a shelter for pregnant teens and forms real human connections. While based on true events, the story is told in stilted, cliched lines that sound like they could only be put together from scraps of old PSAs. This isn't to discredit the performances. Hudgens has never been further from her peppy Disney Channel image.

"Gloria" (R) -- Single and over 50, Gloria

leads a fulfilling life outside of her office job. She's into yoga, self-improvement classes and keeping up with her adult children. The audience first sees her moving confidently through a nightclub, dancing and checking out other singles. Gloria's life turns a corner when she meets Rodolfo, a slightly older man who helps Gloria embrace her passion for life. This Chilean import strikes a fine balance between laughter and drama. Gloria isn't a wacky older dame, nor is she a sad story about life's later years. She's a three-dimensional person at a point where she wants love in her life, but she's strong enough to not fall apart without it.

"The Rocket" (Unrated) -- Ahlo is a 10-year-old Laotian boy who must be bad luck. He was born a twin, but his brother did not survive -- an ill omen, as superstition says that one twin will be cursed and the other blessed. One day, Ahlo's village receives news that they have to leave their land because it will be flooded to make the reservoir for a new dam. Of course, people are quick to blame such misfortune on Ahlo once they find out he's a twin. The boy decides he's going to re-write his fate -- he's going to enter a rocket-building contest and win. "The Rocket" tells a unique, transporting and uplifting story.

"The Selfish Giant" (Unrated) -- Best pals and partners in crime, Arbor and Swifty are perpetually in trouble at home and at school. Both are adolescents living in a bleak and recessed British town brimming with abandoned lots and rusty metal. Arbor is the wiliest one who gets Swifty to ditch school. The boys start getting paid by a local scumbag for bringing in stolen scrap metal and wires with their horse carriage. From the beginning, you can see tragedy stalking the pair.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

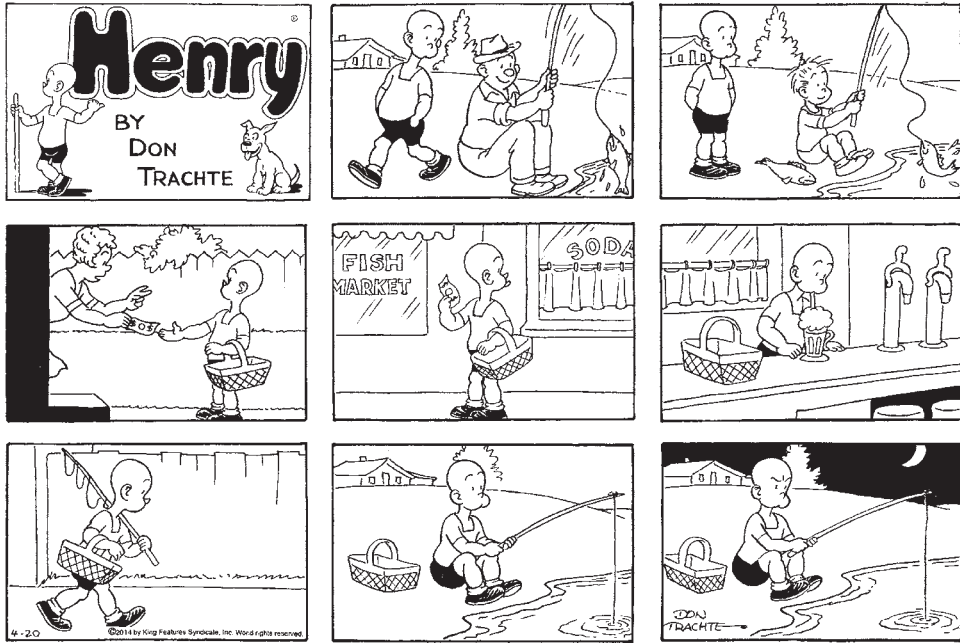
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



The Spats



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



David Letterman

While late-night viewers were stunned by David Letterman's announcement that he's retiring next year, insiders say, like Jay Leno, it was time for him to step aside. The days of talk shows where they just talk are at an end. Jimmy Fallon's success is telling networks that late-night shows need to be variety shows that use social mediums to keep viewers' attention. Letterman had a good run, but didn't change with the times.

Are Arnold Schwarzenegger fans giving up on him? Last year "The Last Stand" cost \$30 million to make and earned \$48 million, which might have been due to his Oscar-winning co-star Forest Whitaker. "Escape Plan" cost \$50 million to film and took in \$137 million, which could have been because of his co-star, Sylvester Stallone. His most recent effort, "Sabotage," cost \$35 million but only pulled in \$6.5 million despite "Avatar's" Sam Worthington, Oscar-nominee Terrance Howard, "Magic Mike's" Joe Manganiello, and "Lost" and "Intelligence" star Josh Holloway on board. The true test will be the \$10 million zombie film "Maggie," with just Abigail Breslin and Joely Richardson. Hopefully, it will come out after Aug. 15, when "Expendables 3" hits theaters with Jason Stratham, Jet Li, Dolph Lungren, Mel Gibson, Harrison Ford, Wesley Snipes, Antonio Banderas, Kellen Lutz and Kelsey Grammer. The Governor's autobiography, "Total Recall," crashed and burned ... could be the public hasn't forgiven Arnold for his "Maidgate" yet!

with fiancé Amber Heard and "Divergent" star Theo James, followed by a role as The Wolf in the \$40 million musical "Into the Woods" with Meryl Streep (out Dec. 25). He's already finished "Mortdecai" with Ewan McGregor, Olivia Munn and Gwyneth Paltrow, and currently is shooting "Black Mass" with Guy Pearce and Dakota Johnson (star of "50 Shades of Grey"), both for 2015. Depp's original "Alice in Wonderland" grossed over \$1 billion, and he's set for the sequel, as well as "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," which starts shooting at the end of the year. Both are for 2016 release.

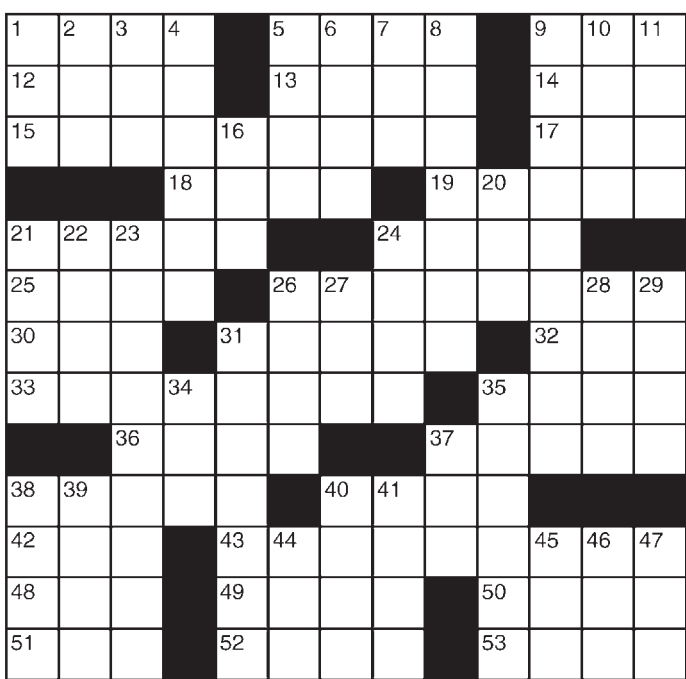
Chris Pine has "Horrible Bosses 2" (out Nov. 26), "Into the Woods" (out Dec. 25) and the sci-fi film "Z for Zachariah" (currently filming in New Zealand) upcoming, but he must be wondering what became of the March 21 opening of "Stretch" with Patrick Wilson, Brooklyn Decker, Ed Helms and Jessica Alba. Apparently, Universal Pictures wasn't happy and let the producer shop it around to other studios, but no one wanted it. Maybe calling it an action-comedy-thriller was "Stretch"ing the point too far!

The tireless Johnny Depp hits theaters this month with the \$100 million "Transcendence." Then he has a cameo in Billy Bob Thornton's film "London Fields,"

King Crossword

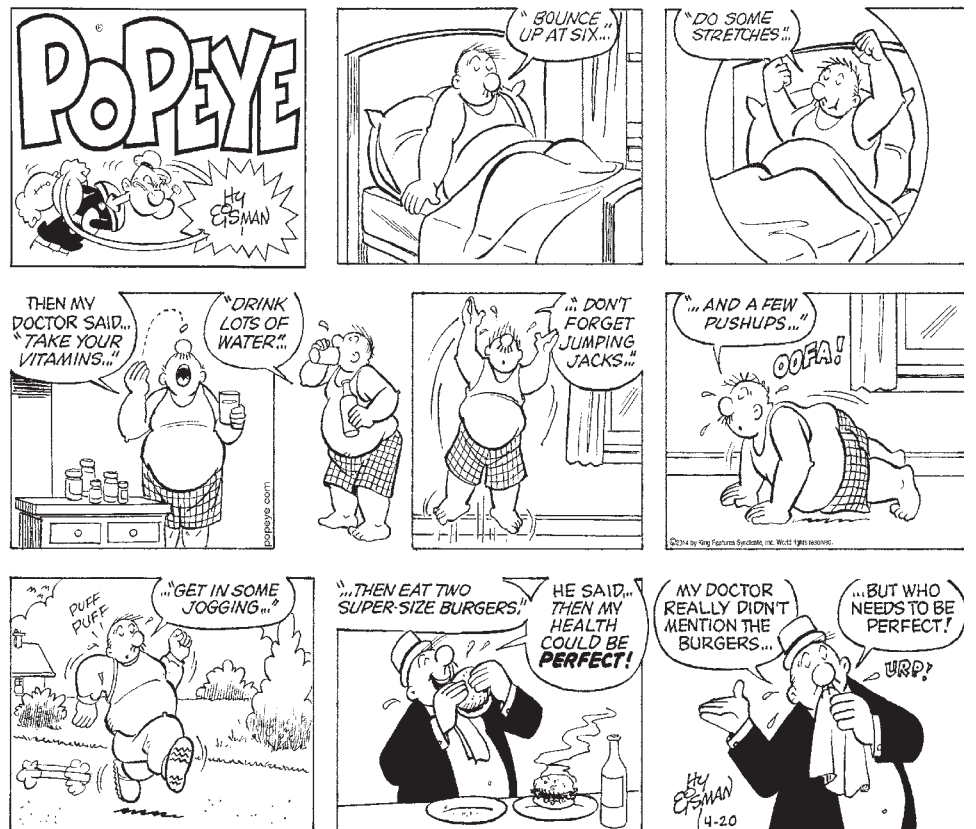
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JUGGLING A CAREER AND NEW MOTHERHOOD

The role women play in society and within their own households has changed dramatically over the last half-century. According to Pew Research Center analysis of the Decennial Census and American Community Surveys Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample files, in 1960 just 10.8 percent of married mothers were the primary earners in households that included children under the age of 18. That figure rose steadily over the next 50 years, reaching 40.4 percent by 2011. Though the steady rise in those percentages makes the 2011 figure less than surprising, the fact remains that today's working mothers have more on their plate than ever before and are under more pressure to juggle those responsibilities than their predecessors.

Juggling a career and motherhood is difficult for any woman, but the transition to wearing two hats can prove an especially difficult adjustment for new mothers. The following are a handful of tips for new mothers about to embark on the challenging task of juggling a career and a growing family.

Carefully consider career decisions. Some new mothers respond to motherhood by making changes with regard to their careers. While adjustments will almost certainly need to be made, it's important that women avoid knee-jerk reactions. Some women feel guilty about not spending enough time with their children and ultimately allow that guilt to govern their decisions about their careers. But women who don't give ample consideration to such decisions may grow to regret them when they find they miss their old jobs and the responsibilities and sense of purpose that comes with those jobs. When making career decisions as new motherhood is approaching or after it arrives, make a list of the pros and cons to each decision and the motives behind each decision you might make. The more thoughtfully you approach each decision, the happier you're likely to be with that decision once it's been made.

Avoid going overboard at the office. Working mothers are often driven to show their employers that new motherhood will not affect their on-the-job performance. In their haste to prove motherhood won't prove a distraction, new mothers may take on more they can chew. Recognize that being a working mother does require an adjustment period, especially in the immediate weeks and months after maternity leave has ended and your body has yet to adjust to its new schedule. Accept help when it's offered and recognize that good employers understand the adjustments you will need to make in the immediate aftermath of a pregnancy.

Look for ways to reduce your workload at home. Juggling a career and new motherhood won't just have an impact at the office. Part of making a successful transition from working professional to working mother is recognizing that adjustments need to be made at home as well. Both new parents are in the same boat, but mothers are the ones who spend the first three months at home with their new child, and during those three months new mothers typically develop a certain rapport with their new babies that new fathers do not. Babies may prove more comfortable being fed or rocked to sleep by mom instead of dad. In such instances, look for ways to reduce your workload at home, whether that's sharing cooking duties or other chores around the house that were once your responsibility alone.



HOW MOMS CAN HELP KIDS TO GO GREEN AND PROTECT THE PLANET

Today's kids are growing up in a very different world than the one their parents inhabited as youngsters. One of the biggest differences between now and then is that kids growing up in the 21st century are being taught to embrace eco-friendly activities and lifestyles on a far broader scale than their parents were. While parents of school-aged children might have learned about the planet and even celebrated Earth Day when they were kids, their kids are growing up in a world where Earth Day is just one of the many opportunities to protect the planet and respect the environment.

Because today's kids are growing up in an eco-conscious world, it's no surprise that kids are often enthusiastic about joining in environmental efforts. Moms tasked with finding productive outlets for that enthusiasm may want to employ the following strategies to make the most of their kids' passion for the planet.

Organize weekly events with other kids. Much like adults, kids often find activities more fun when their friends are around. Mothers who want to inspire their kids to protect the planet can organize weekly eco-friendly events for their youngsters and their friends. Consult local park officials and set up a park cleanup where kids can pitch in by picking up litter. Do the same if you live near a beach or lakefront area. Kids will benefit from enjoying the great outdoors while simultaneously doing something good for the environment.

Take kids on trips to the grocery store. Mothers are often in charge of stocking the family pantry, and this, too, can be used as an opportunity to teach kids about the environment. When visiting the produce aisle, explain to your youngsters why you're purchasing organic fruits and vegetables instead of those that might have been genetically modified or grown with the use of pesticides. When it comes time to visit the snack aisle, choose organic items and remind kids come snack time that their new favorite treats also happen to be eco-friendly. This reduces the likelihood that kids will grow up associating healthy and eco-friendly foods with a lack of taste, potentially laying the groundwork for a lifetime of healthy eating.

Involve kids in the garden. Moms who plant flowers or tend to their own gardens can invite kids to join them. As you and your youngsters plant vegetables, explain to them that growing your own fruits and veggies reduces your reliance on trucks to transport these items from afar, which helps to conserve fuel and reduce pollution. If there is room on your property to plant some trees, involve youngsters in the planting and use this as an opportunity to explain the many ways in which trees benefit the environment.

Start a neighborhood carpool. Simple everyday tasks make for great learning opportunities, especially when teaching kids about the benefits of an eco-friendly lifestyle. Moms can organize a neighborhood carpool to get kids to and from school, explaining to each child that carpooling reduces fuel consumption and air pollution.

Volunteer with an environmental organization. Kids benefit from volunteering in numerous ways. Moms looking to get their kids involved with local volunteer organizations can combine the lessons learned with giving back to the community with their youngsters' passion for the environment by signing the family up to volunteer with a local environmental organization. Such organizations might clean up heavily littered roadways, plant trees in public parks, help remove debris after harsh storms or long winters or promote environmental awareness. Each of these activities teaches kids the value of giving back while also providing for them an outlet to pursue an eco-friendly lifestyle.

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TIPS FOR DINING OUT ON MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is right around the corner, and this special holiday serves to honor all those women who devote so much time and effort to their families. While gifts and other trinkets are certainly part of the celebration, a vast majority of children opt to treat Mom to a night out on the town come Mother's Day. Not only does this give mom a night off from cooking, but also it presents an opportunity to get dressed up and spend time together as a family.

A vast number of families travel to their favorite restaurants for Mother's Day meals. Mother's Day is one of the busiest holidays of the year for restaurants. The National Retail Federation says 54.8 percent of Americans treat their mothers to a special meal out on Mother's Day. Billions of dollars are generated by people eating out with their mothers. With large crowds to be expected, diners can follow a few tips when treating Mom to a meal.

- Book early ... very early. To guarantee a reservation at any restaurant, namely your favorite restaurant, you will need to make a reservation well in advance of Mother's Day. It's never too early to put your name on the reservation list. Don't forget Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11, 2014.
- Expect to wait. Even with a reservation, you're bound to spend some time waiting at the restaurant. Other families may be lingering at their tables, as no one wants to rush Mom out of the door. Plan accordingly for a potentially long wait time. This means having a snack before you leave. Don't arrive famished, as no one wants the dining party to be hungry and cranky, which is not a good way to celebrate Mom. Have plenty of snacks and drinks on hand for young children, as well as activities to keep them entertained.
- Consider dining out a day before or after. Restaurants are generally packed on Mother's Day, and as a result kitchen and wait staffs might be overtaxed. What's more, diners might be relegated to a special or abbreviated menu. If you want a more relaxed setting and the ability to order whatever you desire, it may be a better idea to celebrate Mother's Day in advance. Then have Mom enjoy a relaxing day at home on her special day.
- Take-out is an option. Families can treat Mom to a dinner out, without really having to go out. Many restaurants offer takeout service, so you will not be limited to pizza or Chinese. Even chain restaurants have curbside service, so if Mom is in the mood for a burger or something more elaborate, she'll have that option.
- Expect an included gratuity. Restaurants often include a gratuity in the bill when servicing larger parties, such as those that might be celebrating Mother's Day. The standard gratuity rate is 18 percent, but you may want to go above and beyond if you feel the service is exemplary.
- Hire a sitter for young kids. Although Mother's Day is a chance for the entire family to spend time together, the main goal is to ensure Mom's comfort and happiness. If very young children are in tow, she may not be able to relax and enjoy her meal. Infants will need to be fed, and toddlers may be easily distracted. Have a sitter watch little ones when adults are dining out, and then Mom can enjoy time with the kids when she returns home for more celebrating.

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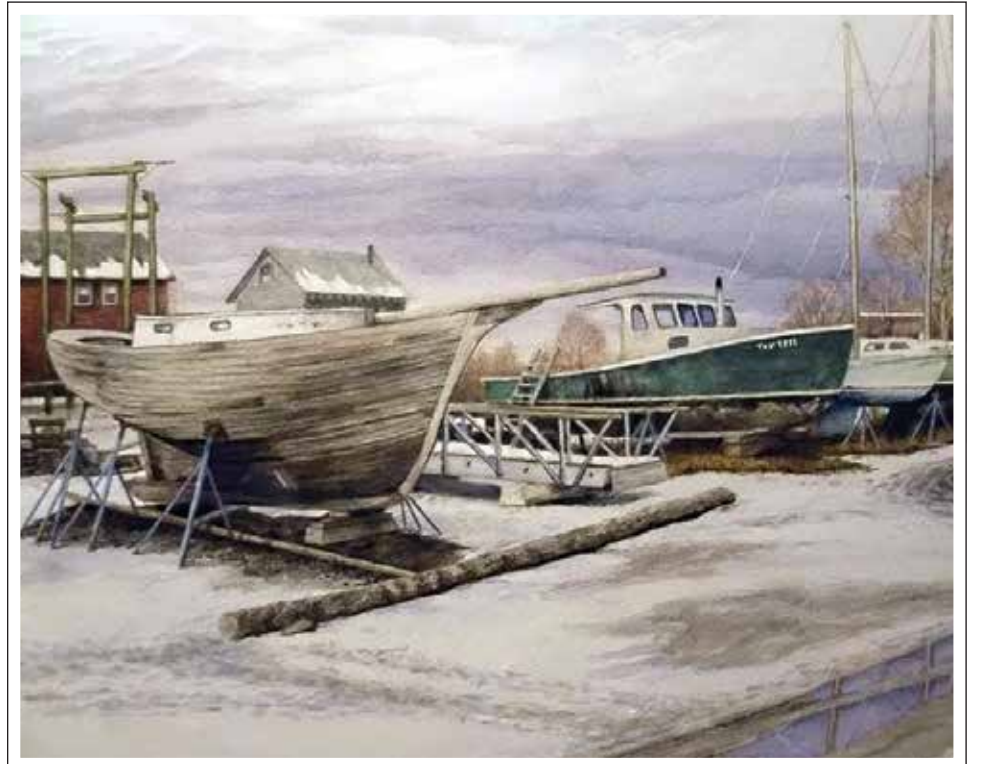
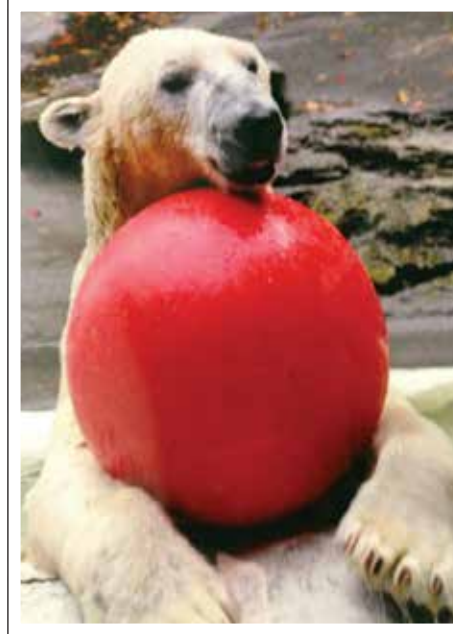
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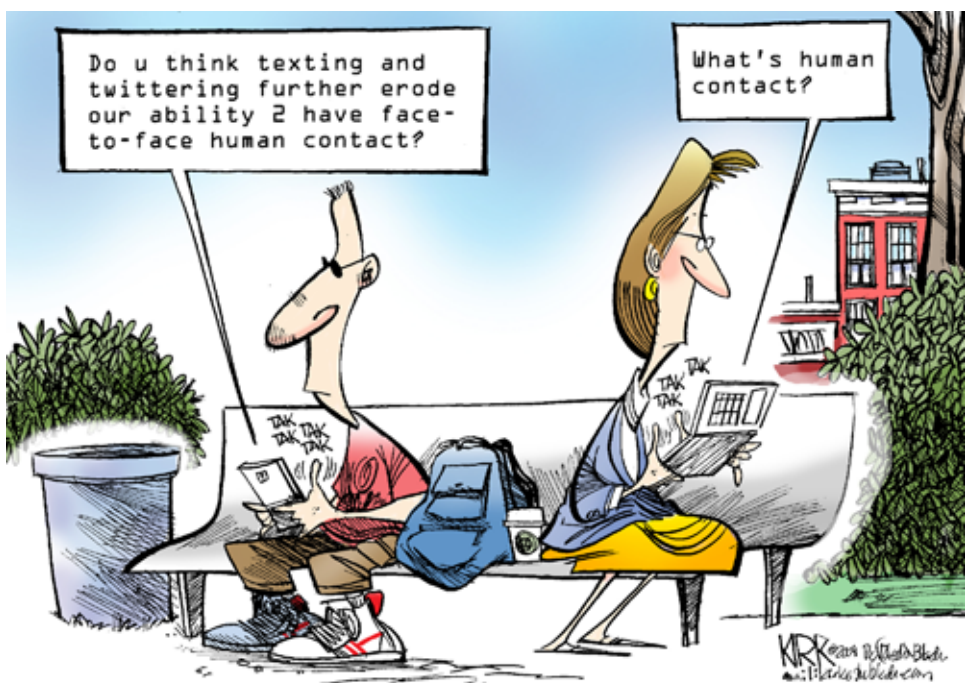
Mr. Angersola will have on display over 100 small to large pieces of his exceptional works that broadly range from nautical scenes, rustic barns and farm elements, to colorful exotic animals and stunning floral studies. Jim says, "I love my work and I love photography. My occupation provides sustenance in my life, and my photography allows me to just enjoy being creative and to share my love of nature and her creatures. That to me, is the perfect balance." Mr Angersola has some very creative methods of displaying his stunning photography, from "metal Prints to images fired on ceramic tiles. Almost the entire east wing of the gallery is devoted his many brightly colored works, spanning over 75 feet of wall hangings and 14 feet of table displays. You will have much to see!

In the main Gallery, you will see "Eye of the Beholder", the fabulous realism works of Mark Dittmar, also on display, with over 30 medium-to-large, colored pencil masterpieces which will leave you in awe, when you view the detail and presence of life in his remarkable works. Water seems to be flowing over the rocks and you can almost hear the gulls screeching in his exquisite renditions of local waterfronts. Mr. Dittmar has a wide choice of subjects to present to you, each one more stunning than the last. Most of his pieces depict local scenes you will probably immediately recognize.

In the far east wing, our third artist, Kyle Green's fanciful "Things" display remains from a prior opening. His unique and creative characters will delight you!

Both James' and Mark's works will remain on display for at least the following 30 days.

Visit The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road in Orange and is free and open to the public from 10am to 6 pm weekdays and Saturday until 4pm. The Davis Gallery is affiliated with VideoLab in Orange and is located in the VideoLab facility.



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LOCAL SPORTS



BROTHER ATHLETES RETURN TO AMITY AS COACHES

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Call it a dynasty or maybe it's destiny that two brothers who kept hundreds of lacrosse balls out of Amity's goal posts are back on the high school's lacrosse fields coaching the next generation of players. Both former goalies for the Amity Lacrosse Team, Brandon and Tyler Pepe are together on the field for the first time, this time as head coach and assistant coach respectively. Even Pepes' young cousin, James Chapman is a starting goalie this year. "The family connections are everywhere!" said Tyler. "There's been a Pepe on the field for the past 12 years!" Tyler missed playing on the team when he was a freshman and Brandon was captain his senior year due to a knee injury that put him on the sidelines for the season. Brandon assumed the head coach position in 2013.

Joining the Amity coaching staff was a "no-brainer" for Tyler, who recently returned to Orange after living in Boston for several years. "Brandon mentioned he was short staffed and he wanted me to join up, and I definitely wanted to be part of the program," Tyler said. In fact, the entire Amity varsity lacrosse coaching staff, which also includes offensive coach Kevin Donovan and mid-field coach Brandon Capuano, are all former alumni of the Amity team. "We're all Amity guys who came up through program, and we all want it to succeed," Tyler said.

Both Tyler and Brandon have played lacrosse since they were in elementary school, starting in a Yale-sponsored youth program and moving to the Amity Youth Lacrosse program as soon as it was established. Being second in command to Brandon feels right to Tyler, not just because of the "older brother/younger brother dynamic" but because he often knows what Brandon's thinking without needing much communication. "It's my responsibility to capture his vision and pass it on to the team and I just know what he means when he says what he says," Tyler said. "Brandon has a great lacrosse mind and an incredible lacrosse pedigree. He was a four-time MVP player at UCONN, he's a great coach and he knows the game as much as anybody I've ever met. It's the first time an Amity alumni has been the head coach and he brings that passion to the position which gives him a leg up." So far the team is having a great season, at press time they had an undefeated 6-0 record with high hopes of making it to the conference championships for the first time in almost a decade. "We have a close knit bunch of kids and it's a great thing to be part of now," Tyler said.

Brandon points out that having a young coaching staff, who range in age from 20-26, means the coaches are really in tune with the players. "They can relate to us because we are not a lot older than they are," Brandon said. Having his brother with him is much like it was growing up at their Carriage Drive home. "Tyler has a big personality and it's fun having him around," he said. "The kids really enjoy him and he keeps everyone positive and focused on what we have to accomplish here as a team."

Both brothers say they are enjoying this new experience together. "It's great to be on the field together and having the chance to spend more time with him," Tyler said.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Dog Park Safety

Dog parks can be a great way to socialize your dog, but can also be unsafe if proper measures aren't taken. The following tips will help you keep your dog safe and happy at the park.

Know your dog. Not all dogs enjoy meeting new dogs. Don't let your dog get overwhelmed by meeting too many dogs at once. If your dog has not interacted regularly with other dogs, find out how he will react. You can perform a test by introducing your dog to a friend's dog that you know interacts well with other dogs. Testing your dog in a controlled environment is ideal before you go into the dog park.

Keep your dog healthy. Be sure your dog isn't vulnerable to picking up infections from other dogs by keeping him up to date on his vaccinations and worming medications.

Observe. Consider visiting the park without your dog for the first time to familiarize yourself with the park itself and the dogs that play there. Before bringing your dog inside the park, spend a few minutes watching the other dogs and how they interact. If the dogs seem too rough for your dog, come back at another time or try a different dog



park. On your next visit you may want to bring your dog and sit quietly with him outside the park. Having your dog with you to observe from outside the park enables you to watch how he reacts to seeing the other dogs.

Start out slow. The first few visits to the dog park should be short, no longer than 15 minutes. Slowly increase the length of your stays as your dog becomes more comfortable with the dog park atmosphere.

Choose a time that is less busy for your first few visits to the park. Weekday evenings are peak, high-traffic times at dog parks, and weekends and holidays tend to be busy all day long. Acquaint your dog with the dog park when the park isn't as crowded.

Closely supervise your dog. Don't get distracted while talking to other owners. Keep an eye on your dog at all times to make sure his interactions with other dogs are safe. Watch his body language to help you avoid any trouble before it begins. Watching his actions also enables you to quickly clean up after your pet.

Let your dog off leash as soon as you enter unleashed areas. Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs can create a hostile situation. Leashed dogs, and their owners, often display body language and behavior that is threatening to the unleashed dogs and may encourage them to be aggressive and defensive in return. A leashed dog cannot make the choice his natural instinct tells him of "fight or flight"—if he cannot take flight, he may have to fight.

Watch for potential hazards. Be aware of potential hazards that may be in the park, such as toxic chemicals, garbage or noxious plants. Be sure to wash any chemicals, such as fertilizer or pesticides, off of your dog's feet and legs to ensure they aren't licked and ingested.

Leave children at home. Don't bring children with you to the dog park. You will not safely be able to watch your kids and your dog at the same time. Many dogs have not been socialized to children. Both frighten and excite easily—and react differently—creating a dangerous atmosphere. It's simply too easy for a child to get hurt at a dog park.

Leave small puppies at home. Puppies less than four months old aren't fully immunized yet and are at higher risk for contracting diseases. They are also very vulnerable to being traumatized by another dog's aggressive behavior.

Do not bring toys or food. Most parks are already littered with balls and toys that other people have brought. Rewarding your dog with treats or giving him toys in front of other dogs can create jealousy and aggression.

Interpret canine body language. Educate yourself about dog body language and communication signals so you can tell the difference between fear, play and anger.

Know when to leave. You should remove your dog from the park if he is being threatened or bullied and seems fearful; begins to display aggressive behavior by becoming overexcited or threatening toward other dogs; is panting heavily; or seems overly tired. Keep your dog's welfare a top priority.

DO NOT physically intervene in a dogfight. Never reach in to break up fighting dogs. Squirt the dogs in the face with a water bottle or try to distract them by throwing something near them, but never physically intervene.

Prevent injuries. Be aware of the signs of a possible dogfight before it might happen. Don't allow a dog's overexcitement turn into a fight. If your dog injures a person or dog, give your name and phone number to the injured party. Report to law enforcement authorities any handlers who refuse to take liability for damages or injuries and who are endangering the safety of others.

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.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to do a bit more investigating before making a career move. You do best when you come armed with the facts. A personal matter still needs tending to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity plus your good business sense once more combine to give you an important advantage in a difficult workplace situation. An ally proves his or her loyalty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid rushing into something just because it offers a break from your usual routine. Take things a step at a time to be sure you're moving in the right direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bouncing back from a disappointing incident isn't easy, but you should find a welcome turn of events emerging. Spend the weekend with someone special.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An incomplete project needs your attention before someone else takes it over and uses it to his or her advantage. There'll be lots of time for fun and games once you get it done.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Doubts involving a potential career change need to be resolved quickly so they don't get in the way when you feel you're finally ready to make the big move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Looking to blame someone for a workplace problem could backfire if it turns out you've got the wrong "culprit." Best to get more facts before acting on your assumptions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience might still be called for until you're sure you finally have the full story that eluded you up till now. A trusted associate could offer valuable guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look into your recent behavior to see if you could have caused the coolness you might now be sensing from a loved one. If so, apologize and set things straight.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Easing up on your social activities allows you to focus more of your energies on a long-neglected personal matter. You can get back into party mode by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute with a colleague can be resolved peacefully once you both agree to be more flexible about the positions you've taken and allow for more open-minded discussions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Volunteering to take on added responsibilities could be a risky way to impress the powers-that-be. Do it only if you're sure you won't be swept away by the extra workload.

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BIRD-WATCHING 101

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: With a couple of family members already heavily into it, I'm interested in becoming a bird-watcher too -- if only to have something interesting to talk about at holiday dinners. I thought it would be easy, but even just bird-watching in my backyard, I haven't seen much more than sparrows. Any tips? -- Bart L., Portland, Ore.



DEAR BART: As a new bird-watcher myself, I'll fall back on the experts on this one. That's because starting out in the hobby (or is it a sport?) can be surprisingly difficult in some respects, such as finding birds that are more interesting than your common backyard species.

The "10,000 Birds" blog has a very nice post that lays out some key tips for new bird-watchers. First, the time of year is key to spotting certain types of birds; but more importantly, find experienced bird-watchers, and pay attention to what they tell you. It's not as easy as grabbing a good pair of binoculars and striding forth into nature; you need to know where certain birds are likely to nest or hunt, and the best areas from which to spot them.

The Internet is a great resource, and particularly group meet-up sites like Meetup.com, on which you can locate bird-watching groups in your area. If you can't find one that suits your schedule or that looks "right" for you, contact your local Audubon chapter to find out about other groups, chapter meetings or educational seminars or classes.

Even if they're not strictly bird-watching classes, you may meet other enthusiasts who can point you in the right direction.

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

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Time to invite your family for the weekend, dear -- we're overloaded with leftovers!"

LAFF-A-DAY



"Take me to your leader."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"There, there, dear—I KNOW you wanted to surprise me—you DID!"

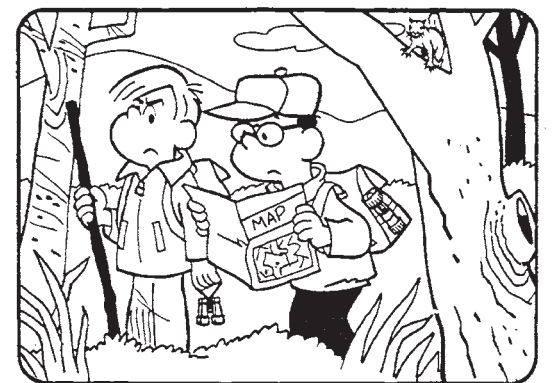
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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Differences: 1. Stick is shorter. 2. Jacket is open. 3. Binoculars are missing. 4. Cap is different. 5. Flashlight is missing. 6. Squirrel is missing.

The Garden Bug

Rosemary

found in Ophelia's speech from Hamlet

Shakespeare gardens, created to honor the famous playwright, are found throughout the U.S. and Britain. They contain plants and flowers mentioned in his works and those found in his own private garden in Stratford-upon-Avon. One of the most famous of these gardens is in Central Park near the Delacorte Theatre, site of the "Shakespeare in the Park" series held each summer. - Brenda Weaver

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