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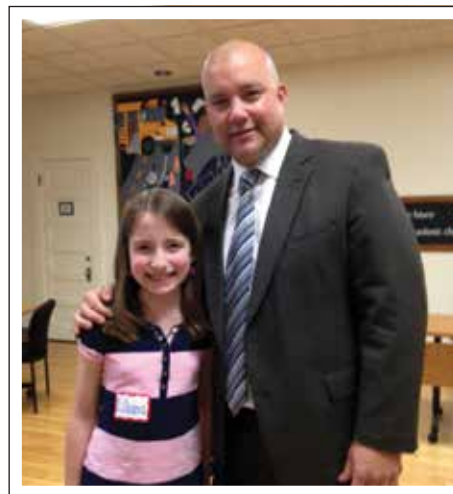
“VI” GIBBONS LOOKING FORWARD TO RETIRED LIFE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Having plenty of time to enjoy family and favorite activities like reading, travel and ZUMBA are what Amity Junior High School Assistant Principal Vicenta (Vi) Gibbons is most looking forward to when she retires next month.

June will mark the end of nearly four decades as an educator in the Amity system which began in 1978 when she was hired at the Senior High as a Spanish teacher. Gibbons, who was born in Cuba, has been the junior high's assistant principal since 2000. In 2012 she was named Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year, a national honor presented by the Connecticut Association of Schools recognizing outstanding school leaders who exhibit excellence in areas that range from leadership, curriculum, instruction, and personal growth to maintaining a positive school environment. As assistant principal, Gibbons works closely with Principal Kathleen Fuller-Cutler to foster a positive school climate and has the role of the school's enforcer, handling discipline issues. While a steady stream of students and staff have popped in to wish her well in her retirement, it's the kids who spend the most time in her office who were most dismayed by her retirement announcement. "I tend to form bonds with the trouble makers; they are the ones I spend the most time with! They are coming by and saying, 'What are we going to do?'" she said with a grin. "I like this age group; it's an important age and a difficult one. It's a turbulent time in a child's life and I believe I can make a difference helping students mold

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Left: 3rd/4th grade winner Liliana Restrepo with Turkey Hill School Principal Stephen Bergin. Right: 5th/6th grade winner Michael Haverstock with his dad, Dan.

ORANGE STUDENTS SQUARE OFF IN SPELLING BEE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

It was serious "bees"-ness last week at the Mary L. Tracey School when 12 of the best spellers in the three Orange elementary schools faced off at the annual spelling bee. The room was quieter than Case Memorial Library as first the six competitors from grades three and four faced off followed by six competitors in the fifth and sixth grade division. To win a spot in the annual event, the students had to place first and second in first their classroom bees then their school-wide bees before qualifying for the district wide challenge. The winners and runners-up in each division from Race Brook, Turkey Hill and Peck Place schools were given study lists of 750 words that would be used in the competition. Turkey Hill School Principal Stephen Bergin and Peck Place School Principal Eric Carbone served as judges.

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themselves into the people they should become." She also served as the chair of the School Climate Committee, in which she introduced several programs, including the "Jackie Robinson's Nine Traits to Live By" character education initiative, which has helped create a nurturing, safe community at Amity.

Looking back over her career, Gibbons maintains kids haven't changed much, but the introduction of technology has been both good and bad. While hand-held devices can be an invaluable learning tool in a classroom setting, they've also brought a host of unique issues to the school environment. "In the lunchroom the kids are playing games on their phones instead of interacting. I'm afraid they will lose contact and communication with each other," she said. And while texting is not allowed during school hours, the people who seem to break the rule most are the parents. "I've had kids say, 'But the text was from my mom!' and I'll have to say well you just got a detention because your mom texted you!" But from her perspective, kids are not much different than they were when she started her career in the 1970s. "Kids are kids wherever you go," she said. "If you treat kids like people you usually get a positive reaction."

Gibbons expects what she'll miss most about her job is the daily interaction with the students and the staff and the joy she gets from seeing their work. "I am constantly amazed when I walk the hallways at the overwhelming amount of talent here - the artwork on the walls, the music at the spring concert...I'm amazed at what the students and teachers do every day," she said.

She had been considering retirement for several years, but when former Principal Bob Slie retired and Cathy Cutler assumed the position, Gibbons decided to stay on to help ensure a smooth transition. "There were just so many changes in education happening that I didn't want Cathy to have to deal with them alone," she said, citing new state testing mandates and core curriculum requirements and the implementation of a new technology system at the junior high. "There have been many changes all at the same time that have been intense and ongoing. Last July I thought, 'I think it's good. I think I'm done,'" she said.

Her retirement coincides with her upcoming 60th birthday and she and her husband John plan to take a Caribbean cruise this summer to celebrate. Gibbons predicts her biggest adjustment to retirement will be finding a balance with her husband, who is also a retired Amity educator. "I am constant motion and he is more laid back. He will say, 'Don't you ever sit down?'" she said. "I plan to get him exercising although he doesn't know that yet!" Adding more gym time to complement her three-day-a-week ZUMBA schedule, reading the "stack of books that I've wanted to read for the past decade," "cleaning out closets," relaxing, and spending time with her twin toddler grandchildren will be the only things on her to do list come fall. "I'm still young but I'm tired," she said. "I'm looking forward to taking a break."

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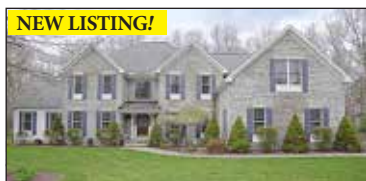
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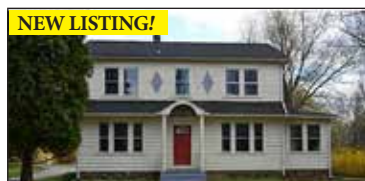
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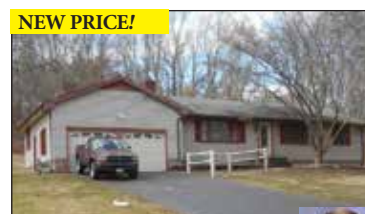
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FIRST OF ITS KIND AUTISTIC FITNESS CENTER OPENS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Witnessing his autistic son's transformation after a year of one-on-one personal training has inspired Orange resident Adam Leapley to open what may be the first gym of its kind specially designed for people with autism. Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Fitness Center, which has been about a year in the making, will hold its grand opening from 4 to 7 p.m. May 31 at its 307 Racebrook Road location. The concept is the brainchild of Leapley and his wife Dedra who used their own intimate knowledge of the disorder to develop a gym that incorporates techniques and strategies designed to address the special needs of people with autism. "My son has had lots of challenges and struggles and we've tried a host of different therapies, but the best result has been working out with a trainer. He's flourished -- his adaptive social behavior is up and his anxiety and depression is down," Leapley said. In fact, fitness training so positively influenced his son's development that he was able to obtain his driver's license and attend the school prom, milestones Leapley never expected to see.



several special education teachers and a school psychologist. "The staff have professional jobs in the field and obtained their fitness certifications because they are passionate about what we're doing and they want to be involved," Leapley said. "The fitness training is secondary. We aren't looking for super trainers; we're looking for super people." Leapley's son, who is active mentoring others with

autism through his work with Unified Sports, and the Best Buddies programs will also work at the gym as a mentor and trainer assistant.

Research has long touted the positive effects of exercise on the general population but for those on the autism spectrum, the benefits can be as high as a 30 percent improvement. Increased confidence

and improved social skills are among the positive changes Leapley believes his clients can expect. "If we can teach a child the skills to ride a bike or catch a ball it will make a big difference in their everyday lives," he said. There will also be a nutritionist on board who can help with challenging sensory issues that food can elicit.

To tailor a training program specifically for the clients, the process includes evaluating clients and working with a trainer to develop an individualized fitness plan. A half hour circuit training work out will include supervised eight minute sessions targeting various muscle groups interspersed with two minute "fun stations" with activities like ball playing and hula hooping. The gym also offers the opportunity to work out on standard exercise machines and participate in small group classes in yoga, ZUMBA and karate. Down the road Leapley would like to add social activities like participating in a community fun run or hiking, running or Frisbee-playing groups. He also plans to decorate the white bricks on the building's exterior with the blue-painted handprints of the individuals who meet their fitness goals. "I want everyone to feel like they are a real part of the gym and I hope we fill up these bricks in the next couple of years," he said.

Keating said she is thrilled to be a part of this new venture. "I think it will be an amazing experience. What a way to spend every day -- helping to change lives and give back. Our ultimate goal is to help as many people as possible," she said. "We are excited and we are prepared."

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## THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Though many people are quick to refer to Memorial Day as the unofficial beginning of summer, the day is much more than that. Initially known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day to remember those military members who died in service of the country.

The origins of Memorial Day remain a topic of debate. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. However, the roots of Memorial Day likely run much deeper, as researchers at Duke University note that during the Civil War, organized women's groups in the south had begun to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers.

Memorial Day as we know it today can likely be traced to Charleston, S.C., where teachers, missionaries and some members of the press gathered on May 1, 1865 to honor fallen soldiers. During the Civil War, captured Union soldiers were held at the Charleston Race Course and hundreds died during captivity. Upon their deaths, soldiers were buried in unmarked graves. When the Civil War ended, the May Day gathering was organized as a memorial to all the men who had died during captivity. The burial ground was landscaped, and those freed as a result of the Civil War played an integral role in the event at the Charleston Race Course.

While the event in Charleston might have been the first Memorial Day-type celebration in the southern United States, General John A. Logan is often cited as inspiring similar events in the north. As commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization for men who served in the Civil War, General Logan issued a proclamation just five days after the Charleston event that called for Decoration Day to be observed annually across the country. Logan preferred the event not be held on the anniversary of any particular battle, and thus the day was observed for the first time on May 30. Celebrating the day in May also was significant to event organizers because May is a month when flowers are in bloom, making it easier for observers of the holiday to place flowers on the graves of fallen soldiers.

In 1868, events were held at more than 180 cemeteries in 27 states, and those figures nearly doubled in 1869. By 1890, every northern state officially recognized Decoration Day as a state holiday. But southern states honored their dead on a different day until after World War I, when the holiday was changed to recognize Americans who died in any war and not just the Civil War. Nearly every state now celebrates Memorial Day, a name for the holiday first used in 1882, on the last Monday in May.



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Siena with younger sister Kendall modeling crayon necklace.

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How to keep her crayons from spilling all over the place during the family's weekly Friday night dinner at Chip's Restaurant prompted five-year-old Siena Elle Murphy to create a unique solution that led to an invitation to a state-wide competition for budding inventors. The Mary L. Tracey student



Laura Fantarella

devised a crayon necklace that is not only functional, but sure to be a fashion "do" among the kindergarten set. By using a small screwdriver to make a small hole at the crayon's base, Siena was able to thread cording through the holes, stringing together a variety of Crayolas that she could wear as a necklace. She tried different cords, and several accent pieces, like the purple heart and tiny stuffed animal that add a pretty finishing touch to the necklace. The necklace cording can unclasp so the wearer can switch out crayon colors. With the help of her mom, Mindy, and dad, Steven, she submitted her idea to Connecticut's annual "Invention Convention" and was among the youngest invited to participate in the event earlier this month. Her parents even have a

patent pending in the event they decide to take Siena's design a step further.

The Convention, which was held at the University of Connecticut, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting creative problem solving and critical thinking skills among students in grades K-8. According to the program's website, the competition is the "beginning pipeline" for the state's future scientists, engineers, doctors, and visionary workers and provides a forum for kids to demonstrate thinking skills through the art of inventing.

The invention has brought all sorts of positive feedback, from the fun lunch and participation award she received at the convention to modeling it for her friends during Show and Tell in Mrs. Liberti's class at school. "A few of my friends want one!" she said, adding, "And it keeps me from going under the table at Chip's to pick up my crayons."

Mindy, who is a New Haven elementary school teacher, said Siena's invention makes dining out and travel more enjoyable now that Siena and younger sister Kendall wear their necklaces. "Bringing crayons on a plane is a nightmare, they are everywhere," she said.

For Siena, who loves playing tag and climbing on monkey bars, her crayon necklace may be the first of many inventions. She got some good ideas at the Convention and she even has a plan for making eating ice cream less messy!



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Max successfully conducted searches for persons and evidence and made numerous apprehensions during his career. Police Chief Robert Gagne said "Officer Kosh and Max's service and sacrifice are in keeping with the highest values of the police service and they have our sincerest gratitude."

### "Spelling Bee" continued from Page 1

Bee Master Race Brook Principal Mike Gray urged the contestants to relax and have fun. "You are all already winners," he said. Each division spelled over 100 words correctly before the first students were eliminated. Kids easily spelled words that ranged from "shoulder," "contagious," "vacuum," "precipitation," and "weird," before the first word in the third and fourth grade category, "luxury," caused the first elimination, followed by the misspelling of "residue", "barbecue" and "receipt". When Alison Bowler tripped up on "stupor," fourth grader Liliana Restrepo got it right, winning the championship. She was relieved when one of her competitors got the word she was most nervous about – "fragrant". With her mom as her study buddy, Restrepo pored over her word list, paying extra attention to the ones her mom highlighted when she misspelled them. Restrepo's hobbies may have given her an advantage. An avid reader who has read all the Harry Potter books; she's also a Jeopardy buff, rarely missing an episode.

Fifth grade winner Michael Haverstock knew he had the title cinched when he spelled "eligible" correctly after fellow-Turkey Hiller Srilekha Kadimi inserted an "a" instead of an "i," and his next word was "medicine". "My dad's in medicine so I knew I had it!" he said. Haverstock, who said his nervous scale was about "six" on a scale of one-10, actually had a title to defend. He was the winner of last year's district spelling bee in the third and fourth grade division and a runner up the year before. Preparing for the contest was a family effort with even the cat contributing a few "meows" for encouragement. Estimating he studied his list of words about every other night for the past month, the word he feared spelling most was the very word that gave him the lead – eligible. "I had trouble with those 'l's," he said.

Other competitors included: Jade Krukar, Alec Lee, Preston Kral and Nicole Mongillo, Race Brook School; June Lin, Turkey Hill School; and Nicholas Massey, Bethany Qian and Emma McCarron, Peck Place School.

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The Amity Regional School District #5 Board of Education has hired Neil Holt to serve as Assistant Principal at the Orange Campus of Amity Regional Middle School. Mr. Holt is currently serving as a Spanish teacher at the Orange Campus of Amity Regional Middle School where he has been since 2007.

"From a pool of more than 120 candidates, Neil rose to the top with exemplary demonstrated skills in both organizational leadership and instructional leadership," stated Charles Dumais, Superintendent of the Amity Regional School District. "His broad middle school teaching history and his experience as a Content leader in the district contribute to his suitability for this position."

Mr. Holt has been a middle school Spanish teacher since 1999, having taught in Orange, CT, Hamden, CT, South Brunswick, NJ, and Worcester, MA. He is a graduate of Wesleyan University (Bachelor of Arts, Psychology/Sociology), and

holds a sixth-year degree in Educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Massachusetts.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve such an excellent school, with its outstanding staff and supportive community," stated Mr. Holt upon learning he had been selected for the Assistant Principal position at the Orange Campus of Amity Regional Middle School. "I love working with middle school students, and I intend to work hard to strengthen the culture of learning, high expectations, and caring that makes our school such a wonderful place. With my knowledge of the school, and having worked as part of the school leadership team over the past few years, I look forward to a smooth transition into the coming school year." Mr. Holt will begin his role as Assistant Principal on July 1, 2014.

## OCCNS ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY BAKE SALE

On Sunday May 25th, Orange Congregational Church Nursery School will hold its annual bake sale at the parade in Orange. All proceeds support the preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds which has been in continuous operation for 45 years. For more information, go to [www.orangecongregationalchurchnurseryschool.com](http://www.orangecongregationalchurchnurseryschool.com) or email Tracie McDermott at [occns@yahoo.com](mailto:occns@yahoo.com).

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Dean's List

#### Emily Ruggeri Named to Dean's List

Emily Ruggeri of Orange, CT has achieved Dean's List status during the Fall 2013 semester at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Emily is a Class of 2014 Civil Engineering major and a 2010 graduate of Lauralton Hall, Milford, CT.

#### Ryan Duffy Makes Fall 2013 Dean's List at Franklin & Marshall College

Lancaster, PA - Ryan Duffy of Orange, CT has made the Dean's List for Franklin & Marshall College's fall 2013 semester. Ryan is the child of John W. Duffy, Jr. and Karen M. Duffy and is a graduate of Hopkins School. Dean's List status is awarded to students who have successfully completed their course work with a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher out of a possible 4.0 score.

#### Meredith Bauer Named to Dean's List at Champlain College

Burlington, VT -- Meredith Bauer, a resident of Orange, CT, has been named to the Champlain College Spring 2014 Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Bauer is majoring in Psychology.

### Graduations

#### Keene State College Graduates Class of 2014

Keene, NH -- Keene State College has announced the names of 1,091 students who are candidates for graduation this month with associate's, bachelors, or master's degrees. This year's graduating class includes:

- Alyssa Cretella of Orange, graduating with a BA;
- Natalie Kubic of Orange, graduating with a BA; and
- Lauren DeGennaro of Orange, graduating with a MED.

#### Meredith Bauer Graduates from Champlain College

Burlington, VT -- Meredith Bauer of Orange, CT recently graduated from Champlain College. Bauer received a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a possible specialization and/or minor. The Champlain College 136th Commencement took place outdoors under a tent on Edmunds Field in Burlington, Vermont on Saturday, May 3, 2014. In all, 476 undergraduates earned their degrees.

### Honors

#### Orange Resident Amy Williams Participates in Connecticut College's Senior Thesis Art Exhibition

New London, CT -- Amy Williams, a member of the Connecticut College class of 2014, participated in the Senior Thesis Exhibition 2014. Williams' thesis, "Mindset Mandalas," is from research on color symbolism conducted for the purposes of marketing. Williams, a 2010 graduate of Amity Regional High School, is the daughter of Christopher Williams and Mary-Beth Coffey Williams of Orange. A diverse collection of pieces were created by 19 senior art majors. Art work included sculpture, photography, drawing, printmaking, painting and new media.

#### Thomas Meehan Named a Worcester Polytechnic Institute Charles O. Thompson Scholar

Worcester, MA -- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Thomas Meehan of Orange, Conn., a first-year student majoring in Interactive Media and Game Development, has been named a Charles O. Thompson Scholar for the 2013-14 academic year. Named in honor of the first president of WPI, this honor recognizes outstanding performance by first-year students. To be eligible for membership, students must achieve all A's and B's (with a minimum of six A's) in their academic subjects during their first three terms at WPI.

### Inductions

#### Maryssa Kozek Inducted into Honor Society at Providence College

Providence, RI -- Maryssa Kozek, a resident of Orange, was recently inducted into Providence College's chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha, the national honor society for Reading. Kozek, a member of the class of 2015, is pursuing a degree in Elementary/Special Education.



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| June 26th.....                 | <i>Independence Day Issue</i> July 3rd |
| July 25th.....                 | August 1st                             |

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### What's in a Name?

We live in a high area of Orange known as "Indian Hill", bounded roughly by Derby Avenue, Dogburn Road and Indian Hill Road. When my wife Penny's family lived here their kennel was known as "Saint Bernards of Indian Hill".

I had always wondered if the moniker had been dreamed up by my father-in-law George, who was given to hyperbole, or by a cutesy 1950s developer who devised names like Lookout Ridge or Moonlight Rise. Then, about ten years ago while planting my cabbage patch I dug up an arrow head. It was a gripping experience to find something I had seen only in museums.

On May 9th I was at the Orange Land Trust meeting; the speaker was Lucianne Lavin, PhD, who is an expert on Northeast Archaeology and Anthropology and is the Director of the Institute for American Indian Studies, a teaching museum in Washington, CT. During her fascinating presentation she made an offhand comment about an area of Orange once populated by a band of Paugussetts. "The area is known as Indian Hill", she mentioned. My eyes widened. I asked her how she knew that, she said, "If you go into the woods behind your house there is a burial ground with small stone markers still visible". She had been there years ago. Ms. Lavin's talk was a welcome wrap-up to something I had been curious about for so many years.

*Peter Firla*

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### AGENT JESSICA DAGRACA JOINS WEICHERT SALES TEAM

Weichert Regional Properties Vice President of Sales, Manager of the Orange office, Rich Muttick has announced that Realtor Jessica L. Dagraca has joined the sales team in Orange. A resident of West Haven for more than 10 years with a year of experience in real estate, she will assist property buyers and sellers in West Haven, Orange, Milford, Hamden, and New Haven. Dagraca is a member of the Greater New Haven Association of REALTORS® (GNHAR). Prior to real estate, she worked for the West Haven Board of Education.



Jessica Dagraca

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## ORANGE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY EXPO

Scheduled for June 18, 2014 at High Plains Community Center

The Orange Economic Development Corporation will be hosting the 13th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. The Expo is free and open to the public. Spread the word to all your friends, family, co-workers.

Start the day by signing up at the Welcome Center for your chance to win a raffle item, then continue your day by enjoying food samples from Chips Restaurant, Julia's Bakery, Reno's Pizzeria, Smoothie King and Chefs Emporium to name a few. A series of informative seminars will also take place including, A presentation For First Time Home Buyers, by TD Bank.

Returning this year, for kids of all ages, will be an Animal Exhibit by Beardsley Zoo and new this year will be a meet and greet with Elsa from the movie "Frozen". Also for the adults we have networking with 56 other business ventures. A Business After Hours event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Orange Ale House will follow the Expo. Details at the Chamber of Commerce booth.

We couldn't do it without help from our Sponsors. Our list of Sponsors includes: Premium: The United Illuminating Company and Southern Connecticut Gas Company; Gold: Cohen and Wolf, Northeast Electronics Corporation, Orange Economic Development Commission, Taylor Rental Parties Plus, Yale University and University of New Haven; Bronze: Chef's Equipment Emporium and Servpro.

Please call the Orange Economic Development Corporation office at (203) 891-1045 for more information or visit the OEDC website at [OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm](http://OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm).

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Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed Saturday, May 24-26 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours resume May 27.

Registration is highly recommended for all Library programs. Registration is required for children's and teen summer events and opens two weeks in advance of the event date.

## Weekly Storytimes

Come to our weekly storytimes to have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning!

### Mother Goose is on the Loose! Lapsit Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months. Our lapsit storytimes feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesday, June 3; Tuesdays, July 1, 8, & 29; August 5

### Two-Year-Old Storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursday, June 5; Mondays, June 30, July 7 & 21, August 4

### Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime at 4 p.m.

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays. Monday, June 2; Wednesdays, July 2 & 9, August 6

## Events For Children

### Children's Summer Reading

Fizz, Boom, Read! - For students entering grades K-6. Pre-schoolers can register as "Read to Me" members. June 21 - August 9.

### Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Jester Jim "Juggling and Beatboxing" - Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m.

### 4th of July Craft

Thursday, July 3, 2 p.m. For ages 4-8.

## Events For Teens & Tweens

Teen events are open to students entering grades 6-12.

### Teen Summer Reading

Spark a Reaction - For students entering grades 7-12. June 23 - August 16.

### Make It Yourself: Sharpie Tie Dye Book Totes

Tuesday, July 1, 2-3:30 p.m. - Create a colorful tie-dyed tote using Sharpies and rubbing alcohol. Materials will be provided. Bring a white t-shirt if you'd like to tie dye an additional item.

## Events For Adults

### Adult Summer Reading

Literary Elements - For adults 18 and up. June 23 - August 16.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. as follows: Thursdays, June 5, June 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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### Film Buffs: Still Mine

Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m. - An elderly couple fight against local authorities in rural New Brunswick to build their final home. 102 minutes. Rated PG-13.

### Oscar Films

#### August: Osage County

Monday, June 2, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 4, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
R. 121 minutes

#### Her

Monday, June 16, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 18, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
R. 126 minutes.

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Case Memorial Library

### Nebraska

Monday, June 30, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 1, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
R. 115 minutes.

### Frozen

Monday, July 14, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 16, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
PG. 102 minutes.

### The Book Thief

Monday, July 28, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 30, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
PG-13. 131 minutes.

### Saving Mr. Banks

Monday, August 4, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 6, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
PG-13. 125 minutes.

### The Great Gatsby

Monday, August 18, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, August 20, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)  
PG-13. 143 minutes.

### Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Getting to the Root of It - Monday, June 9, 7 p.m.  
Learn about an interesting new layer in New Haven's long and fascinating history as State Archaeologist Nicholas Bellantoni of the University of Connecticut speaks about the human remains and time capsules found buried beneath the New Haven Green when Hurricane Sandy toppled the Lincoln Oak in 2012.

### The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group - Thursday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.

Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Painted Girls by Cathy Marie Buchanan.

## Art in the Library

- May: Oils, pastels, collage, and watercolors by Dolores Gall and Betty Donahoe.
- June: Mixed media and watercolors by Benjamin Cassiano and Ginny Schmidt.
- Reception: Thursday, June 5, 5-7 PM.

Art in the Library presents water colorists, Ginny Schmidt and Carol Weber, at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT. Paintings will be on display from June 2nd-30th. A reception will be held on June 5th at the library from 5-7pm. Library hours: Monday and Thursday 10-8pm., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5, and Saturday 10-4pm.



## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### JCC EVENTS FOR JUNE 2014

Please Note: All events take place at the Jewish Community Center, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge unless stated otherwise.

#### JCC Family Fun Day Featuring Touch A Truck

Sunday, June 1, 11 am-3 pm

An interactive, hands-on event that allows children to climb on, explore and discover their favorite trucks and vehicles including fire engines, police cars and construction trucks. \$5/child. Proceeds benefit JCC youth programs. Contact: Tanya Weinberg, 203-387-2JCC, tanyaw@jccnh.org.

#### Bagels & Books (Ages 3-5)

Sunday, June 8, 10:30-11:15 am

Play, Learn & Grow in your pajamas! Bagels and Books is a monthly program that provides a FREE Bagel Brunch, sing alongs, storytime, and craft. RSVP: Laura LJ Ross, 203-387-2522, laurar@jccnh.org.

#### Speaker Mitch Anthony, The New Retirementality

Tuesday, June 10, 7-9 pm

When you look at your own life as an investment, you begin to realize that how you allocate your time is the most important investment decision of your life. Please join us to hear Mitch Anthony, author of The New Retirementality, discuss how you can get a great return on your life. Sponsored by Regent Wealth Management Group and Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Free and open to the public. Contact: Sydney Perry, 203-387-2424, sperry@jewishnewhaven.org.

#### Federation, Foundation & JCC Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 6:30-9 pm

Contact: Hilary Goldberg, 203-387-2424, hgoldberg@jewishnewhaven.org.

#### Moms & Babies First Friends Club

Thursdays starting June 12, 11am-12pm, JCC Living Room

Calling all Moms in the Greater New Haven area. This playgroup is a wonderful way to meet other moms who live in the area! Connect with other moms and share advice and friendships while children play together and develop important socialization skills in a comfy, spacious family-friendly atmosphere. Drop in weekly. Free. Everyone is welcome. Contact : Jennifer Gelband, 203-387-2JCC, jenniferg@jccnh.org.

#### Beckerman Lecture Series: Barry Nalebuff and Tom Scott

Thursday, June 12, 5:30-7:30 pm

We will discuss the ethics of the food industry with entrepreneurs Barry Nalebuff, co-founder of Honest Tea, and Tom Scott, co-founder of Nantucket Nectars. Both will explore what goes into building a successful food business with a conscience. Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, 203-387-2522, dedek@jccnh.org.

#### Shabbat Friends Cooking Series (Ages 3-5)

Friday, June 13, 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. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2522, laurar@jccnh.org.

#### 20s& 30s Book Club

Tuesdays starting June 17, 5:30pm, JCC Living Room

Remember the joy of reading the classics in high school? No, of course not. We were all too young with other priorities to fully appreciate them. This is a book group that aims to remedy that by revisiting great classics as well as other contemporary and compelling books that will be classics in the future. No tests or forced questions, just book lovers and casual discussion. We'll meet monthly to discuss the books in a relaxed informal environment. Anyone who loves to read and discuss books is welcome! BYOB and food available for purchase from Edge of the Woods Café. First book is Absurdistan by Gary Shteyngart, come ready to discuss – or to help select the next book. Babysitting is available. Contact : Jennifer Gelband, 203-387-2JCC, jenniferg@jccnh.org.

#### On the Road with LJ

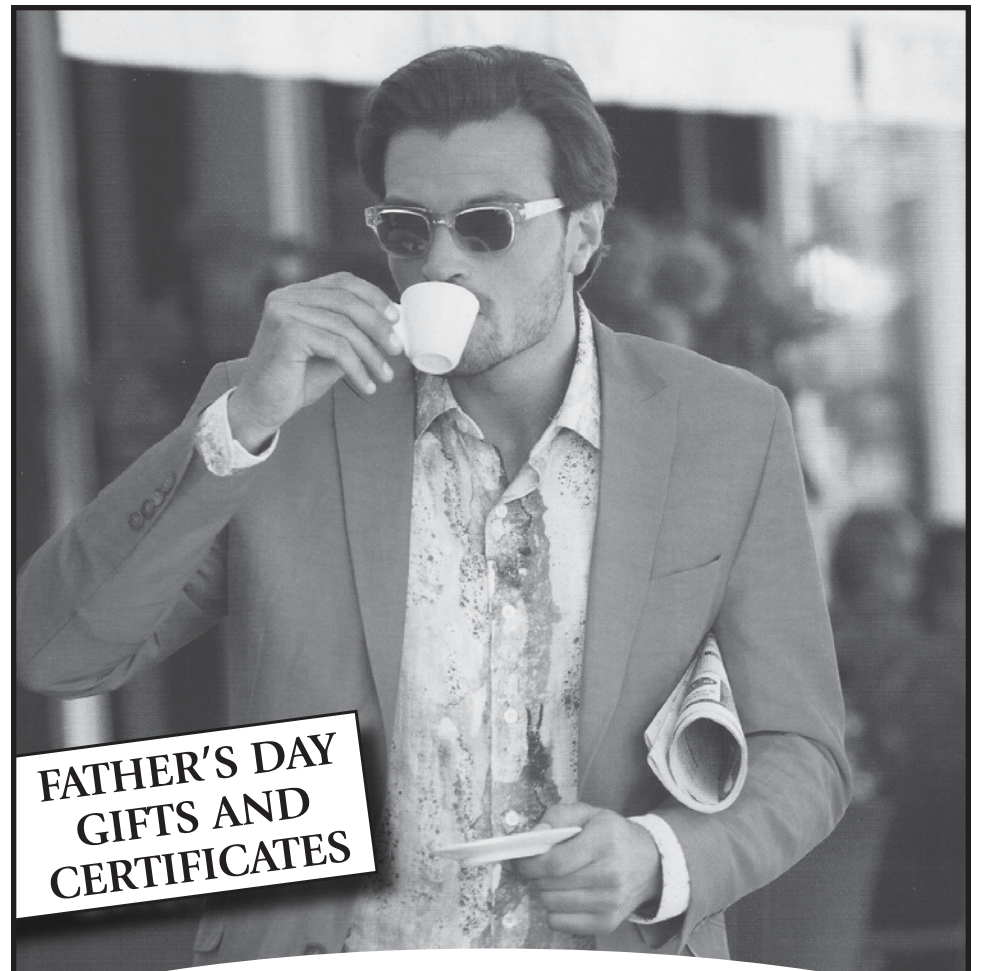
Wednesday, June 24, 4pm

Special guest: Claire of Claire's Cornercopia. Keep your eyes peeled for LJ coming to a location near you! Play, Learn & Grow. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2522, laurar@jccnh.org. Location: The Green in Downtown New Haven.

#### Grill N Chill: Beatles/Simon & Garfunkel Tribute

Wednesday, June 25, 5-8 pm

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Prices are: \$8.00 for Adults, Children ages 6-12: \$6.00. Age 5 and under are free with a paying adult. Save \$1.00 per person by purchasing an advance ticket from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc. 286 Boston Post Rd., Orange.

All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-795-5882, email: lmk415@yahoo.com or visit their website at www.orangevfd.com.



Police Commission Chairman Donald Lewis, Police Chaplain Father Robert Deming, and Officer Matthew Crainich.



Police Commission Chairman Donald Lewis, Police Chaplain Father Robert Deming, and Officer Jeffery Fernandes.



Officer Willie Roberts Jr. and Police Commissioner Christopher Carveth.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDS THREE NEW OFFICERS

The Orange Police Department recently welcomed three new officers to the force. Matthew Crainich and Jeffery Fernandes both completed the field training process last month, and are presently working in the patrol division. Willie Roberts graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy on March 24th, and is currently in the field training process.

**Matthew Crainich** – Born in Bridgeport and raised in Trumbull, CT. Graduated from Trumbull High School, and then from Western CT State University with a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. He was formerly employed at Cartus Inc. performing I.T. work.

**Jeffery Fernandes** – Born and raised in Waterbury, CT. Graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, and then from UCONN with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. He was a former driver for Campion Ambulance Services.

**Willie Roberts Jr.** – Born and raised in Waterbury, CT. Graduated from Wilby High School, and then from UCONN with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He was formerly employed as a substitute teacher, a school bus driver, and was a pharmacy technician at CVS. He has achieved Eagle Scout and has served as a volunteer and mentor for Anderson's Boy's Club of Waterbury and for Waterbury Youth Services.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



As you can tell, Orange Community Services recently received a ton of food through the food drive conducted by the post office. We thank and greatly appreciate the hard work that the Women's Republican Club of Orange did to unpack and organize the food.

Yeah Orange residents! For another year you have outdone yourselves donating food to the Food Pantry during the Stamp out Hunger food drive done by the United States Postal Service. We want to thank you as there is not only a huge amount of food but also a great variety. You donated gallons of great soup, endless bowls of cereal, canned fruit and some really great snacks. So thank you and pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

We would also like to thank our mail carriers for a job well done. Our mail carriers in Orange do a great job. Often working long hours in harsh weather;

when this drive comes around, they collect the food, put it in their truck and at the end of the day transport it to High Plains. For that ladies and gentleman, on behalf of Community Services thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your dedication.

Last but certainly not least, Orange Community Services would like to thank the women of the Women's Republican Club of Orange. Pat Powell Liman, Carolyn Roth, Beth Michael, Veronica McDonald and Jean Cenami came to High Plains and unpacked the food and sorted it all which is a huge help and helps to keep the food pantry organized. Kudos to all.

## AMITY BUDGET REFERENDUM RESULTS

The following are the results of the Amity Budget Referendum held in Orange, Woodbridge & Bethany on Wednesday, May 8, 2014.

|               |            |            |           |            |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| ORANGE:       | YES        | 275        | NO        | 176        |
| WOODBIDGE:    | YES        | 288        | NO        | 90         |
| BETHANY:      | YES        | 152        | NO        | 124        |
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Jennifer Walker is a Physical Therapy major from Derby, CT. She plans on taking her boards in July and hopes to be able to work in an orthopedic setting at a hospital. She would like eventually to open her own practice geared to older clients. She is currently doing an internship in a veterans' hospital in Connecticut where she does health and wellness for older people with pulmonary complications.



Jennifer Walker

Jennifer participated in various community service efforts: soup kitchens, carnivals of fun, health and wellness, and fun fitness days for children with special needs. She has won the Mother Seton Award for Presidential Leadership in the Organization of Physical Therapy Students.



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**FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR**

By John Ulatowski



Youth Services Living History Club members Jim Abate and Hugo Raccuia met for two sessions recently with AHS student Karli Peraza and discussed eyewitness historical accounts such as World War 2, government programs after the war, the school systems, what the environs of Orange looked like, entertainment of the day and more. The Living History Club is a program that allows students to have contact with seniors to offer actual eyewitness accounts in the milestones of history as well as what common life was like over fifty years ago.

Youth Services Parenting Program on Get Connected Into Your Child's World of Social Media will be presented at High Plains Community Center Cafeteria on 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 will be recorded by OGAT. The program is free and snacks and refreshment will be served.



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# SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



## Free Summer Concerts – All Ages Shows

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June 25, Wednesday 6-8pm—Valiante Hart—Americana/Folk band. Rain date is Thursday June 26.

July 23, Wednesday 6-8pm—White Eyed Lizards—Calypso band. No rain date

August 20, Wednesday 6-8pm—The Whiskey Boys—Bluegrass band. Rain date is Thursday, August 21.

Thank you to our sponsors: Crunch Fitness, The Goddard School, Geico Insurance, Orange Visiting Nurses Association, Affordable Dentures, and Maplewood of Orange for making it all possible.

## Summer Cookout

This year's Summer Cookout under the High Plains Pavilion will be held on Tuesday Aug. 12 with a rain date of Wednesday, Aug 13 from 5 to 8 pm. Good 2 Go will perform. Tickets go on sale on July 1, \$15.

## Senior Center Chorus Performance & Reception

Friday, June 27, our very own Chorus will unveil their hard work in a very special performance and reception at 2:00pm. Coffee & dessert will be served. Call to let us know you are coming at 203-891-4784.

## 2 Lunch & FUN: Yale Peabody Museum & Dance Around the World

Thursday, June 5, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History will present "Rediscovering the Yale Peabody Museum". Also on Friday, June 12 "Dance Around the World" with Gia Khalsa, from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the senior lounge. Coffee & dessert will be served. So RSVP right away at (203) 891-4784.

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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.

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Cub Scout Pack 923, affiliated with Race Brook School PTA gathered for their annual Blue & Gold Banquet.



Cub Scout Pack 923 met current U.S. Armed Forces soldiers at a Yale New Haven football game.

## CUB SCOUT PACK 923 CELEBRATES WITH BLUE & GOLD BANQUET

It is an annual tradition for all Cub Scout packs around the nation to celebrate the accomplishments of their boys with an evening named aptly "Blue & Gold". Blue and gold are the official Cub Scout colors and the night includes presenting current year awards such as earned badges and the infamous Pinewood Derby results and trophies, promotion to the next rank along with a buffet dinner. "It is also a time to bring everyone together, thank all the leaders and adult volunteers who help make things happen throughout the year and celebrate the birthday of cub scouting," stated the pack co-leader Rick Sweeney.

Cub Scout Pack 923, which is affiliated with Race Brook Elementary School, observed the year-end event recently with their families and special guests in attendance. Race Brook School principal, Mr. Mike Gray, along with Ms. Dee McLenthan, Wepawaug Council District Commissioner helped honor the boys and their accomplishments.

Mr. Gray, who was named Connecticut's National Distinguished Elementary School Principal, spoke with personal words to everyone in attendance, but especially the boys saying, "I hope you all continue on with your current enthusiasm up through the scouting ranks because I know the value of the skills you learn and having been a scout myself recall the fond memories and teachings that are still with me today."

Pack 923 has extended an invitation to come find out more about their group and its activities. Please contact Marie Pedenski at pmags2014@gmail.com for more information about meeting troop members and its leaders after the Town of Orange's Memorial Day Parade. Boys who are 7 years of age (or entering first grade) through 5th grade qualify to join at this time. General information about Boy and Cub Scouting will be available including summer camp opportunities





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# HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



## It Was Quite a Day...



After several snow and ice delays, May 15th turned out to be a banner day at the gravesite of Aunt Icy (Isabella) Oviatt in the Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven. Last year Bob Belletzkic and OHS president Ginny Reinhard took a trip to the cemetery to find the graves of the beloved Schaghticoke Native American whose 100th birthday was celebrated by friends and family in 1900. Her birthday party picture is prominently displayed at The Academy along with two of her baskets that history tells us she traded for vegetables at the Peck Farm on the Derby Turnpike, near her home.

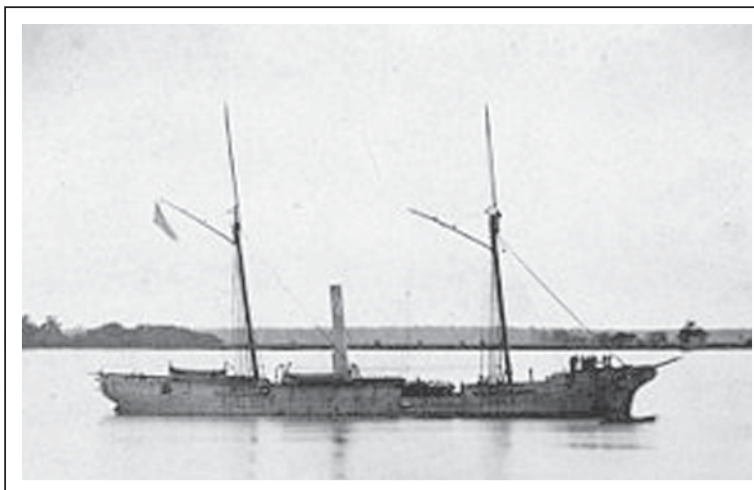
Census records appear to be disjointed, as family members show up on the various reports but nothing is consistent, as many records appear to be in the 19th century. Following the Oviatt name becomes confusing as both Native Americans and non-tribal members appear and the only way to distinguish them is the "B" or "M" in the column entitled "Color". Only one of the stones at the Oviatt site gives us a clue as to what the person did in his life and that is her son-in-law, George P. Jackson. He was in the Union Navy aboard the 691-ton, two-masted, side-wheel gunboat Winona, commissioned December 11, 1861. Its namesake was the chief village of the Kiyuksa band of the Mde-wakanton Sioux and she had 114 hands on board.

George enlisted as a cook on 12/20/1861 but is listed in the military records as a gunner. The Winona saw action in the blockade of the Gulf of Mexico but spent seven months at the mouth of the Mississippi and up into the river as well. On April 24 of 1862 she attempted to pass forts Jackson and St. Philip but snagged herself on an obstruction. After freeing herself, she remained below the forts while David Farragut moved upriver to capture New Orleans. Four days later her commanding officer took part in accepting the Confederate surrender of Fort St. Philip.

In May, the Winona moved upstream to join the stronghold at Vicksburg, Mississippi. By June, when Farragut's mortar fleet began their bombardment, the Winona joined the fleet steaming past the Vicksburg batteries under a hail of fire to unite with the fleet which had been fighting its way down the river from its base in Cairo, Illinois. We read about of ironclads Monitor and the Merrimack but the Winona took on the challenge of blocking the Arkansas in the Yazoo River. The ironclad appeared to be stronger than the blockade as she bested a three-gunboat expedition and continued down the Yazoo River, sending the

USS Queen of the West, the USS Tyler and the USS Carondelet back down the river.

The Winona felt the passing of the Arkansas when she briefly engaged it as she made her way through the gauntlet of the startled Northern squadron. By late August the gunboat had joined the blockade off Mobile, Alabama and by September she was once again one of three ships guarding that important Confederate port.



The Winona was sailing up and down the river investigating sighted ships when her sister ship, the Oneida spied a strange vessel. Winona received orders to investigate and steam toward the unknown visitor. Flying the red British ensign and bearing the unmistakable lines of a British gunboat, the intruder failed to heed a warning and continued toward the Oneida where the Winona came about and gave chase. As the intruder approached, the Oneida gave a warning shot across the bow but the ship continued its forward speed.

Two more shots were fired in quick succession across her bow and then the Winona commenced firing at what later proved to be the Confederate raider, Florida. Darkness fell and the pursuit was abandoned as the Florida made its way into Mobile Bay. At this point the water was too shallow for the blockade to pursue the Confederate "chameleon". The Florida was severely damaged but she had successfully dashed past the Union blockade with a skeleton crew down with yellow fever and her guns had lacked rammers and other equipment to return fire.

It was a happy day for Icy's daughter Polly when George was discharged on January 7, 1865. Our other Oviatt members are not as easy to follow but the recent trip to the cemetery was a giant step to identifying all

of the members of Icy's family. The Evergreen Cemetery records indicate the burial of 11 members, but to date there are only 9 stones in view. In 2013 when Bob, Ginny and OHS member Jan Clarke poked through the ground with a 12" skewer at the site where sons George and John are purported to be buried, they found a small stone buried under the ground with the name Melisa. This stone was had been laid flat and covered from at least 1934. \*This two-year old girl's name was actually Marshallena but it is obvious from the width of the stone that her name was not to fit.

George and John are still a mystery which is now closer to an answer with the team headed by Connecticut's State Archeologist, Nick Bellantoni. Early in the morning of the 15th of May, his team x-rayed the site, marking out a grid, passing back and forth to see where the earth has been disturbed in the burial process. The result will be a 3-dimensional view of any large disturbance and hopefully George and John will be located. Records in the 19th century were not as accurate as they are today and as with Melisa's (Marshallena) stone, theirs could be buried as well. There is a section on the existing map that appears to be empty but the data taken by the team will answer all of the questions.

Dale Fiore, director of Evergreen Cemetery was instrumental in erecting a stone for Icy as a donation and Nolan Monument Works lettered it as a gift as well. Icy's husband Byron has a large stone that had once fallen into the street, breaking the top half. The stone is very fragile and must remain flat but it is hoped to have an expert in stone restoration fill in the area of his name and re-cut the stone for future identification. There are two other mysteries surrounding Aunt Icy at her burial site. Two daughters appear on two separate stones. One is Patty O. McIntyre who does not appear in any census records and Sarah Oviatt whose parents are listed at Byron and Hannah J. Oviatt. Hannah is listed on the census in 1860 with Icy's daughter Polly and again in 1870 as a laundress. Don't you just love a good mystery?

\*In 1916, Charles Hale began charting veterans' graves as a project for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In the early 1930s he directed a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project that transcribed inscriptions on headstones throughout Connecticut. With more than 2000 Connecticut cemeteries completed.





Rose McIver

**Q:** My girlfriends and I had a lot of fun watching Lifetime's adaptation of **V.C. Andrews'** book **"Flowers in the Attic."** Are there plans to turn any more of the books in the series into movies? -- Steff S., Orange Park, Fla.

**A:** You're in luck, Steff. Lifetime has indeed filmed the sequel to **"Flowers,"** which is called **"Petals on the Wind."** It is scheduled to premiere Monday, May 26, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. If you aren't familiar with the books, the film begins 10 years after the Dollanganger siblings have escaped the attic where their mother, Corrine (**Heather Graham**), and grandmother Olivia (**Ellen Burstyn**) kept them locked away for more than two years.

"Petals on the Wind" continues to follow the twisted plight of the family, a decade after Cathy (**Rose McIver**), Christopher (**Wyatt Nash**) and Carrie (**Bailey Buntain**) escaped from their grandparents' attic at Foxworth Hall. But as they attempt to move beyond their sordid past, they soon discover that certain secrets can't be left behind.

When Cathy finds herself in an abusive relationship with a fellow dancer, Julian (**Will Kemp**, **"90210"**), Christopher and Cathy are forced to face the forbidden feelings they developed for one another while coming of age during captivity. But when tragedy strikes the Dollangangers once again, Cathy returns to Foxworth Hall to confront her grandmother and seek revenge on her mother with a plan to seduce her husband, Bart (**Dylan Bruce**).

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**Q:** I had heard awhile back that **Robert De Niro** was going to star in an HBO drama series, but I haven't seen anything

about it since. Do you know if that's still going to happen? -- Donnie F., via email

**A:** Well, it is ... and it isn't. The series is still happening, but Robert De Niro won't be involved. **"Criminal Justice,"** a seven-hour miniseries based on the BBC's 2008 **Peter Moffat** drama of the same name, was supposed to star **James Gandolfini**. When James passed away last June (after already having filmed the pilot), De Niro was tapped to star in his place. However, he had to pull out due to a scheduling conflict, so **John Turturro** has stepped in to play the lead, Jack Stone, an unscrupulous New York City lawyer who defends a Pakistani man (**Riz Ahmed**) accused of murder.

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**Q:** You had mentioned awhile back that **"Mistresses"** would be returning to TV this summer. I've been looking for a premiere date, but can't find out when it'll be back. Can you help? -- Holly T. in West Virginia

**A:** **"Mistresses"** -- which stars **Alyssa Milano, Rochelle Aytes, Jes Macallan** and **Yunjin Kim** -- will return to ABC on June 2 at 10/9c with a 13-episode second season. Based on the U.K. hit series of the same name, "Mistresses" is a provocative drama about the scandalous lives of a group of four friends, each on her own path of self-discovery.



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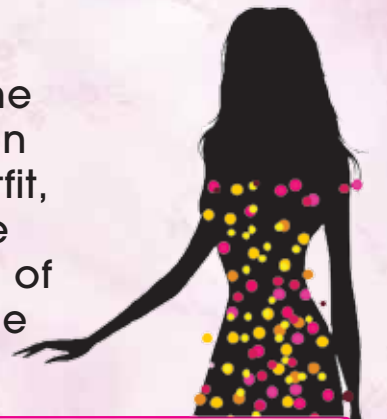
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## DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



## GG'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

GG's Wood Fired Pizza of Milford opened February 2013 at the Boston Post Road location that was formerly the iconic "Bar-B-Que" Restaurant. GG's quickly became one of the most popular spots in the area. Orange & Woodbridge Town News feature writer Laura Fantarella told me that she and her family love the food and I need to make a visit.

Owners George & Gregory Pastorok definitely know how to do it right and the two brothers have a very special story to share. They were raised in a family where food was the center of life. The Pastorok brothers always watched their grandmother Lena Delucia as she worked to carefully prepare each meal with such attention to detail, making the most memorable food they had ever eaten. They were amazed at her passion and instinct, a true master of work (something both brothers definitely inherited).

Every Sunday the family would gather at their grandparent's house which was set up like a restaurant in their basement complete with a full bar and kitchen. The brothers were given tasks like cutting the ravioli, tying the braciolo and peeling the garlic-lots of garlic! These meals were memorable and the family would eat, drink and listen to the stories of the old days. They were fortunate to have this background and even luckier to later watch as their mother Grace Marie cook with equal passion at their everyday meals as her mother Lena before her. The brothers feel that they have come back to their roots at GG's. They have owned three successful restaurants in Fairfield County-Georgie's Italian Restaurant-Shelton, G.P. Cheffields high-end steakhouse-Newtown and Gregory's Pizza-Monroe. The brothers say that their passion for pizza and Italian food is what makes them happiest.

The Pastoroks have a great staff that shares their passion and ideals of bringing happiness to all the customers that come through their door. They spend a lot of effort on training staff and preparing food that comes from years of watching, learning and a deep love for what they do. The Pastoroks are committed to a vision of using only the best seasonal, locally grown, organic product whenever possible. They serve a thin crust artisan pizza baked in a wood fired Mugaini oven (you can view a video on their website showing them actually building of the oven) at temperatures up to 1000 degrees. The scorching heat the oven generates creates a charring and blistering on the crust which makes the pizzas taste so great. GG's uses only local natural hardwoods to give the pizza a crunchy airy crust with bits of smoky char. The dough is all natural and made from 00 Caputo flour hand grown in the valley of Campania Italy. The tomatoes are certified "DOP" San Marzano from Italy grown in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. GG's has monitors set-up in the dining room so their customers can actually see the pizzas being made in the kitchen.

In addition to the incredible pizza (all pizza is available with vegan cheese) the menu also offers appetizers (my favorites are "Log Cabin" stacked garlic bread with warm gorgonzola sauce, "Meatball Pot" with burrata cheese & "Eggplant Stacker" fried eggplant, fresh mozzarella & arugula), salads, wood fired wings and entrees including chicken parmigiana, ravioli, spaghetti, etc. They offer a daily special menu as well. GG's salads and entrees are available in single portions or family style that serves 3-4. The prices are extremely reasonable, for example a large pizza with mozzarella is only \$12.75, ravioli-\$10.00, chicken parmigiana-\$12.00. GG's amazing desserts are made on premise and many feature Milford's popular Bucks Ice Cream. Some of my favorites include "Vintage Carnival" fried dough, cinnamon sugar, caramel & salted caramel gelato, "Smittenwhich" two oatmeal chocolate chip cookies sandwiched with cookie dough ice cream, Cheesecake New York style with a touch of ricotta & lemon zest served with apricot preserves (there are also 6 other decadent desserts available). You can view GG's entire menu on its website below. In addition to the dining room, GG's has a full bar featuring a wide selection of cocktails, wine and beers by the bottle or on tap. The bar area also serves lunch and dinner.

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Final notes: GG's is definitely a hidden gem in Milford. Why venture to New Haven when you can experience even better pizza at such budget friendly prices just down the road in Milford? George and Gregory's passion for their food is a priceless gift that they received from their family. As I said before "they definitely know how to do it right"! Make a visit soon to this very special Italian restaurant. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail [susan@orangetownnews.com](mailto:susan@orangetownnews.com) or [susan@woodbridgetownnews.com](mailto:susan@woodbridgetownnews.com).



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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



The executive board of the WRCO. (left to right): Pat Zeoli- 2nd Vice President, Dolores Nastri- President ex-officio, Beth Michael- Treasurer, Lynn Plaskowitz- Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Schenk- Secretary, Vicki Grande- President, Mary Devito- Vice-President. Missing from photo: Carolyn Roth- Historian. Photo by Rita Nardecchia.

## WRC HOLDS SPRING LUNCHEON

The Women's Republican Club of Orange recently held its annual Spring Luncheon, the "Spring Fling" at Gabriele's Ristorante in Orange. It was a wonderful afternoon. President Vicki Grande called the meeting to order after President Ex-Officio Dolores Nastri recited Grace. The key speaker was First Selectman James Zeoli who enlightened the group with some of the exciting things which are happening in town. If you are interested in joining the club, please call Vicki Grande at 203-799-1121 for more information.



## "THANK YOU" FROM GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

Members of the Garden Club of Orange would like to "THANK" our friends for the continued support of the May plant/bake sale held each year on the day before Mother's Day. The proceeds from the sale go to support the ongoing beautification at public sites in Orange. In addition, we support activities at the Orange Health Care Facility, Eagle Scout, and others. If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club, please visit [www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html](http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html) or call membership Chairperson Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195. Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCT.



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Tommy John offers baseball instruction to local children of the winning bidder from last year's Beth-El Spring Gala auction. Credit: Beth-El Center

## BETH-EL SHELTER & SOUP KITCHEN TO HOLD ANNUAL BENEFIT

The annual Spring Gala and auction to benefit Beth-El Center returns to the Milford Yacht Club with an abundance of auction items available for bidding. The 'Light Up the Harbor' Spring Gala and auction will take place on Saturday, June 7th from 6:00 to 11:00pm. Among the many items and packages that will be available for bidding during the live auction are personal pitching lessons from former major league baseball pitcher, Tommy John. Left-hander John is known for the revolutionary surgery named after him that repaired ligaments in his pitching arm.

Executive Director, Toni Dolan, recently received a call from Tommy John regarding his auction donation. "Tommy John called me personally to let me know of his contribution to our auction," said Dolan. "This is the second year in a row that Tommy has donated to the auction which has been a highlight for the Gala and a big help at raising funds for the shelter. Beth-El greatly appreciates his support."

Other auction items range from a smooth jazz brunch featuring Jay Rowe and Italian cooking lessons to Yankees tickets and a sunset sail on the Long Island Sound. Milford local and Beth-El Board vice president Ed Davies will serve as auctioneer. Tickets for the Gala are \$100 per person. Enjoy a festive evening while helping the homeless and hungry in our community. To secure tickets, please visit <http://www.bethelmilford.org> or call 203.876.0747.

## AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

The Amity Regional High School Class of 1974 will be holding its 40th reunion at the Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge CT 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 has 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>.



# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



## PACK 922 LEADERS RECIPIENTS OF WEPAWAUG VALLEY AWARDS

On Wednesday, April 30th at the Polish American Hall in West Haven, CT three Cub Scout Pack 922 leaders were awarded for their accomplishments and the dedication they offer for volunteering for the local youth. Den leader Marty Hummel, who is the current Pack 922 Webelos II leader, was awarded "Webelos Den Leader of the Year." Marty was also awarded "Den Leader Training" for meeting above-standard training requirements. Marty started with Pack 922 four years ago when his son, Kyle, joined scouting as a Tiger Cub. Marty joined the Pack Committee and from there, took over as den leader for his son's den starting the following year as a Wolf den leader. Marty has shown and proven that he believes in the scouting program and attended an advanced leader trainer's course in 2011 called "Wood Badge." This is a voluntary course offered to adults in scouting. In order to complete it, the leader must complete five service projects. Marty not only completed this course, but met all of the requirements in a very short period of time. He continues to have Cub Scout spirit with his den and all the scouts in Pack 922. Marty is also a member of the CERT team in Orange and volunteers within the community.

Jen Cavallaro, a parent from Orange and the Pack 922 Cub Scout Den 2 leader won this year's "Bear Den Leader of the Year" award. Jen took over as den leader of Den 2 at the end of last year when the previous den leaders moved out of state. Jen was asked if she would be interested in stepping up from being a Pack Committee Member to a Den Leader and accepted the position right away. She has guided the youth in her den and shown that she really cares about the scouting program. Parents from her den are always complimenting her organizational skills and great leadership of her scouts. Her son, Frankie, is one of ten scouts in the Bear den. Jen has also co-chaired the Pack 922 Holiday Wreath fundraiser for two years. Jen has proven to be a true asset to Pack 922.

Jeffery Cap, father of two sons, Benjamin and Timothy, are members of Pack 922. Jeff was awarded the "Scouters Key Award," which means he has completed various training courses, tenure, and has proven performance as a leader. Jeff was also the recipient of the "Cubmaster of the Year" award. Jeff became Cubmaster of Pack 922 in 2010, after he completed one year as Tiger Cub Den Leader. Jeff took and completed the "Wood Badge" course in 2011, along with Marty Hummel. Jeff is now on the Wood Badge 2014 staff as a Troop Guide. In addition to being involved with the Boy Scouts of America organization, Jeff also holds an elected position on the Orange Board of Education, is a member of the CERT team, and volunteers to assist with other community organizations.

Pack 922 would like to congratulate all three of our leaders who received these awards. It is leaders in our community like this who keep kids safe and help to teach youth all the essentials needed in today's ever changing world. Cub Scout Pack 922 is open to all boys from first grade through fifth grade. Individuals and families interested in joining Pack 922 may visit the website at [www.OrangeCTscouting.com](http://www.OrangeCTscouting.com).



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Pat Dray and Maryellen Bospuda

## GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE RECEIVES GRANT

3Mgives has donated \$250 to Garden Club of Orange in recognition of Pat Dray's commitment to the community. Pat Dray has donated countless volunteer hours to Garden Club of Orange. As a volunteer, she has contributed her time towards raising funds for the Garden Club; this includes: May Market, Orange Country Fair Tent and Holiday House Tour. The funds raised toward these events support Town beautification projects and contribute to many organizations in Connecticut. In addition, Pat also volunteers at The Federated Garden Club of Connecticut with judging at various Flower Shows around the State.

"3M employees and alumni generously give their time and skills to help improve lives," said Kimberly Price, vice-president, 3Mgives. "We are pleased to recognize their commitment to their communities."

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On Wednesday night, May 7th at the American legion Post 127, a ribbon cutting was held, and a plaque was presented to Robert Archambault, President of the Orange Foundation for funding from the foundation for new doors, windows and ceiling tiles at the post.

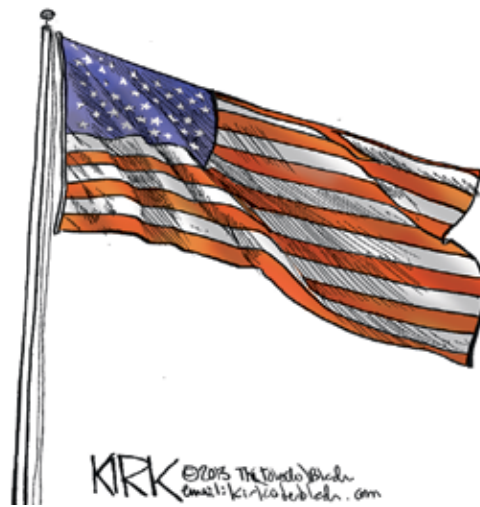




The 4th Grade Class at Race Brook School took a field trip to Hartford on May 6th and toured the Connecticut State Library and the Capitol Building. Pictured is Mrs. Bronson's class on the steps of the State Library.



The preschoolers at Holy Infant Preschool in Orange enjoyed a special demonstration from teachers and students of the Suzuki Music School. For enrollment information or to schedule a visit contact Shirley Conroy at (203) 799-6783 or holyinfantparents@yahoo.com.



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According to the Archdiocese, "The resumes of the Summa Scholars reveal outstanding accomplishments and present eloquent testimony to the quality of their educational experiences." Summa Scholars received bronze medallions engraved with their names, the crest of the Archdiocese and a prayer: "May you find truth through faith, knowledge, and wisdom." Students presented certificates of recognition to inspirational teachers.

Demery Ormrod honored Richard Marino; Demery will enroll at St. John's University.

Upon her return from the awards ceremony, Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ, '81 of Hamden offered, "I had the privilege of seeing these exceptional young women honored as Summa Scholars for their superior academic achievement and to hear the inspirational stories of so many gifted Catholic school teachers. Congratulations to all the students and their inspirational teachers on this well-deserved recognition."

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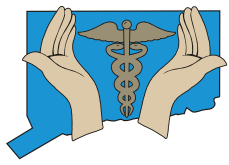
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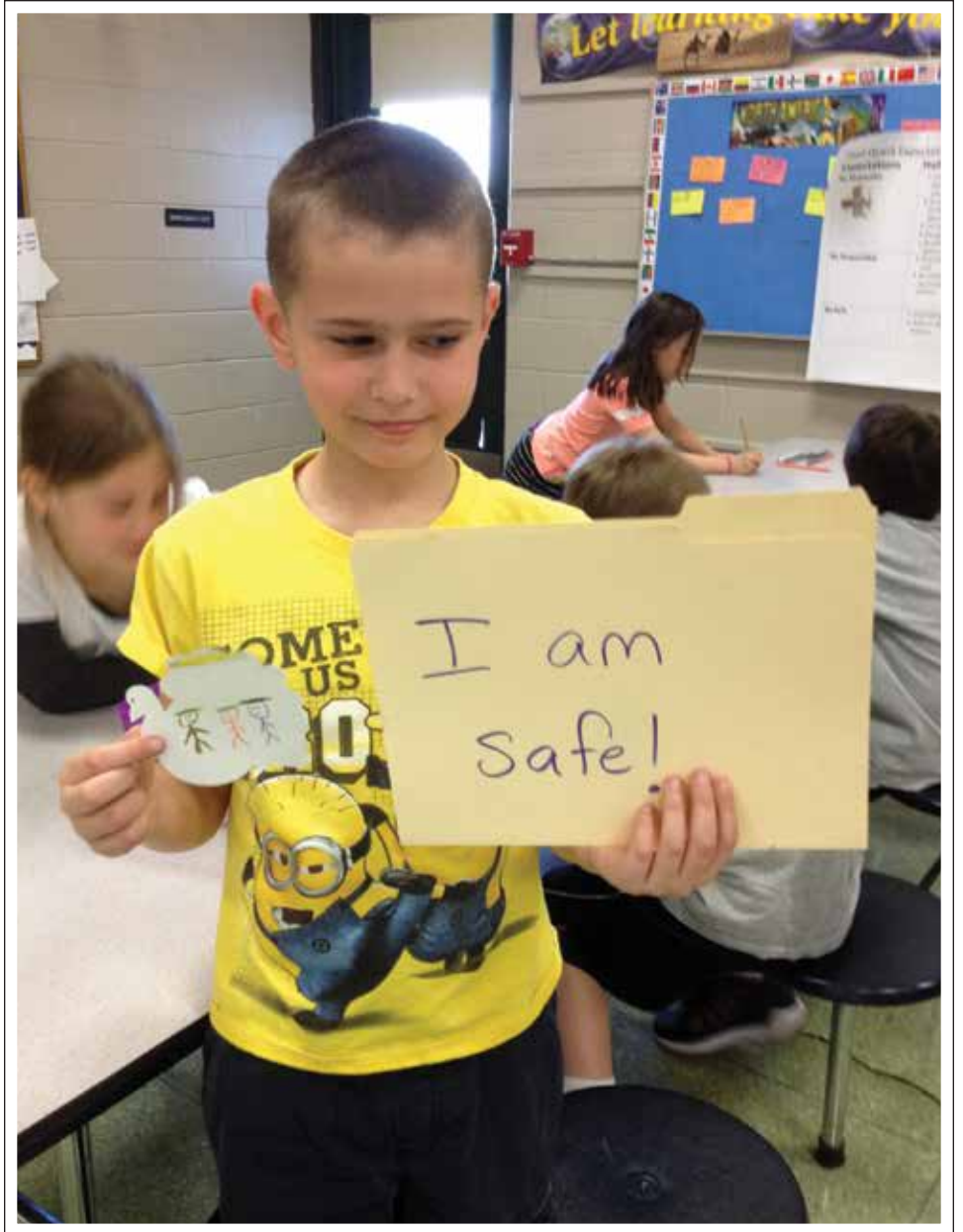
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On April 25th and 28th, Turkey Hill students participated in an Amazing Race day. This event, which was created by the Turkey Hill School Positive Behavioral Interventions and System committee, was designed to review and reinforce expected behaviors in non-classroom settings. All behavioral expectations fall under the umbrella of three school wide goals: Being Respectful, Being Safe, and Being Responsible. On that day students rotated between three areas. In the first area, students were asked to draw pictures of expected behaviors in the hallway. These drawings were then compiled into three school-wide posters as visual reminders. The second area reinforced bathroom behaviors. Students watched a movie, created by classroom teachers, emphasizing being respectful, safe and responsible in the bathroom. The last station occurred outside on the playgrounds. Students participated in an Amazing Race to demonstrate what they know about correct behavior and responses on the playground. Each class was given a box, filled with task cards, detours, and challenges. Students had an opportunity to discuss scenarios and then modeled expected behaviors, such as how to safely play on the swings. "It was a fabulous day organized by our teachers to promote positive behavior through student understanding of our school expectations. The use of modeling and guided discovery assisted the students in this practical and authentic learning experience," stated Principal Steve Bergin. This experience turned out to be a success for both students and staff!

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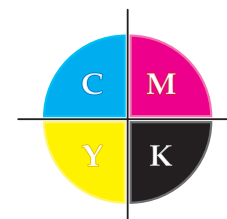


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Alexandra Hurlburt, a 4th grade student at Racebrook school, places 4th in the state in the Connecticut PTA reflections competition.



Some busy bees at Orange Congregational Nursery School swarm around the flowers, as they learn about pollination. For program information, go to orangecongregationalchurchnurseryschool.com or contact us at occns@yahoo.com.



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# EWING CHOSEN AS STATE PAGEANT FINALIST

Miss Kaitlyn Alexa Ewing, age 7, has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Connecticut Pageant to be held July 26, 2014 at the beautiful Sheraton Springfield in Springfield, MA. The National American Miss pageants are held for girls ages 4-18, and have five different age divisions. Kaitlyn will be participating in the Miss Connecticut Junior Pre-Teen 7-9 age division, along with other outstanding young ladies from across the great state of Connecticut.



Miss Kaitlyn Alexa Ewing

The winner of the Pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the National Pageant in California where she will receive an exciting complimentary Tour of Hollywood and two V.I.P tickets to Disneyland.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant nationally awards more than 1.5 million dollars in cash, scholarships and other prizes, which includes a New Ford Mustang Convertible!

Miss Kaitlyn Alexa Ewing's activities include cooking class, gymnastics, Girl Scout brownies, and being a member of the YMCA where she takes an art class and science class. She also enjoys reading, playing activities on the computer, swimming, arts and crafts, music, doing experiments, nature and the outdoors, and dogs.



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## RACE BROOK SCHOOL - KIDS HELPING KIDS CLOTHING DRIVE

Race Brook School students in Orange showed true community service once again with their genuine care and compassion for children ranging from infants to sixth graders who are in need of every day clothing. The clothes will be distributed at the West Haven Resource Center located at Savin Rock School.

The Race Brook School's Student Council, lead by teachers and co-advisors, JoAnne Escandon and Pam Galatioto organized the drive in cooperation with Karen Dandelske, a second grade teacher at Savin Rock Elementary School. The student council members worked cooperatively by preparing a hallway bulletin board, creating a notice to send home, and then collecting clean and gently used every day clothing. The response was truly impressive with bags of donated pajamas, pants, shirts, leggings, dresses, skirts, sweatshirts, pajamas, coats, and gloves. The students of Race Brook School hope their clothing donations will provide warmth and comfort to many children.



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# REMEMBER

## HOW TO HONOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

Men and women serving in the military make considerable sacrifices in defense of the United States and its citizens. Such sacrifices can easily be taken for granted by those with no friends or family members serving in the military, but it's important for all Americans to recognize the efforts of both active and veteran servicemen and women.

Honoring active military members and veterans does not have to be an elaborate undertaking. Service members and their families often cherish even the simplest of gestures, and the following are a handful of ways grateful men and women can show their appreciation to active and retired members of the military.

**Help a neighbor who's on active duty.** Active duty service members can be away from their families for long periods of time, and their absence can make things difficult for their families. Spouses of deployed service members are typically left to manage a household on their own for months at a time. Neighbors can show their appreciation by helping with some chores around the house. Offer to mow a neighbor's lawn or drive a neighbor's kids to school. Such gestures might seem small, but they can go a long way toward alleviating some of the stress that spouses of deployed service members deal with on a daily basis.

**Support the Wounded Warrior Project.** Many service members sustain physical injuries while deployed. The Wounded Warrior Project works to raise awareness and enlist the public's help to address the needs of injured service members. Men and women who want to show their appreciation to injured service members can work with the Wounded Warrior Project by volunteering at project-sponsored events or hosting fundraising events such as golf tournaments or community picnics. More information about working with the Wounded Warrior Project is available at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

**Write a letter of appreciation.** One of the simplest ways to show your support for service members is to write them a letter expressing that appreciation. If a friends, relatives or neighbors are active service members or veterans, sit down and write a letter telling them how much you appreciate their sacrifice in service of their country, and encourage youngsters to do the same. If you don't know any members of the military, you can work with A Million Thanks ([www.amillionthanks.org](http://www.amillionthanks.org)), a year-round campaign that encourages Americans to write letters or emails or send cards or prayers to U.S. military personnel, past and present to thank them for their sacrifices, dedication and service.

**Exercise your right to vote.** One of the best ways to honor servicemen and women is to avoid taking the rights they so bravely defend for granted. Members of the military routinely put their lives on the line so Americans can enjoy freedoms that many people across the globe cannot. Voting is one such freedom, so Americans should make it a point to vote every ElectionDay and teach their kids about the responsibility each American has to vote and take an interest in their government. Speak with active and veteran members of the military about their thoughts on proposed legislation and their opinions on how to improve that legislation, taking those opinions into consideration before casting your vote.

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## DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

### UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS

By Roberta L Nestor

At some point in time, the majority of Americans have owned US Savings Bonds. They were popular gifts for the birth of a child, weddings, birthday's, graduations and holidays. There was something special about being able to actually hand someone a bond. In addition, savings bonds offered tax deferment, a fixed rate of interest and the promise of having a determined amount of money for the future.

How much do we really know about US Savings bonds? For starters, they have been around for nearly 80 years, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed legislation in 1935 to create the first "baby bond". The original baby bonds were issued in successive series from 1935 to 1941 (A, B, C and D). You could purchase baby bonds in denominations of \$25 to \$1,000. Unlike today, where you purchase savings bonds at 50% of their face value, these bonds were purchased at 75% of face value. The last of the \$4 billion of baby bonds matured in 1951 and have since stopped earning any interest.

It was the Series E bond that contributed billions of dollars to help finance World War II. These were offered in 1941 with more marketing efforts as the US was faced with high defense expenses, expanding debt as well as the threat of inflation. This marketing campaign was called the Volunteer Program and it enlisted newspapers, bankers and businesses to promote the Series E bond. Series E bonds became known as the "Defense Bond" of 1941 and then the "War Bond" during 1942 - 1945. Series E bonds only recently stopped earning interest in 2010.

The promotion of Series E bonds over the years has some rich history. From Bugs Bunny, to Superman, John Wayne, the Lone Ranger and even Lassie, not only commercials, but television shows themselves promoted the "full faith and credit of the United States government". Visit [www.treasurydirect.gov](http://www.treasurydirect.gov) and on the search key type in "uncle sam speaks video". It is a great look back at types of promotion savings bonds enjoyed for decades.

Somewhere in the 80s the big promo-

tion stopped and now it is rare to see any advertisement for savings bonds. However, they apparently have a life of their own and are still purchased by millions of American's. It was only in the 1990s when 401k plans became available that employers (and the government) ceased offering the payroll deductions for savings bonds. You might ask, "Are savings bonds still a good deal?" Certainly not in our current interest rate environment. A \$100 savings bond today earns only .20% which places its final maturity in the year 2043.

Should you cash in savings bonds? Not necessarily. Bonds issued in 1990 are still earning 4% until their final maturity in 2020 and those issued in 1995 continue at 4% until 2025. When you do sell savings bonds, the primary concern would be taxes. When you cash in your savings bonds you have to pay tax on all of the accumulated interest. For retirees, this could potentially change the taxation of your social security and could affect Medicare costs. Talk to your financial or tax advisor before you cash in any investment to make sure you understand how it will affect your taxes.

Enjoy the Memorial Day Weekend and on a separate note, Nestor Financial will be hosting a workshop on June 3rd at 6:00pm: Brain Power, Use it or Lose it? For more information and reservations, please call or visit our website ([www.nestorfinancial.com](http://www.nestorfinancial.com)).

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](mailto:roberta@nestorfinancial.com).

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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 Recycling Committee** meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email [Orangerecycles@gmail.com](mailto:Orangerecycles@gmail.com).

**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.

**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](mailto:gwilson86@comcast.net)) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 ([maureenanderson@snet.net](mailto: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.

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

**Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum**, open Saturdays, 10:00am-

3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

**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.

**Milford Democrats 6th Annual Awards Dinner**, Friday, June 6, 2014, Aldario's Restaurant, 240 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, 6:30pm, U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro will be honored as Democrat of the Year, also being honored - former Milford Mayor Alberta Jagoe (Lifetime Contribution), Leticia (Letty) Malone (Outstanding Community Service), and Benjamin D. Gettinger of Milford (Young Democrat). Tickets are \$75/advance, \$100/door, can be purchased by calling 203-876-9717. For information contact Richard Smith, Chairman, Milford Democratic Town Committee at (203) 874-8704.

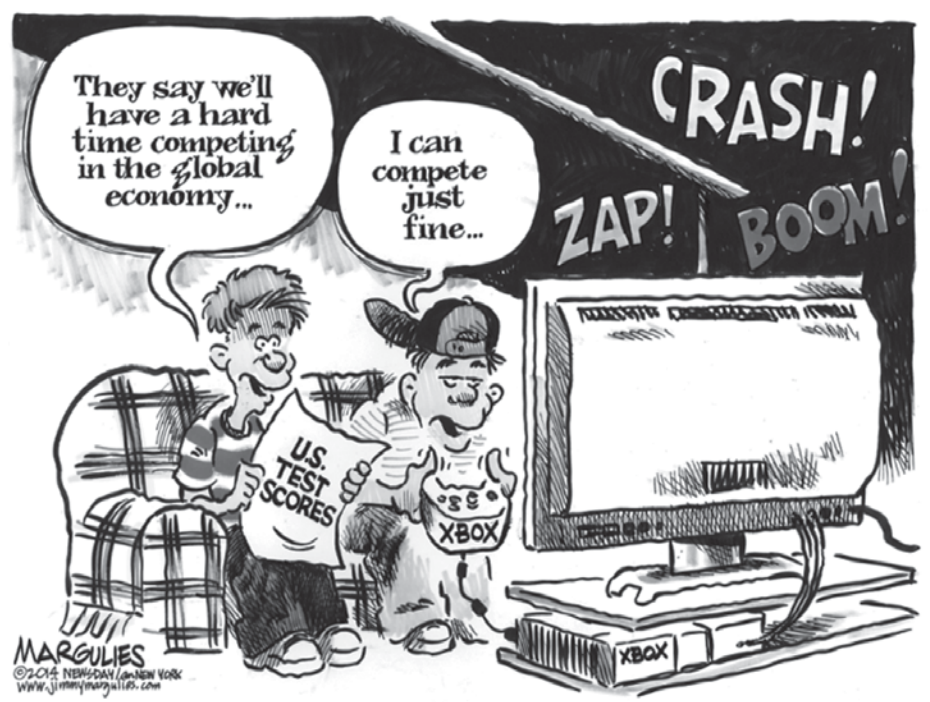
**Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary 15th Annual Pancake Breakfast**, Saturday, June 7, 2014, 8:00-11:00am, Fire Station, 355 Boston Post Road, Orange, scrambled eggs, your choice of bacon or sausage, potato patties and all you can eat "Chip's" pancakes, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea, \$8.00/Adults, 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](mailto:lmk415@yahoo.com), or visit our website at [www.orangevfd.com](http://www.orangevfd.com).

**Milford Lions 4th Annual Charity Car Show**, Sunday June 8, 2014 (Rain date June 22, 2014), 9:) am-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.clubhouse.org/sites/milfordct/> for pre-registration form and flyer.

**Aqua Zumba**, beginning Monday, June 9, 2014, Mondays or Wednesday's \$57R/62NR for 8 classes or Monday and Friday's \$114 R \$124 NR for 16 classes, 7:30-8:30pm, McCann Natatorium, 34 Park Circle, led by Renay. Pre register at [www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us). Or call Renay 203-522-2616 [zumbarenay@gmail.com](mailto:zumbarenay@gmail.com).

**Tapping For Weight Loss Group**, Friday mornings June, 6, 13, & 27, 2014, 9:30-11:00am, Milford, CT, Preregistration with deposit is required, limited space. Stop self sabotage, get to what's really eating you and driving repetitive issues with your eating and weight, learn how to release the emotions, trauma, beliefs and blocked energy; and change your brain to feel, think and act in positive self loving ways. Facilitators: Joann Dunsing, Hypnotherapist and Patty Schein, M.Ed, LMFT, LPC Holistic Counselor and Psychotherapist. For information and/or registration, email [www.pattyscheinlmft@gmail.com](http://www.pattyscheinlmft@gmail.com), [joanndunsing.com/hypnosis-for-weight-loss](http://joanndunsing.com/hypnosis-for-weight-loss) or call 203-907-7790.





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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. Shepherd's Café

Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd's 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.

## HOLY INFANT 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

All Holy Infant parishioners celebrating their 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or longer Wedding Anniversary this year are invited to attend the 29th Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Celebration on Sunday, June 8, 2014. A celebration will take place following the 9:30am Mass at Guild Hall. Photos will be taken. Special seating will be reserved in the Church for the honorees, their families and guests.



Holy Infant Church

Please call Pat @ 203-799-2728 or email: pat.a.mccorkle@gmail.com to make your reservation.

## OCC COMMUNITY TAG SALE

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Groups of the Orange Congregational Church will sponsor its Annual Community Tag Sale on Saturday, May 10, 2014 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green on Orange Center Road. A space can be rented for \$25.00 (with table provided = \$30.00) by calling the Orange Congregational Church Office at 203-795-9749. Coffee and donuts will be on sale by the Youth Group, as well as, hot dogs and soda. If it rains, the Tag Sale will be held on May 17th.



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## ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Members of the Orange Congregational Church are seeing red this spring as preparations for the 6th Annual Strawberry Festival begin. Red will be the color of the day on the Orange Fairgrounds at High Plains Community Center on June 14 from 9AM-6PM (rain date June 15). Church members have spent countless volunteer hours preparing for this popular family event.



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As always, the stars of the day are the bright red strawberries that take center stage with mouthwatering treats for visitors to enjoy. Jams, pies and shortcakes delight visitors each year and sell out quickly. A Pancake Breakfast will begin the day's festivities. Popular festival foods like hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers and even the old family favorite, grilled cheese, will be served for lunch or dinner.

Adding more red to this year's event will be a Red Car Show. The car show will host red cars and red trucks of all types and vintages. The cost is \$10 per car and there is no cutoff date to enter. The Show runs from 10AM-3PM. Anyone interested in details of the Car Show may contact gecat99@aol.com or call (203)799-6748.

More than 50 local artists, artisans, handcrafters, and business owners will return this year and offer a wide variety of items for sale. Entertainment is planned throughout the day. Music by Al DeCant and performances by the band Furious George will be featured. Hay rides, face painting, children's games and amusement rides will entertain the younger generation.

The parking and admission are free. For more information, contact the Church at (203)795-9749 or visit <http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org/strawberry-festival>.

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*...Aspire to lead a quiet life,  
to mind your own business,  
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as we commanded you...*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:11

*Peasant with a Stick by Vincent van Gogh (1881)*



MAY 26

Memorial Day



## GET READY TO CRUISE NEWS

By Leslie Marsh



### Memorial Day, a Time to Reflect & Honor Those Who Served

Memorial Day heralds the unofficial beginning of summer, invoking images of backyard barbecues and parades. In addition, Memorial Day also has a solemn and sometimes ignored significance as a day to remember those whose lives have been lost while serving our country in the United States Military. Did you know that May has been designated National Military Appreciation Month? It was so named by the U. S. Senate in 1999 as a way to “honor, remember, recognize and appreciate” current and past service members. There are two ways that Cruise Planners honors our service people.

Most cruise lines – Carnival, Celebrity, Cunard, Disney, Holland America, Norwegian and Royal Caribbean to name a few – offer discounts for active and retired military personnel. The rules vary from cruise line to cruise line. For example, Carnival’s military discounts include an onboard credit and you can share the fare with up to two staterooms of friends and family who are travelling with you. Norwegian Cruise Line offers discounts of up to 10% off standard fares. Disney Cruise Line offers their military fares during specific booking windows and allows one stateroom per military member. Royal Caribbean allows one stateroom to be booked under their military fare. Each cruise line has its own restrictions; some offer discounts to active military only, others to active and retired military personnel, some only to veterans who have served in a combat role. If interested, let me know, I’d be happy to get you the complete details.

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It’s important to remember and give thanks for the freedom we expect as American citizens. While enjoying the Memorial Day holiday, pause for a moment to remember those who have given their lives to keep our country free. If you are currently an active military member or a veteran, I honor you. If you know of someone, living or deceased, who has sacrificed for our country, I hope you will honor them this Memorial Day.

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns and operates Cruise Planners of Orange. You can reach her at 203-799-2367 or by visiting [www.getreadytocruise.com](http://www.getreadytocruise.com).



## SPRING RABIES CLINIC

Amity Animal Rescue Fund, Inc. (AARF), will once again be offering its very successful Rabies Clinic on Sunday June 8th from 12-2 PM at the Orange pavilion on Orange Center Rd.

June is dog licensing month. A current rabies license is required to register your dog in all municipalities in Connecticut. The deadline for licensing is July 1.

AARF is very pleased to announce that Dr. Tara Nanavati, a veterinarian and Orange resident, will be volunteering his services for this very worthwhile event.

All proceeds from this event will be used to continue AARF’s “Spay/Neuter Now” program, which assists area residents with low cost spay/neuter services.

The cost for a rabies inoculation is \$15.

Please bring proof of current inoculations to receive a 3 year rabies vaccine.

Dogs must be on leash and cats must be in carriers.

AARF is a non-profit all volunteer organization. This clinic is being held to honor the memory of one of our founding members, Bridget Albert, who unexpectedly passed away in April.

## Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



### MEMORIAL DAY IN THE WILIMET VALLEY



In 1965 David Lett plants Pinot noir and related cool-climate varieties in the Willamette Valley.

Five bonded Oregon wineries with 35 vineyard acres by 1970 were in existence. Senate Bill 100 is passed, which created Oregon’s revolutionary comprehensive statewide land use planning goals and the great legacy of Governor Tom McCall. Many people involved in the then infant Oregon wine industry actively worked on the passage of this legislation. Their work is credited—in large part—for keeping the hillsides in agricultural rather than residential use. The result, even near urban centers, is acres of vineyards and orchards.

The existence of clones of wine grape varieties – and their potential importance – is first recognized by growers in the Willamette Valley. In the 1960s and early 1970s, growers only knew that they needed to match the variety to the climate. They simply ordered the cool climate variety they wanted; no one mentioned a specific clone. By blind luck, Oregon started its Pinot noir plantings with the “Wädenswil” and “Pommard” clones, which happened to combine low production and high quality. Clones of other varieties were not as perfect. In 1974 Dick Erath helped bring more clones of Pinot noir and Chardonnay from UC Davis for potential study. Dr. Ron Cameron at Oregon State University agreed to set up a grapevine quarantine program so material could be brought to Oregon from outside the U.S. David Adelsheim first saw the clonal selection programs for Pinot noir and Chardonnay in Burgundy and arranged for the importation of a few clones of Chardonnay, Pinot noir and Gamay noir from a research station in Espiguette. With the help of Charles Coury, Jr., 15 clones of Alsatian varieties were sent to Oregon State University.

L’Omelette Restaurant, the trendy Portland spot in the ‘70s, introduces the first wine list featuring an Oregon wine section. The wine list was created by David Adelsheim, then sommelier, now president of Adelsheim Vineyard. Other restaurants soon followed suit. A handful of Oregon winery owners gather over a kitchen table to create the first “Discover Oregon Wines” brochure, to function as both a backgrounder and as a tourist guide.

### 1979 Oregon Shocks the Wine World

Gault-Millau French Wine Olympiad places The Eyrie Vineyards 1975 South Block Pinot Noir in their top ten in the Pinot noir category, resulting in the first international recognition of Oregon.

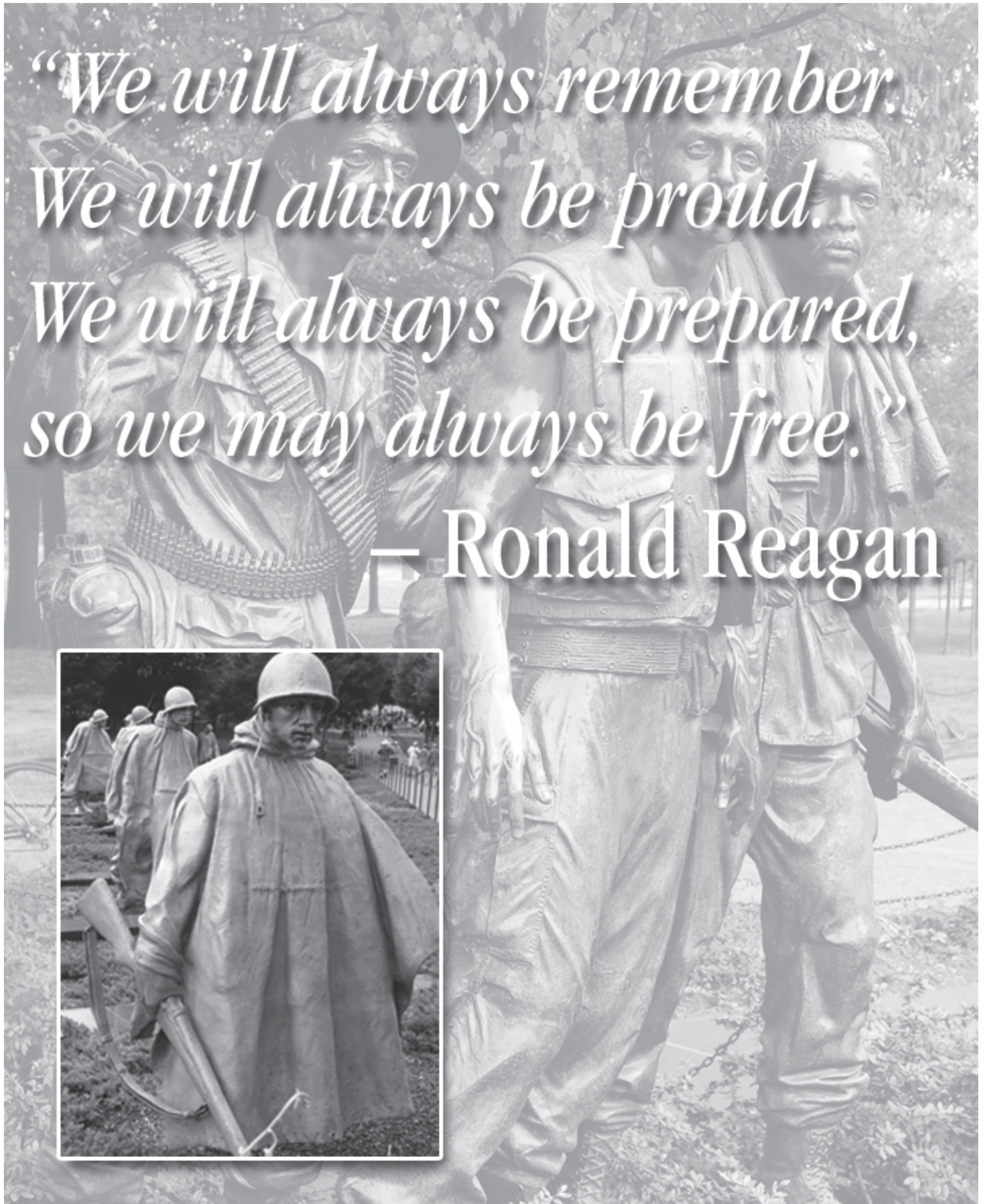
May is Oregon wine month. Memorial Day is a great celebration throughout Oregon for the great wines produced throughout this area of our nation. People come from all over the world to enjoy the wonderful wines of Oregon during this time of year. The Chardonnay is a single fermentation wine that is crisp and clean and wonderful deck wine for this time of year. The Pino Noir is rich and deep and wonderful. Enjoy the wonderful wines from the Willamette Valley and you will be glad you did!

P.S. Someone wanted to produce a vineyard in Orange and was given a lot of grief just like the wine makers from Oregon had. We have a wonderful winery in Woodbridge and 2 in Wallingford; why not a winery in Orange? It is a town founded on seven Hills just like Rome. Would it be wonderful some day to have people come from all over world to enjoy the wines from Orange, Connecticut?

Our Wine Quiz: What Italian wines are named dolce for dry and secco for sweet?

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](mailto:ray.spaziani@gmail.com).





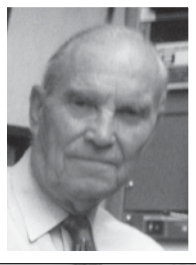
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## DEATH NOTICES

### Robert Jost Reid

Robert (BOB) Reid passed away peacefully on Monday, May 5, 2014 at Milford Hospital. He was the husband of Marian (Mickey) Reid for 64 years; father of Laura (Peach) Reid, Nancy (James) Nastri, and Heather Reid, and the late Cynthia Reid Mihalik. Grandfather of Shaun Fettes and Casey Fettes; Anthony (Danielle) Nastri, Christina Nastri and Jennifer Nastri; John (April Knight) Mihalik and the late Joseph Smith. He was great-grandfather to Olivia Nastri and Jordan Knight.



Robert Jost Reid

Bob was born August 9, 1926 in Brighton, MA. He graduated from Brighton High School and attended Emerson College in Boston. He served in the MA National Guard, and was an Army Sergeant in World War II. Bob had an illustrious career in the communications field. He was active on the air in radio and television in Cleveland, Ohio 1949-1961, as news director and deejay. Bob and his family moved to Orange, CT in 1961. Among the movies he made were many sports training films for Yale; "A Badge of Honor" for Easter Seals, for which he won a Film Festival Award; "33 Fathoms Plus" which was a short film bought by Warner Brothers and shown nationwide with "Planet of the Apes"; "We, the Episcopal Church"; and "Orange 150" which was a feature-length film he donated to the Orange Historical Society. Bob had his own business, R.J. Reid Associates. He also worked for Milford Rivet and the Goldratt Institute, and was responsible for the marketing and advertising for Fish Mart over decades.

Bob was a true Renaissance man. His extraordinary enthusiasm, creativity and perfectionism were evident in everything he did and how he led his entire life. Some of his many and diverse passions included chemistry, photography, geology, philosophy, gardening, music, cooking and writing. Bob's mind never stopped.

Bob was a generous volunteer to many organizations. He served with the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and worked at their annual carnival. He also worked the Orange Country Fair. Bob was an active member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and served in various capacities through the years. He was on the Board of Directors of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, where he was awarded Director of the Year. He also provided services to the Sterling House in Stratford and the Christian Counseling & Family Life Center in Shelton, CT.

Bob traveled extensively during his life - from the Philippines and Japan during WWII, to England, Costa Rica, several countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and many places throughout the U.S. As a lifelong professional photographer, a show of his work was held at the Davis Gallery in Orange, which highlighted artistic pictures from his travels.

A memorial service was held May 12 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Racebrook Road in Orange. Memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Church, or the Orange Volunteer Fire Association (OVFA), 625 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 06477.

The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to caregivers at Golden Hill Health Care Center, Milford Hospital and CT Hospice.

### Dorothy Marie Sawyer

Dorothy Marie Sawyer, 93, passed away peacefully at home with her husband George of 71 years, by her side on Saturday April 26, 2014. Dorothy had a wonderful career of 20 plus years at Wayside Furniture. Dorothy, or Dot as most knew her, was also a lifetime member of the Orange Garden Club. She had a great love for the work she did and the people she worked with. Her love of life and people carried over into abundant community services such as knitting afghans with the senior center for children in need, as well as donating to the battered women's shelter. Dot created many crafts for so many charitable organizations. Her time with her family and her love for gardening, her cooking and baking for holidays and birthdays, these were the things that gave her passion. Her hands were involved in so many endeavors that reached out to the ones she loved, as well as people she never met before.



Dorothy Marie Sawyer

In addition to her husband George, she is survived by her sister, Mildred Schultz of Orange, three children; Linda and Craig Sawyer of West Haven and Robert Sawyer and his wife Susan of Madison; three grandchildren, Caitlyn of Portland, OR, Nicole of Salt Lake City, UT and Josh of West Haven and one great grandchild.

A Gathering of Friends and Family was held on May 2nd with a Sharing of Memories at the Cody- White Funeral Home. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Orange Health and Rehabilitation Center, 225 Boston Post Rd. Orange, CT 06477 or to the Orange Visiting Nurses Association, 605 Orange Center Rd, #A, Orange, CT. 06477. To leave online condolences, please visit [www.codywhitefuneralservice.com](http://www.codywhitefuneralservice.com).

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by Freddy Groves

## VA STONEWALLS CONGRESS OVER DEATHS OF 40 VETS

Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, has called for a complete investigation into the travesty of the 40 veterans who died while awaiting care at the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Phoenix. In his statement, Miller wrote of the "growing pattern of preventable veteran deaths and patient safety incidents at VA medical centers across the country," and specifically mentions Atlanta; Columbia, S.C.; Augusta, Ga.; Pittsburgh; and Memphis.

A week later, Miller wrote directly to VA chief Eric Shinseki about the delay in preserving evidence of "secret" wait lists at the Phoenix VA. He cited several witnesses to the fact that paper lists were shredded, and he had requested more specific information about the who, what and when of it. He got nada -- even though he'd made a request for the preservation of the documents as far back as April 9. It turns out the VA's general counsel hadn't passed along the request for eight days ... plenty of time to shred a lot of documents.

Miller is someone to watch. A few months ago, he launched a program called the VA Honesty Project, which is "designed to highlight the Department of Veterans Affairs' lack of transparency with the press, and by extension, with the public." He pointed out that the VA has 54 full-time employees who are tasked with handling media requests ... or ignoring them, as the case may be.

Miller's project documents 70 cases so far in which the VA failed to respond to questions, saying that the VA's "media avoidance strategy can't be anything other than intentional." The Veterans committee itself has been waiting on more than 100 information requests dating back to 2012.

To view the evidence, see: <http://veterans.house.gov/VAHonestyProject>.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. The Other Woman (PG-13)**  
Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann
- 2. Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13)**  
Chris Evans, Samuel L. Jackson
- 3. Heaven Is for Real (PG)**  
Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly
- 4. Rio 2 (G)**  
animated
- 5. Brick Mansions (PG-13)**  
Paul Walker, David Belle
- 6. Transcendence (PG-13)**  
Johnny Depp, Rebecca Hall
- 7. The Quiet Ones (PG-13)**  
Jared Harris, Sam Claflin
- 8. Bears (G)**  
John C. Reilly (narrator)
- 9. Divergent (PG-13)**  
Shailene Woodley, Theo James
- 10. A Haunted House 2 (R)**  
Marlon Wayans, Jaime Pressly

## TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Frozen (PG)**  
animated
- 2. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)**  
Leonardo DiCaprio
- 3. American Hustle (R)**  
Christian Bale
- 4. Gravity (PG-13)**  
Sandra Bullock
- 5. Anchorman: The Legend Continues (R)**  
Will Ferrell
- 6. Homefront (R)**  
Jason Statham
- 7. 12 Years a Slave (R)**  
Chiwetel Ejiofor
- 8. Grudge Match (PG-13)**  
Robert De Niro, Sylvester Stallone
- 9. Out of the Furnace (R)**  
Christian Bale
- 10. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)**  
Jennifer Lawrence

## CHART BUSTERS

### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Pharrell Williams**  
"Happy"
- 2. John Legend**  
"All of Me"
- 3. Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz**  
"Talk Dirty"
- 4. Katy Perry**  
"Dark Horse"
- 5. Idina Menzel**  
"Let It Go"
- 6. Bastille**  
"Pompeii"
- 7. DJ Snake & Lil Jon**  
"Turn Down for What"
- 8. Justin Timberlake**  
"Not a Bad Thing"
- 9. Chris Brown feat. Lil Wayne & French Montana**  
"Loyal"
- 10. Lorde**  
"Team"



August Alsina

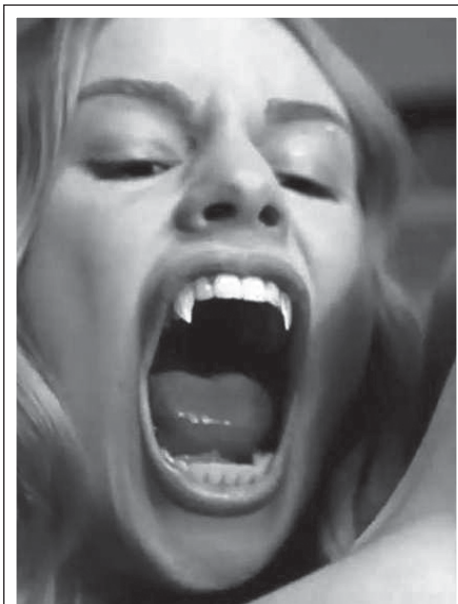
### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Luke Bryan**  
"Play It Again"
- 2. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan**  
"This Is How We Roll"
- 3. Brantley Gilbert**  
"Bottoms Up"
- 4. Jerrod Niemann**  
"Drink to That All Night"
- 5. Eric Church**  
"Give Me Back My Hometown"
- 6. Thomas Rhett**  
"Get Me Some of That"
- 7. Keith Urban**  
"Cop Car"
- 8. Rascal Flatts**  
"Rewind"
- 9. Miranda Lambert**  
"Automatic"
- 10. Dan + Shay**  
"19 You + Me"

- At which group's concert was the screaming so loud that security police put bullets in their ears to drown out the noise?
- Who had a hit with "Morning Train," and when?
- Who released an album titled "The Divine Miss M"?
- Which artist released a debut album titled "Valotte"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "He's never near you to comfort and cheer you, When all those sad tears are fallin' baby from your eyes."



1. The Beatles, on Feb. 11, 1964, in Washington, D.C.  
2. Sheena Easton, in 1980. The original title was "9 to 5," but it was changed to avoid confusion when Dolly Parton had a song and a film by the same name.  
3. Bette Midler, in 1972. The album included "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," originally done by the Andrews Sisters in 1941.  
4. Julian Lennon, in 1984.  
5. "Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye," in 1969. The song was credited to Steam ... except there was no group named Steam. Despite its eventual success, the song was considered worse than B-side material, a throwaway, and no one wanted to take credit for it. Steam was composed of three studio musicians in New York.



Even with a dream-team ensemble and rich source material, the storyline limps along when it should sprint. The crew splits up into their own subplots, united mainly by droning speeches insisting that this is a super-meaningful mission.

**"Vampire Academy" (PG-13)** -- At a secret Hogwarts-for-vampires located somewhere in Montana, supernaturally pretty vampire teens learn to master their powers. Lissa (Lucy Fry) is special vampire royalty. As a "Moroi," she gets more magic powers -- they're the good witches of vampire world. Rose (Zoey Deutch) is Lissa's protector, a Dhampir -- another type of OK vampire. There's trouble brewing with the evil Strogoi -- that's vampires who act more like, ya'know ... vampires. However, most of the plot revolves around vampire best friends and their choices among the vampire boys. Why can't the undead just be monsters again?

### DOG OF THE WEEK

**"Pompeii" (PG-13)** -- Swords, sandals, leather armor and lava. These are the things that Pompeii has plenty of. Engaging performances, non-corny dialog and originality -- these apparently had not been invented yet. Milo (Kit Harrington, "Jon Snow" of HBO's "Game of Thrones") is dreamy young slave gladiator who sure can swing a sword. He sets his sparkly blue eyes on an equally pretty noble girl (Emily Browning), who is engaged to an evil Roman senator. Then a volcano erupts, and they run from it. Much of the film looks like it could be freeze-framed and then printed on the cover of a paperback romance novel. It just needs a better, more suggestive title -- something about swords or heat or eruptions.

Lucy Fry in "Vampire Academy"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of May 19, 2014.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Monuments Men" (PG-13)** -- In the final stretch of World War II, the retreating German army had orders to destroy priceless works of art before they could be recovered by the Allies. The Monuments Men were an unlikely fighting force of curators and art historians tasked with going behind enemy lines to save these treasures. George Clooney, Matt Damon, Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett and Jean Dujardin comprise the all-star cast.

Sudoku answers on page 42

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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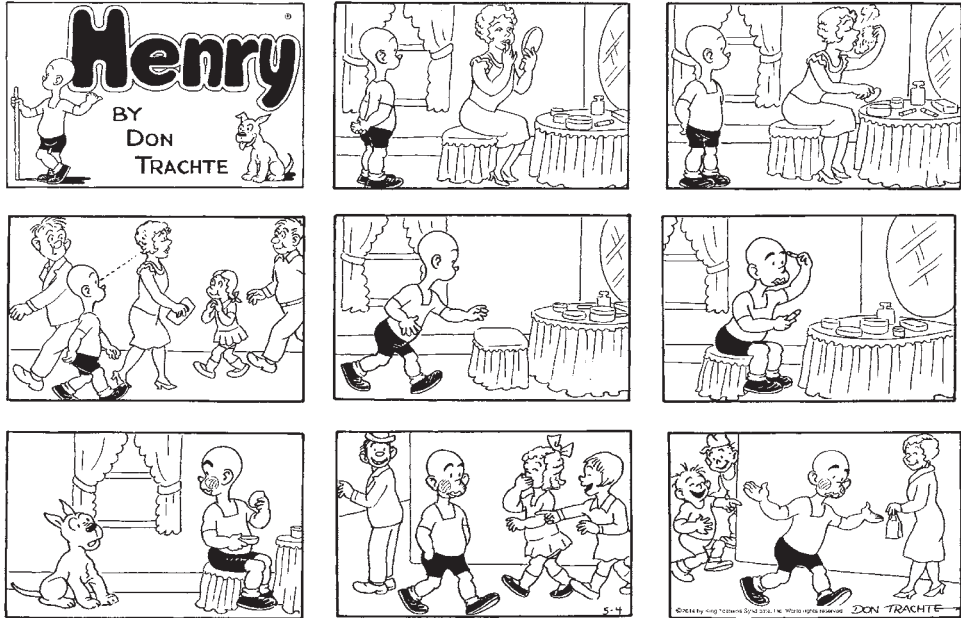
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
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# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



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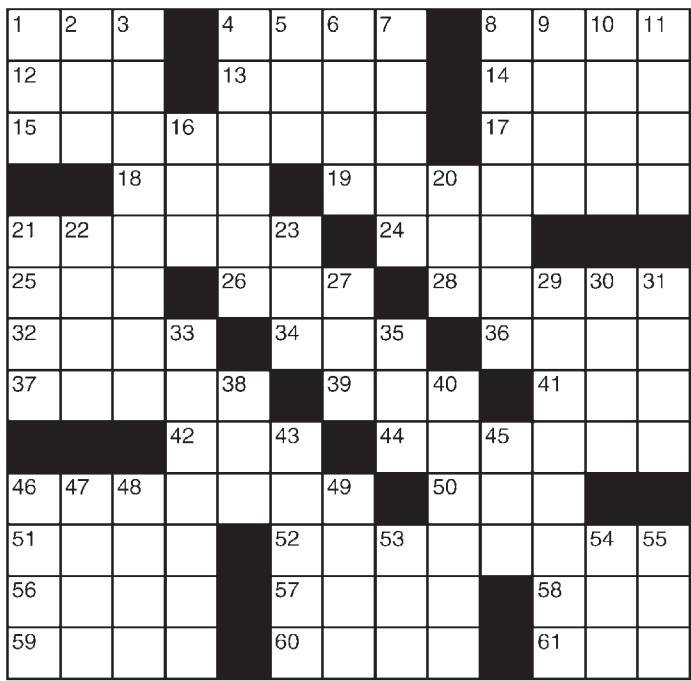
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Standard
- 4 Plate
- 8 Dog's annoyance
- 12 Id counterpart
- 13 Garfield's pal
- 14 Wander
- 15 Attendance check
- 17 Gaelic
- 18 Allow
- 19 Tissue brand
- 21 Jinx
- 24 Sphere
- 25 Pt. of speech
- 26 Knock
- 28 Staffers
- 32 "Piggies"
- 34 Afternoon affair
- 36 Pennsylvania port
- 37 Glitch
- 39 Do sums
- 41 Coffee shop vessel
- 42 Bagel topper
- 44 Went in a hurry
- 46 "Bloodied but —"
- 50 Auto
- 51 Rani's garment
- 52 Wad of cash
- 56 Heroic verse



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| 57 Actress         | piece?                         | one?                          |
| 58 Falco           | 8 Sample                       | 35 Wood-shaping tool          |
| 59 Writer          | 9 Forsaken                     | 38 Tier                       |
| 60 Buscaglia       | 10 Relaxation                  | 40 List of court cases        |
| 61 Leftovers       | 11 Visa alternative, for short | 43 Mediterranean sailing ship |
| 62 P.D. rank       | 16 Started period              | 45 Rowing need                |
| 63 Journey segment | 20 Historic period             | 46 — -friendly                |
| <b>DOWN</b>        | 21 Loathe                      | 47 Scruff                     |
| 1 Apiece           | 22 Smell                       | 48 Family business abbr.      |
| 2 Past             | 23 Feedbag                     | 49 Arp's style                |
| 3 Reinvest savings | 27 Shell game item             | 53 Pinch                      |
| 4 Medic            | 29 Lead-in to "Ta-da!"         | 54 Shelter                    |
| 5 Mrs. McKinley    | 30 Hibernia                    | 55 Journal                    |
| 6 Lustrous fabric  | 31 Transmit                    |                               |
| 7 Conversation     | 33 Helpless                    |                               |

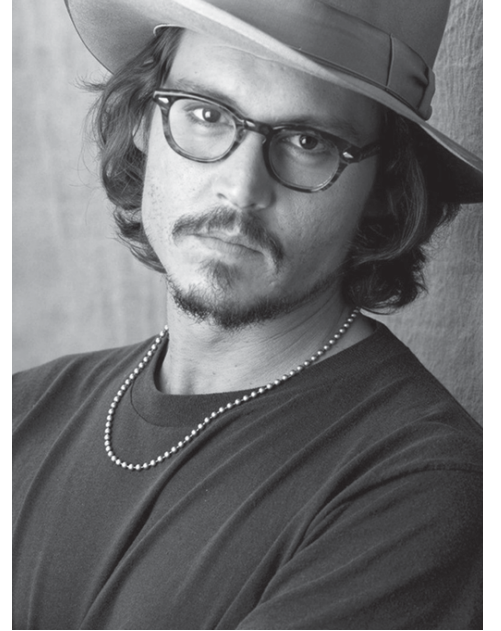
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## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Johnny Depp, one of the highest paid actors in Hollywood, has box-office woes. His latest film, "Transcendence," has all the earmarks of being a dud. The film cost \$100 million to make, but only took in \$11.1 million its first weekend, which translates to being an underachiever. Two other recent films didn't fare well either. "The Rum Diary" cost \$45 million but only made \$24 million, and even though "The Lone Ranger," which cost \$250 million, earned \$260.5 million, it didn't cover publicity and advertising costs. Depp's only hope to remain on top is the success of his upcoming films: "Into the Woods," "Mortdecai," "Black Mass," "Mortimer Wintergreen" and the sequels to "Alice in Wonderland" and "Pirates of the Caribbean."

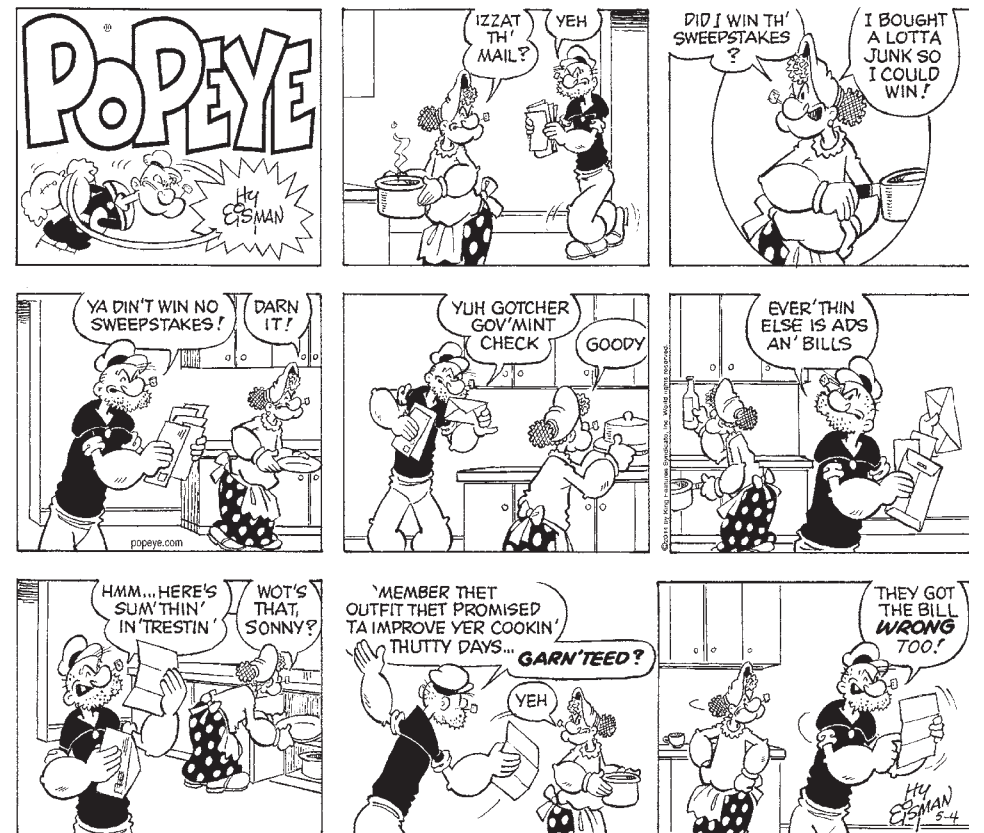


Johnny Depp

Broadway as Annie Oakley in Irving Berlin's "Annie Get Your Gun" in 1946, and in a hit revival in 1966, as well as "Hello Dolly" in 1970. Film buffs may remember her from "Call Me Madam" (1953), "There's No Business Like Show Business" with Marilyn Monroe (1954), "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" (1963), and her last film, "Airplane" (1980).

In a new book, Tony Cointreau, heir of the French liqueur family, writes about befriending Agnes Bojaxhuc, better known as Mother Teresa, and his mentor and "other mother," Ethel Merman. He shares his experiences at Mother Teresa's facilities in the U.S. and Calcutta, India. He also was with Ethel Merman backstage during the creation of "Gypsy." "Ethel Merman, Mother Teresa ... And Me" is available at Amazon in hardcover and for Kindle.

Merman had a wry sense of humor. In her memoirs, she wrote a chapter about her highly publicized marriage to Oscar-winning actor Ernest Borgnine. The marriage ended on their honeymoon. You turn to that chapter in the book, and it's only one page ... and blank!





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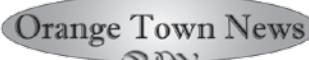
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**ARTS & LEISURE**

**SUMMER FASHION AND BEAUTY TRENDS**

Summer is a time to bid adieu to the bulky, layered looks that dominate winter and even parts of spring. Each season the runways help dictate which fashions will dominate stores across the country, and the following are some beauty and fashion trends to expect this summer.

**SPLASHES OF ORANGE**

Orange is a vibrant hue poised to take the season by storm. Evoking feelings of warmth and sunshine, orange is an unexpected and bold color choice. Daring women can don head-to-toe orange and really make a splash. However, there are some more subtle ways to don orange this season, including adding a pop of this vibrant color to shoes or belts. If the runways were any indication, orange makeup also figures to be popular this summer. An orange lip and a peachy eye flatter many skin types. Such coral colors are reminiscent of tropical, coral backdrops, making them perfect for summers by the shore.

**BLACK-AND-WHITE DOMINATION**

Pairing crisp black and white will forever be a fashion staple. This combination continues to be a strong contender for spring/summer 2014 fashion. Avoid looking like the wait staff at a local restaurant by matching black with white in unique ways. Another way to make black and white more unique is to play with texture. A black top over a willowy white skirt is ever-popular. Mix black leather with white lace, and vice versa, for a style that is daring but sweet at the same time. Black-and-white stripes remain popular, and color-blocking can be used to hide figure flaws and draw attention to more flattering areas of the body. Adding pops of pastel with black and white is another popular trend for the season, particularly tints of blush and mint.

**ETHEREAL FACES**

Few people want to feel burdened by their makeup regimen on warm days. Summer is a season for bare faces, so women looking to enhance their features without drowning them out will appreciate some of the ethereal trends that have emerged this season. White, shimmery eye shadow provides just a hint of glamour. White eyeliner and shadow can open up deep-set eyes or help small eyes appear larger.

To achieve glowing skin, use tinted moisturizers and bronzers rather spending hours outdoors soaking up potentially harmful sun. Use bronzer with a very light hand and apply to the areas the sun would normally touch, such as the cheekbones, the bridge of the nose and forehead. Pair this with a liquid shimmer or illuminator and your skin will look dewy and fresh.

Berry-stained lips go well with bare or shimmery eyes, and they're the perfect way to perk up minimal makeup. Women can layer the deep-pink color depending on how daring they want to be.

**CROP TOPS**

Crop tops remain a fashion trend this season. Because they're not for everyone, it's unlikely this style will become oversaturated. This season the crop top is about showing just a hint of the midriff, which can make the look more attainable. Of course, short tops can be reserved for athletic wear or swimsuits for those people who are not yet daring enough to incorporate them into their everyday wardrobe.

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## AMITY HIRES GOODWIN TO SERVE AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Amity Regional School District #5 Board of Education has hired Ernest (Ernie) Goodwin to serve as Athletic Director for the district. Mr. Goodwin comes to Amity after having served as a Physical Education Teacher in Simsbury, CT, since 2006 and Assistant Athletic Director in Simsbury, CT, since 2012. Ernie will replace Paul Mengold, who will be retiring after serving Amity Athletics for more than 38 years. "Throughout the entire hiring process, Ernie demonstrated that he has the skills and abilities to preserve the best parts of a truly great program and also advance us to the next level of athletic excellence," stated Charles Dumais, Superintendent of the Amity Regional School District. "Students, parents, and colleagues in Simsbury extolled Ernie's ability to effectively manage change through developing and fostering strong relationships with all constituents. We are confident that he will be an excellent fit for Amity."

Mr. Goodwin has been a physical education teacher since 1997 and has coached boys and girls in high school wrestling, football, and track and field, and collegiate wrestling. He is a graduate of Springfield College, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Movement and Sport Studies/Physical Education and a Master of Science in Athletic Administration. He also holds a sixth-year degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Connecticut. As a college athlete, Ernie was an NCAA Regional Champion and Academic All-American in wrestling. "I am absolutely thrilled to be a part of an exceptional school district such as Amity," stated Mr. Goodwin upon learning he had been selected for the Amity Regional School District #5 Athletic Director position. "The support from the school district and community is evident. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the student-athletes, coaches, administration, and community," Mr. Goodwin will begin as Amity Regional School District #5's Athletic Director on July 1, 2014.



(L-R) Ken Shepard, General Manager of the Bridgeport Bluefish, closes the deal with Jeffrey M. Klauser, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Specialist at Connecticut Orthopedic Specialists, PC.

## BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH SIGN CT ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALISTS, PC

The Bridgeport Bluefish have signed Connecticut Orthopedic Specialists, PC as team orthopedic physicians for the 2014 season. In making the announcement, Bluefish General Manager Ken Shepard stated, "Connecticut Orthopedic is a superior team of specialists who are going to help keep us on the field. Their team includes Dr. Jeffrey M. Klauser, who has worked with the Toronto Blue Jays, Tampa Bay Rays, Washington Nationals and Auburn University as well as world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, Dr. James Andrews whose patients have included NFL, NBA and MLB star players." Connecticut Orthopedic Specialists PC is committed to preserving the patient-doctor relationship with 27 physicians and 9 neighborhood locations in southern Connecticut.

## ORANGE JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Orange American Legion Post 127 is holding tryouts for its Junior Legion Baseball team, on Friday, May 23, 5:45 - 7:30pm & Saturday, May 24, 10:00am - 12:00pm at the Old Tavern Baseball complex on Old Tavern Road, Orange. Players living in Orange, Woodbridge or Bethany are eligible to play.

Any players attaining the ages of 14 - 17 as of December 31, 2014 are eligible to try out. Returning players must bring last year's uniform to the tryout if they did not turn it in previously. The season, including practices, runs from June through early August. The cost is \$600.00.

Call David Wirkus (203-848-9674) or Robert Mirto (203-687-8299) or Joe Pisano (203-623-5620) for questions.



Kyle Grande kicked off the season with 3 goals and an assist to lead The Amity Bantams to a 10-7 victory over Milford April 27th in Woodbridge. [Photo by Chris Aronin.]



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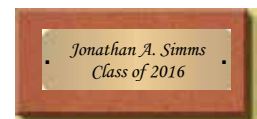
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# LOCAL SPORTS



Back row from left to right: Assistant Coach John Walsh, Catie Brown, Amanada Granados, Chloe Gherlone, Kaylee Huber, Tara Laugeni, Head Coach Robyn Martin.  
Bottom row: Caylie Esposito, Olivia Pisano, Taylor Walsh, Taylor Martin.



Catie Brown and Amanada Granados were chosen for the All Tournament Team in the Ansonia Tournament and Taylor Wash was MVP of the tournament.



The Amity Force program was started 4 years ago by Brian McDonald. In its early days it was called Lady Orange, but the program expanded 3 years ago to two teams. At that time there was a 4th grade team and a 5/6th grade team. We have now expanded to three teams with almost all of the youth from the town of Orange. All the coaches are parents of players on the teams so it encourages family time together while working on team concepts and developing a program. The teams have won many tournaments and divisions and have a large number of trophies to prove it. It was a fun filled season and looking forward to next year.

## AMITY FORCE TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM

Amity Force is saying goodbye to 4 of its 8th graders after another successful and fun season. Catie Brown, Amanada Granados, Taylor Martin and Taylor Walsh will be moving on to high school but not before helping their team walk away as Tournament Champions in the Ansonia Christmas Tournament. They also came in 2nd place in the Sheehan Center League and in First place during the regular season for the Fairfield County Basketball League. Great job and a wonderful season for all the girls!

## HIGHER GROUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Orange Congregational Church, UCC, is sponsoring its 18th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 27th, at Orange Hills Country Club, 389 Racebrook Road, Orange. This 18-hole scramble format event will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration. There will be a shotgun start. It includes breakfast, lunch, raffle, goody bags, prizes, and more. Carts will be provided. Cost is \$125/golfer. There is a \$50 discount for student/parent combo. This is a charity event supporting Columbus House which serves the homeless community by providing shelter, meals, assessments, case management, and programs. Tee sponsorships are available for \$100. To register or be a sponsor, call the church office at (203) 795-9749.

## MANAGE TEAMS, CLUBS AND LEAGUES IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Sports leagues, after-school clubs and other extracurricular activities enjoyed by children and their parents would not be possible without the volunteer efforts of fellow parents and other adults. Very often an entire committee of volunteers gathers to make a sports team or group successful, and much of their work is being done behind the scenes.

Managing a recreational group is no small undertaking. Such an endeavor requires the patience and perseverance of volunteers ready to juggle a variety of tasks. While in the past there may have been few resources to aid in such tasks, today's technology makes it easier to handle the responsibilities that come with managing a team. The vast array of apps available for smartphones, tablets and other devices can alleviate some of the work for recreational group managers. The following are just a handful of applications league managers can consider to coordinate efforts across the board.

**Team Snap:** Team Snap is one of the premier team and club management services available ([www.teamsnap.com](http://www.teamsnap.com)). This software helps anyone, even those with little or no website design experience, run a team, league or other organization online. The team is managed by a team owner who can choose free services or a tiered payment plan depending on the option that owner chooses. Team members are invited to join free, where they can message other players, check calendars and even get text message alerts.

**Team Pages:** Having a current and well-designed website can encourage others to be more involved and invested in a particular team or league. However, sometimes getting a website up and running can be challenging, particularly to the novice designer. With Team Pages ([www.teampages.com](http://www.teampages.com)), anyone can create a sport- or club-themed website and have it live in a matter of minutes. Drop and drag layout design options makes creating multiple pages even easier, and there is a calendar option for keeping track of games and other meetings.

**Active:** Active ([www.active.com](http://www.active.com)) is the leader in online event registrations, from marathons to softball leagues. Visitors can search for various activity-inspired events nearby and learn more about sports leagues for children and adults. In addition, the site features informative articles on nutrition, player improvement tips, medical information, and much more as it pertains to activities.

**League Athletics:** This tool ([www.leagueathletics.com](http://www.leagueathletics.com)) mixes team website design with league management and registration. It also enables others to follow a team's progress while broadcasting scores and schedules. Custom design options enable flexible and easy layout in a matter of days.

**Scoutlander:** Scoutlander ([www.scoutlander.com](http://www.scoutlander.com)) hosts and manages troops, packs and dens associated with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The site is free, though voluntary donations are used to further the development of the site. Scout leaders can inform parents of upcoming meetings or events. Separation of public and private areas of a troop's site enable password-protected information to stay private.

**Google Sites:** In addition to the scores of other website creation software available at no- or low-cost, Google Sites ([sites.google.com](http://sites.google.com)) is a component of Google services, including Gmail and Google calendars. All of these Google facets can work together and be linked to a single Google account. This presents a viable way for clubs and teams to not only build impressive websites but also stay connected through email and calendar updates.

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# ARTS & LEISURE



## AMITY PERFORMING ARTS MAKES IT YOUR TIME TO SHINE

The Award winning Amity Performing Arts Department is offering two incredible camp opportunities for young people this summer. The Amity Summer Theater Camp is back for its 7th summer under the direction of Rob and Andrea Kennedy. This day camp features classes in singing, dancing and acting. The camp will end in a performance of "Broadway Classics" celebrating Broadway's rich history. Rob and Andrea Kennedy, the award winning directors of *In the Heights*, *Legally Blonde* and *Grease* and their staff of theater counselors will fill the summer with music, dancing and fun. The camp is open to students grade two through high school, and is designed to teach students voice, dance and acting skills; give them performance experience; ignite their creative spirit; build a sense of accomplishment, build community and encourage them to have fun! The camp culminates in a full production where all of the students participate. All

skill levels are welcome.

Also this summer, for the first time, Amity is offering an instrumental summer camp as well! Award winning band director and orchestra conductor Phil Dolan has created this brand new camp designed for all skill levels, from the beginner who wants to learn how to play an instrument to the advanced player that wants to get better. Daily lessons in music and performance will lead up to a final camp production. A great new experience for all budding musicians! Instrument rental is also available to those who require it.

Both camps will include a camp T-shirt and lots of fun activities like: Wacky Wednesday, the Ice Cream Extravaganza, Friday Share Days, the camp Olympics and much more! For information, Contact Amity Performing Arts at [amitysummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:amitysummercamp@gmail.com) or register at <https://amityadulted.myprogramplus.com/>.



## "PICTURE THIS" PHOTO CONTEST

Entries for the second annual "Picture This" photo contest sponsored by the Orange Arts and Culture Council are due June 1, 2014. All entries should be sent to OACC, P.O. Box 596, Orange, CT 06477.

The contest is open to Orange residents in grades 4-12. The contest encourages participants to photograph people, places or things in Orange. The photo entries may be black/white or color. The submitted photo must be 8"x10" in size and unframed. Each entry should include a brief description about the subject of the photo. The photographer's name, address, school and grade level should be included on the back of the photo. The photos will become the property of OACC and will not be returned. Prizes will be awarded in each age category.

For further information, contact Judy Primavera at 203-795-1133 or Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133.

## A SWEET VOICE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SISTER'S CURE

Dasi Sessel, a tenth-grader from Orange, Connecticut, never considered age as a barrier to changing the world—as soon as she began pursuing her passion for singing in 2009, she knew she wanted to use her talent to help others.

At the tender age of nine years old, Dasi's sister was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a chronic auto immune and inflammatory bowel illness. And so began the years of frightened phone calls, emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and regular doctor appointments. Dasi was deeply affected by her sister's suffering, and remembers Raizy "missing school, sleeping a lot, and looking so drained while she was taking so much medicine."

The as-of-yet incurable Crohn's disease is a painful affliction of the digestive system highly prevalent among Ashkenazic Jews, who are almost five times as likely to contract Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Suffering patients find that almost every aspect of their lives is impacted, and flare-ups happen fiercely and without warning. "The beginning was overwhelming, and navigating the health-care system was impossible.

Communicating with my daughter's school became a challenge," says Dasi's mother, Debbie Sessel. "Teachers just didn't understand how important sleep was and how to adjust her workload so that she could continue with her classes in a stress-free way. Patients with these types of diseases seem to hold all of their stress in their gut, so reducing the stress of missed days became an ongoing challenge."

But from the turmoil of chronic illness emerged a firm resolve in the heart of Dasi Sessel, who now attends Rohr Bais Chaya Academy in Coral Springs, Florida. "I decided back then that I wanted to do whatever I could to find a cure for this terrible disease," she explains.

With this unique combination of passion and purpose, the UNITE FOR THE CURE Benefit Ladies' Night Out concert was born. "We've always wanted to organize a fundraiser in support of finding a cure. When the idea of a benefit concert was suggested, Dasi was so enthusiastic and the idea just took off," says Debbie Sessel, event coordinator and proud mom.

The event promises significant impact: two matching donors have each pledged \$5,000, which means the funds raised by Dasi's concert could well exceed her \$20,000 goal. All proceeds from the concert will benefit The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, the largest non-profit organization dedicated to finding cures for Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD).

Performances will be given by DASI, who showcases a sweet, pure voice, and Riv Eilfort, a songwriter and guitarist who has moved audiences across the nation with her soulful lyrics. A key highlight of the evening will be inspirational and spiritual insights from Kabbalah Coach Shimona Tzukernik, who guides individuals and corporations in spirituality-based personal transformation. The night will also include a tribute to Raizy Sessel's pediatric gastroenterologist, Dr. Sandra Escalera, of North Haven, CT, for her commitment and devotion to her patients, and the special connection she has with the Sessel family.

The Bijou Theater in Bridgeport, Connecticut, is the perfect venue. The intimate, restored cabaret playhouse will allow for the audience to feel a connection to the performers and speakers, and bring the reality of living with chronic diseases to the forefront of their minds. Tickets to this Ladies' Night Out tribute and concert, which include wine and refreshments, can be purchased for \$45.

"Too many people we know have faced the fear, the unknown, and the unpredictable consequences of Crohn's and colitis," Debbie Sessel says in a fund-raising appeal. "Awareness is so important—there are many moms who have contacted me for advice, guidance, and support as they go through the same experience we did. Knowing that so many others share these challenges is comforting."

Dasi is excited for this event, which she hopes will become an annual gathering. It will be held on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:00pm. "Let's continue to join together knowing that yes, we can make a difference, and finding a cure would be even better!" she declares confidently. For more information, to purchase tickets or make a donation, visit DASI's website, [www.dasisessel.com](http://www.dasisessel.com).





## Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Untangling personal problems might take more time than the impatient Lamb expected. But it's important to hang in there until all those knotty situations are straightened out.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You still need to work out last-minute snags in your dealings with a rival. Hold your ground despite a perceived lack of support. Things should turn around before you know it.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Best not to delay preparing for that upcoming family event. The sooner you get things started, the better chance you have of finding potential problems and making needed changes.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The romantic Moon Child might be reluctant to see the reality behind that "ideal" situation. But by midweek, the practical Crab emerges to help clear away the moonbeams.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Although the Big Cat might be receptive to more "purr-suasion" to get you to agree to a workplace change, make sure you can distinguish the fine line between facts and flattery.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your positive attitude in the workplace helps to get you noticed by the right people. Now go ahead and use some of that new self-confidence to help shore up a personal relationship.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Although you might still have to work out some problems with a business partner, things go more smoothly on the home front. An investment opportunity might need more study.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Don't be reluctant to act on your suspicion. Even if others see nothing wrong, the astute Scorpio could sense an underlying problem that isn't always obvious on the surface.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A new opportunity presents some obstacles that need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Delaying action in hopes that the problems will go away could be counterproductive.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A friend or family member's request might carry some hidden factors that could later create problems. Be sure you know all the facts before you make your decision.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A setback in implementing a plan could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Use the downtime to rework your original concepts and see where changes could be made.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You might not be consciously fishing for compliments, but admit it -- won't you feel great when your efforts are noticed? So accept the praise gracefully. You earned it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your love of beauty in your personal life extends to your efforts to protect and preserve the natural world around you.

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



### MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"It's a momentous day, Mother! Dave's getting his diploma from correspondence school!"

### LAFF-A-DAY



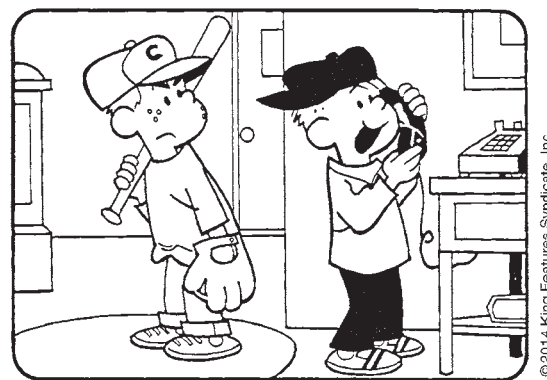
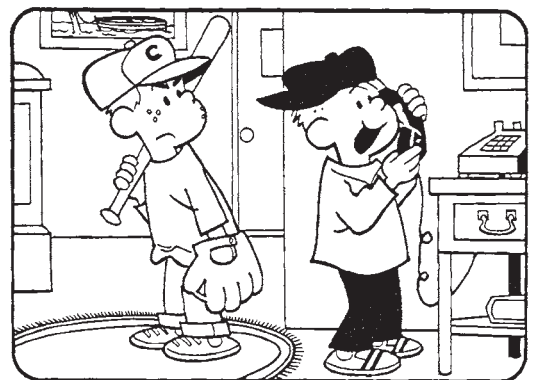
"I'd like to bring her here to meet you, father, but the last three I brought you married yourself!"

### HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"No, somebody's waiting on me, thanks."

### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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. Picture is missing. 2. Glove is missing. 3. Rug is different. 4. Shirt is slimmer. 5. Phone cord is shorter. 6. Drawer pull is missing.

## top ten

### Words for Unusual COLORS

1. Vermilion
2. Verdigris Green
3. Titian
4. Bisque
5. Puce
6. Cattleya
7. Smalt
8. Damask
9. Jasper
10. Bittersweet

Source: merriam-webster.com

## SHELTERS AREN'T ONLY PLACE TO VOLUNTEER

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I want to volunteer somehow to help pets in my area, but can't really find any opportunities. I called the local shelter, and they said they aren't accepting volunteers right now. Why not? I thought shelters were desperate for help. Where else can I look? -- Tanya J., via email

**DEAR TANYA:** While some shelters accept any help that is offered, many have implemented more controlled volunteer programs. This allows them to have a better handle on which volunteers are available at certain times, who has more experience working with animals and who has less, and so on.

A better question to ask your local shelter is whether it has any volunteer programs available, now or in the near future, or any other opportunities to help. If not, you can ask if it is affiliated with a larger organization, such as the ASPCA, and find a contact there who has information about volunteer opportunities.

Many shelters offer fundraising events that are more fun and less work. If you're not able to give money to the cause, you could offer to help at these events. Or, you can participate in charity walks -- either by yourself or by rounding up a group of friends -- and raise money that way.

Check your local newspaper for event listings and news from the local shelter. Many newspapers have an online component, and could have a lot more information on their website in a section reserved for the local shelters.

Visit the veterinarian and look for a bulletin board in the waiting room. If there is one, there likely are notices posted about events and volunteer opportunities. Or you can talk to the vet or an assistant during your pet's checkup about your interest in volunteering somewhere, somehow.

Send your questions or advice to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

## The Garden Bug

### Casa Blanca lilies

are easily grown in well-drained soil, if located where the upper plant is in full sun and the roots are in shade. Mulch around the plants to keep the roots cooler. Remove flowers as they fade; cut plants back only after the leaves and stems have turned yellow. Its flowers are showy and very fragrant. The plants may need staking if exposed to strong winds.

- Brenda Weaver

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