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GOLDBLATT CALLS FOR ALLOWING **GAY SCOUT LEADERS**

Selectman Feels Organization Taking "A Step in the Right Direction"

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Boy Scouts of America voted on May 23 to allow gay boys to join its organization, ending a 103-year tradition of banning gay scouts. However, a ban on gay leaders remains intact and was not under consideration during the organizations May vote.

Orange Selectman Mitch Goldblatt, who has been an outspoken critic of the Scouts policy, told Orange Town News the decision is certainly a step in the right direction.

"It's a partial victory, not a full victory," he says. "I feel that it's been a long time

coming, yet it's been a very difficult decision to make. I feel that it will allow many scouts to feel more comfortable in joining and it opens up scouting to where it should be."

Goldblatt first went on record with his disapproval of the BSA's policy at a March 13 Board of Selectmen meeting during which the Boy Scouts filed a formal request to use Orange Fairgrounds for an annual June jamboree event taking place this week. At that March meeting, Goldblatt asked his fellow selectmen to turn down the approval down, saying he felt that the time had come for the town to take a stand.



Mitch Goldblatt

At that meeting, he said, "I have been troubled with the continuing affirmation of the Boy Scouts of America to exclude gay boys from membership and to prohibit gay and lesbian adults from serving as leaders," Goldblatt said. "I have decided that it's time to speak out against such bigotry and discrimination and ask that we take a stand as a board together."

The board voted five to one in favor to approve the use of High Plains for their June 15 event with Goldblatt the dissenting vote.

"I'm gratified the organizations decision came prior to ConnJam," Goldblatt said. "It's a good thing and people can feel that this organization that we're allowing our facilities to be used for is being much more inclusive now, at least in principal, than they have been."

Still, he wishes BSA had taken the extra step and allowed gay leaders, but he thinks that will come in due time.

"It's unfortunate that they didn't do it all in one step, but sometimes when it comes to issues that concern rights of individuals, they often come in steps. This is a big step for the Boy Scouts of America and I'm hopeful that the other step will come, which will allow gay leaders. I'm very gratified that they have finally moved in that direction," he said.

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EDISON ROAD EXT. PROMISES TO EXPAND ORANGE TAX BASE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Construction is finally underway on the plan to extend Edison Road to Marsh Hill Road, dramatically increasing the potential for development in the town's commercial and industrial district. Edison Road, which currently ends at the entrance to the Pez property, will be extended approximately one mile to intersect with Marsh Hill Road adjacent to the United Illuminating headquarters' entrance. The new road will open up approximately 65 acres zoned for commercial and industrial use for

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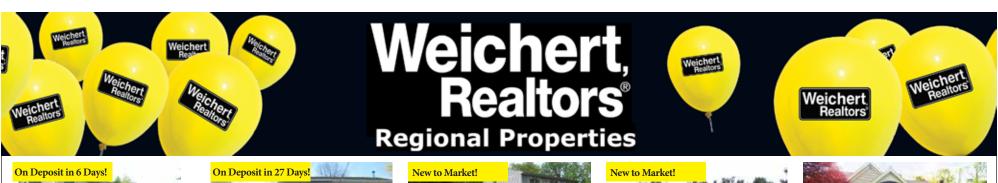
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potential development. "This is a huge plus to expand our tax base with minimal impact on residential regions in town," said First Selectman Jim Zeoli. "This land that borders Marsh Hill Road and I-95 is ripe for development." Currently Stew Leonard owns about 40 acres of the property and the Trumbull based management firm Field Brothers Property Management owns 28 acres. The expansion also offers development opportunities to Pez and Aurora Products which each own acreage surrounding their buildings.

The project has been on the Orange to do list since 1962 when town officials first outlined its long-term comprehensive plan for the town. When the town's Economic Development Corporation was established in early 2000, it began the process of applying for state and federal grants to fund the \$1 million project. "Without Economic Development Director Paul Grimmer it would have been a challenge to get this done," Zeoli said.

According to Grimmer, it took nearly a decade to complete the road design, receive a series of state grants to acquire the necessary rights of way and amass enough public grant dollars to allow the road to be essentially completed with federal and state funding. "We were very lucky to get competitive quotes on the job which allowed us to move forward today," Grimmer said. "Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro championed for us and acquired \$237,000 in federal money that will pay for paving in August and September."

The recent addition of the Pez Visitor Center and Aurora Products to Edison Road is good timing for the road project as well. "It's a very positive symbol of economic life in the area and it's a lot smarter to develop the road when there is already the potential for development in the area," Grimmer said. "Business is coming and we are ready."











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Left to right: Aaron O'Neill, leader John Wesolowski, Rich Breitenbach and James Bonvicini.

THREE EARN RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

On April 7 th, three young men received the highest award in scouting, that of Eagle Scout. The scouts have earned badges along the way as can be seen on their sash, each representing a part of their education that brings them to this point in their lives where family and friends come together to honor their achievements. Each of them had to find a worthwhile project that would benefit the town and work up a plan to complete it. Detailed ideas were discussed with the various groups chosen and a final plan was drawn up for approval.

Once the approval from scout officials was given, each scout went about finding the supplies needed, often looking to store managers for donations of items needed or funding. Personnel to work on the plan was part of the job of getting their chosen project underway and of course supervising each aspect of the plan until the job was completed

Aaron O'Neill chose to construct new parking spaces at Temple Emanuel to accommodate increased attendance by clearing brush and digging roots in a 10'x60' area. Digging a slit trench for railroad ties will help to prevent additional growth as well as mulching the entire portion.

Rich Breitenbach's project was historic in nature as the Bryan-Andrew house was in need of organization of its landscape and repairs for future visitors. The house was recently restored but the area around the house required better drainage and the wooden staircase was unsafe, needing repair. The underbrush accumulated over a ten-year period was removed, making the house visible and attractive. In addition, Rich made a colonial-style sign to greet folks as they drive by.

James Bonvicini also took a "trip" into history with his efforts to replace signage at the Country Fair Farm Museum. With over 1000 items, visitors will now be able to read the explanation of the various farm implements as they enjoy their visit to the fair. As they sit and enjoy the fair, they will now find the benches newly painted and as they enter for a fun-filled day, freshly painted ticket booths will greet them.

All of these projects were undertaken by three young men who can easily take their place with Eagle Scouts of the past who have made scouting a rewarding effort.









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When past and present national and international figure skating stars like Michelle Kwan, Timothy Goebel, Emily



Laura Fantarella

Hughes, Oksana Baiul and Ekaterina Gordeeva performed on ice, it's possible the breath-taking, sparkling costumes they wore were designed and made by Orange residents Del Arbour and Jon Zell.

Del Arbour, founder of the skating apparel manufacturing company that bears her name, has been dressing figure skaters for over 40 years. She and Zell, her business partner of 20 years, produce thousands of garments each year that range in price from \$110 to several thousand. From a small shop on Old Gate Lane crammed with bolts of spandex, lace, lycra and mesh, and mountains of glittering Swarovski crystals, their small staff of pattern makers and sewers create the off-the-rack and one-of-a-kind outfits for skaters from beginners to the sports' elite champions.

Though Arbour and Zell both manage the business end of the company, they each still enjoy having a hand in developing an outfit. Arbour is the company's designer, meeting with skaters and even their coaches, to design custom costumes. "I listen to the music they will be performing to get a feel for the style and theme of what the dress should look like," Arbour said. "I get inspiration from everywhere and I'm constantly coming up with new designs." Zell is the company's master beader, painstakingly designing and hand-applying hundreds, even thousands of Swarovski crystals as the final embellishments. As synchronized skating teams have flourished over the past decade, Arbour has often been hired to make the costumes that outfit an entire team of up to 24 skaters. For many years Del Arbour has dressed the Massachusetts-based synchro team, The Haydenettes in the outfits they wore to win several national titles and four bronze medals at the World Synchronized Skating Championships. "It's exciting when you see a team skating really well in your dresses. It's powerful!" Arbour said.

Arbour never expected the business that began in her South Greenbrier Road basement would one day be world-renowned in the sport. As a child Arbour loved ice skating and would skate outdoors on the ponds near her home in Rhode Island. But there were no ice rinks in the area so she took up roller skating instead, excelling as a competitive roller dancer with her partner and now husband Ron. "My coach paired us up when I was 13 and I knew right away I was going to marry him," Arbour recalls.



Jon Zell and Del Arbour.

When she turned 19 she did marry him, eventually moving to their current home in Orange where they raised their two daughters. Her childhood dreams came true when ice rinks opened in New Haven and Bridgeport and Arbour was finally able to indulge her passion for ice skating.

Arbour and her husband promptly took up ice dancing, hiring the late professional ice dance coach Joe Mastroni, to help them parlay their roller skating training to the ice. They enrolled their daughters in skate classes and soon the entire family was spending much of their time at the rinks. As her daughters became more involved in the sport, she designed and sewed their competitive costumes, just as she had outfitted herself and her husband in their roller skating days. Before long she was sewing costumes for many of the skaters on the ice with her daughters. As demand grew Arbour was working at times 18-20 hours a week. She eventually rented space in Milford's Commerce Park where she remained for years until moving to her current location. Word of mouth spread and before long her company was a wellknown name in the skating world.

Now 75, Arbour has no plans to slow down - and a new season of skating is around the corner, one that already has several stars she has made costumes for national silver medalists freestyler Mirai Nagasu and ice dancers Maia and Alex Shibutani. Arbour has been outfitting the brother-sister ice dance team for over a decade and has watched their rise to the top. "It is a wonderful feeling to see skaters mature and how well they do and to know we are a teeny part of it. We do our best for everybody and we want everyone to look great." Occasionally that may mean she refuses to make a particular outfit, either because it has the potential to have a "malfunction," is too risqué or simply won't look good on the ice. "We'll do crazy and wild but it has to be age appropriate and done in good taste. If something isn't going to look good on the ice I don't want our name on it," she said. "And a garment should never overshadow the skaters' ability."

With the 2014 Olympics around the corner – who knows – a skater on the world stage may be in a Del Arbour costume.



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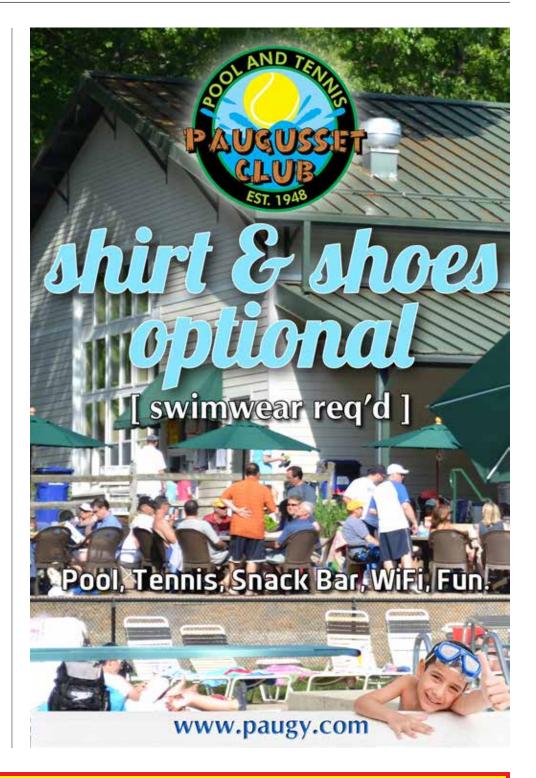
OTN FREE PHOTO CONTEST!

Where in Orange is this?

Congratulations to Mathew Ventura of Orange. Mathew was the first person with the correct answer to our May 24th Issue photo contest. His response of 863 Indian Hill Road was the correct location. Many residents responded with Meetinghouse Lane which looked somewhat similar but was incorrect. Mathew will soon be receiving his \$25 gift certificate to Reno's Pizza in Orange. Thank you all for participating and reading your hometown newspaper.

This Issue's Photo:

This issue's mystery photo is once again submitted by our friend Loretta Smith. First correct response receives a \$25 Gift Certificate to Gabrielle's Restaurant in Orange. Send your answers to letters@orangetownnews.com.

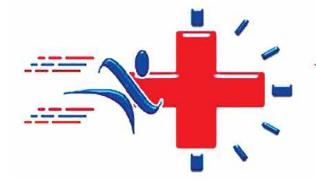


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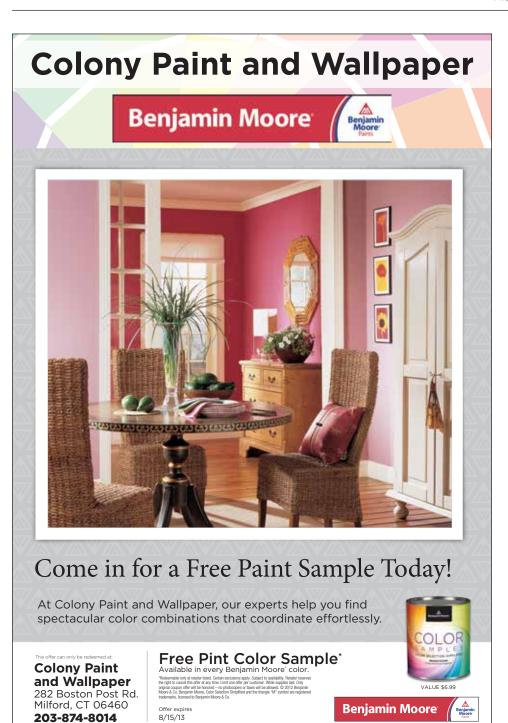


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Applications must be received by June 30, 2013, and the work must be completed by September 4, 2013.

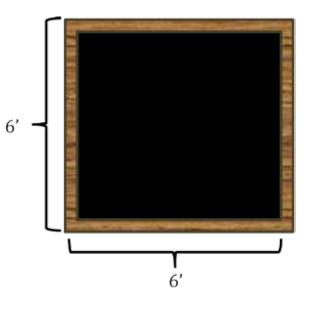
Artists should include a budget for their proposed work, not to exceed \$1,000.

About the Mary L. Tracy Meeting Room

Rich in over 100 years of history and tradition, Mary L. Tracy School (MLT) stands proudly on the corner of Schoolhouse Lane and Orange Center Road in Orange, Connecticut. During the summer of 2012, the wood floors were restored to their natural beauty and one black bulletin board was redecorated with the Board of Education's Mission Statement. The newly-painted 6 X 6 art work will hang to the left of

this mission statement, which reads: "providing powerful academic challenges, respecting individual and community values, nurturing personal growth, taking pride in our children and celebrating their successes, promoting school and commu- 6' nity spirit, enhancing lifelong learning through technology, believing all children deserve a childhood, and creatively, confidently building the future."

The meeting room is used monthly for Board of Education meetings and variably throughout the month for other special events, ranging from a recent

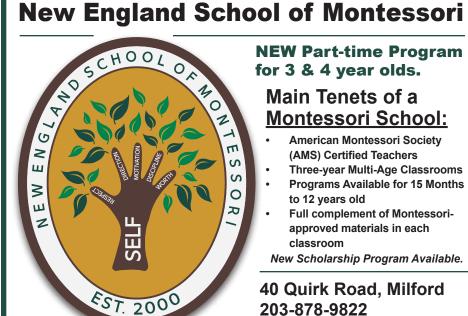


pre-school graduation to the district's annual spelling bee. Many of the meetings are televised on OGAT television, and shortly the space will be permanently wired for cameras and sound.

Selection Criteria

- Artistic merit and the strength of the proposed design
- The ability of the design to incorporate the history of the building and the mission of the Board of Education
- Universal appeal
- The ability of the design to be successfully translated in large format both on television and in person, up-close.

Applicants may view both the 6' x 6' black board and the meeting space at Mary L. Tracy by calling 203-891-8020. The bulletin board may be taken down, transported, and relocated during the art work process. The costs for this, if necessary, should be budgeted. Call the school for application forms.



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June 25th	Independence Day Issue - July 2nd
July 19th	July 26th
August 23rd	August 30th
	Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor and to the People of Orange

Effective September 3, I will be retiring as the Director of Orange Community Services. As I consider my retirement, I wish to thank each and every one of you for letting me into your lives both personally and professionally. When I started my job on February 14, 1983, I told the members of the then Human Services Commission that this would be my labor of love, and indeed, it has. Over the years, I have been blessed to work with a wide array of committed staff, elected officials, community volunteers, and wonderfully supportive colleagues to meet the changing needs of our residents and to improve the quality of life for Orange citizens and beyond. Together we have made beautiful music and now it is time for me to hand over the baton. While I look forward to having more time for family, friends, and other activities, I will miss the warm and productive relationships that I have enjoyed over the last 30 plus years that I have been with you. You have given me an opportunity that I could not have imagined when I began. Orange has become my second home and I will always hold you in my heart.

So, as I prepare to take my leave, this is my wish for you:

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sunshine warm upon your face,

May the rains fall soft upon your fields,

And, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

With love,

Carol Nardini

To the Editor

It seems that the Orange Board of Finance has worked hard over the past 4 or more budgets to keep spending in check and keep all departments it has control over to a zero based budget. Few increases in spending, no salary increases so that the taxpayers in Orange would not feel the bigger pinch of higher taxes than necessary. This was all approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Now a committee wants to undo the zero based pay raises that the Board of Finance has done by giving three individuals 16% or more raises. This committee wants to raise the First Selectman's salary to over \$92,000, as much or more than the Mayor of Milford makes. Why? Our First Selectman currently is paid very well, more that most in the state. He has limited raises to others who work for our town to 2-3%. Why does he or the Tax Collector and Town Clerk deserve more? Zero raises are never made up. The state has given zero raises and this coming year no 16% raises for those workers, just a regular 3% raise.

Do you think that this salary committee should undo the savings of what all the Boards have done in the past few years? If so, then do not come to the June 12 Board of Selectman meeting. If you think that 16 or 12 or 8% is too much then show up and speak up at the meeting on June 12 at 7:30, I will be there.

Gary DelPiano

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STUDENT NEWS

RUSOWICZ-ORAZEM EARNS 4.0 GOLD TASSEL SCHOLAR

Willa Rusowicz-Orazem, Orange member of the Sacred Heart Academy Class of 2013, has earned the distinction of 4.0 Gold Tassel Scholar because she holds a cumulative four-year minimum average of 4.0 or higher. As tradition dictates, the 4.0 Gold Tassel Scholars wore gold tassels at Commencement Exercises held on Saturday, May 25 in the Philip Paolella, Jr. Recreational Center.

Willa, the daughter of John Orazem and Claire Rusowicz of Orange, will attend Boston University and major in Journalism. Willa has received the following Special Honors, Achievements, and Awards: 4.0 Gold Tassel Scholar, Fairfield University Book Award, Most Valuable Player - Indoor Track, Cross Country, Indoor & Outdoor Track - Captain, Choir Girl of the Year - Trinity Girls' Choir, Principal violist - Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra. Her Extracurricular activities include Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Indoor & Outdoor Track, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta – Math National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Key Club, Greater Bridgeport Symphony Youth Orchestra, Trinity Choir and volunteering at Beth El Soup Kitchen and Griffin Hospital.

Graduations

Local Students Graduate From Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University's 123rd Commencement took place at the XL Center in Hartford on May 14. In all, 1,256 undergraduates and 41 graduate students earned their degrees. Those earning their degrees from Orange are:

Darcy Jensen graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport and Leisure Management; Alyssa Lebowitz graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology; Daniela Marchitto graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Communication (Individualized); and Christina Rully graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sport and Leisure Management.

Area Residents Earn Degrees From Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT — The following Orange residents received a degree from Quinnipiac University during a commencement ceremony held May 12 at the TD Bank Sports Center. Denise D'Ascenzo, WFSB-TV, Channel 3 anchor and award-winning broadcast journalist, addressed the 747 graduates and received an honorary degree.

Christopher Migani, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership; Vimin Nanavati, Master of Science in Molecular and Cell Biology; and Anna Spragg, Master of Science in Organizational Leadership.

The following Orange residents graduated from Quinnipiac University during the 82nd Undergraduate Commencement held May 19: Alana Kreiger, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice; and Christine Rotko, Bachelor of Science in Health Science/Occupational Therapy.

Local Students Earn Degrees From The University Of Vermont

Burlington, VT -- Some 2,557 students were awarded a variety of bachelor's degrees during the University of Vermont's 211th Commencement ceremonies on May 19. There were some 575 advanced degrees and certificates awarded by the UVM Graduate College and approximately 106 women and men took the oath of Hippocrates following the awarding of their M.D. degrees at ceremonies of the UVM College of Medicine. The following Orange students and the degree earned by each follows: William E. Damsky, received a MD in Medicine; and Stephanie A. Parente, received a BS in Social Work.

Pennsylvania College Of Technology Presented Student Achievement Awards To Its May 2013 Graduates

More than 875 students petitioned to graduate at the conclusion of the spring semester, and three commencement ceremonies were held May 17-18 at the Community Arts Center, Williamsport. Penn College is a special mission affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University.

Aaron R. DeMaio, Orange, was named to the Dean's List and received Bachelor of Science, Residential Construction Technology and Management: Building Construction Technology Concentration at the commencement ceremonies.

Katherine Shinn Graduates From York College Of Pennsylvania

York, PA -- Katherine Shinn of Orange graduated from York College of Pennsylvania on May 18. Shinn earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

Local Residents Awarded Degrees During Salve Regina University's 63rd Commencement

Newport, RI -- The following Orange residents were awarded degrees during Salve Regina University's 63rd commencement on Sunday, May 19:

Michael D. Powell was awarded a Bachelor Of Arts degree in Political Science;

Roxana K. Ilies was awarded a Bachelor Of Science degree in Nursing. Ilies, recipient of the Renewal Bible Study award, is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma national scholastic honor society for students of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition. She also is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International honor society for nursing.

Local Students Graduate From Keene State College

Keene, NH -- Saturday, May 11, Keene State College's Commencement honored its biggest-ever graduating class. A total of 1,219 degrees were awarded to 1,146 students. This year's graduates included the following Orange students:

Lisa Gaidosz earned a BS, Cum Laude; Rebecca Eisenberg earned a BA; Rachel Markman earned a BA; Lauren DeGennaro earned a BS; and Aleisha Zawadski earned a MEd.

Margaret Huey Graduates From Brandeis University

On May 19, Margaret Huey, Amity High School Class of 2009, received a Bachelor of Arts degree as she graduated from Brandeis University cum laude with dual majors in Health: Science, Society and Policy; and Psychology, with a minor in French and Francophone Studies. Margaret also served as director of the female a cappella group, "Up the Octave" in her last year at Brandeis; as an undergraduate departmental representative for the HSSP program; and as a Roosevelt Fellow. This July, Margaret will be working as a coordinator for HealthCorps, helping "to lead a nationwide movement toward a new generation of healthy young people".

Claire Schectman Graduates From Bentley University

Claire Schectman, Amity Class of 1991, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bentley University, Waltham, MA. with BS in Accountancy with a major in Liberal studies. During her undergraduate years she was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, an International Fraternity for business school students, male & female. In her senior year, she was elected President of her chapter. This Fraternity is, according to the University, the highest honor a student in the school of business can achieve. She was also elected to Sigma Delta Pi, a national collegiate Hispanic society honoring outstanding work by students of Spanish language and culture.

After a summer of internship with Ernst & Young in Boston, MA, she will enter the University's McCallum Graduate School where she was one of five students to be awarded the position of Professor's Assistant. Subsequent to successfully obtaining her Master's Degree, she has been offered a permanent position with Ernst & Young.

Claire is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Schectman of Stamford, CT and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Lieberman of Orange, CT.

John Michael Russo Jr. Of Orange Graduates From Clemson University

Clemson, SC -- John Michael Russo Jr. of Orange graduated Cum Laude from Clemson University May 10, 2013, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Russo was among 3,053 students who received degrees at three commencement ceremonies at Littlejohn Coliseum.

Providence College Awards Undergraduate Degrees To Local Residents During 95th Commencement Exercises

Providence, RI -- The following Orange residents were among over 900 students from Providence College who received undergraduate degrees during the College's Ninety-Fifth Commencement Exercises held on Sunday, May 19, 2013:

Donald Evanko, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Finance; and Oana Ilies, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Marketing.

Corey Hathaway Graduates Marymount Manhattan College NYC

Corey Hathaway earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a minor in Business from Marymount Manhattan College NYC during its May 24 commencement exercises. Corey graduated cum laude with a grade point average of 3.65. As a member of the Marymount Dance Co. Corey has performed at the Joyce and Theresa Lang Theaters in NYC. Beginning at the age of 3 Corey danced at Milford Performing Arts Center and Flash-Pointe Dance in Fairfield where she now teaches part time. An Orange native, Corey is the daughter of Neil and Wendy Hathaway and is a graduate of Amity Regional High School and Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven. Corey plans to stay in NYC and is seeking an internship with the Lar Lubovitch Dance Company.

Area Residents Graduate From Marist College

Poughkeepsie, NY -- The following Orange residents graduated from Marist College the weekend of May 24:

Alyssa Saunders received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administra-

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tion; and Eleni Waskiewicz received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science & Policy.

Jacqueline Leaf Earns Degree From Clark University

Worcester, MA -- Jacqueline D. Leaf received a degree from Clark University on Sunday, May 19. Leaf graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in international development and social change. During the 109th Commencement exercises, Clark awarded 523 baccalaureate, 541 master's, and 32 doctoral degrees. Carolyn Mugar, executive director of Farm Aid, and founder of the Armenia Tree Project, delivered the Commencement address and imparted lessons from the early days of both organizations.

Dean's/President's List Recipients

Christian Tracz Attains Dean's List At Curry College

Milton, MA-- Curry College is pleased to announce that Orange resident Christian Tracz attained membership to the Curry College Dean's List for the Spring 2013 term. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 G.P.A., have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester. Full-time students must carry 12 or more graded credits for the semester; part-time students must be matriculated, carrying 6-11.5 graded credits for the semester, and must have earned a cumulative total of 15 graded credits in consecutive semesters.

Rebecca Eisenberg Named To Dean's List At Keene State College

Keene, NH -- Keene State College has released the Dean's List for the spring semester 2013. Among the 1,321 students named to the Dean's List is Rebecca Beth Eisenberg of Orange. The Dean's List designation is bestowed to those Keene State College undergraduates enrolled in a degree program who have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. A 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale is required to earn the Dean's List honor.

Alexandra M. Lagoutis Named To The Saint Anselm College Dean's List

Manchester, NH -- Rev. Augustine Kelly, O.S.B., dean of the college, announced that Alexandra M. Lagoutis, a Nursing major, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2013 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH. Lagoutis, a resident of Orange, is a member of the class of 2014. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

John Michael Russo Jr. Named To Clemson University President's List

Clemson, SC -- John Michael Russo Jr. of Orange has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the spring 2013 semester. Russo is majoring in Political Science. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Local Eastern Connecticut State University Fulltime Students Named to Spring 2013 Dean's List

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the spring 2013 semester. The following Orange residents were named to the Dean's List: Dana Blydenburg Psychology major; Brian DeFeo Sport & Leisure Management major; Taylor Flanagan Pre-Secondary Education Certification and Undeclared major; Darcy Jensen Sport & Leisure Management major; Robert Lin Accounting major; Jennifer Mazzabufi Pre-Early Childhood Education and English major; Kyle Mullins Business Administration major; and Julie Pinciaro Pre-Early Childhood Education and Psychology major.



Local Students Named to Sacred Heart University's Dean's List

Fairfield, CT -- Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn., has announced the Dean's List for the spring semester 2013. To receive this honor, a student must achieve a 3.6 grade average, based on a 4.0 scale. The following Orange students made the spring 2013 Dean's List: Holly Johnson; Kathryn Bruder; Sara Warncke; Kimberly Ball; and John Brandes.

Society Inductees

Stephanie Parente Of Orange Inducted Into National Honor Society

Burlington, VT -- Stephanie Parente of Orange, CT, was inducted into Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work students during ceremonies conducted by the College of Education and Social Services at the University of Vermont earlier this spring.

Kate Hutchinson Inducted Into The Honor Society Of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA -- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Kate Hutchinson of Orange, Conn., was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hutchinson was initiated at University of Bridgeport.

Hutchinson is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

OUTSTANDING JUNIORS PRESENTED WITH UNIVERSITY AWARDS

Each year it is a tradition in many high schools that the Alumni Associations of area colleges present outstanding juniors who excel in scholarship, leadership, and personal accomplishments with University Awards. This year at Honors Convocation, Sacred Heart Academy recognized the following outstanding juniors with College and University Awards based on the criteria of each college/university:

The University of Rochester Eastman Young Leader Award was presented to Demery Ormrod, daughter of Mrs. Lori Zuppardi and Mr. James Ormrod of Orange. This award is presented to a junior who exhibits strong leadership at school and in her community with the potential to continue these leadership qualities throughout her life.

The Rensselaer Medal given by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute was presented to Lucy Andersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Andersen, Jr. of Woodbridge. Awarded by the science department, this medal is presented to a junior who has exemplary academic achievement and is motivated toward a career in science, engineering, and/or technology.

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor

On Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m., the 5th grade classes at Race Brook School in Orange, Connecticut participated in the 4th annual Dancing with the Race Brook Stars. The students learned various Ballroom and Latin dances over a period of 4 weeks and performed them for students and parents.

The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation provided us with a grant which has made it possible for us to do this. It is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for young artists and early career professionals to expand their artistic talent and to pursue their dreams.

Jamie A. Hulley was a young woman who was passionate about the arts. Jamie dreamed of pursuing a career in the arts but her dream was cut short in 2002 when she lost her battle with an aggressive lymphoma just two weeks before her 21st birthday.

Sincerely,

Kristie Entwistle Jennifer Bronson Race Brook School

To the Editor

My work with Ginny Reinhard on historical projects in Orange leads me occasionally to peruse the online version of OTN as I did this morning.

Each time I do so, I am blown away by the quality, composition, intelligent headlines and writing. The layout, clarity, and brilliance of color are also spectacular.

Even if it is not your primary purpose to create a sense of excitement and community spirit in Orange, you certainly succeed with your superb coverage of what is going on in town.

This is in the best tradition of local print journalism from days past, merged with an online presence that should be a model for failing, old-time, newspapers

You may (or may not!) have heard all of this before, but good work like OTN always merits another round of applause.

Best regards,

Bob Belletzkie



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Submit your letters for our **"From Our Readers"** section to: Orange Town News, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477 or email: letters@orangetownnews.com.

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

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FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

By Themis Klarides



Klarides Says Democrat Budget **Desecrates Spending Cap**

State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) voted against a two-year Democrat budget that relies on circumventing the state Constitution, shoddy revenue tricks and hundreds of millions in new debt to accommodate a nearly 10% spending increase, while imposing a 16% gas tax hike and devastating hospital cuts. In order to skirt the Constitutional Spending Cap - which was designed as a tool to slow future spending and assuage public anger over the enactment of the state income tax in 1991 - the Democrats created an astonishing \$6.3 billion exemption for federal Medicaid funding.

"This budget – if you have the nerve to call it that - is dishonest, incoherent. It tells a story of misplaced priorities, out of control spending, and an alarming desecration of the spending cap," Klarides said. "It demonstrates the Democrats' typical politician mindset of 'Well if I don't want to follow the rules, I'll just change them'. The spending cap is a rule the Democrats themselves created; they perpetually make their own rules and then break them - that's how dysfunctional one party control has made our state."

The budget also relies heavily on desperate revenue grabs, including the launch of a new lottery game called keno, \$750 million in borrowing for cash flow, and the delay of nearly \$400 million of scheduled debt payments that will cost tens of millions in interest. "Budgeting is tough, but there's a difference between making tough choices and making poor choices," Klarides said. "These quick-fixes and temporary band-aids will only kick

the can down the road, setting us up, as the last budget did, for another fiscal crisis in two years. We must address the large-scale structural shortfalls, and stop living from crisis to crisis". The package also cuts \$10 million in municipal aid, shorts hospitals a half billion dollars and dumps multiple pots of specialized funding into general fund coffers.

Desperate for the numbers to add up, Democrats swept the following specialized funds:

- This year's entire \$220 million projected surplus;
- \$100 million in transportation-related money;
- \$25 million from the banking fund;
- \$15.5 million from the tobacco and health trust fund.

The budget also extends a 20% corporate surcharge tax that businesses were told would expire, a move, which Klarides says, perpetuates our unstable business climate, prevents job creators from hiring and discourages businesses from coming to Connecticut.

Klarides, a member of the Appropriations Committee, also added it was an underhanded strategy by House Democrats - who left Republicans out of budget negotiations – to call debate on the budget at midnight, after the press went home and as people slept. The bill passed on a party line vote of 95-48 at 5:15am. The 2013 session adjourned

Rep. Klarides represents the 114th District communities of Woodbridge, Orange and Derby.

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



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Summer Concerts in the Gazebo

The Orange Senior Center summer cabarets are moving outdoors! The Orange Senior Center is partnering with Maplewood Orange, OVNA, and Congregation Or Shalom to host 3 concerts. Orange Transportation is available to Orange seniors or disabled residents for the Wednesday night concerts. Call (203) 891-4788 for a ride. So come out for free, family friendly, outdoor concerts!

June 26, Wednesday 7-9pm—Wango Tango—classic rock cover band. Sponsored by the Orange Visiting Nurses Association, Congregation Or Shalom & Orange Senior Center. Rain date is Thursday June 27.

July 17, Wednesday 7-9pm—Bourbon Cowboys—country band. Sponsored by the Orange Visiting Nurses Association and the Orange Senior Center. Rain date is Thursday July 18.

August 7, Wednesday 7-9pm—Cruz Machine—classic rock band. Sponsored by Maplewood Orange, the Orange Visiting Nurses Association and Orange Senior Center. Rain date is Thursday, August 8.

The Lions Club of Orange will be on hand to sell refreshments. The Orange Town News and its sponsors will host 2 more concerts. The Orange Town News, WPLR 99.1, and Cohen & Wolf will celebrate Independence day with a concert –British Invasion Tribute Band and Fireworks on Saturday, July 6 from 6:30—9:30. They will also host a Labor Day concert.

Annual Holiday Hill Summer Outing

Seniors are invited to the Statewide Senior Outing at Holiday Hill in Prospect, CT on Monday, August 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. This is always a great day with food galore, raffle prizes, bocce, horseshoes, shuffleboard, mini golf, swimming in the heated pool, and bingo. Shuttle Service is available from the parking lot. The tickets for the day are \$29 per person and may be ordered by sending a check payable to Holiday Hill and mailed to Holiday Hill, P.O. Box 338, Cheshire, CT 06410. Include your name and address with the check and tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of check or money order. Transportation from the senior center can be arranged separately in the senior center office for an additional cost of \$10 per person for those who cannot provide their own transportation and is limited to twelve passengers. Checks for transportation are made payable to the Treasurer, Town of Orange.

Lunch & Learn

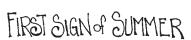
July 11, from 11:30am to 1:00pm, Peter O'Connell, will present a "What the Great Poets had to say about Parents and Patriots". Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the center to register. All are welcome!

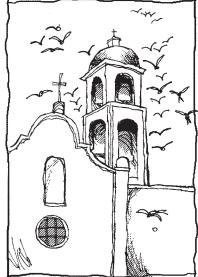
Senior Leadership Program

Informational Wine & Cheese Party being held on July 23 from 5-7 pm in the senior lounge. Applications are due by Monday, August 30 and 15 people are accepted into the program each year. Applications are available at the Orange Senior Center.

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2013 TRIPS

SHADES OF IRELAND – September 15 – 24, 2013 (10 days, 13 meals). Travel the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's most beautiful coastal routes, while experiencing old Ireland at its finest. You will visit Dublin, experience an Irish evening, visit Kilkenny - the home of Waterford Crystal, see Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone, enjoy a Jaunting Car Ride, travel along the Ring of Kerry, visit a farm in Killarney and experience the customs of a traditional Irish family, see the Cliffs of Moher, and stay overnight on the Cabra Castle grounds. A deposit is required to confirm your space. Cost is \$2,999pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

REFLECTIONS OF ITALY – September 23—October 2, 2013 (10 days 14 meals). Revel in the magic of this famed destination as you set out on a comprehensive tour that features Rome, Venice and Florence. Explore Rome's rich history, including a guided tour of the Coliseum. Visit one of Chianti's treasured wineries complete with a stop at a Medieval Castle. Relish the charm of Venice amid its canals and architecture. Cost is \$3,899pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

New - SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY – September 26—October 7, 2013 (12 days 17 meals). Enjoy Southern Italy & Sicily on a comprehensive tour that features Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Catania, Mt. Etna, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Messina, Villa San Giovanni, Matera, Alberobello, Altamura, Pompeii, and Rome. Explore Italy & Sicily's rich history. Visit the stunning Valley of the Temples' ruins. Enjoy viewing the Greek Amphitheater, Corso Umberto and the bountiful Public Gardens, and so much more. Cost is \$3,849pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

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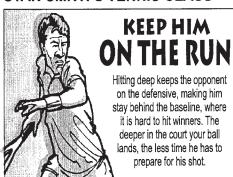
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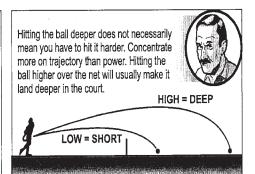
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Orange Park & Recreation is offering Pee Wee tennis clinics (ages 4 - 5) from 9 - 9:45 am and Junior Tennis Camp (ages 6-9, 10-13) from 9:45 am - 12:30 pm for five weekly sessions: June 24 - June 27; July 1 - July 5 (no program on July 4); July 8 - July 11; July 15 - July 18, and July 22 - July 25. Prize day will be held once a week in the junior camp. Both Pee Wee clinic and junior camp are held Monday - Thursday with Friday as the rain date. New this summer! Junior clinics for Beginner/Advanced Beginner, ages 6 - 9, are scheduled for 2 four-week sessions on Wednesdays 5 - 6 pm. Following the junior clinics, 2 four-week adult sessions are offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner and Low Intermediate/Intermediate players on Wednesday evenings beginning June 19 and again on July 24. All tennis is played at the High Plains Community Center Tennis Courts. For availability, please call Orange Recreation Department at 203-891-4790. Program details are available at www.fairfieldcountytennis.net or call 203-640-1724.

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TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013

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17th	Family Counseling	HPCC Town Hall HPCC
18th	Town Plan & Zoning Commission7:30 pm GATA7:00 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
19th	CERT	HPCC HPCC
20th	Case Memorial Library Commission7:30 pm	Case Mem. Library
24th	Youth Services Advisory Board7:30 pm	НРСС
26th	Safety Commission	Town Hall Town Hall
28th	Emergency Management8:00 am	Police Station

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

By Assistant Chief Anthony Cuozzo



Serious Injury Motorcycle Accident

On 6/2/2013 at about 3:25 p.m., several 911 calls were received regarding a motorcycle accident on Route 34 (Derby Ave.) westbound near its intersection with Baldwin Road. Upon arrival, officers found that three "import" style motorcycles were involved and that two of the operators sustained serious injuries. The two were transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for treatment, their condition was unknown at the time of this press release. The operator's names

were being withheld. Witnesses indicated that the three were part of a large group of motorcycles when the crash occurred. The cause was undetermined at the time of this press release. Orange officers trained in traffic crash reconstruction were dispatched to the scene to investigate.

The Department is asking that anyone who may have witnessed the accident or events leading up to it, please call Ofc. Harry Burke at 203-891-2130.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

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Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Sessions for age 3-5 are held on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays.

Events for Children

Children's Summer Reading Program

Children entering K-6 are invited to Dig Into Reading with the Library's summer reading program from June 19 to August 3—tons of prizes are available for children who read their way through the summer! Preschoolers can register as "Read to Me" members.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Creatures of Magic

Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.: Kick off summer reading with a family sing-along program "Creatures of Magic" led by Susan Peak. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

4th of July Craft

Wednesday, July 3, 11 a.m.: Join us for a special 4th of July craft. For ages 4-8. Limited to 20 children.

Beardsley Zoomobile

Tuesday, July 15, 1 p.m.: For children ages 3-5. Limited to 30 children. Tuesday, July 15, 2 p.m.: For children ages 6 and up. Limited to 30 children.

Visit with woodlands animals from the Beardsley Zoo!

Teddy Bear Picnic Storytimes

Tuesday, July 23, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13, 3:30 p.m.

For children ages 2-5. Bring a snack; we'll provide juice. Outside on the sitting wall.

Children's Film: Brave

Saturday, July 20, 1 p.m.: Oscar winning best animated film. Bring a light snack; we'll provide juice.

Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer

Saturday, August 17, 1:30 p.m.: Who's that tripping over my bridge? Learn how to act out the classic tale The Three Billy Goats Gruff led by creative drama teacher Ingrid Schaeffer. For children ages 5-10.

End of Summer Reading Party: Half Moon Magic

Saturday, August 3, 11 a.m.: Wrap up summer reading with Al deCant's music program Half Moon Magic. Raffle drawings and refreshments. Children must be registered for summer reading and have read five or more books to attend.

Magical Creatures Parade and Storytime

Tuesday, July 30, 2 p.m. Dress up as your favorite magical creature. Be a troll, fairy, unicorn, or gnome! We will have a parade and special storytime, prizes, and refreshments! Meet outside at the sitting wall. Children of all ages welcome to participate.

Puppet Show: Tricksters and Noodleheads

Wednesday, August 14, 1:30 p.m.: Join the fun with Sparky's Puppet. Meet Brer Rabbit, a pesky goblin, and mysterious forest creatures. Colorful hand puppets will be used. Best for children ages 3-10.

Events for Teens

Teen Summer Reading Program

From June 22 to August 10, track the books you read and audiobooks you listen to in your summer reading log. Every time you reach a new level come back to the library to claim your prize! For students entering grades 7-12. Register on Saturday, June 22 for a mystery prize!

Level 1: 2 booksL1 Prize: Jumbo candy

Level 2: 4 booksL2 Prize: Flash drive or earbuds

Level 3: 6 booksL3 Prize: Gift card—choose from 4

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Crafternoon! Bleach Pen Tees & Book Totes

Tuesday, June 25 at 2 p.m.: Design your own t-shirt or book tote using bleach pens and your imagination. Bring your own dark colored t-shirt; we've got the rest.

Henna Creations with Jamilah

Tuesday, July 9 at 2 p.m.: Professional henna artist Jamilah will talk about the ancient art of henna and show you how to create and apply your own designs.

Crafternoon! Friendship Bracelets & Earbud Craft

Thursday, July 18 at 2 p.m.: Design a friendship bracelet for yourself or a friend. Personalize your earbuds with an easy, colorful craft! Bring your earbuds; we've got the rest.

Indoor Mini Golf

Wednesday, July 24 at 2 p.m.: Got skills? Play a round of mini-golf on our special course. We'll have snacks and prizes!

Zentangles with Kathy Vincent

Tuesday, August 6 at 2 p.m.: Do you doodle, design, and daydream? Art instructor Kathy Vincent will show you how to use India ink to create a series of wild designs—called Zentangle—on paper tiles.

Events for Adults

Adult Summer Reading Program

Explore Groundbreaking Reads with the Library's Summer Reading Program for adults ages 18 and up. From June 22 to August 10, fill out a brief form each time you finish a book or audiobook to be entered into a raffle drawing for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. Read a book from our list of Groundbreaking Reads for a special gift. Limit one per person.

Oscar Film: The Sessions

Monday, June 3 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, June 5 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles). 1 Oscar nomination. 95 minutes. Rated R.

Oscar Film: Anna Karenina

Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, June 19 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) Winner: Costume Design. 129 minutes. Rated R

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Discussion and Book Signing with the Author — Monday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.: Join author Kathy Leonard Czepiel for a discussion of her book, A Violet Season, led by Toby Zabinski. Book summary: A mother's choices in a time of crisis threaten the one person she means to protect – her only daughter – and force her to make the boldest move of her life. Copies at the Circulation Desk.

Friends of the Library Members-Only

Great! Basement Book Sale — Saturday, June 29 10 a.m.—1 p.m.: Join the Become a member of the Friends of the Library for access to tons of great deals on new and gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and more. Materials for all ages. Come check it out!

The Master

Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, July 3 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) 3 Oscar nominations. 144 minutes. Rated R

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cookbook Club: Cookbook Discussion Group

Monday, July 8 at 7 p.m.: Come for great food and great discussion about the featured cookbook: The Gardener and the Grill by Karen Adler and Judith Fertig. Prepare a dish from the cookbook at home and come ready to share your dish and experiences with the group.

The Impossible

Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, July 17 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) 1 Oscar nomination. 114 minutes. Rated PG-13

Books & Breakfast: Morning Discussion Group

Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m.: Discussion of The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Led by Carol Davidson. Book summary: Vanessa Diffenbaugh's mesmerizing, moving, and elegantly written debut novel, beautifully weaves past and present, creating a vivid portrait of an unforgettable young woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others even as she struggles to overcome her own troubled past. Copies at the Circulation Desk.

Square One Theatre: Readers Theatre Showcase

Monday, July 22 at 7 p.m.: Play to be announced. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Dear Eva: A Play Based on World War II Letters

Thursday, July 25 at 7 p.m.: Join us for a reading of highlights from Dear Eva, a captivating non-fiction play based on real World War II letters that were written by ordinary men and women in an extraordinary time. Telling several compelling, intertwined stories, the letters are candid, sad, and funny and offer a glimpse into the lives of Americans making sacrifices at home and on the front.

Flight

Monday, July 29 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, July 31 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) 2 Oscar nominations. 138 minutes. Rated R

Film Buffs: The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m.: An introvert freshman is taken under the wings of two seniors who welcome him to the real world. 102 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Searching for Sugar Man

Monday, August 5 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) Winner: Documentary Feature. 86 minutes. Rated PG-13

Oscar-Nominated Live Action Short Films

Monday, August 19 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 21 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) Asad, Buzkashi Boys, Curfew, Death of a Shadow, Henry — 115 minutes.

Oscar-Nominated Animated Short Films

Monday, August 26 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, August 28 at 1 p.m. (with subtitles) Adam and Dog, Fresh Guacamole, Head Over Heels, Maggie Simpson in "The Longest Daycare," Paperman — 88 minutes.

Art in the Library

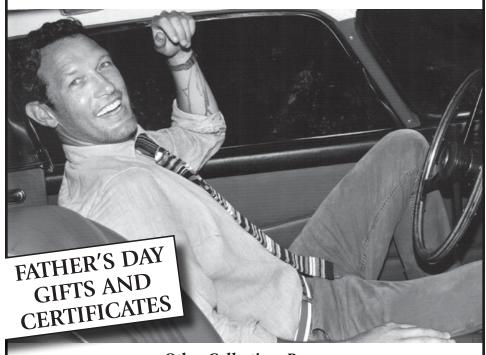
June: Watercolors and photography by Bonnie Pelaccia and Rosalba Saenz Lugo. July: Photography, watercolors, and toothpick sculpture by John Ulatowski, Millie Farrell, and Anthony Sacco. Reception: Thursday, July 11, 5-7 p.m.

August: Oils and restyled furniture by Katie Samuelson. Reception: Thursday, August $8, 5-7 \; p.m.$

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.



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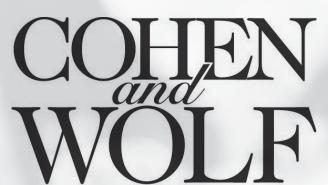
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Orange Historical Society President Ginny Reinhard & Orange Resident Susan Chernock

DONATION BOX YIELDS SERENDIPITOUS FIND

By Bettina Thiel – Orange Town News Correspondent

Serendipity, that's what Orange resident Susan Chernock called the circumstances that brought a watercolor print of forget-me-nots to be displayed in the town's historic Academy building. It is now joined by some 20 similar botanical prints.

The display drew a bit of attention lately because the prints could be traced back to one of the town's early matrons — Emily Prudden. On Sunday, June 2, Orange Historical Society President Ginny Reinhard introduced the newly framed collection to the public. At the same time she thanked the person who had donated the prints, Susan Chernock.

Prudden, 1832-1917, knew her share of challenges early in her life, even by the standards of her time. She had lost her hearing by the time she was 17 years old; then her sister died and Emily brought up her children in Orange.

At the age of 50, Prudden packed up her bundle, took the money that her father's trust fund provided for her and headed south to North Carolina. She ended up opening a string of schools, many of them for black girls. She would run the schools for a few years before she deeded them to the American Missionary Association, said Ginny Reinhard, who highlighted Prudden's biography in a recent issue of the Orange Town News.

Prudden's hobby was watercolor painting, and little did she know that some 150 years later these charming botanicals would help reconnect her to her hometown. It was Reinhard who recognized the signature botanical print after she found it in a box filled with donations from Chernock's mother's estate. They sent a picture to Pfeiffer University, one of the schools Prudden had founded. The university confirmed that the print was part of a Prudden sketchbook the university holds, and to Chernock's surprise, an exciting local connection was made.

Chernock said she had no idea how the print had made its way into her parents' collection. Arlene and John Burk lived in Milford and owned the Towne Shop, buying and selling antiques. Chernock suspected that her parents found the prints at the Whitlock Book Barn in Bethany, where they liked to browse. Once the Prudden connection was made, Chernock remembered that there were other, similar botanical prints in her family's possession. In all, she donated 20 prints to the Orange Historical Society.

The Academy Building is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Historical Society also sells reprints of some of Prudden's work.

JFS FOOD PANTRY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Jewish Family Service of New Haven is proud to announce and unveil its new and spacious Food Pantry location, now located directly below the JFS main office on 1440 Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

The JFS Food Pantry provides emergency, supplemental, and holiday food to more than 300 food insecure families per month, distributing over 100,000 lbs. of non-perishable and fresh foods per year. The pantry helps local residents (Orange, Woodbridge, New Haven, Hamden and many other towns within New Haven county) who are hunger insecure, unemployed and cannot afford or do not have the means to provide for their families.



Solar panels on the roof of the Amity Teen Center

THE AMITY TEEN CENTER IS NOW SOLAR-POWERED

The Amity Teen Center, located in Woodbridge, is proud to announce that we are now able to utilize energy from the sun. Fifty-two solar panels have been installed so far on our roof by Ross Solar Group. The total cost for the solar component of our Energy Conservation Project is expected to be \$60,000.00. The project is being funded primarily by a grant from the Connecticut Energy Finance and Investment Authority and donations through the Neighborhood Assistance Act Programs by Connecticare and UIL Holdings. There have also been donations from the general public.

The sun powers all solar technologies, both photovoltaic and thermal. The sun provides a tremendous amount of energy, enough to satisfy all the earth's needs in a fraction of a day. Solar energy is captured by the photovoltaic modules, more commonly known as solar panels. Each solar panel is a packaged interconnected assembly of PV cells (solar cells). This captured solar energy is fed into an inverter, a device that converts direct current (DC) to alternating current (AC) and distributes it into your home or business. If the solar energy captured exceeds the amount of energy needed, the difference will be sold back to the grid. The fundamental principles of electricity generation were discovered during the 1820s and early 1830s by the British scientist, Michael Faraday. His basic method is still used today: electricity is generated by the movement of a loop of wire or disc of copper between the poles of a magnet.

We are all so excited that our solar project has been activated!

AMITY CLASS OF '78 REUNION

The Amity Class of '78 is having a reunion October 12 at Bar in New Haven at 7pm. On Sunday October 13th there will be a brunch at the Waverly in Cheshire at 10am. Please contact Carol Pite Doheny at 203-271-3762 for registration info.

MATERIAL GIRLS FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE!

Come join our BOW Relay for Life team, Jawa's Boob Crew, at Material Girls of Orange, Thursday June 27th, from 5pm-9pm. Material Girls will be donating 10% of all sales to support the American Cancer Society. It will be an evening of fun and some fabulous shopping! If you can't make it that night, come anytime that day or the week before, during store hours, and just mention the fundraiser or this article when making your purchase. Any questions, please contact Angela Booth at dabooths4@snet.net. Look forward to seeing you there! Material Girls is located at 463 Boston Post Road, Orange, next to Kaoud Oriental Rug store.



"INDEPENDENTS FOR ORANGE" ANNOUNCED

Orange Voters To Have Another **Option This November**

Orange, CT - Years in the making, a grass roots group- Independents For Orange (IFO) has been formed. The organization became official May 30th when paperwork was filed with the CT Secretary of State's office which reserved the designation. The filing with the Secretary of State will enable candidates to run for municipal offices this November as Independents For Orange.

IFO is a group of dedicated Orange community leaders that have come together to provide a vehicle for citizens who want to be involved in town government without necessarily being affiliated with either of the two majority parties - Republican or Democrat. "Independents For Orange will focus on running candidates with a proven track record of leadership, people who will work tirelessly on behalf of all the residents of Orange without getting bogged down in party politics", said IFO Chairman Mike Richetelli. "Our goal is to challenge the status quo and get informed, committed individuals elected to town Boards and Commissions. We're looking for people that will lead on issues, be proactive on bringing new ideas to the table, put the best interest of the town first and most importantly, be able to work with elected officials on both sides of the aisle."

Although a search for candidates has not officially begun, there are no plans at this time to run a candidate for 1st Selectman. "Out of the gate, we intend to field a slate of under-ticket candidates for 2013 and have it grow from there. We believe this is the first time there will be an Independent under-ticket slate of candidates without running someone for 1st Selectman in the history of the town. This shows that we're making a long-term commitment to build this for the future from the ground up" said Chad Lombardi, one of the co-founders of IFO. Mike Richetelli will be running for the Board of Selectmen and elementary school Principal Jim O'Connor will be running for Board of Education. "With two children currently in the Orange elementary school system, I have a vested interest in working to ensure that we have the best schools possible in Orange. I plan to utilize my expertise as a longtime school administrator to solidify and advance the goals of our district," said O'Connor.

Richetelli addressed the plans for IFO moving forward. "We're in the process of building a team of concerned residents that want to work collectively, without party politics. We look forward to talking to people in the coming weeks that want to be part of something new and exciting. So far, the feedback we've received has been outstanding. People understand that it can only benefit the residents of Orange to have another choice at the polls. One of our goals is to encourage voters to elect people, not parties and to take a close look at each candidate's qualifications. We expect to have a superb group of candidates in November; the idea is to highlight the strengths and leadership credentials of candidates who run as Independents." Anyone interested in more information on Independents For Orange can visit www. independentsfororange.org or email info@independentsfororange.org.

1ST ANNUAL PECK PLACE SCHOOL PANTHER POUNCE A SUCCESS

With a little help from Mother Nature by providing a near picture perfect day, the first Peck Place Panther Pounce 5K race took off without a hitch. The Peck Place students, their families, staff members and the greater community came together for an event in which the school hopes will promote a healthier lifestyle. The PTO race committee worked tirelessly with school administrators, town officials, teachers, and students to encourage participation through fun events and education. With over 200 runners/walkers who participated, Principal Eric Carbone aptly said, to simply call the race a success would be an understatement. The race, named by a Peck Place second grade student, attracted not only those out for a leisurely stroll, but competitive runners as well. The first place winner came in with a time just over 16 minutes. Post-race events included live music, a photo booth, raffle prizes, and unique trophies designed by six sixth grade students. Jamie Beaudette, a race co-chair summed up the day by saying, "We could not be any prouder of the sponsors, volunteers and participants who made the event a special one." Until next year...keep running!

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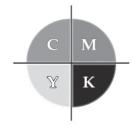
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"DOC'S RACE" TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ORANGE COUNTRY FAIR

On Sunday, June 30 the Inaugural 5K "Doc's Race" will take place in Orange at 10:00 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. George "Doc" Whitney, a longtime resident of Orange, began running at the age of 80. He became well known and respected in the Connecticut running community. He participated in many races, most notably the New Year's Day Chilly Chili Run in Orange. "Doc' passed away in February at the age of 94. His family thought that it would be wonderful to create a 5K "Doc's Race" in Orange in his honor, with proceeds going to the Orange Country Fair.

Before June 22, registration for runners will be \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for teenagers and runners under the age of 12. The 5K Fitness Walk Registration will be \$12.00. We will also be having two "Kids Fun Runs" that will take place on the Community Center grounds and the registration for those will be \$6.00. Applications are available at the Orange Park and Recreation office or online at www.hitekracing.com. Online registration will be available until Tuesday, June 25 at midnight.

Anyone 65 years or older who mails in an official race application to our Race Director, Joe Riccio, by Tuesday, June 25 will be able to register without paying an entry fee. Unfortunately, this free entry will not be available to those who register online

After June 22nd, and on the day of the race, the registration will be \$25.00 for adult runners, \$15.00 for teen and child runners, \$15.00 for the Fitness Walk and \$8.00 for the Kids Fun Runs.

For more information, please call Race Director, Joe Riccio at (203) 481-7453 or Race Coordinator, Jane Opper at (203) 795-9351.

Everyone, come out to have a great time and help to raise some money for the Orange Country Fair! You can register in person on Saturday, June 29th at the Pavilion at the High Plains Community Center from Noon to 4: 00 p.m. and on Sunday, June 30 the registration will begin at the Pavilion at 7:30 a.m.

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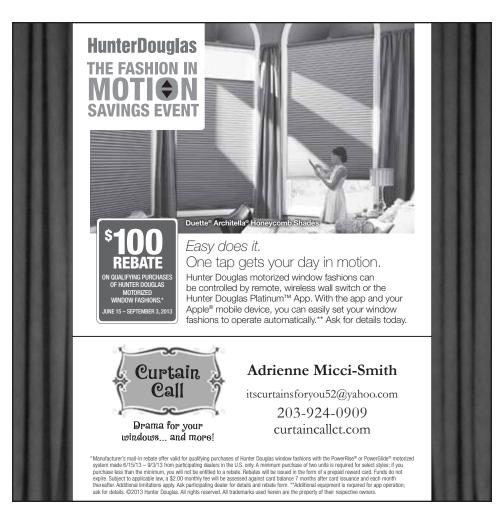
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Connecticut Agency on Aging, and the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

The question directed to Orange resident, Susan Noonan, General Manager of Lend A Hand Private Duty Home Care Agency (203-874-6667) that has been providing customized care for 13 years is, "What are the advantages of using a Home Care Agency as opposed to hiring a private caregiver?"

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Throughout the month of May, the children of New England School of Montessori in Milford experienced hands-on concepts about the Metamorphosis of a Butterfly. On May 30, 2013 the entire school community released the butterflies into our sunny skies.



Pictured (left to right): Selectman Joseph Blake, Town Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan, Patricia O'Sullivan Lucey and First Selectman James Zeoli.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S **OFFICE GIVES THANKS**

The First Selectman's office would like to share the news of a wonderful gift presented to the Town of Orange Wednesday morning, May 29, 2013. Patricia O'Sullivan Lucey, a long time and beloved resident of Orange, presented the Town of Orange a photograph of the first step on the moon - signed by Astronauts from Apollo 11, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. The photo was a gift given to James O'Sullivan, Mrs. Lucey's brother who passed away a year ago, from the Apollo 11 Crew many years ago. Mr. O'Sullivan served as a Consul General of Australia and had a 30-year career with the state department.

Upon reflection of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School last December, the O'Sullivan Family wanted to give some inspiration to the children of Orange that even if you are from a small town like Orange, the sky is the limit on the possibilities of what you can achieve.



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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski





Students, parents, and family at the Intergenerational Tutoring graduation

Youth Services Job Bank Can Help with a Variety of Jobs

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785 between 8:30-4:30 Mon-Friday.

Youth Services High School Volunteer Program

Youth Services currently has available High School volunteers who are available to assist at Town of Orange events. Volunteers have provided assistance at events such as Pasta Festa, parent-school dance, K-6 exhibit at Case Memorial Library, Pumpkin Palooza, Youth Services dances, Race Brook Mother-Son event, and more. Contact John Ulatowski at 203 891-4785 with inquiries.

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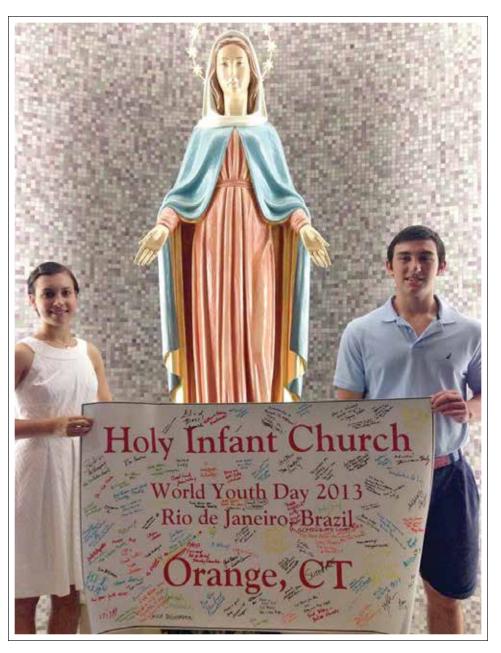
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TWO ORANGE TEENS READY FOR PILGRIMAGE TO RIO

Next month Orange residents and high school sophomores Ronald Petrillo and Cynthia Celone will represent Holy Infant Church to attend World Youth Day in Rio de Janiero, Brazil. The event is an international Catholic pilgrimage during which youths from around the world meet the Pope and explore their faith. Petrillo and Celone, who attend Notre Dame High School and Amity High School respectively, are active in many extra-curricular and volunteer activities and have been preparing for the experience by speaking at masses, attending meetings, and participating in fundraising efforts.

The Youth Group is seeking those interested in participating in its pilgrimage Sponsorship Program. For a \$25 donation, participants will receive a gift of Rosary beads blessed by Pope Francis during their journey which will be presented at a reception upon their return. If interested in a sponsorship, or for more information, contact Heather at 203-710-2030 or email holyinfantyouthgroup@yahoo.com.





Peck Place School's (Ms. Sobolewski's) third grade class, on May 31 after Travel Agency Day where the third grade classes study the US for 6 months. They did reports, made travel brochures for their state, diorama's and much more. All 4 classrooms were toured by the school, parents and friends. A luncheon afterwards was given in each room with state specific foods.



PECK PLACE HOLDS "RELAY AT RECESS"

Peck Place School hosted a new event called Relay at Recess which is an extension of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event. Students voluntarily participated by walking for 20 minutes in lieu of recess time. Over half of the students participated and together the funds they collected for the American Cancer Society totaled over \$4,000! Additionally, the school's student council was on hand during each recess wave and served water and fruit to the students during and after the walk.

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"LUCKY" SURVIVES COYOTE ATTACK

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

A calf born at Shamrock Farm had a traumatic start at life when she was attacked by a coyote the day after she was born. But thanks to Bethany veterinarian Dr. Kimberly McClure Brinton, the now three week old calf is doing well and deserving of her new name, "Lucky." The calf was tucked away in the brush as her mom grazed nearby when the coyote struck. Luckily farm worker Cristian Mortali saw the coyote running through the field and found the injured calf covered with blood and called for help immediately. It is Shamrock Farm's first experience with a coyote attack, but it didn't surprise proprietor and First Selectman Jim Zeoli. "They are wild animals and we're living in their territory," Zeoli said. "We're trying to take precautions now to keep the calves close."





Q: I've been watching old episodes of "Melrose Place" and wondered what Jamie Luner, who played Lexi Sterling, has been up to lately? -- Polly R.

A: The gorgeous and talented actress most recently starred in Lifetime Movie Network's original movie, "The Perfect **Boss,"** which aired in late May (check local listings for possible re-airings, or you can wait for the DVD). In "Boss," she reunited with her former "Melrose" co-star Linden Ashby, who played her husband on the show, and played her fall guy in the Lifetime movie.

Jamie looks back on her time on "Melrose" with affection, telling me: "I'm so fortunate to have been on such iconic shows that are so memorable. That time was such a chapter in all of our lives -- television was so different than it is today. It was such an impactful show on so many people. I get a little nostalgic about it, and I'm definitely recognized for it by a lot of people who have enjoyed it."

Jamie does have a few more projects in the works, which she can't tell me about yet, but she promised to keep me in the loop as they arise. And I promise to let YOU know as soon as I know.

Q: "Wedding Band" is one of my favorite shows, so as soon as the DVD was available for preorder, I ordered the first season. However, in the Amazon ad it was labeled "The Complete Series." Please tell me that this is a mistake, and that TBS has renewed the show for a second season! -- George J., Fort Worth, Texas

A: Well, George, you might want to hang onto that DVD set, as it might become a collectors' item. TBS has indeed canceled the comedy starring Brian **Austin Green** after only one season. The



Jamie Luner

old standby of low ratings was blamed for its cancellation.

Q: I am so glad "Burn Notice" is back, but I heard this is its last season. True? -- Ronald P., via e-mail

A: Yes, USA recently announced that season seven will be its last. Jeff Watchel, co-president of USA Network, teased: "(We) will raise the stakes even higher, leading up to a spectacular series finale."

READERS: As promised, I am going network by network, listing the fate of all 2012/13 network shows. Clip and save this column, and also visit www.celebrityextraonline.com for the complete list. This week I'll tackle the CBS shows.

On the renewed list is: "2 Broke Girls," "The Big Bang Theory," "Blue Bloods," "Criminal Minds," "CSI," "Elementary," "The Good Wife," "Hawaii Five-O," "How I Met Your Mother," "The Mentalist," "Mike and Molly," "NCIS," "NCIS: Los Angeles," "Person of Interest" and "Two and a Half Men." On the canceled list is: "CSI: New York," "Golden Boy," "Made in Jersey," "Partners," "Rules of Engagement" and "Vegas."

Next week, I'll cover CW and Fox.

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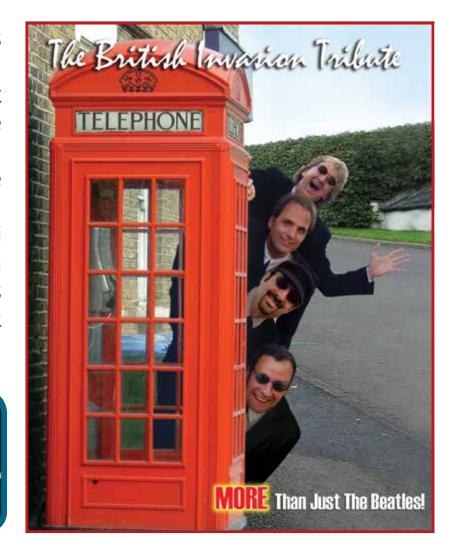


Celebrate the Town of Orange's Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 6th (rain date Sunday, July 7th) **Orange Fairgrounds - Gazebo 525 Orange Center Road, Orange**

The Town of Orange will be holding its annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 6th at the Gazebo on the Orange Fairgrounds. The concert band, back by popular demand will be the British Invasion Tribute and the Fireworks Display will once again be provided by the nationally renowned "Zambelli Fireworks Company". The Orange Town News is once again organizing this year's event and will be producing a program book to be handed out at the fairgrounds.

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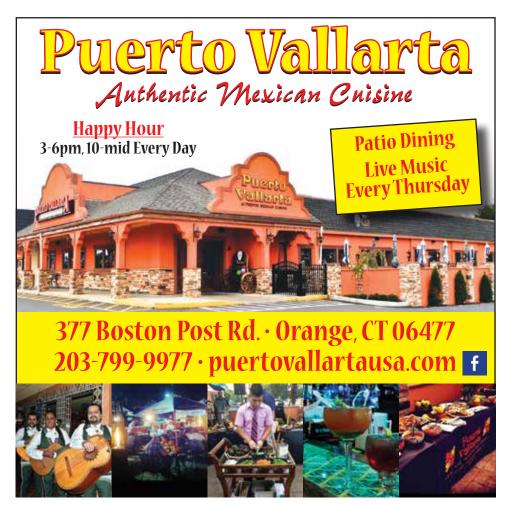
The 4 year old class of Orange Congregational Church Nursery School recently visited our First Selectman's Office. Mr. Zeoli explained what he does and he gave the class this flag with the Orange town seal.







The date on an Emily Prudden water color is 1894 which makes it 119 years since this brave woman, born in Orange in 1832, lovingly put to paper flowers she saw in her adopted home, North Carolina. Emily had by this time established 15 schools for the poor children in North and South Carolina. Her story is one of courage and determination and it was her artwork that inspired the 2nd graders at Turkey Hill School to try their hand at water coloring. The Orange Historical Society prepared a four-part series of the history of Orange with the last class a reception for Emily. Lemonade - a drink of the 19th century - and hermits - a favorite New England treat from 1877 - were served to the children and their guests. The program was sponsored by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation.





DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan





Seasons Restaurant at the **Tradition at Oak Lane**

I always get very excited when I visit a restaurant that has the right combination of great food, top notch service and beautiful ambiance. Seasons Restaurant at the Tradition at Oak Lane (formerly known as Oak Lane Country Club) is definitely that "hidden gem" located in the scenic Town of Woodbridge. Steve Fontanella and his lovely wife Jen opened the restaurant/banquet facility in July 2012. They also have owned the very successful and busy Seasons at the Tradition in Wallingford for 7 years. In addition to the restaurants, both locations offer great banquet facilities (will get to that later). I totally admire this hardworking, ambitious couple for how well they manage both businesses.

Seasons Restaurant and banquet facility, along with the golf course, are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC after 53 years! Steve, Jen and their staff really want the local community to experience this totally renovated location offering spectacular views of the well manicured golf course and surrounding area. The family friendly restaurant seats 80 along with a great outdoor patio for 16. The spacious bar offers 2 big screen TVs and is a great spot for happy hour or just a quiet after dinner cocktail.

The VERY reasonably priced Seasons menu has something for everyone including New York Style Pizza. We all know that Woodbridge doesn't have a lot of choices for Pizza and who would guess that you could get an excellent pie at this location. Seasons features specialty pizzas (including mashed potato & fresh arugula). I had an opportunity to sample a pizza with extra cheese, bacon & eggplant and it was outstanding. In addition to the pizza, Seasons offers appetizers, soups, salads (bacon & bleu arugula-great choice), burgers (100% Black Angus), sandwiches, wraps, Paninis, pasta, chicken, steak, ribs, and seafood. The night I visited my group ordered (along with the pizza) Dijon Chicken-grilled chicken breast over grilled asparagus & mashed potatoes finished with a creamy bacon Dijon sauce, St. Louis Ribs slow cooked & smothered with their special bourbon BBQ sauce, New England Lobster Roll with tender butter poached, Maine Lobster meat served on a buttery toasted roll, Shrimp & Tortellini (one of the weekly dinner specials), and grilled jumbo shrimp over tri-color tortellini pasta in a parmesan cream sauce with red bell pepper & baby spinach. Warm crusty homemade bread with an olive oil dipping sauce is served with all dinners. Our favorite was one of Seasons most popular items "eggplant fries" - very unique and addicting! Desserts are made daily by Seasons extremely talented chefs & we were fortunate enough to have their homemade chocolate crème Brule & chocolate w/coconut bread pudding. Our dinner was perfect from start to finish! Steve mentioned that quality & freshness of the food are their top priority. Everything is made to order and they use local purveyors.

Now about Seasons banquet facility that can accommodate up to 220. They cater to a wide range of events including corporate meetings, bar/bat mitzvahs, anniversary & birthday parties, showers, and, of course, weddings (their specialty)! They only host one wedding at a time and offer private suites for both the bride & groom. Seasons on- site event coordinator will work with you from start to finish offering fine dining with customized menus to satisfy all your needs along with those spectacular views!

> Seasons Restaurant at the Tradition at Oak Lane 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525 Phone-203-389-5555 - Fax - 203-553-9045

> > View restaurant & catering menus on www.seasonsatoaklane.com.

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Final notes: Steve, Jennifer and their well trained staff will welcome you with open arms. Make a visit soon to this very special location. Enjoy lunch, dinner, cocktails, special events or just get a pizza to take home! Trust me, you definitely will be impressed and keep going back for more! Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant, please e-mail susan@ orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



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ORANGE RESIDENT WALKS TO INSPIRE HOPE

More than 750 people will join the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network for a 5K walk and run to raise funds and awareness about pancreatic cancer, the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, at PurpleStride Connecticut 2013 on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

Local resident, Ryan Graham (38) of Orange states, "My family is deeply committed to supporting the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in providing real hope to those who have been touched by this insidious disease," adding, "I was diagnosed in November 2008 and feel very blessed to be considered a survivor". Ryan will be joined by his expecting wife Catherine, son Daniel (18 months) and other family, friends and loved ones who formed Team Graham/Flynn several years ago also dedicating the day in memory of Barbara Flynn, mother of Ryan's' lifelong friend Shaun of Milford who lost her brave battle with pancreatic cancer. Remembering how frightening and frustrating it was for the family to be faced with the diagnosis he also credits a positive attitude as an important factor in his recovery. "I am most looking forward to raising funds for additional support and awareness raised during the PurpleStride event." Adding, "My wish is to give people hope; hope for those that may have just received the diagnosis and hope for family members of those battling the disease."

All those who would like to join the fight against pancreatic cancer are invited to attend the event which will take place in Hubbard Park in Meriden. Participants have their choice of walking, running or running a timed race on a course through the park. The event will include music, and other family-friendly festivities. Registration begins at 8:00am, Opening Ceremonies at 9:40am and the run/walk at 10:00am. To register, visit: www.purplestride.org/Connecticut.



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Jill (of Lamp Shades Plus in Orange) and Loretta (Vice President of WIKS-USA, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) thank all their friends, neighbors, and donors at Jill's store for contributing toward the project. Following this project, they used additional money they collected from the redemption to purchase 48 reading glasses, 24 sunglasses, 130 kids' and adults' toothbrushes, and 3400 band aids for American Friends of Kenya, a group in Norwich, CT, which ships needed items to Kenya each year.

Loretta and Jill continue to collect. Their new project is to purchase recorders and musical instruments for the third graders at Nambale Magnet School. After this, who knows what the future holds! If you would like to contribute to these upcoming projects with your redeemable cans and bottles, please contact Loretta at 203.397.3991 for pick-up and leave a message, or stop by Jill's store, 280 Boston Post Road, Orange. Thank you.

50TH CLASS REUNION

The Seymour High School Class of 1963 will be celebrating its 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, August 24, 2013. The event will be held at the Brookside Inn, Oxford, CT from 4 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. For further information and/or to attend the event, please contact seymourhsreunion1963@gmail.com with your name and contact information.



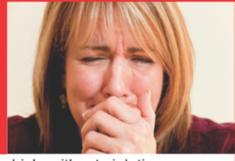
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The students at Shagbark Day Nursery recently visited the Case Memorial Library for story hour. They enjoyed listening to stories, and singing songs with Miss Helena. They also viewed the Orange Elementary School Art show.

The students viewed art projects, some of which were submitted by their older siblings and past graduates of Shagbark Nursery. A good time was had by all!



The second grade students and their fifth grade buddies at Race Brook School celebrated Earth Day by making eco-friendly bird feeders. Mrs. Battles' and Mrs. Martino's classes then hung the feeders around the pond for the birds to enjoy. This hands on lesson was then followed up with a writing assignment where the children wrote using visual imagery about the environment around the pond area.

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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



Emily Prudden – 1832-1917 Part II





Lincoln Academy

Emily continues....But these three past years were not wholly given to Skyland Institute. Indeed, my Skyland School had not wholly occupied my time during its first year. I thought of the colored people around All Healing, poor, wicked and uncared for, and felt I had not done for the least of Christ's brethren. I had scarcely opened Skyland when leaving all the teachers I went back to All Healing and purchased land for Lincoln Academy. The white people protested at my doing this: "Miss Prudden, you can make nothing out of these lying goodfor-nothing Negroes." One white man whose children I had especially favored and who later had four sons who entered the ministry, said, "I used to think Miss Prudden a good Christian but now I don't think of her a Christian at all."

I trembled for the safety of that new home and I gave it to the Lord with an absolute trust that He would guard and bless it; and now for twenty-five years it has been a blessing to a wide section and the end is not yet. The county paper said, the second year of Lincoln, "Before that school was opened, the courtroom would be full of negroes up for wife-beating and drunkenness but now we seldom have a Negroe on trial." The first Christmas at Lincoln was a great day, with crowds of well-behaved colored people, so polite and attentive. Tears streamed down the faces of the men as they listened. Never before had a helping hand been extended to them. A white-headed granny near the stage shouted, "glory, hallelujah the heavens are open above me; this is the happiest day of my life; glory, hallelujah!"

In 1890, when Skyland Institute had completed its third year, Lincoln Academy finished its second year, both were handed over to the American Missionary Association. Thus in six years three large schools had been built, established and passed from my care. At this time, the secretaries of the American Missionary Association agreed to pay the cost of a new school located by me. It was a most difficult task to purchase land in June and build a large home and open school in October. But it was accomplished at Saluda N.C. Saturday night came and we were to open on Monday. The school-room was full of piles of lumber and brick dust. The front hall floor was not down. I felt we could not keep Sunday in that condition. All in the Home were set to work throwing lumber down cellar through the open hall space. The brick dust was swept in and then new chairs were brought in and with planks between our school-room was furnished.

Monday morning early I could not keep back the tears as I saw the white-topped schooner wagons coming,



Emily Prudden

bringing girls from far and we opened that morning and graded a school of fifty pupils.* A very good year we had, thirty-five at our table and as many more day pupils. At the close of the first year, this school and the care for the instruction was turned over to the American Missionary Association who were the owners of the property. This was the only school of the 15 that was not entirely built from my own rather slender purse. For never a year of my life has my income reached five hundred dollars. This was in the spring of 1891. I left Saluda having in seven years built and passed on four large boarding schools.

The summer of 1891, I visited Trout, an out-ofthe-way settlement fourteen miles from everywhere, twenty-six miles from Blowing Rock. With our slow little mule, it was night when we reached the ford of Linville River. We could not discover the road on the far shore, and the mule, no wiser, went on and on upstream till we were in deep water. I at last was landed on the farther bank and crept back over logs and bogs and brush till I found the road and called the driver to steer towards me. At Trout, which we soon named Altamont, was a large new union church and near by in the woods the old log church in which we three workers lived. This was divided by rough boards into four rooms. The eight-foot wide chimney, whose big backlogs lasted many days ended at the roof and down the wide opening fell torrents of rain, ending our fire and snow through a thousand holes sifted down on our paper as we wrote and moistened

Saluda Seminary, circa 1906

our beds and cooled our faces in the night season. We enjoyed it. We had a large fine school thought not a dwelling was in sight.

Revival meetings were held and there were many conversions. Our Christmas season was one of our best crowds coming from the outside world. Large supplies of candy, nuts, crackers and raisins reached us so that we handed plump paper bags to five hundred. And our graceful hemlock tree reached out long slender branches loaded with gifts. One spring morning as an eastern storm sent out its chill mist and later a steady downpour, two schooner wagons with our furnishings and ourselves, five in all, left the dear old Home. The mules barely moved through the roads now turned to rivers. The white canopy soon distilled the rain upon our garments and down our backs. Late in the black night we reached our Blowing Rocky cottage. The mules were tethered to the wagons and fed. A big fire blazed and our dripping garments hung around. A light lunch from our wagon baskets was eaten and soon all were at rest. A bright morning dawned. The trials of the past were forgotten and to this day only pleasant memory of a useful winter remains.

In the summer of 1892, Rev. R. P. Pell, a most devoted and successful worker in the interest of Presbyterian schools and churches in this mountain section was building a Presbyterian church in Elk Park. He urged me to establish a school there, saying he would do all in his power to forward the work. But so slow was the progress that no school building or Home could be ready for that year. So I rented a home for the five of us workers and rented also for school purposes a threeroomed old house on the public street. The three front doors opened with two steps down into the wide, muddy road. Here soon were gathered over three hundred pupils. The teachers would say they must stand in the street - no room inside. We had one of our very best winters. By the fall of 1893 we had a fine school building in a four-acre grove and also a Home for boarding pupils. This year several new districts had been divided off from the town and our number diminished by half. This year I helped the small colored school. The colored people were honest, industrious and Christian and deserved help.

I was also planning my second colored boarding school. I bought four acres of high, fine land across a brook from town and in 1894 the building was completed and has been a progressive and successful school for nineteen years.

*Caucasian girls

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Sunday, June 30, 2103, 5 pm - All are welcome to join Church of the Good Shepherd at Silver Sands State Park beach in Milford on Sunday, June 30, at 5 pm, as we worship God in the most beautiful church, that of God's creation. A picnic dinner will follow. Please bring a beach towel or chair and a side dish or dessert to share. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. For more information, call 203-795-6577 or find us on Facebook!

Kingdom Rock: Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 2013, 9 am to noon daily. Children ages 4 through 11 are invited to discover Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God! A blend of faith, community, and learning, Kingdom Rock helps children to connect with God and each other through music, games, crafts, and other activities. Vacation Bible School is co-sponsored by Church of the Good Shepherd in Orange, Orange Congregational Church, and Church of the Holy Spirit, West Haven. Camp will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd in Orange.

Registration is ongoing. Cost is \$35 per child. A limited number of scholarships are available (please contact 203-795-6577 for more information). Registration forms are available at http://www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org/vbs-2013.html. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted.

If you are a high schooler or adult and would like to volunteer at Vacation Bible School, please contact us at 203-795-6577. All are welcome! Check out our float in the Orange Memorial Day Parade!

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Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is having a trip to the Westchester Dinner Theater on November 15 to see Irving Berlin's White Christmas. Tickets are \$92 each person, \$46 is payable with reservation and the balance of \$46 is due by Oct 1, 2013. For reservations call Elizabeth at (203)799-2379 Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:00pm, or (203)795-6910 after 5:00 pm.



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Phoenician coin PSALM 74:12-14

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM UPCOMING EVENTS

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Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. Friday, July 26, 2013 and Sunday, July 28, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.



Annual Blood Drive

Or Shalom will be hosting its annual Red Cross Blood

Drive on Wednesday, July 24. To sign up, call 1-800-Red Cross (1-800-733-2767).

Annual Gazebo Service, Friday, August 30, 7:00 pm

Join us as we hold an outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center. The Rabbi promises to bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-a-long" Service. All are welcome.

High Holiday Tickets

In-town non-members (those living within 20 miles from Congregation Or Shalom), that have not been members within the past 5 years, will be allowed to purchase tickets on a one-time only basis: \$75 per High Holiday or \$175 for 3 High Holidays (2 days Rosh Hashanah, 1 day Yom Kippur) days.

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join Zumba Gold with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

Naming Babies

Does your Jewish child have a Hebrew name? If not, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

Services

- Sunday mornings: 9:00 am
- Monday mornings: 7:30 am
- $\bullet \quad \text{Thursday mornings: 7:30 am} \\$
- Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat--refreshments.)
- Saturday mornings: 9:30 am

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB COMEDY NIGHT

The jokes are on us at CBJ! Saturday, June 29 Congregation B'nai Jacob hosts an evening of comedy, featuring congregants as headliners. Doors open at 8:30pm, comedy starts at 9:30pm. Bring your friends to cheer and laugh along. The price includes a lavish dessert spread, is \$54 in advance or \$75 at the door. Purchase your tickets online at goo.gl/2Vy49. For more information, visit: www.bnaijacob. org, or call (203) 389-2111



HOUSES OF WORSHIP

OCC GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT COLUMBUS HOUSE

The Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is sponsoring its 17th Annual Paul Ode Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday morning, June 21st, at Orange Hills Country Club located at 389 Racebrook Road in Orange. This 18-hole event will begin at 7:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. and will feature a scramble format. It will conclude with lunch and the distribution of raffle prizes.



Orange Congregational Church

A minimum of fifty percent of the funds raised will be given to support the work of Columbus House, a New Haven based charitable organization that has provided services for homeless adults throughout the region and beyond since 1981. Columbus House programs include emergency shelters as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing combined with comprehensive case management services and street outreach. To learn more about Columbus House, go to its website at www. columbushouse.org. Columbus House Communications Coordinator Lisa Polizzo tells us you can also find a PDF of the registration form for the tournament at that location, and on its Facebook page: www.facebook.com/columbushouseinc under the news and events section or at the direct link https://www.facebook.com/events/135867523272099/. The remainder of the funds will be distributed to a variety of local charitable and community services.

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

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

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



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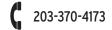
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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



JAKE'S WAYBACK BURGERS HOLDS "FREE SHAKE DAY"

Jake's Wayback Burgers, with 70 locations today announces on Monday, June 17 the hometown burger joint will celebrate the start of summer by giving away free 12 oz. Black & White hand-dipped milkshakes. The free milkshakes will take place at every Jake's Wayback Burgers locations, all day, while supplies last.

Additionally, on Free Shake Day, Jake's Wayback Burgers will be passing out "Wayback Shake Bucks," which are \$5 dollars off any purchase, valid from June 17

Jake's Wayback Burgers serves over 12 hand-dipped milkshake flavors. Milkshakes are made the old-fashioned way; thick and creamy with real ice cream in a blender, served in metal cups to keep them cold and flavorful. The Black & White milkshake is a classic staple to the Wayback menu, with a perfect blend of vanilla and chocolate.

"Giving away free milkshakes to kick off summer has been a tradition with our brand for years," said John Eucalitto, president, Jake's Franchising LLC." "The Black & White milkshake is the perfect treat to celebrate summer and give back to our guests."

Jake's Wayback Burgers is about serving delicious and fresh, hand-made burgers and hand-dipped milkshakes amidst an atmosphere that hearkens back to a simpler place and time - a time when "customer service" meant something, and everyone felt the warmth of the community. The restaurant offers rich, thick milkshakes made the old-fashioned way by hand, using only fresh milk and hand-dipped ice cream. Jake's Wayback Burgers also offers crispy and grilled chicken sandwiches, veggie burgers, turkey burgers, and house-made chips, as well as the famous Burger and Shake of the Month.

For more information about "Free Shake Day," Jake's Wayback Burgers and its locations, visit www.waybackburgers.com or www.facebook.com/waybackburgers. For franchising opportunities, please call 877-525-3791.

REYNOLDS ACHIEVES SALES ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange is pleased to announce that Orange resident Maria Reynolds, a sales associate in the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange, has achieved

the Sales Associate of the Month award for the month of April. "I am pleased to recognize Maria's achievements in April. She is committed to her client's best interests and continuously works to ensure that their goals are met," said Aileen DeFeo, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange. "I am proud to have Maria on the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage team."

dent's Circle Award for Coldwell Banker. She has received the



Maria Reynolds

4th Quarter Award for 2012 for production from the Greater New Haven Board of Realtors and she was the Top Producer for the Orange office for 2012.

With more than 25 years experience, Maria has been successfully meeting the needs of homebuyers and sellers in Greater New Haven County. She holds several distinct designations such as CRS - Certified Residential Specialist and ABR - Accredited Buyer Representative.

Reynolds can be reached at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange at (203) 623-0684. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a leading residential real estate brokerage company in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y., operates approximately 50 offices with more than 2,100 sales associates serving the communities of Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is part of NRT LLC, the nation's largest residential real estate brokerage company. For more information, please visit www.Coldwell-BankerMoves.com.

SPEEDIER VA CLAIMS

Why would a veteran not send in all supporting evidence at the time of filing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs? Apparently it happens, because to



by Freddy Groves

help get faster decisions, the VA now is setting up a new initiative, and a new acronym: FDC, for Fully Developed Claim.

Until now, you've had a choice of different types of claims: Original Disability, New Disability, Reopened Disability, Increased Disability, Secondary Disability and Special. Each has different requirements and evidence.

Now veterans can "simply submit all required records and documentation at the time they make their claim and certify that they have no further evidence," according to the VA website. Veterans Service Officers with the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans will provide assistance.

It sounds good: The FDC is an "effective way to ensure a Veteran's claim never reaches the backlog," says the VA, and can cut in half the time it takes to process

Meanwhile, the VA has begun to prioritize claims. Veterans whose claims have been sitting for more than a year have been given provisional decisions so they can begin collecting compensation. They have one year to submit additional information. Additionally, overtime has been mandated to process claims for homeless veterans, the terminally ill, former prisoners of war, Medal of Honor recipients -- and the Fully Developed Claims.

For step-by-step instructions on creating a FDC, go online to www.benefits. va.gov/fdc/ and follow the walkthrough link on the right.

Best bet: File electronically at eBenefits.va.gov. If you need to do it by paper, you'll need VA Form 21-526EZ, available at your VA regional center. Call 1-800-827-1000 to get started and to find the location of your nearest accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO) to help with your claim.

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

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SUMMER SERIES ON SOCIAL SECURITY

By Roberta L Nestor

Everyone has a question or two or three or four when it comes to social security benefits. Congress passed the Social Security Act in 1935 and while the law has

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been amended many times since its original enactment, the changes in our society have placed serious burdens on the system. In general terms, social security was and sense designed to provide material needs for families, protect the aged and disabled individuals against the expenses of illnesses that would otherwise exhaust their savings,

keep families together and allow children to have the opportunity to grow up in health and security.

What has changed?

- 1. In 1935 the life expectancy was only age 60, while today it is 78. So, when social security came along, most people would not have lived long enough to even collect social security benefits.
- Social security was designed to act as a supplement to a retiree's income. It was never designed to be 100% of income at retirement. Today, Social Security accounts for approximately 40% of the average retirees' income.
- The ratio of worker to retiree has changed dramatically. In 1935 it was about 160:1. Today it is about 3:1. When the program started it paid out about \$35 million in annual benefits and today it pays out over \$675 billion each year.

There are several more differences but suffice it to say that the system that was put into place more than 75 years ago should be headed for a major overhaul. The Social Security Administration is very clear about the future. When you receive your annual statement from Social Security, most individuals turn to the second page and see how much they will get at 62 or when they will reach Full Retirement Age (FRA). If you actually read the first page of your statement you will see a paragraph in bold print, About Social Security's Future... "Social Security is a compact between generations. Since 1935, America has kept the promise of security for its workers and their families. Now, however, the Social Security is facing serious financial problems, and action is needed soon to make sure the system will be sound when today's younger workers are ready for retirement.

"Without changes, in 2033 the Social Security Trust Fund will be able to pay only about 75 cents for each dollar of scheduled benefits. We need to resolve these issues soon to make sure Social Security continues to provide a foundation of protection for future generations."

Social Security has not had any meaningful reform since 1990 and changes can be expected. In the meantime understand that social security benefits affect almost all Americans. It is in your best interest to take the time to understand what the best options are for your individual situation. Future articles will highlight some of the most common misconceptions about Social Security, starting with the continuous debate of when you should begin to receive benefits.

How much does it really matter if you take benefits before your Full Retirement Age?

Here's a hypothetical example of John Smith, age 62 and has a FRA of 66. His benefit at FRA will be \$2300 a month. Knowing his family has a history of heart issues and early death, John decides to begin collecting at 62. His benefit will now be reduced by 25%, or \$1725 a month. If John lives to age 80, his reduced benefit would have given him a total of \$372,600. If John continued to work and retire at 66, he would have received a total of \$386,400 by age 80. Some would argue a \$13,800 difference over 18 years isn't a big deal. But what if John lives out to his full mortality of age 92? The difference is staggering. By collecting benefits at age 62 he would have received \$621,000; if he had waited until age 66 he would have received \$717,600. There is nothing universal about social security benefits. You should always consult with a financial advisor before starting benefits. Remember, it's not just about receiving the highest benefit; considerations involve retirement earnings limit and taxation of benefits. This summer "Dollars & Sense" will be dedicated to answering your questions about Social Security. We welcome your questions and encourage you to call or send an email.

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



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

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

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. The public is invited.

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

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

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

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

Trap Falls Kennel Club Dog Training Classes, AKC Puppy STAR - targeting dogs under 12 months old in focusing and obedience; Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Prep Class; Family Manners Class - beginning and intermediate/advanced. All classes are held in Shelton at Pawz for Wellness. Call 203-450-9485 or email: tfkctraining@gmail.com for more information.

Pets Supplies Plus Celebrates 17th Anniversary, June is our 17th year anniversary! To celebrate we are having a dancing dog mascot, balloons, and animal adoption events. We are also raffling off items such as gift cards and handing out food/treat samples. This will be during the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th weekends of June. For more information, contact Steve at 203-799-7387 or www.petsuppliesplus.com www.facebook.com/PSPorangeCT.

AAA Motor Club "Maximize Your Social Security Benefits" Workshop,

Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Clark Memorial Library, 538 Amity Road, Bethany, free & open to the public, learn how to maximize, project, and protect your Social Security and other retirement income, led by David Cowan, an AAA-Endorsed Retiree Advisor. For information and to register, call 800-978-7953 or visit www.aaaretire.com.



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P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Session June 20 with Loretta Egan Murphy, an evening of traditional Irish music, Thursday, June 20, 2013, 7:45 pm, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, CT, free admission, BYOB, refreshments served. For information call (203) 257-8737.

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/, Email HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

Milford Rotary's Lobster Bake, Saturday, July 27, 2013, Milford Boat Works, 1 High Street, Milford, rain or shine; raffle and commemorative T-shirt sale; Tickets - \$40/pp, children/\$5 available on the Milford Rotary website, Milford Bank on Broad Street, Milford Photo or any Milford Rotarian - no tickets sold at the door.



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DEATH NOTICES

Louis Thomas Benton, III

Louis Thomas Benton, III, of Lake Helen, Florida, formally of Fort Lauderdale, FL and Orange, Connecticut, passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2013 at Hospice in

Orange City, Florida, after a courageous battle with cancer. Lou (Skip) was born in New Haven, CT, December 20, 1939 the son of the late Louis Thomas Benton, Jr., and Hertha Edna Linehan Benton. He was the devoted and loving father of Louis Thomas Benton, IV, of Lake Helen, FL. Also survived by sisters, Hertha Russell of Woodbridge, CT, Geraldine Amendola and her husband Genaro of East Haven, CT, Barbara Thomas and her husband James of Orange, CT, Judith Johnson of Orange, CT and Sandra O'Donnell and her husband Robert of Ocala FL, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers-inlaw, Robert D. Russell and Charles P. Johnson.



Louis Thomas Benton, III

While serving as the Lake Helen City Commissioner, he took pride in listening, responding and empowering the citizens, as he worked to ensure that private property could not be taken for public use by eminent domain and insisted that this protection be added to the City Charter. He also crafted an ordinance to increase the distance that sexual offenders must stay from parks, schools, libraries, etc. Serving as a member of the Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission, Lou also dedicated much of his time to community service. As former owner of Complete Building & Design, Inc., he volunteered his services building the Creative Arts Café, the Equestrian Center, teaching classes in woodworking and antiquing, worked on projects to help the handicapped and was supportive of the Youth Organizations. Lou also continued to keep abreast of city business even as an ex-commissioner, attending all but two commission meetings in 16 years. Lou was lovingly known as a man of many hats; one of them being his favorite cowboy hat. Private interment will take place in Orange Center Cemetery, Orange, Connecticut, at a later date.

Richard Robison Knight

Richard Robison Knight, 62, Orange, died suddenly at his home on Thursday May 23, 2013. Richard was born in New Haven, CT on January 9, 1951 to Myrtle (Roby)

Knight and the late Robert A. Knight. Richard was a graduate of Amity High School in Woodbridge and the University of New Haven. Always an adventurous spirit, Richard spent a period in an Israeli kibbutz, followed by his travels across Southern Europe. After returning to America, he began his more than 25 year career in the entertainment industry by becoming a cruise director for the Caribbean Cruise Lines. From there he appeared in the major comedy clubs across the country, from Maine to California, with a standing invitation to appear anytime at Hollywood's iconic "Improv" comedy club, and "The Comedy Store". On his return to Connecticut, Richard founded "Knight



Richard Robison Knight

Productions" and continued to appear at comedy clubs and corporate functions while he also produced several documentaries. He directed interviews for Steven Speilberg's "Shoah," produced and edited "Around the World in the Concorde," and, most notably, documented the "Special Olympics World Games," held in New Haven.

Richard is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Yoshiko, his mother, Myrtle (Roby) Raymond, and his brothers James Knight and William Atherton (Knight).

An invitation-only viewing took place at Cody-White funeral Home in Milford, followed by his private interment in Orange on June 1st. Afterward, all friends and family were invited to attend a memorial service in Richard's honor at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meetinghouse Lane on the green in Orange, followed by a reception in the same location.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to SGI-USA at 7E 15th ST New York, NY 10211-0456. Arrangements were being handled by the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford, CT 06460. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.



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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto

2. Iron Man 3 (PG-13)

Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow

3. The Great Gatsby (PG-13)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Joel Edgerton

4. Pain & Gain (R)

Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson

5. The Croods (PG)

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6.42 (PG-13)

Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford

7. Mud (PG-13)

Matthew McConaughey, Tye Sheridan

8. Oblivion (PG-13)

Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman

9. Peeples (PG-13)

Craig Robinson, Kerry Washington

10. The Big Wedding (R)

Robert De Niro, Katherine Heigl

TOP 10 RENTALS

1. Silver Linings Playbook (R)

Bradley Cooper

2. Jack Reacher (PG-13)

Tom Cruise

3. The Guilt Trip (PG-13)

Barbra Streisand

4. Django Unchained (R)

Jamie Foxx

5. This is 40 (R)

Paul Rudd

6. A Haunted House (R)

Marlon Wayans

7. Life of Pi (PG)

Suraj Sharma

8. The Hobbit: An Unexpected

Journey (PG-13) Ian McKellen

9. Parental Guidance (PG)

Billy Crystal

10. The Impossible (PG-13)

Naomi Watts



James Franco in "Oz the Great and Powerful"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of June 10, 2013.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Oz the Great and Powerful" (PG)

-- Years before Dorothy and Toto landed over the rainbow, another Kansas yokel went on an adventure down the yellow brick road. Oscar Diggs (James Franco) is a small-time magician and part-time con man who hatches a silly scheme to attain greatness. He winds up in a colorful world where he befriends a flying monkey (voiced by Zach Braff) and meets three charming witches (Rachel Weisz, Michelle Williams, Mila Kunis).

Of course it's not going to measure up to the original. I'll get that out of the way first. There's no music, for one. James Franco acts like he's not supposed to carry the movie. Franco can give a real performance, but the guy isn't convincing when he's talking to computer-generated critters.

"Snitch" (PG-13) -- When Jason (Rafi Gavron) is busted for receiving a shipment of ecstasy, the teenager faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. Fortunately, his father, John (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson), is an enormous and caring fellow. To make a deal to get his son out of trouble, John volunteers to go undercover and to take down a drug ring. It's a distressed-dad action flick with an overt message about the War on Drugs: It's bad. Johnson puts in the effort, and you can see his skill here. He's still a miscast -- an action-hero type charged with playing an everyman -- but it's an entertaining rental and somewhat unique for an action flick of its class.

"Wrong" (R) -- Do not expect this movie to make sense ... at all. It's funny. But it won't let you enjoy it as a casual experience. In "Wrong," a man (Jack Plotnick) searches for his lost dog. Palm trees decide to be pines, office cubicles are subject to torrential weather patterns, and people are just strange. There's nothing really to "get" besides the idea that this movie wants to break the mold of the slice-of-life film genre. It might frustrate some viewers. Scratching your head and going along with the absurdity on screen is the best-case scenario for such an out-there flick.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters" (R) -- Hollywood seems to be under the impression that you can take any fairy tale, make it sexy and action-packed, and there you have a recipe for box-office success. That is, unless the execution is dim and boring. In this pointless exercise, Hansel and Gretel (Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arterton) grow into vigilante witch hunters. Somehow, they discovered the secret to building shotguns, automatic weapons and stale one-liners well before the technology existed. If only cool props, costumes and sets could make a movie good. Too bad for this flick that script and performances matter a lot more.

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Ray Dalton

"Can't Hold Us"

2. Pink

"Just Give Me a Reason"

3. Justin Timberlake

4. Bruno Mars

"When I Was Your Man"

5. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko "Stay"

6. Selena Gomez

"Come and Get It"

7. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz

"Thrift Shop"

8. Imagine Dragons

"Radioactive"

9. Icona Pop Featuring

Charli XCX "I Love It"

10. Florida Georgia Line

Featuring Nelly "Here's to the Good Times'

Top 10 Country Singles

1. Florida Georgia Line

"Cruise"

2. Darius Rucker

"Wagon Wheel"

3. Blake Shelton feat. **Pistol Annies & Friends**

"Boys 'Round Here"

4. Tim McGraw with

Taylor Swift

"Highway Don't Care"

5. Florida Georgia Line

"Get Your Shine On"

6. Miranda Lambert

"Mama's Broken Heart"

7. Kenny Chesney

"Pirate Flag"

8. Lady Antebellum

"Downtown"

9. Luke Bryan

"Crash My Party"

10. George Strait

"Give It All We Got Tonight"

- 1. Name the group that wrote and released "Mr. Blue Sky."
- Which singer was born Ezekiel Christopher Montanez? What's his most well-known song?
- Where did the phrase "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" come from?
- Who was "Sir Duke" written about?
- What song contains this lyric: "A fine little girl, she wait for me; me catch a ship across the sea, I sailed the ship all alone; I never think I'll make it home."



the act and launched a 30-month investigation. Truth: It's a sailor's lament. e," the song that caused so much parental angst in 1963. Concerned about rumors of alleged filthy lyrics, even the FBI got into

Lady Antebellum

4. Duke Ellington. Stevie Wonder's 1977 hit also mentions other jazz greats like Count Basie. 3. A Jamaican friend of Paul McCartney used to answer the question "What's happening?" with "Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, life goes on, bra."

 Δ . Chris Montez of "Let's Dance" fame (1962). The song was heard in the 1978 film "National Lampo studio albums in its first 15 years.

1. The Electric Light Orchestra, in 1977. In the beginning, this English group was more popular in the U.S. than in the U.K. ELO released 11

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by Linda Thistle

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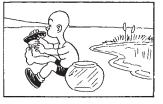


















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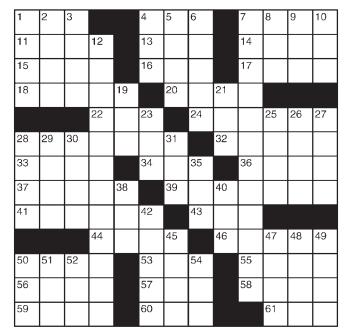




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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Jeanne Cooper, best known for her role as Katherine Chancellor on "The Young and The Restless," left us May 8, at the age of 84. I met her on her second day on the set of "Y&R." I was at her house so much I got to know her children, Corbin, Collin and Caren, very well. I took the first photos of Corbin and Collin Bernsen when they started their acting careers, which took Corbin to "L.A. Law," among other places, and Collin into films. Once, when a situation arose with me that required a large sum of money to fix, Jeanne and "General Hospital's" Emily McLaughlin lent me the money to remedy it. They were true friends.

Before "The Young and The Restless," Jeanne starred in episodic television and films. She played opposite Frank Sinatra in "Tony Rome" (1967), Tony Curtis and Henry Fonda in "The Boston Strangler" (1968) and Kirk Douglas and Henry Fonda in "There Was a Crooked Man" (1970). Her two prime-time Emmy nominations were for "Ben Casey" (1962) and her recurring role on "L.A. Law" (1987), opposite her son Corbin. After eight nominations, she finally won an Emmy in 2008 for "Y&R".

On May 28, "Y&R" paid tribute to her with a show of highlights spanning nearly four decades. Jeanne, a quiet drinker, allowed Bill Bell, the power behind "Y&R," to write her addiction into the show, as she and Katherine fought for their sobriety. She wanted to have a facelift for some time, so I suggested she approach Bill Bell about having the facelift on the



Jeanne Cooper

show. "But to make it work," I told her, "You REALLY have to have the facelift on the air." She agreed, and he agreed. The ratings went through the roof, and the show made TV history.

Jeanne was the first to show up at my book signing for "It's All About Dorothy." She bought five books. I would've given them to her, but she said, "I wanted to support you and give them away at charity auctions, so others can enjoy it."

The last time I saw her was at her recent book signing for "Not Young, Still Restless," her funny and revealing memoir.

I remember once we were going to Chippendales, in a limo, for a soap night with some of "The Ladies of the Day(time)," a group we created so soap ladies could meet each other over lunch. On the ride there she asked me to marry her. I quipped, "I can't think of a better way to ruin a beautiful friendship!" We remained the best of friends to the end. We will not see her like again!

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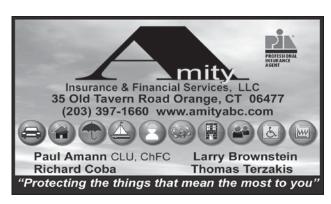
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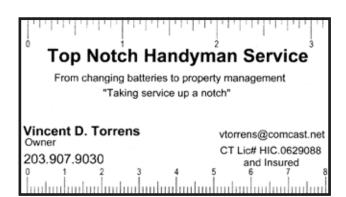


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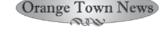
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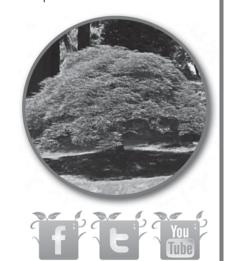
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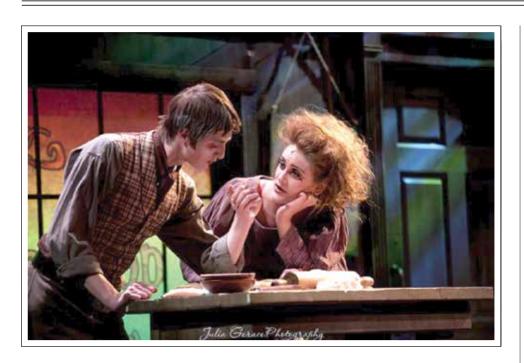
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In the past the Amity productions of Les Miserables, Chicago and last year's Legally Blonde, have all been honored with nominations and were presented with seven awards. Including last year's award for Outstanding Leading Actress won by Alli Kramer who was sent onto the National High School Music Theater Awards held each year on Broadway and was featured on the PBS documentary "Broadway or Bust".

The 5th Annual Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards Black Tie

Gala was held on Tuesday June 4, 2013 at 6pm at The Palace Theater in Waterbury, CT. The Special Master of Ceremonies was Tony-award winning actress Debbie Gravitte. "I am so excited for these awards" said Founding CTHSMTA Producer, Brett A. Bernardini. "I created this program 5 years ago to encourage high quality musical theater education opportunities in Connecticut's high schools. This year, the program has 23 schools from all across the state. Combined they represent 93 nominations for 16 awards. The quality of the work continues to climb, the excitement about musical theater in Connecticut's High Schools continues to build and I am seeing school Administrators eager to support and encourage these programs as they too, discover the educational value of these programs! I am truly grateful to everyone who makes this program work, each and every year."

The entire cast, crew and orchestra of Sweeney Todd will attend the event and perform the opening number from the show "The Ballad of Sweeney Todd" and actress Alida Ballou will perform "Worst Pies in London". If Alida is fortunate enough to win her category, she too will travel to New York City to take part in the National Competition on July 1st. Tickets for this Gala event are on sale through the Palace Box Office by calling 203-346-2000 or online at www. palacetheaterct.org.



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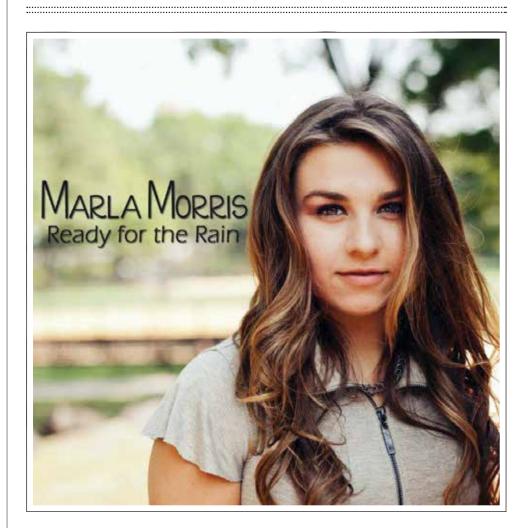
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Amity Baseball Storms Through LL Field To Tourney Final

The Spartans are back in the championship game for the first time since 2007. After losing to Fairfield Prep in the Southern Connecticut Conference Tournament, Amity got its revenge in the CIAC LL Tournament semifinals with a tremendous 3-2 comeback victory on June 4. Sebastian DiMauro and Justin Ashworth played hero in that three-run sixth inning, propelling the No. 6-seed Spartans to a title game matchup with No. 4-seed Southington, who eliminated Amity in the quarterfinals of last year's state tournament.

So here's a look at the Spartans' path through LL bracket:

Amity 10, No. 27 East Hartford 0: This would be the first of three games the Spartans received dominating performances from the mound. In fact, Amity would only allow one run in that trio of competitions. Mike Concato threw his second shared no-hitter of the season, throwing five masterful frames in a steady drizzle, striking out 10 batters and walking two. Two East Hartford first-inning errors gave the Spartans an immediate 3-0 cushion before the Amity bats rallied for a five-spot in the third. Ashworth swatted a double, Chris Cimmino followed with an RBI hit and Chris Katz drove him home with a gap double to left-center. Keith Klebart and Jake Russo tacked on hits to push the lead to 6-0 before a Concato two-run single to right field broke the game open entirely.

Amity 11, No. 11 Fairfield Ludlowe 1: This time it was Sam Nepiarksy's turn to take the mound for this second-round matchup. After allowing a first-inning run, he settled in to go the distance without allowing another for the rest of the game. But the Spartans didn't trail for long. A DiMauro sacrifice fly plated the leadoff man Klebart before a two-run Ashworth double brought Concato and Russo home. Amity added two runs in the second inning as Klebart singled and stole second, then Russo and Concato followed with RBI singles to make it 5-0 Amity. Facing a bit of pressure in the third, Nepiarsky picked off a Ludlowe base runner at third to keep the momentum the Spartans' way. Klebart ultimately finished 3-for-4 with two runs and two RBIs while Ashworth was 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs. The win sent Amity into its first matchup against a lower seed, Greenwich.

Amity 6, No. 3 Greenwich 0: This time, Concato got his full, individual no-hitter, in what was arguably the biggest game of his life. But more than that, it was nearly a perfect game. Save a first-inning error, Greenwich did not put a runner on base for the entire game. No walks, no hit batters — Concato dominated thoroughly. He struck out five and did not go to a three-ball count until the sixth inning, inducing 10 fly or pop outs in the game.

But for the first two innings, it looked like Greenwich may receive a similarly strong performance from J.T. Hintzen. It wasn't until No. 9-man Chris Katz walked to lead off the third inning that the Amity bats starting clicking. Klebart rang an RBI double off the left-field fence, but was thrown out at the plate on an ensuing Russo single. Still, the Spartans kept swinging. Anthony Capozziello provided an RBI single before DiMauro drove him home with a triple. An Ashworth single wrapped up the frame to give Amity a comfortable 4-0 lead heading into the third inning. The Spartans added unearned runs in the sixth and seventh innings to advance to the semifinal.

Amity 3, No. 10 Fairfield Prep 10: Prep beat Amity in the SCC semifinals. They beat No. 2-seed Bristol in their quarterfinal matchup, too. And for five innings, it looked like the Spartans would become victims again. They'd been unable to capitalize on three leadoff hits and the open space on the scoreboard was quickly filling with zeros. It wasn't until Russo and Capozziello singled in the sixth that the momentum began to shift. Sean Beaulieu came in to pinch-run for Capozziello before DiMauro lined a two-run double to knot the score at 2-2. Ashworth hit the crucial go-ahead single and Concato came in to relieve Nepiarsky and pick up the save. After not allowing a hit or walk three days earlier, Concato walked the first two batters. Then a Joe Ganim groundout advanced the runners to second and third. Chris Collins stepped to the plate for Prep with two outs. Concato struck him out, but Cimmino dropped the ball. After racing to pick it up, he fired a tough throw up the first-base line, causing Ashworth to come off the bag. Still, he caught it, tagged Collins and sent Amity back to the finals.

Seidman Wins LL Singles Title

Amity sophomore Jason Seidman won the CIAC LL state singles title defeating Glastonbury's Reid Risinger 6-1, 6-3 on June 1. Seidman, the No. 1-seed cruised past No.-2 seed Risinger on the courts in Woodbridge, avenging his finals loss as a freshman in 2012. Seidman is currently ranked No. 3 by the USTA in the boys' 16-and-under section.



BAKER HELPS WHEATON SOFTBALL WIN FIRST-EVER ECAC TITLE

By Stephen Bailey – Orange Town News Correspondent

Allie Baker's rise through collegiate softball has been a gradual one. With each season and off-season, the pitcher and Orange resident has refined her command and expanded her repertoire. Playing softball at Wheaton College—a growing Division-III program in Norton, Mass., — Baker quickly stepped into a leadership role as a junior captain, helping lead the Lyons to their first ECAC Tournament championship in program history. "We were super happy to qualify for ECACs and to win that was awesome because it was Wheaton's first-ever ECAC title," Baker said.

For Baker and Co., the 28-16 finish and postseason crown was a strong step forward. Coming back for her senior year, though, the two-time New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference all-academic team member and Orange resident has goals left to accomplish. In addition to mastering the rise ball, Baker said she'd like to see the Lyons win the NEWMAC Tournament next year.

The Lyons earned the No. 2-seed in this year's conference tournament before ultimately falling to eventual runner-up Babson in a May 4 semifinal. Still, it was an impressive season — undoubtedly the best in Baker's three-year career. "I think this year's been different just because the team chemistry was far better than years past," Baker said. "Everybody on the team was working together to achieve a common goal."

Coming out of Amity High School, Baker relied heavily on drop curves and change-ups, primarily working the outside of the plate. The first collegiate adjustment was taking three steps. The mound is 43 feet from the plate, not 40 as it was in high school.

A freshman with a senior-laden infield, Baker quickly grew into a comfortable role as a starter posting a 15-13 mark with a 2.98 earned-run average in 2011. When those seniors graduated, Baker quickly became one of the more veteran players on roster. "I needed to not only pitch, but also be a leader off the field,"

Baker said.

As a sophomore, Baker posted 13 more wins and a 2.65 ERA, striking out a career-high 91 batters. And this year, she finished with a team-high 11 wins, perfecting her change-up, adding a screwball — which moves inside on right-handed hitters — and beginning working on a rise ball. She called that pitch her summer project. "(The rise) is very complex," Baker said. "You have to have the perfect body angle and arm speed. It's hard to perfect, but you need to."

Baker was named NEWMAC Softball Pitcher of the Week on March 25 after throwing a gem in a 9-1 win over Lesley University. She allowed just one run on five hits, striking out three batters in the five-inning competition. Another highlight of the season came in the ECAC Tournament first round, when Wheaton's 6-0 win over Becker College gave coach Rachael Powers her 100th career victory.

In addition to her success on the field, Baker and the Lyons team worked on expanding their fundraising work this season. The team raised \$1,500 for the New England Handicapped Sports Association with its "can for a cause" day and worked with the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team through the season. "We really pride ourselves on trying to give back to our community," Baker said.

With one year of college competition left in her career, Baker knows her time is running low. She said it hit her when she was coordinating the senior day schedule. That would be a celebration for her and her classmates next year. "It's crazy. When I think about it feels like I blinked and three years blew by," Baker said.

Baker plans on making the most of this last season though. With another strong freshman class coming in, the goal is to continue to build the program and hopefully win NEWMACs. And if she can nail down the rise ball this offseason, she'll be the most versatile pitcher she's ever been on the mound.



ORANGE PARK AND RECREATION MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2013 STANDINGS

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

	WINS	LOSSES
Orange Ale House	4	0
Wood N' Tap	4	0
Orange Fire Department	2	2
Chip's Family Restaurant	1	3
Puerto Vallarta	1	3
Soundview Landscape Supply	0	4

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Crushing Queosos	4	1	
Winkle Bus Company	4	1	
Dutch Wharf	3	1	1
Back Breakers	2	3	
Vadney Fuel Oilers	1	4	
The Elite Squad	0	4	1

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

	WINS	LOSSES
103 ACS	4	2
Tangoe	4	2
Orange Park and Recreation	3	3
Grey Geese	1	5



Girls from the Orange Little League Majors Division recently competed in the 7th Annual Girls Rule Softball Tournament hosted by Wallingford Little League the weekend of May 17th-19th. The tournament hosted over 66 teams from across the state of Connecticut at their Prageman Field Complex in Wallingford. The team had a very successful weekend of competition playing games versus Seymour, Guilford, and Torrington.



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Bill Talnose, Paul Jacques and Mike Wajnowski.

"OLD TIMERS" NEVER **OUTGROW AMERICA'S GAME**

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange Men's Softball League old-timers Bill Talnose and Paul Jacques may have more aches and pains and take those turns around the bases a bit slower than in their hay day, but they enjoy playing softball just as much as when they started playing nearly four decades ago. Now in their mid-50s, the two Orange natives recall first joining the town's league when they were fresh out of high school and playing on rival teams. Growing up, Jacques always enjoyed sand lot softball games, so once he was eligible to play in the town's adult league he and his friends formed "The Wallbangers". Unlike Jacques, Talnose needed some convincing to join a softball league. A high school baseball player, Talnose and a group of his friends decided to get a team together after enduring some good natured razzing from an older friend. "We were at a party one Saturday night and a kid challenged us to play saying his team would win," he said. "At first we were like, 'Softball? That's a girl's game!' but we tried it and we haven't missed a season since!"

Neither friend imagined they'd still be playing together as middle-aged men. In fact, though players and the names of the sponsors on their tee shirts have changed over the years, there is a core of Orange natives who have all been playing together for over 30 years, including Dave "Pie" Esposito, Jay Maturo, Neil Hathaway, Steve Mezzanotte and Mike Wajnowski. Their many sponsors over the years have included Maturo's Landscaping, Dip Top, Monty's Jug Shop, Connecticut Stone and Orange Owls. For the past 15 years, Jacques' business, Dutch Wharf Marina, has sponsored the team. "We've always been a homegrown team made up of friends and that is the magic of what our team is all about and why we've stayed together so long," Jacques said. "We've had so much fun doing it and we don't want to give it up. We've already said there will be no retiring, we will play until we are crippled!" They've seen each other through all of life's ups and downs -- from the births and deaths of loved ones, marriages, job changes and more. "It's a joy to have a planned, organized activity during which you see your best friends every single week," Jacques said. At one point over the years the men were practicing and playing softball up to four nights a week. "It is so much fun, it's been a joy," Talnose said. "I've met so many people through softball over the years."

They have enjoyed much success together as well, winning or coming close to winning many of the town's recreational league titles. A highlight of their career was in the 1990s when the men played for Maturo's Landscaping and won the American Softball Association League's regional title and finished fourth at the national competition in Lakeland, Florida. Though they are now the leagues' "old guys," their competitive juices have yet to dry up. In fact they think this may be a come-back year as the league has banned aluminum bats and wooden bats are back. "We're really excited, this may be the great equalizer," Jacques said. "The ball won't travel as far and guys will have trouble hitting home runs so it will be which team gets the most hits." Talnose agrees. "Wooden bats will slow down the ball. Of course, if we were younger we would have been screaming bloody murder about this change!" Talnose said.

About 15 years ago a group of younger guys (now in their 40s) joined the team helping the Dutch Wharf hold their own against teams made up of young men in their twenties and thirties. "They helped reinvigorate our team and now there's a mixture of generations," Jacques said. "It's a great blend, they love the game and they respect our love of the game, and they've kept us a little younger." Jacques and Talnose are beginning to see a disconcerting phenomenon – they're now playing against the sons of guys they used to play with. Still, when Talnose looks back, it's with pride, not nostalgia. "We've been there and we're very happy we are still able to perform and we're proud of what we've accomplished," he said.

In the end, it's the friendships, not the homeruns, these guys will remember. "Softball has been deep in our hearts for a long time," Jacques said. "It's the great camaraderie of being with lifelong friends - after the game we sit around, drink a beer and talk about the game. And that takes as long as the game!"



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November

21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to **January 19)** It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in vour life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February

18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your per-

THE WRONG WAY TO PICK UP A CAT

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: How do you pick up a cat? My sister says I don't pick our cat "Bubba" up correctly. -- Stacy in Gulfport, Miss.



DEAR STACY: Many people pick up a cat by kneeling in front of it, placing their hands on either side of the cat's body behind the front legs, and lifting it straight up in the air. I often wonder if there are statistics on how many of these people get scratched and clawed by said cat as it tries to escape.

That is a really uncomfortable position for a cat to be in.

Another no-no is lifting a cat by the scruff of its neck, the way mama cats do. This can hurt adult cats. (Sometimes you'll see the vet grasping the scruff of the neck, but only to reposition the cat, without lifting it up.)

The best way to safely pick up a cat is to approach it from the front, calling its name so you get its attention. Kneel down to Bubba's level and then move to his side. Cup one hand under his chest, then tuck his tail to one side and reach under his hindquarters, and lift him into your arms. His hindquarters and back legs can be tucked in the crook of one arm, but let him rest his paws on top of your other arm.

Many cats like being snuggled this way, but few will stay there for long. If you want to hold Bubba longer, sit on the couch and rest him across your lap. If he struggles to get away, let him go. If you're holding him in your arms, let him go by kneeling down to the floor, so he can safely exit.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner.com.

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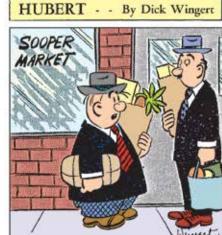


"May I have a word with my wife?"





"Just because he BRINGS it doesn't entitle him to get first look at the comics EVERY time!



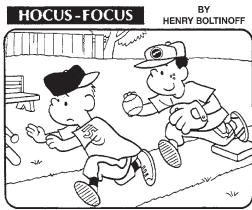


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- 2. Harvard
- 3. Columbia
- 4. NYU
- 5. Princeton
- 6. UCLA
- 7. MIT
- 8. Yale
- 9. Michigan
- 10. UC Berkeley

Source: Princeton Review, 2013

This is as close to home as I ever got with my take-home pay."





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.

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 Some research dates some species as far back as 120 million years ago.

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Source: http://news.discovery.com





• Parts of many orchid flowers are shaped





BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

What You Should Know About **Dog Bite Prevention**

Did You Know?

- Approximately 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, with small children and the elderly among the most frequent victims.
- 885,000 of those injured require medical attention, with dog-bite victims accounting for up to five percent of all emergency-room visits.
- Most dog bites occur in the home of the victim's family members or friend.
- Children (especially boys aged 5-9) are three times more likely than adults to be seriously bitten.
- Dogs bite young children (aged 4 and under) most often on the face, head and neck because kids are around the same height as a dog and because they can crawl into small, low spaces where the dog can reach.
- 50 percent of all children in the U.S. will be bitten by a dog before their 12th birthday.

Dog bites are a serious matter. To keep pets and people safe, following are dog safety and bite prevention tips to help prevent the situations that lead to dog bites.

Dog Bite Prevention Tips

How to Stay Safe When a Dog Approaches

- Don't turn and run—dogs naturally love to chase and catch things.
- Stand still, with your hands at your sides. In most cases, the dog will go away when it determines you are not a threat.
- Don't put your hand out—just allow the dog to approach you to sniff you.
- Don't scream. If you say anything, speak calmly and firmly.
- Face the dog at all times, but don't stare. Avoid eye contact.
- Back away slowly, watching the dog from the corner of your eye until the dog is out of sight.

Safety Tips for Parents

- Never leave a young child or baby alone with any dog.
- Never allow your young child to discipline a dog.
- Never allow your child to feed or walk a dog unsupervised.
- Never allow your child to pull on a dog's collar, ears or tail.
- Never allow your child to play aggressive games (like wrestling) with any dog.
- Never allow your child to pet a dog that is in someone else's car or truck.

Dogs are wonderful companions and respond well to consistent training and leadership. By acting responsibly with your dog, you not only reduce the number of dog bites but also enhance the relationship you have with your canine companion.

Since dogs are such an important part of many kids' lives, Bark Busters Home Dog Training believes every child should be educated about dog safety. Our Bach & Buster Buddy Dog Safety Program is designed to help kids stay safe using fun games and activities to teach them to make the right choices around familiar and unfamiliar dogs. For more information about dog safety with kids, visit www. BarkBustersBuddy.org.

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

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ARTS & LEISURE



Tinkle Toes Dance Academy dancers recently performed Bollywood folk style dance at an event to benefit the Volunteers in Service to Education in India, a non profit organization that funds projects to help women and children in need in India. The dancers, all Orange residents, are dressed in colorful traditional outfits befitting and depicting the rural folk lore. Tinkle Toes Dance Academy is owned and operated by Devangi Dharani of Orange. For any info contact devangidharani@yahoo.com.

A TWO DAY STAGECRAFT TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

The Orange Players Community Theater Group is sponsoring a set-building and technique workshop on June 17th and 18th at the High Plains Community Center on 525 Orange Center Rd. in Orange at 7:00 p.m.

This workshop is presented at no cost and is open to the public.

During this workshop you will be given an overview of stage set construction. Participants will be introduced to the techniques and procedures for set construction and setup. Discussion will focus on how space is created including methods and materials. Participants will have hands on learning experience building and covering flats as well as resurfacing existing flats. Hands on platform construction will take place on day 2.

Participants will also have the opportunity to become a member of The Orange Players. All levels of experience are welcome. Whether you want to be on stage, behind the scenes, publicity, costumes, lighting, or ushering, The Orange Players has a need for your talents! Our next show will be "You're a God Man Charlie Brown" on October 25, 26, November 1 and 2.

The Orange Players Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of theater in the greater Orange community. Since our first show in 1974, we have continued to expose the community to the enrichment, inspiration and humor of the dramatic arts.

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