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Back to SCHOOL



STUDENTS RETURN FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

When students were welcomed back to school on August 28, they were greeted by their new teachers and those from past years, new friends and old and filled with wonder of the things to come in the school year. The work that went on in the closed schools over the summer was clear as fresh coats of paint and shiny floors led children to their classrooms.

"Many projects took place this summer, many to keep our schools in compliance," Mike Luzzi, Director of Facilities, said. All gym floors were sanded and refinished, tested and repaired all emergency lighting and serviced the fire alarm system. "All of the schools, from the ceilings to the walls to the floors were completely cleaned and floors were all stripped and waxed and the bathrooms are all in great shape," said Luzzi.

Upgrades to the library and computer room were made at Turkey Hill and all air conditioning vents across the dis-

trict were serviced and cleaned, new filters were put in. The gym at Turkey Hill was painted and the parking lot was renovated. "I don't know if you've had a chance to get up there, but it's a major improvement from what it was. There are an additional 20 parking spaces and new lighting," Luzzi said.

In the fall, ADA update plans for Turkey Hill will be brought to Hartford for review. "The plans were put together based on a feasible study on deficiencies at Turkey Hill School and what we needed to bring the school up to ADA compliance. All of our other schools have met those needs. The plans were drawn up – they went to the bond oversight committee and were shared with the buildings and grounds committee."

"I would like to thank Mr. Zeoli, the Board of Selectmen and the finance committee because part of the funding for

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HAPPY LABOR DAY

PARENTE ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF TOWN PLAN & ZONING

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Oscar (Ozzie) Parente has been elected Chairman of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission. Parente, who has been a member of the commission since 2006 and served as the board's secretary, will run for re-election on the Republican ticket in November.



Oscar Parente

A real estate attorney at Hershman Legal Group in New Haven, Parente said he has enjoyed his many

years on the board. "I'm happy to be doing it. It's a nice public service endeavor," he said. "I like working through the applications, making sure we follow our regulations and doing what's right for the town and consistent with its Plan of Conservation and Development."

Attorney Paul Kaplan was elected as new board secretary.

TPZ HOLDS TO 62 & OVER AGE RESTRICTION

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

An attorney hired by a property owner seeking to amend zoning regulations to lower the age in their senior housing complex from 62 to 55 did little to convince the Town Plan and Zoning Commission to change their initial reaction to the proposal. In July, Sadri Sohayegh, owner of 32 Senior Housing LLC at 256 Peck Lane appealed to the TPZC to consider lowering the age restriction of her senior housing apartments to boost the spirits of the elderly people who live there and to bring "new life" to the building. At that time the Commission said they did not hear compelling reasons to make the zone change but agreed to allow Sohayegh to return again with her attorney.

Last month, Sadri Sohayegh and her husband, Michael, sat in the audience while their attorney, Brian Stone of The Pellegrino Law Firm in New Haven, appealed to the board on his clients' behalf, pointing out lowering the property's age restriction to 55 would be beneficial to the town as well. Stone, who is former town attorney, said the age change will give developers more opportunities to build age restricted housing in town. "Development has been stagnant since 2006," he said.

Since the average age of the current tenants at Sohayegh's apartment complex is 75, Stone echoed her asser-

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the plans for Turkey Hill School. It was roughly one million dollars,” he said. Next spring, a vendor will be selected to make the required upgrades to Turkey Hill and once school gets out in 2018, construction will begin.

As Luzzi and his crew tended to the district’s facilities, IT Director Matt Ullring was busy behind the scenes making sure the district’s technology was running at top speed when students and staff returned to school. He said that students in first and second grade will be using 155 new Chromebooks and kindergarteners will have 90 new Chromebooks. In addition, 30 old and slow teacher laptops were replaced with new ones. To gain access to the Chromebooks, students across the district will be using new ClassLink Quick Cards. “The ClassLink portal is a great thing – students don’t have to remember their username or password to get into programs throughout the district. What’s nice about this is that you turn the Chromebook on and wave a badge in front of the camera, it will log them in, link them directly to the ClassLink portal, where they can go to whatever program they need to go to. It increases learning time in the classroom and creates a more fun experience for the student,” Ullring said.

New security cameras were added and replaced as needed, too. “We assessed

security cameras throughout the district in order to provide the best coverage for viewing by principals, security monitors and police,” he said. There are 144 security cameras across the district, with between 30 and 40 at each school.

Teachers were welcomed back with brand new copiers that are expected to run more efficiently and more cost effective than the prior ones. The district replaced copiers, now under a three-year lease, opting for Minolta as opposed to the former lease with Xerox. In addition 26 grade level desktop printers that cost roughly 40 cents to print each black and white page were replaced with 11 smaller copiers throughout the district. “These cost half a penny to print a color page. There is going to be big savings coming in the upcoming school year,” Ullring said.

In addition, Ullring increased the district’s bandwidth. “We increased from 150 megabytes per second to 1000 megabytes per second, which is huge. It will make a much more efficient experience for the end user, programs throughout the district will become more efficient and it’s less expensive than what we had,” he said.

Once the students are back to school for a couple of weeks, each school will host a back-to-school night with presentations from principals and parent-teacher groups, allowing parents to visit their children’s classrooms, hear from teachers about plans and expectations for the upcoming year.

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will discuss and demo orchid care. Fall mums, notecards from award-winning photographer Terry Azoti and Palm Flex garden gloves will be available for sale. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and the New England Garden Clubs, Inc. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs 203-795-4266.



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(Lambert Road/Tyler City), and Turkey Hill Preserve (Derby-Milford Road).

Residents who have an interest in and/or experience in environmental issues, environmental programs, natural resources, conservation, preservation and land management are encouraged to apply for open positions by calling the office of the First Selectman, Jim Zeoli at 203-891-2122, Ext. 737 or e-mail: jzeoli@orange-ct.gov.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



SEPTEMBER IS “CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH”

The month of September has been designated as “Campus Fire Safety Month”. This is a national response to the increasing number of fire related emergencies on college and university campuses. There are many causes of fires, but most are the result of a lack of knowledge about fire safety and prevention. The majority of college students have not had fire safety education since elementary school and this action is an effort to raise fire and life safety awareness. The Orange Fire Marshal’s Office offers the following information for those away from home as well as the public in general.

Fire is fast. It can occur quickly and time is the biggest enemy. It is important to get out immediately as heavy black smoke can fill an area in minutes and a small fire can get out of control in as little as 30 seconds. Have an escape plan and practice it; know two ways out of every room.

Fire is hot. Stay low to the ground and cover your mouth and nose, with a damp cloth if possible, to help you breathe. The heat from a fire can kill or damage your lungs.

Fire is dark. It begins as a bright glow, but causes smoke and eventually darkness which can cause disorientation.

Fire is deadly. A fire will consume the oxygen and emit toxic smoke and gas. There are more deaths due to gas and smoke than fire itself. When in a safe place, phone 911.

To help reduce and prevent the loss of life and property, simple precautions can be taken. Install smoke alarms and test them on a regular basis. Do not overload electrical outlets and replace electrical cords when frayed. Keep rooms and work areas tidy. Never leave food unattended when cooking. Extinguish candles when leaving a room or when no longer needed. Be aware that structure fires in campus housing are more common during the hours of 5 -11 pm and on weekends. A few simple precautions can save lives and property.

Please contact the Orange Fire Marshal’s Office, 355 Boston Post Road, (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for any fire safety or fire prevention questions or for free Carbon Monoxide alarms which are available to Orange residents.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Orange Youth Services Incoming 7th Grade Raffle Bingo Held

Orange Youth Services held its annual Incoming 7th Grade Raffle Bingo at the High Plains Community Center cafeteria. The event featured a pizza dinner, refreshments, and snacks. Students were provided with a bingo

card and gift card prizes. The event was also assisted by High School volunteer students as well as parents. Youth Services wishes to sincerely thank the Orange Lions Club for their support with a grant.

Youth Services Job Bank Residents Can Assist With Variety Of Jobs

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, raking, snow shoveling, mother’s helper, and more. For further information, please contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov. 203-891-4785.

Youth Services High School Volunteers Can Assist With Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities in regards to attaining their necessary

school volunteer credit hours. They are available for a variety of community and organizational services located in Orange. For information, please email John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

DEVELOPERS PLAN TO APPEAL TPZC DECISION IN COURT

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Developers who were refused approval to build a mixed use development that included affordable housing units will appeal the Town’s Plan and Zoning Commission’s decision in court. The application, submitted by Sixty Five Marsh Hill Road, LLC is for property known as 65-69 Marsh Hill Road and 0 and 15 Salem Lane. The project calls for 23,641 square feet of commercial/office space in two, 4.5-story buildings connected by an underground parking structure as well as 60 apartments, 18 of which would be affordable housing units. The applicant submitted the plan as an Affordable Housing Application, invoking the state statute that requires all communities to offer affordable housing.

The Commission first denied the application in May and again in August after the applicant made several technical changes to the plan. “The rationale for our decision is essentially the same as it was the first time,” said newly elected TPZC Chairman Ozzie Parente. “Our local zoning regulations prohibit dwellings in our light industrial zone.”

The property is located in the area

targeted to be a Transit Oriented Development District (TODD) as the home of a new train station approved by the state’s Department of Transportation. The Commission is currently in the process of amending the Orange Plan of Conservation and Development, and the town’s zoning regulations and map to reflect the new TODD and clarify regulations within the district. Residential housing units will be permitted once the new TODD regulations are adopted, but until then, the Commission voted earlier this summer to impose a moratorium on any applications for the district.

Parente pointed out the applicant did not submit its application as part of the TODD district and weren’t proposing a zone change. Jeff Gordon, President of Codespoti & Associates, who spoke on behalf of 65 Marsh Hill Road LLC, said the board’s denial citing residential use is not permitted in an industrial zone is “puzzling,” particularly as the project is in keeping with what the town envisions in the area. “If you have a clean light industrial district that really

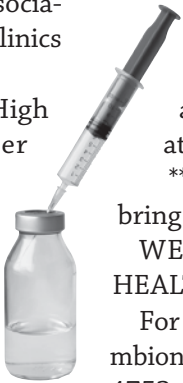
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The Orange Visiting Nurse Association (OVNA) will be holding flu clinics on the following dates:

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- October 16th - 1-3 at HPCC;
- October 19th - 4-7 at OVNA (605A Orange Center Road);
- October 26th - 12-4 at



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October 20th *Election Issue* October 27th
November 10th *Thanksgiving Issue* November 17th

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

FROM OUR READERS

Labor Day Letter to the Editor

Labor Day is both a national toast to the American worker and farewell to the summer season. As Summer Fridays and weekend trips to the beach wind down, it's a great time to celebrate all the hard work we do every day. So if you're cracking open a cold one with friends or family this Labor Day, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly and plan ahead to get home safely.

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*Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
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*Joan Cretella, Director of Orange
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	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	Conservation Comm.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	HPCC
7th	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	HPCC
12th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	OVNA Board of Governors.....	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Safety & Health Cmte	10:00 am	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
14th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education.....	7:30 pm	Mary L Tracy Bldg
19th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
20th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
21st	OVNA Professional Advisory Cmte ...	5:00 pm	Clark Bldg
22nd	Emergency Management.....	8:00 am	Police Station
25th	Youth Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
27th	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	WPCA.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Bond Construction Cmte.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall

Steve Floman celebrates 50 years of practicing law

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In April of this year, Steve was honored as a Half Century Honoree by the Connecticut Bar Association at its Celebrate With The Stars dinner.

We all look forward to practicing law and helping clients together for many years to come.



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTINUES TO REVIEW FOOD POLICIES

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Board of Education will vote on a new policy regarding food in classrooms at its next monthly meeting on Monday, September 18. The board had a first read of a policy that states that birthday and classroom/holiday celebrations will not involve food. Under the proposed policy, food would be permitted with prior approval for one curricular experience per grade level at each school and at one school-wide celebration at each school each year such as field day.

Board Secretary Mara Saccente said, “The Policy and Personnel Committee has spent an extensive amount of hours discussing this. We’ve heard from many members of the public at our subcommittee meetings as well as at our full-board meetings and I’ve received some additional feedback and I welcome feedback from the board if you are not on the committee.”

Board Member Chantelle Bunnell said, “I think it’s important to note that within this policy under birthday classroom celebrations and non-food celebrations and other celebrations without food are encouraged, I think it’s really important to create moments for children and I think that we’re all here because of kids. I think that it’s really important that if we are going to, as a board, decide not to have food in our classrooms, that we still maintain our celebrations for kids. I think that we need to keep kids safe –

all kids, but I also think it’s important to create those moments and continue to create those memories, whether it’s reading a book, extra recess, games in the classroom. I think that moving forward we need to add that into this policy somehow to make sure that that’s still there.”

Ken Ziman agreed that birthdays should continue to be celebrated at the principals’ and teachers’ discretion. “It’s important that children’s birthday be acknowledged. The whole point of this is that they don’t have to be acknowledged with food. Whether there is an announcement made, or however each school decides to do it, there is a way to acknowledge every child’s birthday.”

“The current language reads that ‘birthdays and classroom celebrations will be non-food, so that would infer that they still will take place, they’re just not food celebrations. It also says, ‘Other classroom celebrations without food are encouraged,’ said Saccente. “I’m not opposed to a policy that limits food, but I think it is important to keep that piece – the celebration – for kids,” Bunnell said.

The committee will discuss whether verbiage needs to be included in the policy that emphasizes that birthdays should continue to be celebrated or whether that detail should be left to principals at each school as well as possible alternative ways to celebrate.

ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNDERGOES ANNUAL AUDIT

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Just after the Orange Board of Education’s 2017 fiscal year ended, auditors began their first phase of auditing the district’s finances. Their goal, according to Business Administrator Mary-Jo Sierakowski, is to verify and check on the systems that her office has in place to ensure that the district is following best accounting practices and that there are systems in place so that the district is managed financially sound. “They finished the first phase and had high praise for the staff in Central Office that we do have, in fact, very solid systems in place to manage the finances of the district,” she said.

The next phase of the audit will begin in October. “They’ll come in and do some number crunching at that point. Their obligation is to get their final audit that

they do annually submitted to the state by December 31. I don’t anticipate any issues, but they’ll be back in October for that,” she said.

In the meantime, Sierakowski says she is keeping a close eye on the happenings in Hartford as she feels the state budget may impact the coming year. “It’s very frustrating. We did meet with the town and it won’t be the last of many meetings, I’m sure. We are fortunate that Orange has a great working relationship with the finance department and with Mr. Zeoli. We agree that we’re in it together and if the state reduces funds to the town, it certainly may resonate in educational goals.”

“The good news is that the Town and Orange is very diligent in this year’s budget,” she said.

AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS SPARTAN STORIES

For the 2nd year in a row, Amity Regional High School will welcome students back on Monday, August 28th, with a celebration of the return to school. While incoming 9th graders participate in the annual Link Crew Orientation Program, 10th-12th graders will listen to successful alumni speak about how they have used the skills and tools they developed at Amity Regional High School to make their dreams become reality. The Spartan Stories programing was organized and created by a committee of teachers, administrators, and students. Students will also participate in small-group activities to help build a sense of community, get everyone excited for the school year, and celebrate being Spartans!

Alumni Speakers - 8/28/2017

Jeremy Benson, Amity Class of 1997: After graduating from Amity in 1997 Jeremy earned a degree at St. Michael’s College in Vermont before heading west to answer the call of the mountains. Today he is a big mountain and back-country skier and writer who lives in Tahoe City, California. In addition to appearing in several skiing films and advertisements, Jeremy has written articles and reviews for countless ski magazines and online publications, including Skiing, Mountain, and ESPN. Jeremy is sponsored by Volkl Skis, Marker, Pret Helmets, Dalbello Boots, Alpine Meadows, Hestra Gloves, and more.

Jeremy recently published Mountain Bike: Tahoe, a comprehensive guide to

mountain bike trails in the Lake Tahoe region. His next book, which will be released this fall, is a guidebook to back-country skiing in California’s Sierra Nevada mountains. Earlier this month Jeremy came in first in his division in the grueling Downieville Classic cross-country mountain bike race near Lake Tahoe.

Jeff Gitelman, Amity Class of 2000: After graduating from Amity Jeff Gitelman attended Berklee College of Music in Boston, and from there has gone on to find great success in the music industry. In addition to working as the guitarist in Alicia Keys’ band for two years, he has played with Lauryn Hill, Stevie Wonder, Justin Timberlake, and a host of others. He is currently riding an impressive wave of success, living in Los Angeles and writing and producing songs and albums for the likes of Chance the Rapper, J. Cole, A\$AP Ferg, Trey Songz, Jeremih, and Frank Ocean.

Jeff has a history of giving back to Amity and sharing his success with students. When he was inducted into Amity’s Hall of Honor in 2015, Jeff taught some master classes and spoke at length with our students. He was so energized by the interaction with the students that he was inspired to create The Duality School of Music - an after-school program that will meet here at Amity. Jeff will be flying to Connecticut each week from early October to early December to teach Duality students about recording and engineering and about the art of collaboration in composition, performance, and production.

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ORANGE FACED WITH POSSIBLE \$1.5M LOSS IN ED FUNDING

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Governor Dannel Malloy’s proposed cuts to 85 schools across the state including Orange came as no surprise to town and school administrators in late August. Earlier in the month, Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti attended the Commissioner’s Back to School Meeting and he said the main focus was the budget, as it has been for many months. “Superintendents were pleading to the governor to do all that could be done with deciding on a budget,” he said.

That same day, Schools Business Administrator Mary-Jo Sierakowski and Scarpetti met with First Selectman James Zeoli and the town’s Finance Director John Cifarelli. “At that time, we were really in the dark, because no decisions had been made regarding the budget. Since then, you may have seen that the governor put a new executive order out about cuts to funding to 85 school districts including Orange, with zero funds to our district,” Scarpetti said. “We’re still in wait-and-see mode until a budget is passed.”

“Under the governor’s proposed budget, Orange would lose \$1.5 million in ECS (education cost sharing),” Cifarelli said. “If we lost that funding, it would raise taxes three-quarters of a mil.”

On August 23, the house democrats released their budget. According to the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, the proposal restores many of the staggering cuts in municipal aid included in Governor Malloy’s revised Executive Order, but also continues to include cuts in municipal aid for many towns and cities.

“Since the governor made his proposal, the state legislature countered with its own proposal that reinstates funding to education. If that passes, we’d see a \$150,000 cut, not the \$1.5 million,” Cifarelli said. Since the education budget is part of the town budget, any loss will be to the revenue of the town, not directly to education, according to Cifarelli, who indicated that the town was prepared for such a cut when it wrote the budget last spring. “The Board of Finance was keeping an eye on what was going on in Hartford when we planned the budget and we planned very conservatively, taking into account that big cuts looked like they were going to be coming,” he said.

“The bottom line, whether there are enormous cuts or not, is the kids are going to school at the end of the month and budget cuts are not going to affect their education. They are going to learn as they always have,” Cifarelli said.

TITLE IX INFORMATION

Title IX is a Federal Law that was passed in 1972 to insure that male and female employees (and students) in educational settings were treated equally and fairly. The law protects against discrimination based on gender. Title IX requires that each school district have at least one person designated as the Title IX Officer.

Mrs. Kai Byrd, Principal of Mary L. Tracy School is the Title IX Officer for the Orange School district. Should you feel you have been discriminated against, you should contact Mrs. Byrd either by e-mail, kbyrd@orange-ed.org or by phone 203-891-8028 ext. 1113. Mrs. Byrd’s office is located in Mary L. Tracy School, 650 School House Lane, Orange, CT 06477.

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Dean’s List Orange Native Katelyn Browe Named To Dean’s List At Ithaca College

Ithaca, NY – Katelyn Browe, a resident of Orange and a Cinema & Photography major, was named to the Dean’s List in Ithaca College’s School of Communications for the spring 2017 semester.

Merrimack College Spring 2017 Dean’s List

North Andover, MA -- Merrimack College recognizes local students who have achieved dean’s list for Spring 2017. Those from Orange attaining Dean’s List are: Christopher Cimmino, Cassie Giza, and Matthew Ronai.

Michael Brennan Named To Quinnipiac University Dean’s List

Michael Brennan of Orange was placed on the Dean’s List at Quinnipiac University in the School of Communications for the Spring 2017 semester. Michael is a member of the Amity High School Class of 2014.

Sacred Heart University Announces Dean’s List For Spring 2017 Semester

Fairfield, CT – Amelia Justo of Orange was named to the Dean’s List of Sacred Heart University. Amelia is a sophomore majoring in Accounting.

Graduations

Hofstra Congratulates The Class Of 2017

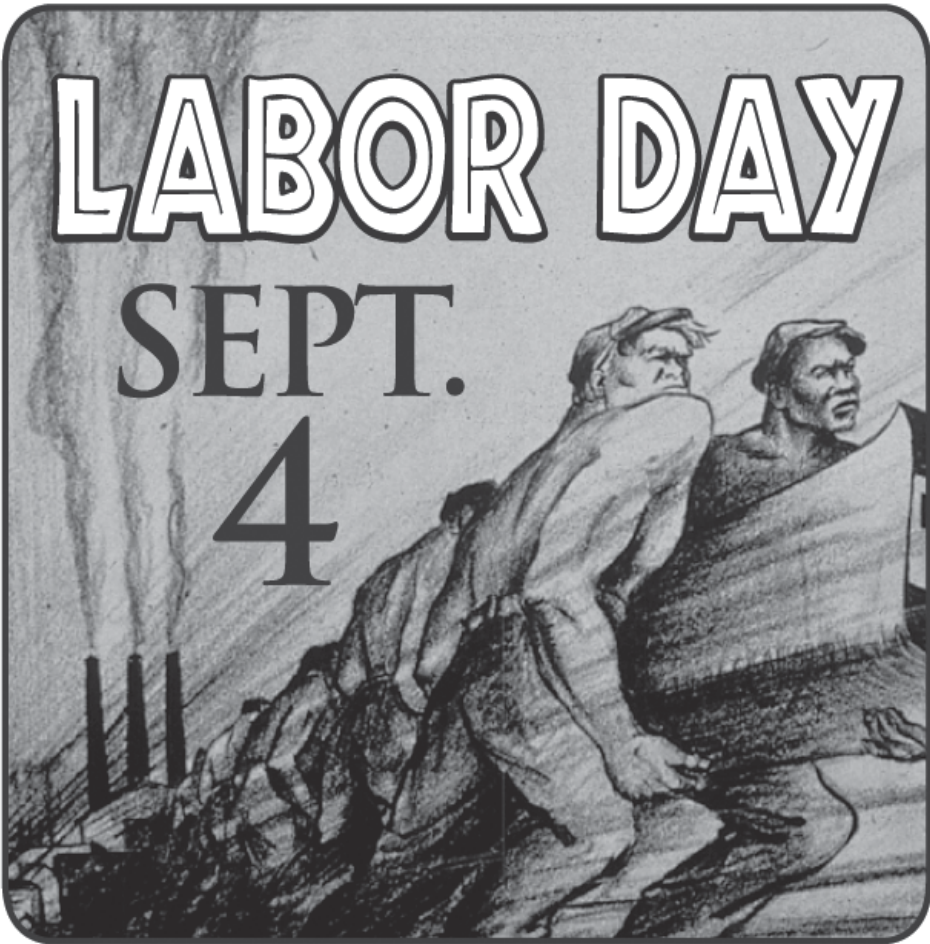
Hempstead, NY -- About 2,100 Hofstra University students earned their undergraduate, graduate or law degrees during commencement ceremonies on May 21-22, 2017 at the David S. Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex. Watch videos or see photos from the various ceremonies at hofstra.edu/commencement. The following Orange students earned their degrees: Cassandra Mazzacco, Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences and Alessandra Villano, Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing.

Orange Native Samuel Dellert Graduated From Ithaca College

Ithaca, NY -- Samuel Dellert, a native of Orange, CT, graduated Magna cum Laude from Ithaca College’s School of Communications with a degree in Television-Radio. The degree was awarded in May 2017.

Nyjahwahn Walker Graduates From Nichols College

Dudley, MA -- Nichols College graduated over 300 students on May 6, 2017, at the DCU Center in Worcester. Former California Closets President Marty Allen, a 1975 Nichols graduate, delivered the Commencement address. Nyjahwahn Walker of Orange, CT graduated with a BSBA from Nichols College.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



L-R: Despina (Morris) Soennichsen of Weston, Mary Jane Athenson of Orange, and Linda Morris, also of Orange, serve gyros at last year's ODYSSEY festival



The Senior ODYSSEY Dancers will perform the "Zorba" and other authentic folk dances daily at ODYSSEY '17. Pictured L-R: Ted Maniatis of Madison, George Antonellis of Orange, Rob Wagner of Trumbull, Napoleon Stardellis of Orange, Anthony Esposito of Orange, Nick Johnson of Branford, and Nick Savakis of Hamden.

ODYSSEY: A GREEK FESTIVAL

presented by Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced details regarding ODYSSEY 2017: A Greek Festival, to be held September 1-4. This 4-day party features all things Greek, including mouthwatering cuisine, live music, dancing, and a bustling Hellenic agora (marketplace). Set on the grounds of the beautiful Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, ODYSSEY 2017 offers something for everyone.

ODYSSEY 2017 includes:

- Classic Greek cuisine – appetizers (meze), Greek pastries (glyka), lamb on the spit (souvla), moussaka, gyro, spanakopita (spinach pie) and pastitsio (Greek style lasagna);
- "Gourmet Meze Grille" – gourmet appetizers, including saganaki (flaming cheese), loukaniko sausage, grilled shrimp, lamb chops, avgolemono soup, dips and pitas, and more; also featuring live music by "Athenian Entertainment.";
- Live Greek cooking demonstrations – learn to prepare some classic Greek foods;
- Greek marketplace – Gourmet Greek grocery, t-shirts, jewelry, arts & crafts, bookstore;
- Treasures 'n Junque – Odyssey's giant tag sale;
- Presentations on Greek culture and religion, along with tours of Saint

Barbara Church;

- Greek dance performances – Traditional Greek folk dances performed by the ODYSSEY Dancers;
- Greek dance lessons – taught by the ODYSSEY Dancers (8:30 pm, Sat and Sun);
- Nightly dancing to ODYSSEY's live Greek band, "The Hellenic Company";
- Kids' area – Rides, games, and magic shows;
- Raffle – Have a chance at winning the grand prize of \$10,000 cash, or 9 additional prizes!; and
- Senior Citizens Day: Fri. 9/1, from 12 – 3 pm – 20% senior citizen discount on meals.

For 36 years ODYSSEY has delighted the senses with a feast of Greek cuisine, the thrill of Greek dance, the sounds of the bouzouki, and the ethnic flavor of the Agora (Marketplace). Stop by Saint Barbara's ODYSSEY for Connecticut's greatest "Greek Party," a rain-or-shine Labor Day tradition!

HOURS: 12 noon to 10 PM on Fri., Sat., Sun. 9/1, 9/2, 9/3; 12 noon to 7 PM on Mon. 9/4

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SEEKING VENDORS & CRAFTERS FOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Lady of Assumption Ladies Guild is currently looking for unique vendors and creative vendors to join us for our Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair, Saturday, November 18, 2017-10am-4pm-Our Lady of Assumption Church, 81 Center Road, Woodbridge. Applications: mrs.lindareilly@gmail.com, or call linda at 203-387-1051. \$50/6ft table space; \$75/12 ft display area.

Proceeds benefit Student Service Award Scholarship and other financial contributions of the ministry.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Orange Congregational Church, located at the corner of 205 Meeting House Lane and Orange Center Road, will resume its regular weekly worship schedule for the fall on Sunday September 3rd with an 8:00 a.m. service in the Chapel and a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. The following week will be our Welcome Back Sunday on September 10th when all regular church programming will resume. A worship service will take place in the Chapel at 8 a.m. The God Is Still Talking (GIST) Bible Study will meet at 8:15 a.m. in the Jean Jones Library. Backpack Blessings for school children will take place during the 10 a.m. service. Our Senior Choir will sing at the 10 o'clock service. Junior/Youth Choir rehearsal will take place for any student in Grade 2 and up, both boys and girls are invited, meeting briefly after service for a first rehearsal in our new Choir Room. Church School for children ages K-4th Grade will run during the 10 o'clock service and this year's theme is "Tables of Jesus".

Every Sunday there will also be a crib



Orange Congregational Church

room available for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending this later worship service. Our Christian Stewardship Team is hosting a Welcome Back Potluck Picnic on the Orange Town Green immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on September 10th. The team will provide hotdogs with fixings and beverages. Please join us and bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome! If you have any questions about our church programs for children, youth and adults, please call the church office at 203-795-9749, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and we will be happy to speak with you.

Attention Churches, Synagogues & Houses of Worship!

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS & FAMILY PICNIC

Come welcome Shabbat under the stars at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven (TE) on Friday, September 8. The evening begins at 4:30 with fun for kids of all ages. At 5:00 we will have a kosher barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads and more. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service starting at 6:00 on the patio.

Bring a comfortable chair or blanket, and don't forget the bug spray! Following the service, please join us for our traditional tasty TE oneg in our social hall.

Not a member of TE? Come check us out. This event is FREE if you pre-register on the TE website (www.templemanuel-gnh.org), or \$5 per person



Temple Emanuel

with a \$10 maximum per family at the door.

Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue (Route 34) in Orange. For more information about this and other services and events at Temple Emanuel, please go to the synagogue's website or call the office at 203-397-3000.

HIGH HOLY DAYS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

The High Holy Days are a time of joy and reflection at Temple Emanuel. The schedule of services and related activities for 2017/5778 is as follows:

Wednesday, September 20 8 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah - *Oneg after the service.*

Thursday, September 21 9:45 am Rosh Hashanah Children's Service* **10 am** Rosh Hashanah 1st Day Service. *Kiddush after the service, followed by Tashlich.*

Friday, September 22 10 am Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Service - *Kiddush after the service.*

Friday, September 29 8 pm Kol Nidrei/

Erev Yom Kippur Service.

Saturday, September 30 9:45 am Yom Kippur Children's Service* **10 am** Yom Kippur Morning Service - *Adult Study Session with Rabbi Michael Farbman to follow - "To Fast or Not to Fast: Is This a Yom Kippur Question?"* **4:00 pm** Mincha/ Yom Kippur Afternoon Service; **5:30 pm** Yizkor/Memorial Service; Neilah/ Concluding Service; Havdalah Service - *Break Fast to follow.*

Wednesday, October 4 6:30 pm Erev Sukkot Service.

Wednesday, October 11 6:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah/Consecration Service.

OR SHALOM ANNUAL OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICE

Join Congregation Or Shalom of Orange as we hold our annual outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road,

Orange, CT on Friday evening, September 8th at 7:00 pm! Rabbi Wainhaus will bring his guitar and lead us in a joyful "sing-along" service. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

Shabbat Lunch & Learn: September 9th, following Kiddush

Eddie Goodmaster - "Build Me a Home that I May Dwell Among You": The planning and design of Congregation B'nai Jacob's beautiful home in Woodbridge.

Selichot, 5777: Saturday night, September 16, 8:00pm

8:00pm Movie - "The Wedding Plan": A new Israeli, poignant, and funny romantic comedy about love, marriage, and faith in life's infinite possibilities.

9:45pm Discussion and Dessert



Congregation B'nai Jacob

10:15pm Selichot Service: This moving service will enable us to enter into the mood of the high holidays and begin our work of tshuva (returning).

TRINITY CHURCH SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Trinity Church, 9/3 Summer Worship Service at 9:30am; 9/10 Fall schedule begins with Kick Off Sunday - Sunday School for all ages at 9:10am and Worship Service at 10:30am; 9/17 Join us for

a picnic after Worship Service! RSVP at www.trinityefc.com/picnic2017. 33 Center Road, Woodbridge. Visit www.trinityefc.com or call 203-387-4711 x10 to learn more.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Blessing of the Backpacks, Children's Christian Faith Formation Program

September 1st, 2017: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes all comers to Good Shepherd Sunday on September 10th, 2017. The Church of the Good Shepherd marks the opening of the program year with a festive Holy Eucharist at the 10:00am service. There will be a blessing of the students' backpacks as they head back to school or advanced education, and an expanded coffee hour to welcome everyone back after the busy summer. Children's Christian Faith Formation, headed by Sarah Greifenberger and Brooke Torres begins at 10 am in the Parish Hall. Register your child for the program year by calling the church office at 203-795-6577, or in person on Sunday the 10th. Faith Formation is free and open to children 4 years old and up. We will celebrate our patron The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, in scripture,

prayer and song. Come join us! All are welcome here. Service times are 8 am and 10 am.

Don't forget to stop by and visit the Good Shepherd in the civic tent at the Orange Country Fair on September 16th and 17th.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 10 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangedt.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cgsorangedtfor frequent postings.



THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

On Sunday, September 10 the First Church of Christ will celebrate Rally Day, the traditional beginning of the Church School year for children in grades K - 8. This year's lessons will focus on the life and teachings of Jesus. Children not yet in Kindergarten are welcome to utilize our nursery in the Meeting House. We are also in the planning stages for a Confirmation Class for children in 7th - 9th grade. For more information about the church school, including the Middle School Youth Group for 5th - 8th graders, please contact Morgan Aery, Director of Christian Education at morgannancyaery@gmail.com.

We invite all members of the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge for the following weekly services and special events:

Sunday Services - 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

Church School - Sunday at 10 a.m.



The First Church of Christ

the second through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the life and teachings of Jesus.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th - 8th graders - The Youth group will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Sunday September 10, in the Parrish House from 4 - 6 pm. The Youth group will generally meet the 2nd Sunday of the month from 4 - 6 pm.

Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., in the Parish House - We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.



SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



Summer Concerts

Join us for 3 outdoor all ages shows in the Gazebo, for the Thursday night concerts from 6:30-8:30pm. Come early for the Farmers’ Market and bring your appetite for the food trucks! September 7, Frantic City - 80s Tribute, rain date September 28.

16th Annual Health & Safety Fair

The 16th Annual Health and Safety Fair will be held on Friday, September 15 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Vendors representing all sorts of agencies will be on hand to give out information about products and services that benefit older adults. There will be raffle prizes and refreshments; sponsored by Coldwell Banker, Orange Visiting Nurses Association, Maplewood of Orange and the Orange Senior Center. Admission is free. or more information, call (203) 891-4784.

OVNA Flu Clinics

The Orange Visiting Nurse Association invites you to attend one of their vaccination clinics here in Orange.

- September 27, 2017 at High Plains Community Center 12pm - 3pm
- October 16, 2017 at High Plains Community Center 1pm—3pm
- October 19, 2017 at OVNA office 4:00pm - 7:00pm
- October 26 2017 at High Plains Community Center 12pm—4pm

- November 7 (Election Day) 8am-10am at HPCC; 1pm—3pm at MLT; 6pm—8pm at HPCC

Contact the OVNA directly with any questions. (203) 891-4752. United Healthcare is not accepted.

Wellness with Shop Rite

Shop Rite of Orange’s Registered Dietitian, Courtney Huggins, RD will lead a discussion with a dish to try on Monday, September 11 from 11:30-12:30pm.

Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register, call (203) 891-4765 before 1pm the day before.

Monday with Maplewoods

Chef Leif will return with his culinary delights for you to sample on October 16 and a special holiday sampling on December 4. Call (203) 891-4788. Your taste buds are sure to be pleased!

Lunch & Fun

Join us for Ned Skinnon for “Sports Talk” and his Memorabilia Display on October 20 at 12 noon. All are welcome, free admission just call the office (203)

891-4784 so we can put out enough chairs.

Cribbage Club

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

Movie of the Month

Friday, September 8 “Manchester by the Sea”, 1:00pm

Staring Casey Affleck - A brooding, irritable loner is named guardian to his 16-year-old nephew and must return to his home town which re-opens an unspeakable tragedy. Popcorn & soda to be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Pacific Northwest Slideshow Trip Presentation

Grab your bucket list because here is a golden opportunity to check one off. Join us on September 11 at 3:30pm for the Pacific Northwest Trip Presentation. The trip is scheduled for April 23-30, 2018 and the highlights include: Seattle, Mount St. Helens Visitor Center, Columbia River Gorge, Redwood National Park, San Francisco,

and more.

2017 Trips ?MYSTERY?

September 13, 2017

Don’t fall asleep as you may not know where or when you will awake. This trip includes 3—1 act plays, a lunch & a river cruise; Cost: \$99pp includes transportation, lunch, admission & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

CHOCOLATE DECADENCE SUNSET TOUR - September 29, 2017

Depart from the 1881 historic Thomaston Station enjoy Frasia Chocolate samples paired with Haight-Brown wine tasting. Enjoy a Sunset toast on the Thomaston Dam, and visit Fascia Chocolate Company. Cost: \$80pp/ drive yourself, \$90pp/with transportation. Includes wine tasting, chocolate samples, scenic train ride & driver gratuities. Full payment is due at reservation.

ICELAND’S MAGICAL NORTHERN LIGHTS, October 30-November. 5, 2018

7 days, 10 meals. Highlights: Reykjavik, Northern Lights Cruise, Golden Circle, Geysir, Blue Lagoon, and much more. .Cost: \$3,299pp double. Deposit & insurance due at registration.

YALE MEDICINE HOLDS “A MATTER OF BALANCE” PROGRAM

Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) CareCard program, YNHH Hospital Auxiliary and the Connecticut Older Adults Collaboration for Health (COACH), a project of the Yale School of Medicine is sponsoring “A Matter of Balance,” Saturday, September 23, 2017, an event designed to teach seniors and their loved ones how to lower the risk of debilitating falls. This free program runs from 9am – 2pm in the Cronin Auditorium

on the Saint Raphael Campus. Featured talks by experts include preventing falls, determining your fall risk, nutrition and healthy bones and an exercise demonstration to improve balance. Screenings (by appointment) for blood pressure, balance, hearing, vision and medication review, refreshments, giveaways, and plenty of helpful information and free parking. To register or for more information, call 203-789-3275.

SENIOR TUTORS NEEDED

Experience Corps needs volunteers, age 50+, to tutor reading with young children in participating New Haven, Hamden and East Haven afterschool programs and schools. Experience Corps volunteers tutor 2+ times/week for an

average of 6 hours. You bring your love of reading and we provide the training - hugs and smiles, too! Contact Sheila at 203-752-3059 x2900 or sgreenstein@aoascc.org to learn more. Training begins soon!

VOLUNTEERS AGE 55+ NEEDED

The Agency on Aging of South Central CT has volunteer opportunities for adults age 55+. Volunteers can tutor young children in reading in East Haven, Hamden & New Haven schools and afterschool programs (training provided), help frail seniors organize their monthly

bills, read with a child in a North Haven elementary school, or visit with a home-bound senior or a veteran.

For more information, call Cherie at 203-785-8533 x2907 or email volunteer@aoascc.org. Also, visit www.aoascc.org.

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tion that opening up the building to 55 year-olds would have a positive impact on both generations. He also pointed out that the only 55 and over housing in Orange is Fieldstone Village, a community of upscale condominiums that sell for upwards of \$400,000. “It doesn’t serve the needs of the community because of its cost,” Stone said. “Amending the zoning regulations is a small thing with a positive impact. There is no downside.”

Since purchasing the property last August for \$2.8 million, the Sohayeghs have installed security cameras, made gardens and put on a new roof. Though they maintain the age restriction makes it difficult to fill vacancies, they reported having just two vacancies in the building.

A petition signed by current tenants who support lowering the age of residents was also submitted to the board. Though tenants were invited to attend the public hearing, no one was present

to speak in favor of the plan.

First Selectmen Jim Zeoli, who spoke against the proposal in July, addressed the board again, urging them to uphold the regulations they put in place many years ago. “We have a shortage of age-restricted housing in town and we need more housing like this – it serves a huge need,” he said, adding Sohayegh and her husband, Michael, were aware of the age restriction on the property when they bought it.

Commissioner Paul Kaplan agreed. “There aren’t any relevant zoning issues,” he said. “The owners knew about the deed restrictions, it seems they are seeking younger blood for higher rents. I agree with Jim that there is a greater need for housing for those 62 and up.”

Chairman Ozzie Parente repeated what he said the first time he heard the proposal in July, that there was “no compelling evidence” to warrant a zone change.

UI MAINTENANCE ADVISORY INCLUDES ORANGE, WOODBRIDGE

During the early morning hours of Saturday, September 9, United Illuminating will be conducting system testing at its Allings electrical substation in West Haven to maintain the reliability of its energy grid. During this procedure, which will be conducted between 3 and 5 a.m., customers in some areas of West Haven, Orange, Woodbridge and Milford may experience a brief

power outage. The outage is expected to last less than 5 minutes. Customers may wish to check clocks and electronic devices that typically need to be reset following an outage. This work is part of UI's ongoing commitment to providing a safe, reliable energy grid that's capable of meeting the needs of its customers and communities now and into the future.



DISCOVERY TO CURE BEVERLY LEVY WALK TO BE HELD

The fifth annual Discovery to Cure Beverly Levy Walk will be held on September 17, 2017 at the Payne Whitney Gym. This year the event will be filled with great speakers, music and dance. WTNH News 8's Renee Chmiel will host the walk. It will be a great morning for the entire family. Registration begins 10 a.m. at Payne Whitney Gym - 70 Tower Parkway, New Haven. A recent kick-off event at 168 York Street Cafe welcomed over 150. Discovery to Cure was launched in 2003 to provide women with new methods for the prevention, early detection and treatment of gynecologic cancers. The direct connection between the research lab and clinical patient care makes Discovery to Cure the leading center for women's reproductive cancer research and treatment. Funds raised through last year's event enabled Discovery to Cure to provide research grants to Yale School of Medicine laboratories undertaking promising research in women's reproductive cancers. This would not have been possible without your support. Cancer research grants from government sources are decreasing, making your support even more important and meaningful than ever. The Walk is named in honor of its founder Beverly Levy, 63, a local woman who was fighting her own battle against ovarian cancer when she launched this

walk through Yale's campus in 2013. Beverly organized the entire walk while she was undergoing chemotherapy treatment. She was determined to do something to try and help countless women who would one day be diagnosed with cancer. In that first walk, Beverly and countless volunteers raised \$150,000 for gynecological cancer research and 700 people participated in the walk. Sadly, we lost Beverly in 2014. The Walk continues in memory of Beverly's vision, determination and remarkable energy. We invite you to walk with us again this year, to build on the incredible legacy Beverly left us and to honor her and all women fighting and lost to these diseases. "Though she was very ill, my mother poured her heart and soul into this walk because she wanted to find a cure, which would lead to so many future lives saved," said her daughter Perri Levy. "My mom is my hero and she continues to lead us by her unwavering desire to find a cure. We will ensure her legacy of love and selflessness lives on." U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro, a survivor of ovarian cancer for 30 years, has been a tireless advocate for the walk and Discovery to Cure. If you would like to learn more about Discovery, please call Ruth Ann Ornstein at 203-901-0964 or ruthann.ornstein@yale.edu.

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REAL LIVING WARECK D'OSTILIO REAL ESTATE WELCOMES RANK

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate proudly welcomes REALTOR Stephanie Rank to the team. A native of New Haven's East Rock area, Stephanie is a seasoned REALTOR with a thorough knowledge of Greater New Haven and the Shoreline area. She has a special love of New Haven's beautifully constructed vintage and antique homes around Yale and beyond.

Previous to her real estate career, Stephanie enjoyed a professional background in fashion and home design where she became a fashion and decorating magazine editor in Manhattan.

Stephanie also knows restoration, as she has restored her 1874 home in one of New Haven's three historic districts and a Historic Register home in Beaufort, South Carolina, as well as having been a writer for both House Beautiful Magazine and Martha Stewart. Her eye for detail, exceptional taste and style are wonderful assets offering insight and ideas for improving, staging and restructuring a home.

"Our company's continued growth



Stephanie Rank

over the past years, coupled with innovation, strategic planning, business integrity, and a demonstrated commitment to our clients, is why Stephanie joined our team," said John Wareck, Managing broker/owner. "We are delighted to welcome her to Wareck D'Ostilio and look forward to a great future together."

Stephanie's areas of expertise are in vintage properties, residential single family and multi-family homes, downtown condominiums, and luxury homes in Branford, Hamden, New Haven, and Woodbridge.

Married to a fashion photographer, Stephanie has a son who is an interventional radiologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, and a daughter, who is a green-fashion designer and publicist in Portland, Oregon. She also has three cats she rescued. An active member of both The Garden Club of New Haven and The North End Club, Stephanie is considered a "gourmet chef and baker" by her friends.

Stephanie can be reached at 203-605-7494 or Stephanie@wdsells.com.

BURGER KING® FRANCHISEES SUPPORT THE JIMMY FUND

Burger King® customers can help fight cancer by contributing \$1 or more to the Jimmy Fund through the "A Chance for Kids & Families®" fundraiser at participating Burger King restaurants from July 24 through Sept. 3. Local restaurants participating include the following Burger King location: 140 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT.

With each contribution of \$1 or more, Burger King customers will receive a guaranteed-win card as a thank you from the Jimmy Fund, featuring prizes including tropical vacations from Elite Island Resorts, American Airlines AAdvantage® miles, cash prizes, theme park tickets, Lyft rides, Blue Man Group tickets, and Valvoline Instant Oil Change™ services, as well as food prizes and gift cards from Burger King restaurants. Customers can also enter the unique code found on each promotion card at www.jimmyfund.org/acfkf for a chance to win additional prizes from the Jimmy Fund. Complete promotion details can be found at participating locations.

"The Burger King community is proud to partner with the Jimmy Fund each year for A Chance for Kids and Families,"

said Larry Kohler, CEO of Mastoran Corporation, a Burger King franchisee. "Cancer affects almost everyone in one way or another, and we are honored to support cancer research, patient care, and overall, the lifesaving mission of Dana-Farber to end cancer."

Since 2000, participating Burger King restaurants have raised more than \$13 million for the Jimmy Fund to support patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "We are proud to continue to partner with Burger King each year for A Chance for Kids & Families," said David Giagrando, assistant vice president, corporate partnerships in Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Division of Development & the Jimmy Fund. "The generous support from Burger King franchisees, employees and restaurant guests directly benefits the Jimmy Fund and significantly impacts Dana-Farber's mission to cure cancer."

For more information about the Jimmy Fund or A Chance for Kids & Families, including official rules and an alternate method of entry, visit a participating BURGER KING restaurant or visit <http://www.jimmyfund.org/acfkf>.

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19 Cohen & Wolf, P.C. Attorneys Named

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. is pleased to announce that 19 of the firm's attorneys have been included in the 2018 Edition of The Best Lawyers in America®. The recognized attorneys and their respective practice areas are as follows:

- Richard L. Albrecht - Family Law;
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- Jonathan S. Bowman - Insurance Law, Real Estate Law;
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This year, three of the firm's attorneys were recognized by Best Lawyers as 2018 "Lawyers of the Year" in the Stamford metro area: Richard L. Albrecht for Family Law Richard J. DiMarco for Tax Law; and Stuart M. Katz for Employment Law-Management. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year", making this accolade particularly significant. They are selected based on impressive voting averages received during the peer review assessments.

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The firm began in 1951 with two lawyers, Herbert L. Cohen and Austin K. Wolf, working from a single office in Bridgeport. Since then, the firm has expanded to more than 50 attorneys with offices in Bridgeport, Danbury, Westport and Orange. Attorneys at Cohen and Wolf represent a diverse assortment of individuals, businesses and municipalities, handling their personal and professional legal needs, from matters involving litigation, employment, corporate and securities law, commercial lending, real estate, land use and zoning, to family law and estate planning. Additional information is available at www.cohenandwolf.com.

ORANGE CHAMBER BOARD ELECTED FOR 2017-2018

The Orange Chamber of Commerce announced the election of new Board members and the officers for the 2017-2018 term. Starting in September, the officers are: president, Richard Zorena, UBS/ Eng Zorena Wealth Consulting, vice president, Silveras Sboui, Manager, Peoples United Bank Orange, treasurer, Isabel LaRue, Manager, TD Bank Milford, secretary, Maria Sandillo, Apicella Adjusters Orange and immediate past president, Katerina Miller, Lead Analyst-Power Procurement, UIL Holdings Corp.

Newly elected to serve on the Board are: Brian Clarke, Connecticut Capital Management Group Milford, Janet Harrison, Manager, The Milford Bank, Orange/Milford, Leslie Marsh, Cruise Planners, Pamela Perrelli, Sales Manager, Courtyard Marriott Orange. Returning members-at-large include

Cathy Bradley, Prindle Hill Construction, Lou DeSimone, Cellini Jewelers, The Orange Times, Vincent Marino, Cohen & Wolf Attorneys at Law, Nick Mastrangelo, Coldwell Banker, Michael Paolini, Michael Paolini CPA, Rick Roberts, Freeman, Freeman Roberts, Annemarie Sliby, Orange Economic Development, and Sue Vigorito, Stoney Creek Urgent Care.

The Orange Chamber of Commerce's mission is to provide programs and activities for the education, interaction, growth and support of the business community in the Greater Orange area. The Chamber has established goals to increase membership through recruitment and retention activities, to provide business-focused program, and to increase awareness and support of the Chamber's efforts to increase area business.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

HUGENDUBEL, CANGIANO AMONG BEST REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CT

Wayne Hugendubel and Carol Cangiano, Realtors, affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange, were named to the 2017 REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents list, a ranking report that identifies the most productive real estate agents by state and metropolitan area based on closed transaction sides and sales volume. "This is an exciting honor and recognition for Wayne and Carol, they deserve this honor for all their hard work and dedication," said Aileen DeFeo, Vice President, Brokerage Manager for Coldwell Banker, Orange and Woodbridge.

REAL Trends America's Best Real Estate Agents ranks over 12,000 residential real estate professionals solely based on their excellence in real estate sales during calendar year 2017. All production numbers are independently verified by a third-party in order to ensure accuracy and report integrity. This group of highly successful real estate sales agents represents less than 1 percent of all real estate practitioners in the United States.

To qualify for inclusion, an individual agent must have closed at least 50 transaction sides or \$20 million in sales

volume in 2016. Information on those receiving this recognition can be found online at <http://www.americasbestre.com>. Wayne Hugendubel can be reached at (203) 605-2946. Carol Cangiano can be reached at (203) 605-4480.

REAL Trends is a Castle Pines, Colorado-based real estate publishing and consulting firm that offers a wide range of research and advisory services to the residential real estate industry. Recognized as the leading source of trends in the industry, REAL Trends also publishes the REAL Trends The Thousand, as advertised in The Wall Street Journal and the REAL Trends 500, which ranks the top brokerage firms in the United States.

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Wayne Hugendubel



Carol Cangiano

COLONIAL PROPERTIES HIRES DIR. OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Michael Richetelli, President of Colonial Properties, Inc. in Orange is pleased to announce that Maria Renaldi has been hired as Director of Residential Services.

Maria has been a licensed Realtor for over 15 years. She was previously the Office Manager at Weichert Realtors for over 5 years, where she managed a team of over 30 agents which was recognized as one of the highest producing offices in the New Haven area.

"Maria is a welcome addition to our growing team. Her Residential Management and Brokerage expertise will be invaluable as Colonial expands our residential division. She has a long track record of success and a reputation as a manager who supports, mentors, and respects her agents" said Richetelli.

Colonial Properties, Inc., founded in 1978, is a full service Commercial and Residential Real Estate Brokerage, located in Orange, CT. The firm handles all types of real estate transactions including the sale and leasing of retail, industrial, office, investment properties, and residential properties, as well as brokering land and business sales.



Maria Renaldi



REAL LIVING WARECK D'OSTILIO ADDS NEW ADDRESS IN BRANFORD

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate proudly announces the opening of its newest office on 978 Main Street in the heart of Branford Center. "Opening in Branford puts us closer and in a more convenient location to many of our existing customers and prospective clients that are working on the Shoreline. Our office is in a highly traveled area which enables us to interact better with the public and to exhibit current available properties to passersby," said John Wareck, partner and Managing Broker.

The Branford office is conveniently located across from the Branford Green and close to an abundance of retail stores, restaurants and businesses. "We continue to focus on continued growth with our company and our expansion to the Branford location fits well with our business strategy for the future," added

Frank D'Ostilio, Partner and Designated Broker.

"We are delighted to announce these fine agents have already joined our Branford team: Rhonda Young-Lui, Marci Paluzzi, Carol MacLachlan, Tina Redden, Lisa Strickland, and Terry Constantini," said D'Ostilio. "We will be hiring more agents to accommodate clients as the company continues its record growth," said Wareck.

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate's corporate office is located at 174 Cherry Street in Milford. The company also has an office at 1673 Litchfield Turnpike on the Woodbridge/Westville town line and at 47 High Street at Yale in New Haven. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

ORANGE CHAMBER TO HOST FIRST SELECTMAN DEBATE

The Orange Chamber of Commerce will host the town's First Selectman Debate on October 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at the Grassy Hill Country Club, 411 Clark Lane, Orange.

This year there are three candidates running for the First Selectman's office: the incumbent Republican, Jim Zeoli, who has held the position for 12 years, the Democratic challenger, Margaret Novicki, recently retired from a 22-year career with the United Nations and Alex DeAngelo, a 24 year old Orange native and recent SCSU graduate.

Danial May, Provost and Senior Vice President at the University of New Haven will be moderating the debate. The public may submit their questions to director@orangetchamber.com by October 6, 2017.

The event is free and open to the public thanks to the Orange Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Insurance Trust, the Orange Republican Town Committee, the Orange Democratic Town Committee, and the Orange Independent Committee stepping up to sponsor the debate.

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Garden Club members tending the herb garden. [Photo by Linda Bradford]

HERB GARDEN IN FULL BLOOM

Located behind the Stone-Otis House on Orange Center Road, the restored herb garden is now in full bloom. Members of the Garden Club of Orange have been working since spring planting over twenty varieties of herbs. Divided into four quadrants, the garden contains many culinary and beverage herbs. Familiar plants such as basil, parsley, oregano are joined by some not so familiar ones such as horehound, feverfew, tansy and yarrow. The area devoted to flavoring beverages is planted with

pineapple sage, lemon balm mint and lavender among others. The garden is tended regularly by the garden club and includes picking and snipping herbs, weeding and mulching. The garden is an attractive addition to this historic home and well worth a visit. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of CT and New England Garden Clubs, Inc. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs, 203-795-4266.



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Q: I just finished binge-watching “Glow” on Netflix, and I have to know if it will be back for another season. -- Frank C., Albany, New York

A: “Glow,” which premiered on the streaming network in June, will indeed have a 10-episode season two. The exact date has not yet been announced. For those unfamiliar with the series, the based-on-real-life-events wrestling comedy is set in 1985 and centers on Ruth Wilder (played by “Community” alum **Alison Brie**), a struggling actress who stumbles upon her latest gig of starring in a new concept entertainment series about women wrestlers, aka the Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling (GLOW).

Q: I saw a commercial on PBS for a movie called “Farthest.” Can you tell me what that’s about? -- Kenny T., via email

A: My New York colleague, **Michael Dressel**, attended the press screening of the documentary for me. Here’s what he reported back: “The Farthest’ celebrates 40 years (and counting) of the Voyager interstellar mission. The twin unmanned spacecraft, each no larger than a compact automobile, launched in 1977 on a ‘grand tour’ of the outer planets of the solar system -- Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

“The two-hour film features interviews with the Voyager mission team, capturing the tension and elation of a historic mission that sent back unprecedented data and imagery. The film is both an adventure story and an aspirational tale, one in which mankind hopes to find something of itself in the vastness of space. Throughout its far-flung odyssey, the Voyager mission is an emblem of hope and human curiosity.

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Alison Brie in “Glow” [Netflix]

tion of famed astronomer **Carl Sagan**, this message in a bottle -- a primer of life on Earth for any extraterrestrial being that might encounter it -- includes music from Beethoven to **Chuck Berry**, messages of greeting, nature sounds and pictures of Earth and its inhabitants.

“In one particularly poignant moment, the Voyager craft, its mission complete, turns its camera back to capture Earth as a pale blue dot in the expanse of space, now one of the most famous images of our planet, which Sagan poetically described as the place where ‘everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives ... on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.’”

Q: When will “Vikings” be back? It seems like forever since there’s been a new episode. -- Gian W., via email


A: I know the wait seems long when it’s an awesome show like the **Travis Fimmel**-starring historical drama. Travis plays Ragnar Lothbrok, a farmer who rises to fame by successful raids into England, and eventually becomes a Scandinavian king. “Vikings,” which is based on historical events, will be back for 20 new episodes when season five premieres Nov. 29 on the History channel.

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

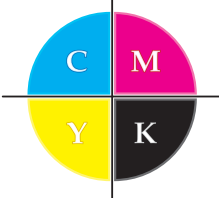
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certs, shows & evening activities; Guest Speakers; Afternoon cruise/ride in old, vintage 50s & 60s cars; People-to-People interaction; Full American buffet breakfasts daily; Beverages; All Beatles and music related events and attractions; plus so much more.

The per person cost is only \$2699 based on double occupancy (a \$4000 value); Strictly limited to the first 50 reservations. To view the itinerary, visit <http://www.fab4musicfestival.com/tours/beatlescuba.html>.

This niche tour gives music fans and Beatles aficionados the rare opportunity to travel to Cuba, as presented by Liverpool Productions, organizers of the Magical History Tour to London & Liverpool since 1983. For more info or to reserve your space on this historic travel adventure, email LiverpoolTours@aol.com or phone (203) 795-4737.

GNHCC INVITES SINGERS

Rehearsals begin September 7

Greater New Haven Community Chorus, a non-auditioned, four part (SATB) chorus, is currently inviting singers to join GNHCC for the 2017-2018 season. Prospective singers are invited to join us as we prepare for our December 2017 concert, "From Skies Above," a holiday choral celebration featuring Mendelssohn's Vom Himmel hoch, selections from Randall Thompson's Frostiana, and works by Bach, Gjielo, and others. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 7th.

No audition is required. Singers of all experience levels are welcome.

Interested singers are invited to attend up to three rehearsals as guests before committing to join the chorus. This trial period provides an opportunity to meet the chorus members and Artistic Director, Noah Blocker-Glynn; to sample the upcoming repertoire, and experience the spirit and welcoming community of GNHCC. The open enrollment period for the upcoming Fall semester runs from September 7th through September 21st. Prospective singers may visit any rehearsal during this period. Rehearsals are held every Thursday evening from

7:00 to 9:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 704 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Additional details about chorus membership, registration fees, and the

history of Greater New Haven Community Chorus can be found at www.gnhcc.org.

To fulfill our mission of achieving the highest possible standard of choral music performed by a non-auditioned chorus, singers should attend all weekly rehearsals and are encouraged to actively participate in the organization by sharing

their individual skills and talents with the various GNHCC committees.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus – 80-100 voices strong – draws its membership from throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction.

For more information about GNHCC, please visit www.gnhcc.org, or email: info@gnhcc.org.



ADULT PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored By Orange Arts & Culture Council

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is sponsoring a Fill the Frame Photo Contest for adults. The contest includes the following categories: Nature - landscapes, scenic and outdoors; Animals - pets, wildlife, zoo, farm animals; People - children, family, models/fashion, people from all walks of life; Orange Pride – image must represent the Town of Orange (people, activities or places); Creative - subject not listed in the other categories.

Photographers can submit up to three images. Entries can be in color or black & white. All entries must be framed and ready to be hung, frames no smaller than 11 by 14 or larger than 16 by 20. Pictures

may be matted.

There is a \$10 entry fee for EACH image, checks payable to OACC. The photographer's name, image title, category and phone number must be on the back of the frame.

All entries (with check) must be submitted by Saturday, September 30 to Lexi Crocco, 382 Longmeadow Road, Orange, 203-641-4527 or Priscilla Searles, 629 Chestnut Ridge Road, Orange, 203-397-1465.

Photos will be judged by Connecticut Professional Photographers Association - CTPPA. Top selected photos will be displayed at the Town Hall Gallery.

NEW MONTHLY DRAMA WORKSHOP SERIES FOR CHILDREN

At Case Memorial Library

Learn the power of storytelling by becoming part of the tale yourself! Ingrid Schaeffer of Creative Dramatics will present a monthly series of drama workshops for children at Case Memorial Library starting in October. Each session will begin with theater games and improvisational exercises. Then, participants will listen to the story chosen for the workshop, choose which roles they would like to play, and add costume pieces. The group will act out the narrative together and then complete a fun visual arts activity. Program dates are listed below. Registration will open three weeks in advance of the program date:

- Saturday, October 21, 2017: 2:00-

- 3:30PM: The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything
- Saturday, November 18, 2017: 2:00-3:30PM: Turkey Trouble
- Saturday, December 2, 2017: 2:00-3:30PM: The Magical Toy Shop
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018: 1:30-3:00PM: The Fir Tree
- Saturday, April 21, 2018: 2:00-3:30PM: The Rainbow Fish

This monthly drama workshop series is generously funded by a grant from the Orange Foundation Trust U/A, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee. Registration is required. Stop by the Children's Room or call (203) 891-2170 to reserve your space!



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The Goddard School in Orange, CT celebrated the 12th graduating class with a Hoe-Down complete with a special entrance made by the children via hay ride! Donned in their Cowboy hats and Bandanas, children accepted their “gold star” and diplomas at the High Plains Community Center Gazebo, sang a song for their special guests and then enjoyed a morning of fun and excitement with their friends and family! The children had fun showing their families how to play Chess, taking “Wanted” pictures at the Selfie Station, dancing to country music, getting their face painted, and feasted on chicken, watermelon, cornbread, potatoes and animal themed cake pops. It was a fun-filled morning with tons of laughter and giggles, as well as tears, as parents and teachers wished the children well as they move on to their new experiences!



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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



This Old House... That Isn't Anymore...

The Derby Turnpike Company was formed in 1798 with capital of about \$7500 and 10 stockholders. Joseph Wheeler and others petitioned the General Assembly for a charter stating that “the road now leading from Derby landing to the New Haven Court House is extremely bad, hilly, crooked and rough so as to be almost impassible for teams and carriages; that a new road or highway might be laid out from said landing to said Court House which would shorten the distance two miles and be laid over good level and feasible land.” The road was about 8 miles in length and 18 feet wide but it was made known that where there were rocks or other obstructions making the 18 feet impossible, the road was to be made as wide as possible.

The limits of the road were from the house of Eneas Monson on York Street in New Haven to the house of Joseph Wheeler at Derby Landing. Derby was a prosperous village at the time and the import trade was booming as ships came up the Housatonic River from foreign ports, especially from the West Indies. Trade with that part of the world had been lucrative when Milford Colony’s very own, Alexander and Richard Bryan built ships in 1645 that sailed there and to Boston Harbor giving the colony a stature only known in Boston at that time. A tollgate was built near the Maltby Lakes on the turnpike and the house, although altered somewhat, can still be seen just before the large billboards on the right.

A picture of the tollhouse with its signage can be seen at the Academy and due to an error in judgment by the lawyer who tended to the sale of the tollhouse in the 1920s, the sign was given to the New Haven Historical Society where it hangs today. A replica of the sign can be seen at the Academy. Certain exemptions were allowed such as persons traveling to and from public worship, funerals, society or town meetings, military travel and farmers going to and from gristmills. I should think that a commercial venture would

be charged as a profit was being made in the grinding. Farmers tending to their farming duties were not liable for the toll. By 1887 a resolution was passed to “hire” the New Haven and Derby Turnpike for the free use of the inhabitants of Orange not to exceed \$240 each year. By 1897, the toll road was discontinued. Having acquired the road, Orange voted to appropriate \$3000 to make improvements.

Now, to the house on the falls on the Wepawaug River, you see with the road being upgraded, it made sense to the Alling family to build a suitable tavern for weary travelers as they made their way up the turnpike. Built with two enormous chimneys, one of which had a large smoker box built into it, the prospect of many guests was obvious, allowing for eight fireplaces to serve the public. Well, the public was not served as noted in Mary Woodruff’s “History of Orange” because the traders went past the Alling Tavern into New Haven. The house is two stories high built on what was called a rubble foundation. Once having clapboards, the house maintained its 18th century “look”, an inviting structure at the time.

The windows on the ends were typical of the Greek Revival style and the porch sported the identification of Italianate. Changes that occurred over the years:

The floor joists showed sections of bark, as they were hand hewn with wide floorboards throughout. A massive stairway, curved as it ascended to the 2nd floor making a grand entrance upon opening the front door with its decorative carved glass panels. The four fireplaces on each floor were each treated differently as

the years passed but the brick chimney, once the strength of the home began to show wear. The 2nd floor was almost identical to the first with rooms on either side of the massive staircase.

A number of the elements in the Alling Tavern suggest a late 18th century or early 19th century construction for the main portion of the house. The structure in the attic and cellar exhibit the hand-hewn beams that are pegged, and beautiful, wide floorboards in the attic were fit for any room on the first and 2nd floors keeping with the tradition of using good wood throughout. The two massive chimneys and stature of



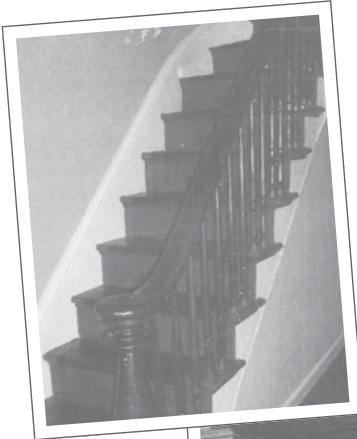
the home give rise to a wealthy owner and we know that the Allings were successful with various mills up and down the Wepawaug River just south of the house, ultimately moving into Derby. There was a sawmill, just west of the river owned by Garret DeWitt as far back as 1776, a convenient source for the large, expansive tavern.

The stained, split shingles that have been so apparent, covered at least two layers of clapboards and asphalt shingles replaced the original wooden ones on the roof. With additions to the back of the house, a fireplace was added in the cellar. All of the history, changes and ownership of the house has been its worst enemy as can be seen today, a skeleton of its former glory. Purchased from the Regional Water Authority, its new owner, a restoration contractor, had great plans of restoring the house as his family home. Beginning with the removal of the shingles which were damaged with age, the clapboards were revealed only to be taken off as well being damaged beyond saving.

What could not be seen from the outside nor from the inside plaster walls

was the insidious workings of insects and dampness, both entities rotting the structure from within. Upon inspection by the Regional Water Authority, the Connecticut Preservation Trust and myself, it is apparent, more than apparent, that the house must be demolished. The upside is that all portions of the structure that are salvageable will be incorporated into a new house, with the identical footprint, inside and out, a testimony to its former life. All elements such as fireplace surrounds, flooring, roof joists and staircases will be returned and the Alling Tavern will once again stand on the edge of the dam at the Wepawaug River. Although the chimneys were badly cracked, the old bricks can be used to rebuild the fireplaces. The house was architecturally significant in its time being an example of late 18th century, with its decorative changes, the Greek Revival staircase, the Italianate and Aesthetic mantels, Italianate porch and door.

A good example of the adaptation of an older house to fit new uses and will once again be visible on the dam at the Wepawaug River.



"Prime Bank" continued from Page 15

nounced the signing of a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Patriot will acquire Prime. The acquisition will expand Patriot's community banking presence and footprint in Southern Connecticut.

As of June 30, 2017, Prime had approximately \$73 million in total assets, \$55.8 million in deposits and \$27.8 million in total loans.

Under the terms of the agreement Prime shareholders will receive aggregate cash consideration equal to 115% of Prime's tangible book value as of the closing date. The acquisition will result in a new Patriot branch located in the Town of Orange, in New Haven County. The transaction is anticipated to close in the fourth quarter 2017 and is subject to customary regulatory approvals and Prime shareholder approval.

Patriot Chairman and CEO Michael Carrazza stated, "The acquisition of Prime Bank will support our operating goals of extending Patriot Bank's footprint, building scale, and improving key operating metrics, all of which ultimately adds value for our shareholders and customers."

Richard Muskus Jr., Patriot's President, added, "The acquisition will enable Patriot Bank to expand its consumer and small business relationships, lending operations, and community presence, while offering Prime's current customers a broader suite of products."

In the second fiscal quarter of 2017, Patriot reported pre-tax income of \$1.4 million and net income of \$804 thousand, or \$0.21 per diluted share. For the six months ended June 30, 2017, net income was \$2.5 million or \$0.65 per diluted share. In July 2017, Patriot announced the reinstatement of its

dividend policy and declared its first quarterly dividend for shareholders since 2008.

Patriot anticipates that Prime's branch staff will join Patriot to assist in a seamless transition and continue to help drive growth efforts and customer satisfaction. Prime CEO Jasper J. Jaser stated, "We are pleased to announce this transaction, as we believe merging into Patriot meets the objectives of our shareholders, customers and employees. Our customers will benefit from increased services and expanded product and lending capabilities; our branch employees will be part of a larger organization and branch network, offering broader career opportunities." Paul Lutsky, Prime's Vice President, added, "The merger will support Patriot's growth strategies, allowing it to leverage its larger capital base and legal lending limits to provide broader lending solutions to Prime's customers."

Prime Bank shareholders will receive detailed information about the transaction in a proxy statement that will be sent to them in connection with a special shareholders' meeting to approve the transaction.

Patriot National Bancorp, Inc. is headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut and the Bank has full service branches in Connecticut and New York. Since opening its doors in 1994, Patriot's mission has been to serve its local communities by helping its neighbors and neighborhood businesses thrive. All lending is handled locally and is specific to each borrower, and the commitment to local businesses goes further to connect, support and grow businesses in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, along with municipalities. Patriot believes a well-connected community is a strong community—and that together, all will prosper.



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Events For Adults

Fall Film Series

Registration is required for all films and begins three weeks in advance of the program date. Afternoon screenings are shown with subtitles.

The Zookeeper's Wife

Monday, September 18, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, September 20, 1 p.m.

The true story of the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonia and Jan Zabinski, who helped save hundreds of people and animals during the German invasion. 2 hr., 7 min. PG-13.

2017 Oscar Shorts: Live-Action Nominees

Monday, September 25, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, September 27, 1 p.m.

Nominees include: Sing, Silent Nights, Timecode, Ennemis Interiers, and La Femme et Le TG. 2 hr., 14 min.

The Lost City of Z

Monday, October 23, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, October 25, 1 p.m.

A true-life drama centering on British explorer Col. Percival Fawcett, who disappeared in the 1920s while searching for a mysterious city in the Amazon. 2 hr., 21 min. PG-13.

Book Discussions

Books and Breakfast: Morning Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 19, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of Common-wealth by Ann Patchett. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.

Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk.

Edgar Allan Poe: A Live Performance

Saturday, September 9, 1 p.m.

Celebrated actor Campbell Harmon performs dramatic readings of Poe's



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"The Tell-Tale Heart" and the oft-quoted poem of paranoia, "The Raven." The audience will also be treated to some lesser known information about Poe's life. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins Saturday, August 19.

East Haddam Stage Company

Sherlock Holmes Radio Drama

Saturday, October 14, 1 p.m.

Come see the East Haddam Stage Company's 1930 live-action Sherlock Holmes Radio Drama using CT native William Gillette's actual script, originally broadcast in October of 1930 from NY City.). This one-hour production, which includes a complete sound effects table, will wrap up with a 30-minute show where attendees become the 'studio audience.' Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins Saturday, September 23.

Zentangles Workshop

Monday, October 16, 7 p.m.

Learn how to create art through repetitive drawing of simple patterns and "tangles" with Certified Zentangle Teacher Jamilah. It's fun, relaxing, and easy to learn! No previous experience required. Space is limited. Registration is required in person and begins Monday, September 25. A \$5 per person materials charge will be collected upon registration.

Events For Teens

Fall Cooking Class for Teens

For students in grades 6-12.

Wednesday, October 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn how to make tasty, healthy recipes with Courtney Huggins, Orange ShopRite's registered dietician. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, September 27. Please notify the Library of any food allergies at the time of registration.

Events For Children

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5 year olds. A story-related craft is offered following each session. Registration is not required.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle. We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books. Registration is not required.

2-Year-Olds Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time just for twos. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays, and puppetry together. Registration is not required.

Learn to Draw Like Paul Klee

Wednesday, September 27, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children in grades 2-6. Make your very own work of modern art! Learn about artist Paul Klee and transform a simple line into a picture full of eye-catching colors in unique combinations. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, September 6.

Halloween Magic Show

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m.

For children in grades K-6. Illusionist Chris Lengyel is coming to the Library with a family-friendly Halloween magic show. Chris has performed for high-profile clients like Penn and Teller and has even been featured on national TV. Registration is required and begins Saturday, September 16.

Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer

The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything

Saturday, October 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

For children ages 5-10. Join Ingrid Schaeffer as we re-enact this autumnal tale of a little old woman who refuses to be frightened when some unwanted visitors follow her through the forest one dark and spooky evening. Participants will also complete an art activity based on the book as part of the workshop. Registration is required and will open on Saturday, September 30. This drama workshop is generously funded by a grant from the Orange Foundation Trust U/A, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee.

No-Bake Kid's Cooking Class

Wednesday, October 25, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

For children ages 5-10. Learn how to make tasty, healthy recipes with Courtney Huggins, Orange ShopRite's registered dietician. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, October 4. Please notify the Library of any food allergies at the time of registration.

Art Reception

September: Photography by Paula Esposito, acrylics, watercolors, and oils by Rosalba Saenz, and decorated platters by Vinita Manjunath, on view September 6-29. Reception: Thursday, September 14 from 5-7 p.m.

October: Glass, oils, and pastels by Radhika Malhotra, acrylics, oils, watercolors, and pencil drawings by Inge Weber, and watercolors and acrylics by Susan Zelanakas, on view October 3-30. Reception: Thursday, October 5 from 5-7 p.m.

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Movies/TV on DVD

- Beauty and the Beast
- Brand New Testament
- The Fate of the Furious
- 50 Shades Darker
- The Founder
- Get Out
- The Great Wall
- John Wick, Chapter 2
- The Shack
- The Zookeeper's Wife

Music on CD

- Ryan Adams -- Prisoner
- Assassins: 2004 Broadway cast recording
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- Paula Hawkins -- Into the Water
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Two happy recipients of a free book from the Friends of the Case Memorial Library's table at last year's Orange Country Fair. Come see us this year in the Civic Tent on Sunday and choose your own free selection.

GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S & TEEN BOOKS NEEDED

Bring your (gently) used baby and teen books to the Experience Corps table at Hamden Town Center Market, Thursdays 4-7pm from July 6 to September 30. Your books will be given to area children who have little access to books. For donations of more than 50 books, please call Sheila at 203-752-3059 x2900 or email sgreenstein@aoascc.org.

Experience Corps is a literacy tutoring program whose volunteers, age 55+, help young students become better readers.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to tutor 2+ mornings weekly in a local elementary school or 2+ afternoons weekly in a local afterschool program starting in October. Training is provided. Contact Sheila for more information, 203-752-3059 x2900 or sgreenstein@aoascc.org.

Experience Corps is a program of the Agency on Aging of South Central CT and an affiliate of AARP Foundation Experience Corps. Visit www.aoascc.org/experiencecorps.

QUOTH THE RAVEN, "NEVERMORE"

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library invite you to share an afternoon with actor Campbell Harmon, who will give a dramatic performance of two of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous works, The Raven and The Tell-Tale Heart, on Saturday, September 9, at 1:00.

Harmon will speak in-character as Poe about the author's life, his death, and his profound influence on American literature. "Edgar Allan Poe was the first American writer to attempt to support himself solely on writing alone. He wrote the first modern detective story, the first modern science fiction story, and founded the modern horror genre."

Poe experienced many hardships in his life that inspired his work. "He did not look to any literary works for inspiration, and acted more from his imagination and the experiences he went through." Poe was an inspiration for many writers from Arthur Conan Doyle to Stephen King. He has also influenced music pop-culture – listen to "Annabelle Lee" sung by Joan Baez or Stevie Nicks and the Beatles, "I Am the Walrus." Even TV series like "The Simpsons," "South Park," and "The Following" pay homage to Poe.

Harmon, a graduate of Yale Divinity School and currently the Assistant Director of Communications and Website of the school, is also involved with the Wallingford Trail of Terror, a non-profit, all-volunteer, outdoor haunted attraction that donates its profits to groups benefiting local communities – open during October and a perfect activity to get in the Halloween spirit.

Why not take this opportunity to learn about one of America's most famous authors? The Friends continue to celebrate its 25th anniversary with this program. Registration is required in person or by phone at 203.891.2170.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



LABOR DAY WINES

Labor day is time for Merlot! Merlot is a relatively thin-skinned varietal and ripens earlier than its frequent blending partner, Cabernet Sauvignon. Softer and lighter in tannins then Cab the medium acidity helps to make the wine much more approachable early on than many other red wines. The blue Black grapes produce an attractive deeply colored wine. This grape supposedly derives its name from the word Merle, French for blackbird, reflecting the dark color of the loose bunches of large grapes. Flavors and aromas found in Merlot include plums, cherries chocolate, tobacco and bell peppers. Many of the Merlots are aged in oak which gives the wine a vanilla and clove flavor with the aromas of Nutmeg.

Merlot is one of the varietals used in creating the Bordeaux blend. The wine is generally a medium body weight. This why it is often blended with Cabernet Sauvignon. This makes the wine more substantial and brings out the oak flavors and aromas to a greater degree. The wine has only to be 75% Merlot to be called a Merlot so many wine makers, especially California and Washington, include Cabernet and Pete Syrah and still just refer to it as "Merlot". The European vs. North and South America differ greatly.

The great Bordeaux blend of France includes Merlot along with Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot and these are considered some of the finest wines in the world! (A few of the famous Bordeaux estates use some Carmeni- niere as well.) These wines pair well with prime rib , flank steak and filet mignon and sauces such as Hollanda- ise and Bearnaise.

Pairing Merlots is easy if you know the style of the wine. The lighter Merlots with less tannins match well with grilled chicken and roasted game. It goes great with duck. The more medium bodied Merlots go well with Hamburgers and Pizza and Tex-Mex favorites. The big French Bordeaux with big beef, Lamb and game. Merlots are making a big come back. They were much maligned as Cabernet light and a grandma wine. Then the hit movie "Sideways" had some disparaging remarks and asked for anything but Merlot by its leading character Miles. The memories of the movie are fading and wonderful char- acteristics of this terrific wine are be- coming more and more popular once again. So this Labor Day have some Merlot. You will be glad you did.

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the Ameri- can Wine Society. He teaches wine ap- preciation classes for the Milford Board of Education, Gateway Community College, and is a member of the Inter- national Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

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prohibits residential, that may be true. When you have a light industrial zone with a TODD overlay which permits a mechanism for mixed use residential, it is not the same. When Commission members ask, even suggest, we come back with a TODD application, it is a tough defense to say we are preserving the parcels for light industrial use," Gordon said. "Plus Orange only has 1.1% affordable housing." Gordon recounted the commissioners made positive comments about the plan during the public hearing and indicated that it was a "very nice" proposal.

Earlier this year, before the moratorium was put in place, the Commission approved a similar proposal by Orange Land Development LLC (OLD) to construct 200 residential units, a 799-car parking garage, and 22,000 square feet of commercial space at the site. OLD submitted a zone change application and received approval for it pursuant to the TODD regulations.

Gordon maintains his client's proposal is far less dense than OLD's plan. "Based on some of their comments, the Commission appears to be most upset that we chose the 8-30G (Affordable Housing Statute) route, rather than the process of the TODD," Gordon said.

According to Parente, affordable housing units will be welcome in the TODD district once the regulations change but even with a zone change, there will be a cap of 250 housing units permitted in the TODD and OLD was already approved for 200 of them.

At the Commission's May meeting, Town Attorney Vin Marino distributed a draft resolution for the Sixty Five Marsh Hill Project to the commissioners outlining all the reasons the plan was denied including a clause that states, "The Applicant (Sixty Five Marsh Hill Road LLC) admitted it is seeking to circumvent the TODD regulations. In particular, the Applicant conceded that it is not willing to abide by the 250 cap on residential units allowed in the TODD."

OLT AT THE ORANGE COUNTRY FAIR

North American Birds of Prey: From the Smallest to the Largest

The Orange Land Trust has invited WINGMASTERS' Julie Collier to present another of her captivating Birds of Prey programs at the Orange Country Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 16th and 17th. This presentation, featuring live raptors, from the adorable Saw-whet Owl to some of the largest, will center around the birds found in our region of eastern North America.

Birds of prey, also known as raptors, are hunting birds characterized by hooked beaks and powerful grabbing feet armed with sharp talons (the word raptor comes from a Latin word that means "to seize"). Raptors also boast the best eyesight and the sharpest hearing in the animal kingdom. Raptors include eagles, hawks, falcons and owls, and this presentation gives an overview of these different categories. We will gain an understanding of predation, the birds' place at the top of the food web, their different hunting adaptations and their status in a rapidly changing world. Because many birds of prey are declining in number, this presentation also features one or more endangered raptors, and explains why these species face an uncertain future.

WINGMASTERS is dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of North American birds of prey. Julie Anne Collier and Jim Parks are both licensed raptor rehabilitators based in Massachusetts. Together they care for injured birds of prey with the goal of ultimately releasing them back into the wild. In cases where the birds are left permanently handicapped, Julie and Jim are further licensed to provide a home for these non-releasable raptors, and to use them for educational programs.

The Orange Country Fair is held at the Fairgrounds on Orange Center Road. Each day there will be four half-hour presentations on the hour – at 11 a.m.,

12 noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.

Collier has been our guest at the Fair for several years. "One of the reasons I like working with Land Trusts is that the biggest problem to these birds is loss of habitat, and Land Trusts work to preserve open space much needed by so many birds." She is concerned about the fragmentation of forests and destruction of remaining open space areas by development.

The citizens of the Town of Orange have done much to provide excellent habitat for a wide variety of birds and other wildlife through the preservation of natural open space. This includes the former Hubble property now known as the Turkey Hill Preserve. This, along with other areas, are managed by the Orange Conservation Commission or the Orange Land Trust for protection, preservation and passive use.

As usual, the Orange Land Trust will have its own tent. Stop by to view the free programs, get information on walking and hiking areas in the Town of Orange, and see the photography display. There will be pen and ink note cards designed and drawn by Michael O'Bymachow, and tee-shirts featuring a bird of prey drawn by Julie Collier. Proceeds will benefit the OLT.

Collier will have for sale suitable-for-framing art prints of the birds. These sales will benefit her Educational Raptor Center and her special work with endangered species and preparing them for release into the wild.

The Orange Land Trust is a private nonprofit, volunteer organization, supported by its membership, and that is dedicated to acquiring and preserving natural resources and open space in the Town of Orange. New members are always welcome. Membership registration forms will be available at the tent!

For information, call Chris at 203-397-7599.

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NEW FAFSA APPLICATION PROCESS

By Roberta L Nestor

The Free Application for Financial Student Aid (aka FAFSA) has new filing dates that went into effect a year ago, however the importance of these new dates has not been widely publicized. Prior to the 2016 – 2017 school year, you had to wait until after January 1st to apply for federal aid. Under new regulations, you can submit your FAFSA application as early as October 1st, 2017 for the 2018-2019 school year. In other words, if you have a child in their senior year at High School – now is the time to start the process.

For the Parent: It all starts with the online process to obtain your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID and password. While this should be the easy part, it is perhaps the most difficult since it requires the student to establish this account in addition to the parent obtaining their own FSA ID. The FSA ID will serve as a legal signature that is not to be shared with anyone, including family. Only one email address and only one mobile phone number can be associated with any one FSA ID. Also note that your FSA ID will expire every 18 months and it is your responsibility to update it. The username however does remain the same.

Completing the FAFSA takes time – often up to 30 minutes just to obtain the special ID number. You will also have to gather all of your family's financial documents. If your student is a senior in high school, applying for aid and plans on attending college anytime between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 you will be using information from your family's 2016 tax returns. You will have the opportunity to update once you file your 2017 tax return.

For the Student: Don't wait and don't procrastinate. While it is not a clear cut "first come - first serve", states, such as CT have deadlines for residents. The deadline for CT is February 15, 2018. Note that filing by December will give you a much better chance of receiving larger and more scholarships from state agencies, foundations and schools. Aside from the federal deadline and state, the schools you are applying to will also have their own deadlines. Even if you don't think you will receive any aid, you still have to apply. Don't assume just because your parents may have high incomes

that you will not receive aid. Keep in mind that there are several factors that are used to calculate the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) such as income, assets, 529 withdrawals, age of parents and siblings, the total number of family members and how many are attending college. Many schools won't even consider you for any of their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you have submitted your FAFSA. This application process is also necessary for student loans and grants.

Google "FAFSA on the web worksheet" to find a printable worksheet to use before you actually go on-line to complete the application - it will help you to identify what information you will need to have access to. This is where your parents can help by filling out the worksheet. There are too many great websites to list but these are the primary ones you should be using: www.studentaid.ed.gov; www.fafsa.gov; www.scholarships.com; www.savingforcollege.com and www.finaid.org.

And for parents of prospective college students – don't hit the panic button and start moving money around. Use one of the calculators on the websites listed above and it will give you an idea of what your EFC will be. Then, you should meet with your financial advisor to understand how withdrawals from 529 plans, savings accounts, 401k loans, home equity loans, etc., may impact financial aid eligibility. Nestor Financial will be holding a seminar "Paying for College Essentials" in September. If you are interested in attending, let us know.

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DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth H. Leaf

Kenneth H. Leaf, age 74, of Orange passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017 in St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 15, 1942 in Bridgeport to the late Charles and Ellen Swensen Leaf and was a graduate of Bassick High School Class of 1960.

He proudly served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam Era serving as a B-52 Crew Chief and assigned to the organizational maintenance squadron at the March Air Force Base in California and was also stationed in Guam where he was part of 4133rd Bombardment Wing at Anderson Air Force Base. He worked for Avco Lycoming of Stratford where he was a member of Local 1010, Bullard Company of Bridgeport and was currently employed as a quality assurance specialist for 33 years for the Department of Defense. An active member of the community, he is the current Commander of the American Legion Post 127 in Orange, where he previously served as the Vice Commander. He previously belonged to the SS Norden Club of Black Rock. He was also a car enthusiast and raced at Dover Raceway and Connecticut Drag Strip.

A devoted husband, father, brother and uncle, he is survived by his loving wife Deborah Barnes Leaf, his children Jacqueline, Derek and Elena Leaf all of Orange, sister Dorothy DeWalt and her husband Al of Trumbull and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brother Charles Leaf Sr. and nephews Charles Leaf

Jr. and Doug DeWalt. Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Smith Funeral Home, 135 N Broad St., Milford. A funeral service was held on August 11th. Interment followed in Orange Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society or the American Legion Post 127 Scholarship Fund. The family would like to thank all first responders and health care professionals that helped with Ken's care.

Brett J. Rebhun

Brett J. Rebhun, 47, of West Haven, left this world on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at his home. He was the loving husband of Sarah Rebhun. This chapter for Brett has ended, but his story continues on through his daughters Jasmine and Sydney, wife Sarah, and mother Roberta.

He was born on July 2, 1970 in Bridgeport, CT, grew up in Orange, CT, and graduated from Amity High School. After high school, he attended White Pines College and the University of New Haven. Brett loved fishing, riding his motorcycle, family vacations, trips to the beach, and his dogs. He was a loving son, father, husband, and will be deeply missed by his many friends and family members.

To celebrate Brett's life, a memorial gathering was held at Silver Sands State Park in Milford, CT on August 5, 2017. Interment was private and at the convenience of his family. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com.

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


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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. **Annabelle: Creation (R)**

Stephanie Sigman, Talitha Bateman
2. **Dunkirk (PG-13)**

Fionn Whitehead, Damien Bonnard
3. **The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature (PG)**

animated
4. **The Dark Tower (PG-13)**

Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey
5. **The Emoji Movie (PG)**

animated
6. **Girls Trip (R)**

Regina Hall, Queen Latifah
7. **Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13)**

Tom Holland, Michael Keaton
8. **Kidnap (R)**

Halle Berry, Sage Correa
9. **The Glass Castle (PG-13)**

Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson
10. **Atomic Blonde (R)**

Charlize Theron, James McAvoy

TOP 10 VOD

1. **The Boss Baby (PG)**

animated
2. **Going in Style (PG-13)**

Michael Caine
3. **Kong: Skull Island (PG-13)**

Tom Hiddleston
4. **The Circle (PG-13)**

Emma Watson
5. **Gifted (PG-13)**

Chris Evans
6. **Ghost in the Shell (PG-13)**

Scarlett Johansson
7. **The Fate of the Furious (PG-13)**

Vin Diesel
8. **Unforgettable (R)**

Rosario Dawson
9. **Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG)**

animated
10. **Colossal (R)**

Anne Hathaway

1. "Bluebird" and "Mrs. Vandebilt" were on which Paul McCartney and Wings album?

2. Which group had hits with "Ladies Night" and "Too Hot," and when?

3. Name the singer who released "West of the Wall." What is the song about?

4. Who wrote and released "Walking the Dog"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I'm sittin' in the railway station, Got a ticket for my destination, On a tour of one-night stands, My suitcase and guitar in hand."



1. "Band on the Run." Both songs appeared on both the 1973 original and the 1993 reissue. 2. Kool & the Gang, in 1979. "Ladies Night," describes two lovers who were separated by the Berlin Wall, which went up in 1961. 4. Rufus Thomas, in 1963. Astonishingly enough, a dozen others have covered the song. 5. "Homeward Bound," by Simon and Garfunkel, 1966. Paul Simon wrote the song on a piece of paper while sitting, literally, in a railway station in England on his way to London.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Entering the 2017 season, how many consecutive years had the Baltimore Orioles hit at least 200 home runs?

2. Which was the last school before Coastal Carolina in 2016 to win the championship in its first College World Series?

3. Who holds the NCAA Division I record for most punting yards in a game?

4. How many times has LeBron James led his NBA team in total assists for a season during his 14-year NBA career?

5. Which season was Hall of Famer Bobby Orr's last as an NHL player?

6. Entering 2017, who was the last NASCAR Cup driver to finish second in four consecutive races?

7. When was the last time that Americans won both the men's and women's singles titles in the same year at the U.S. Open?

1. Five seasons (2012-16). 2. Minnesota, in 1956. 3. Texas Tech's Charlie Calhoun punted 36 times for 1,318 yards in a game in 1939. 4. Fourteen times. 5. It was the 1978-79 season. 6. Mark Martin, in 1998. 7. It was 2002 (Pete Sampras, Serena Williams).



Chris Pratt in "Guardians of the Galaxy: Vol. 2" [Walt Disney Studios]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of August 21, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 2" (PG-13) -- Our unlikely group of misfit heroes returns with a follow-up space adventure, this time taking a fresh look at family and friendship across the universe. Fans of the first film will be more than satisfied, as this sequel keeps all the irreverence and playfulness of Volume 1, while deepening our ties to these charming characters. And I dare new fans not to be hooked after watching the first few minutes of the film, which heavily features an adorable Baby Groot dancing amidst a stylish fight sequence. Peter Quill (Chris Pratt), Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Drax (Dave Bautista) and Rocket (Bradley Cooper) probe Peter's origins on his father's home planet (Kurt Russell stars as the aptly named Ego, Quill's dad) while struggling to define and protect the ties that bind their own family bonds. Yondu (Michael Rooker) -- always the

bounty hunter -- returns with piercing secrets of his own. Add this to your Awesome Movies Mixtape.

"Kill Switch" (R) -- In the not-too-distant future, Alterplex -- a power company -- has installed a tower reaching the heavens. It brings unlimited quantum energy that can sustain perhaps the entire planet. But, of course, this energy comes at a price. Strange things begin to occur, all attributed to the tower. Turns out the energy the tower tapped into is being drained from a mirror earth with its own tower. Dan Stevens stars as former NASA pilot and physicist Will Porter, who is tasked with straightening out the mess by jumping into the Echo, as the other Earth is called, to install a device that will equalize the power surge -- at least that's the story from the power company.

This film started with a great idea and just tried a bit too hard. Great swaths are filmed from almost a first-person shooter perspective, and it ends up being neither compelling storytelling nor heart-pumping video-game action.

"Scales: Mermaids Are Real" (PG) -- Hasn't every young girl dreamed that she was secretly a mermaid? Well, for Siren Phillips (Emmy Perry), it's true. As her 12th birthday approaches, she finds that she's "transitioning," and there are mermaids all around to help her through. Unfortunately, new friend Adam Wilts (Jack Grazer) has a dad who is hunting mermaids, and he's after Siren! Don't worry, though, because the kids and the town come together to protect her, allowing Siren to become her true self. It's a sweet and sappy mermaid story that kids of a certain age will like, but there isn't much to keep adults tuned in.

Sudoku answers on page 31

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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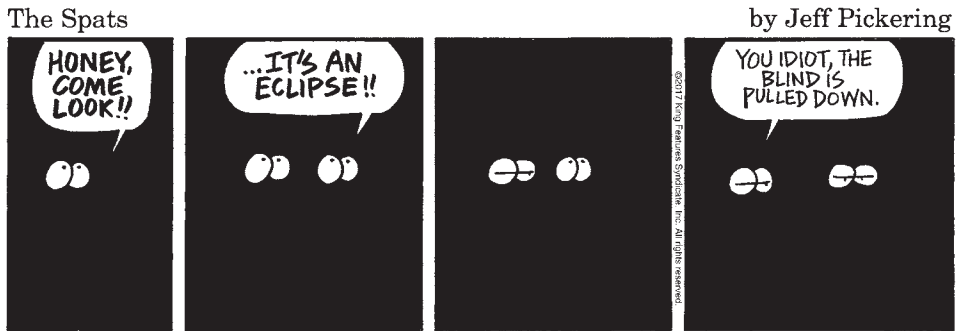
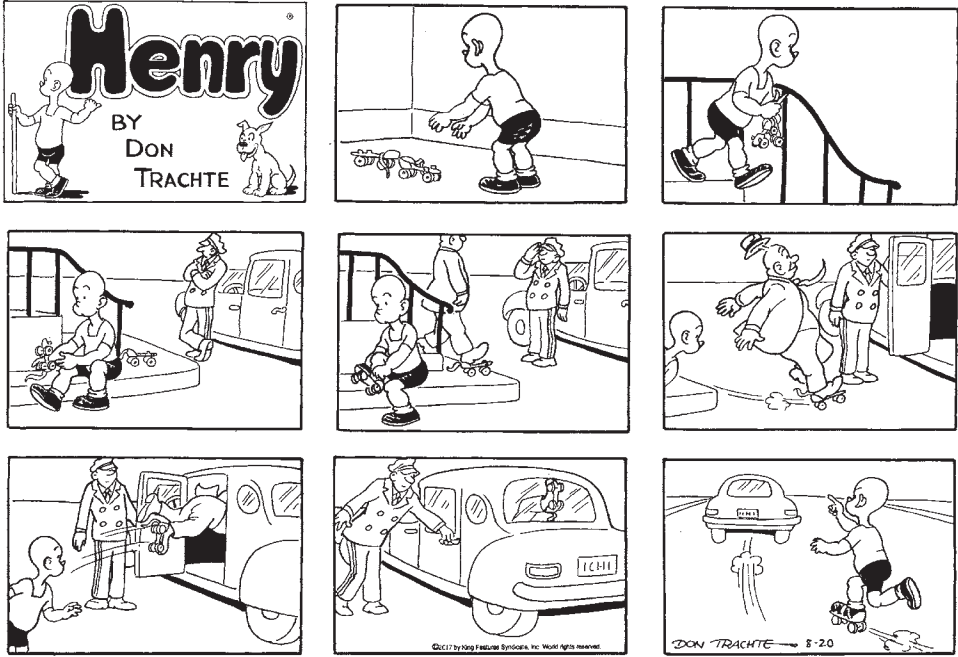
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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19 Kind of movie glasses

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24 Rowing need

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35 Sticky stuff

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38 Shaft of light

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22 Relocate

23 Chris of tennis fame

25 Cowboy's sweetie

26 Work with

27 Pickpocket's crime

29 Met melody

31 Feathery

32 Web address ending

34 Catch sight of

38 Decapitate

40 Some stockings have them

42 Restroom, for short

43 Team leader (Abbr.)

44 Sandwich treat

45 Wound reminder

47 Therefore

48 Came down

49 Measure of force

52 Whopper

53 Keebler employee?

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

CBS canceled "The Great Indoors," "The Odd Couple" and "2 Broke Girls." It should have canceled "Kevin Can Wait" due to low ratings, but allegedly, Kevin James had a guarantee for three seasons and they had to either renew it or pay him anyway. So they hatched a plan; they brought Leah Remini, his co-star in "King of Queens" for nine seasons (1998-2006), to play retired undercover cop Vanessa Cellucci, his former partner, in the last show of season one. But in order to get them together, they had to fire James' TV wife, played by Errin Hayes, who was wonderful in the role, telling her it wasn't because of her, but the situation. While we're happy to see James and Remini together again, because they have great chemistry, did it have to come at the expense of a really good actress?

Woody Allen is returning to his childhood with his next film, "Wonder Wheel," starring Kate Winslet, Justin Timberlake and Jim Belushi. The film takes place at a Coney Island amusement park of the 1950s. Ever authentic, Woody has been shooting in Brighton Beach, Vinegar Hill, Brooklyn and Coney Island for a Dec. 1 release.

Between takes, Justin Timberlake is already working on the score for "Trolls 2," which he voiced with Anna Kendrick. "Trolls" earned \$345 million and a best song Oscar nomination for "Can't Stop the Feeling." "Trolls 2" won't open until April 2020.

His co-star Kate Winslet also has completed the romance/disaster film, "The Mountain Between Us," opening Oct. 6, with Idris Elba. Elba, currently with Matthew McConaughey in "The Dark Tower," also stars in "Thor: Ragnarok" (in theaters Nov. 3) and Aaron Sorkin's



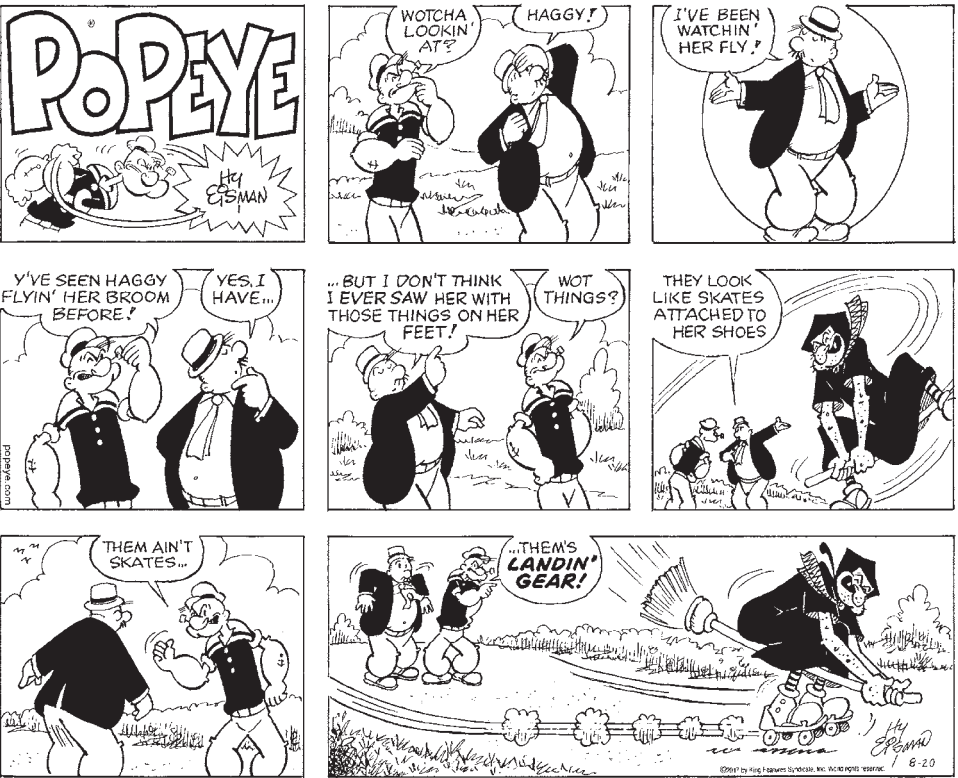
Leah Remini [Depositphotos]

"Molly's Game," with Kevin Costner, Jessica Chastain and Michael Cera (out Nov. 22).

Cate Blanchett, who won an Oscar for Woody Allen's "Blue Jasmine" (2013), also lends her talent to "Thor: Ragnarok," then "Where'd You Go Bernadette," with Billy Crudup, Kristen Wiig, Judy Greer and Laurence Fishburne (coming May 11); "Ocean's Eight," the all-girl reboot of "Ocean's Eleven," directed by George Clooney (due June 8); and "The Jungle Book: Origins" (October 2018).

Oscar-winner Matthew McConaughey completed "White Boy Rick, with Bruce Dern, coming Jan. 12, and is currently shooting the noir-thriller "Serenity," with Oscar-winner Anne Hathaway and Diane Lane.

"La La Land" Oscar-winner Emma Stone has completed "The Battle of the Sexes," as Billy Jean King to Steve Carell's Bobby Riggs, due Sept. 22, and is currently shooting "The Favourite," with Rachel Weisz and Nicholas Hoult. They used to joke that Billy Jean King should be spokesperson for Snap-On Tools; let's see the very feminine Emma pull that one off, a real challenge.



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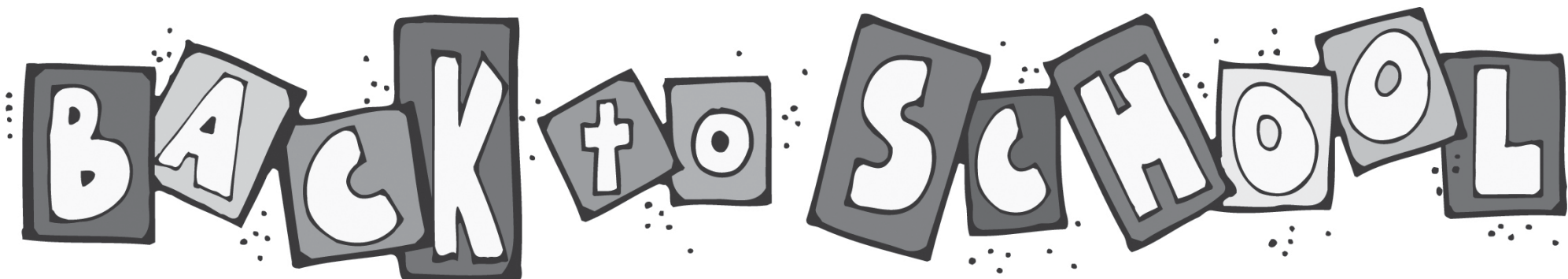
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If you are interested in running for any position, please contact Bobby Ricciardi, Nominating Committee Chairman at bobbyricciardi@optimum.net or Mike Visnic, President at OLL1@optonline.net. Subject Line: OLL Elections

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AVOIDING BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES FOR OUR CANINE FRIENDS

When children go back to school, this abrupt change in routine can seriously affect our furry friends. But with some preparation before the first day, families can avoid many of the back-to-school behavior problems their dogs might display. Some of the behavioral issues that families should prepare for include separation anxiety, boredom, jumping and destructiveness.

How should families minimize separation anxiety?

Dogs left alone can become stressed, often resulting in destructive behaviors and endless barking. To reduce these behavioral concerns:

Pay less attention to your furry family member: While your dog may be the center of attention when the kids are home all day, you need to change this scenario before they return to school so that he can adjust more quickly to the quiet time. At least a week before school starts, pay increasingly less attention to your dog each day.

Start early: A few weeks before your children return to school, get your dog used to being alone. Begin by separating him from the family. For example, if you frequently take your dog with you to run errands, leave him at home.

Practice leaving the house: Go through the routine of leaving the house, go out the door, but then come right back in again, slowly increasing your time. The dog will cease associating the routine of your leaving the house with your departure. This will help him to be more relaxed when you actually leave.

When you leave: As the last person leaves the house for the day, don't confuse your dog by saying anything. Your happy, high-pitched voice can make him think it's okay and make him feel anxious. Dogs are pack animals and so they expect their leaders to be strong when they leave the pack. Therefore, ignore your dog for about 10 minutes before you leave.

What to do to decrease boredom?

Dogs sleep a lot during the day, but when they wake up, they want something to do. It doesn't take much to entertain a dog, even when you're not at home.

Toys: Dogs love toys, but they can quickly get bored with or destroy them. Buy high-quality, virtually indestructible puzzle toys that your dog will always enjoy, such as those that hold treats like the GameChanger™ and KONG™. Every few days, rotate what toys are available to him. This gives your dog something new and fun to hold his interest.

Scatter food: Dogs are natural foragers who enjoy looking for food on the ground—and will literally spend hours doing so. Scatter food or try hiding a few treats so your dog spends extra time looking for them. And always provide lots of fresh, clean water to keep your dog well hydrated.

How do we make our

dogs feel “at home”?

Dogs need to have their own shelter, a place where they feel secure and comfortable. If your dog doesn't already have a place of his own, create one for him.

Crate: Most dogs love the safety of a crate. Because they are descended from animals that live in dens, a crate is a natural shelter for a dog because it has the same characteristics of a den. If your dog hasn't been crate trained, don't start training him the day the kids leave for school. That's too late and can actually add to his stress. When your dog has become accustomed to his new crate, do not leave him there for extended periods of time. If you plan to be away longer than 10 hours for an adult dog and 6 hours for a puppy, ask a friend to come by to let your dog out to toilet during that time.

Confined area: If your dog will be inside all day and you are concerned about him toileting in the house, enclose him in a small room (which inhibits the tendency to toilet) and has an easy-clean floor of vinyl or tile (in case he has an accident). Place a soft bed and toys in the area for him too.

Doghouse: If your dog will be kept outside while you are gone, be sure he has shelter in which to get out of the weather. Dogs are more relaxed when they are covered and in familiar surroundings. Place the doghouse next to the house so that he feels like it is an extension of the larger “den,” and provide a blanket or other comfy bedding.

What about those unusual behaviors?

When dogs are stressed, they can begin to exhibit unusual behaviors, such as jumping up or even biting. It is not uncommon for children to come home from school and be greeted by the dog in an unnecessarily rough manner, even knocking a child to the floor. After being left alone all day, the dog has pent-up energy—and when he sees the kids, his excitement might cause him to overreact.

Train the kids: Parents need to train their children to avoid going right to the dog's area as soon as they get home. Kids should ignore the pet for several minutes to allow the dog to settle down. With young children, it is always best to have a parent present to reduce the chance of a problem. Once your dog learns the routine, he will relax.

Train your dog: It is amazing how quickly dogs learn what is acceptable and what is not. The bottom line is, have clear rules and expectations.

Since dogs like routines, implementing these changes in advance will help promote a smooth transition for our canine family member and minimize unwanted stressful behaviors.

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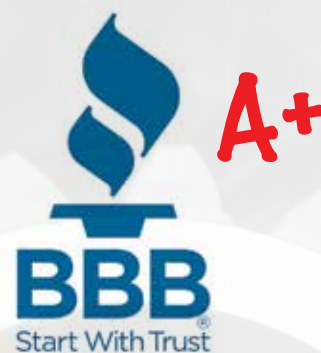
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