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happy thanksgiving

ZEOLI WELCOMES BOTH INCUMBENTS AND NEWCOMERS AT TOWN SWEARING IN CEREMONY

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

The theme last Friday afternoon as the town's newly elected officials were sworn into office was "change". Though there was no change at the top spot of First Selectman, Jim Zeoli, starting his sixth term, said he too would focus on change.

"It's good to see so many friendly faces in this room. You either love me or you hate me, but together, we are the envy of many towns," Zeoli said. "This town is in the best shape it's been in in years. I'd like to be able to send my entire board of finance to Hartford. I think they could learn a thing or two from us up there. We need to change the mindset in Hartford. The state needs to rethink its process and become a producer. It can be done."

"We have our work cut out for us," said minority leader State Senator Len Fasano (R-34). "The budget is out of control and we have to refocus." Fasano, admitting that it was for the first time, swore in the town's elected officials after saying a few words. It's sad our kids are not looking to Connecticut as a place to stay. They don't think it's possible to prosper and raise a family here," he said. "Change will start with local voices—your voices. Carry those voices that we are not going to treat Connecticut the same way. It's not okay to continuously raise taxes. We have to



bring sanity back to this state." Republican Selectmen Judy Williams, John Carangelo and Ralph Okenquist retained their seats on the board, as did Democrat Mitch Goldblatt, who is joined by former State Rep. Paul Davis as a selectman and taking Ken Lenz's seat on the board. Town Clerk Patrick O'Sullivan ran unopposed and will serve another two-year term. Republican Tax Collector Sandra Pierson will also serve another two year term. The Board of Finance remained intact with incumbents Kevin Houlihan, Jim Leahy and Kevin Moffet all re-elected.

Bob Shanley will serve for two years. After being sworn, First Selectman Jim Zeoli welcomed the newcomers and those who have served before. "We are a team here in Orange. I say this all the time, but there is no 'I' in team. From the constables to the First Selectman, and everything in between, we are a team that works for the betterment of every person in Orange," he said. Zeoli's speech focused not only on thanking those who supported him, but also on ways Orange could grow through producing and exporting. "We produce 50% of the milk we consume in Orange. We should be producing 100% of it," he said.

He also let his personal side show, reminiscing of his time as a bus driver, driving Emily Killian, now in high school, to kindergarten, "I drove her to kindergarten every day and I knew she was a chatterbox, but I didn't know how talented she was until the middle school promotion. I was absolutely astounded to hear her sing." Killian sang the American Anthem and Orange Colored Sky by Nat King Cole at the swearing-in ceremony.

In conclusion, Zeoli vowed, "I promise to do my best job possible for everyone in this room and everyone in this town."

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FIRST SELECTMAN

Ken Lenz (D) 1413
James Zeoli (R) 2956*

SELECTMEN

Mitchel Goldblatt (D) 2066*
Jody Dietch (D) 1386
Paul Davis (D) 1733*
Ralph Okenquist (R) 2437*
John Carangelo (R) 2544*
Judy Wright Williams (R) 2552*

TOWN CLERK

Patrick O'Sullivan (D) 3029* (Unopposed)

TAX COLLECTOR

Howard Dietch (D) 1408
Sandra Pierson (R) 2845*

BOARD OF FINANCE

Kevin Hadlock (D) 1514
Kevin Moffett (D) 1847*
Marc Sandella (D) 1423
Kevin Houlihan (R) 2743*
James Leahy (R) 2564*
Robert Bocek (R) 2306

Note: Although Robert Bocek (R) received more votes; Keven Moffet (D) will be seated due to rules mandating minority party representation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Susan Riccio (D) 1937*
Ed Thorndike (D) 1471
Betty Hadlock (D) 1664*
Chantelle Ewen-Bunnell (R) 2301*
William Kraut (R) 2416*
Ken Ziman (R) 2419*
Mara Saccente (D) 2669* (unopposed)

TOWN PLAN & ZONING

Matt Norko (D) 1594
Judy Smith (R) 3040*
Ralph Aschettino (R) 2907*
Paul Kaplan (D) 1772*
Ken Gambardella (R) 2351

Note: Although Ken Gambardella (R) received more votes; Paul Kaplan (D) will be seated due to rules mandating minority party representation.

CONSTABLE

John Gagel (D) 1547
Randy Thomas (D) 1822*
Santo Galatioto Jr. (D) 1779*
Bob Shanley (D) 1705*
Jeff Vargo (R) 2432*
Mike Donadeo (R) 2144*
Glen Papelo (R) 2107*
Jody Daymon (R) 2274*

AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Roz Klein (D) 1365
David Oestreicher (D) 1636
Judy Primavera (D) 1817
Amy Esposito (D) 2147*
John Belfonti (R) 2615*
Christopher Browe (R) 2427*
Tracy Lane Russo (R) 2590*



Emily Killian of Orange sings the National Anthem at the swearing-in ceremony.



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JERRY ACKERMAN VISITS AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

7th and 8th grade students at Amity Middle School in Orange were recently treated to a very powerful presentation by Jerry Ackerman. Jerry Ackerman is a regular speaker for the Navy SEALs, has appeared on Sirius/XM radio, is an author of six books, has shared the stage with NFL stars, and has spoken to over 1 million students. He spoke

to the Amity 7th and 8th grade students in Orange about the proper use of social media. Jerry explained social media do's and don'ts, how to handle conflict without using social media, proper ways to deal with things they see and hear online, and what it means to have digital citizenship and respect for others.

CT AUTHOR CARAGH O'BRIEN VISITS AMITY HIGH SCHOOL

Caragh M. O'Brien, author of the BIRTHMARKED trilogy and THE VAULT OF DREAMERS, both from Macmillan/Roaring Brook Press, visited Amity Regional High School on October 29th. Ms. O'Brien offered students enrolled in Amity's Creative Writing classes an inside look at what motivates authors to write, and explained the ins and outs of the fiction-writing process. Using examples from her own fascinating journey, she helped students understand what goes into a well-constructed story, and then thrilled the audience by reading a section of her own work.

O'Brien then led students through a series of writing exercises, focusing on sensory details, after which students shared their writing. Students' reaction was extremely enthusiastic.



Caragh M. O'Brien

The event was hosted by the Amity High School Library and made possible by the generosity of the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation.



Larry is pictured on the left passing out the school supplies to the children of Lajas de Yaroa, in the Dominican Republic.

AMITY STUDENT GIVES BACK FOR HIS BIRTHDAY

In early October, Larry Fonseca, a senior at Amity Regional High School decided to give instead of receiving for his birthday. He shared this with his parents and expressed his desire to make a positive impact in someone's life. Since Larry had often heard stories from his grandmother about the conditions of school and lack of supplies for the children in Lajas de Yaroa, Dominican Republic, he decided that those children needed his help. So with the guidance of his mother they contacted the school and made arrangements to visit mid October.

Larry purchased many of the supplies that the school requested with the money he earned as an Orange soccer ref for the past four years. He also sought the support from the community, reaching out to Charles Dumais, Superintendent of Schools, setting up a donation basket at Amity High School, and was able to send a mass email through the weekly distribution email. Larry was also able to secure generous donations of dental supplies from Dr. Robert Kroepel of

Orange and Dr. Thomas Braun of Fairfield.

On October 11, 2015, Larry and his mother, Charytin Fonseca, embarked on their trip to the Dominican Republic. They visited Lajas de Yaroa School and provided the children with the much needed supplies of pencils, pens, crayons, calculators, Spanish to English dictionaries and much more. While at the school, Larry was also able to interact and purchase lunches for 150 children.

As the trip came to an end, Larry made a promise to maintain contact with the Principal and not only develop, but maintain a relationship in order to ensure future donations are made as there will always be a need. In a society we often are overcome and inundated with negativity, this gives me hope for the youth of today, and it shows us that it doesn't matter your age or your financial status; anyone can make a difference, even the smallest of things can make a big impact.

Congratulations Larry on making a difference.

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January 8th	<i>Winter Issue</i> January 15th
February 5th.....	<i>Valentine's Day Issue</i> February 12th

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

FROM OUR READERS

BOF Leadership Thanks Voters

We wish to thank the voters of Orange for their support in the election last Tuesday, re-electing us to the Orange Board of Finance. The goal of balancing Town needs with taxpayer affordability is a challenging one. Over the years, one way to achieve that balance is to communicate a message of "Doing More with Less," a thought that is consistent both with the Town's heritage and with what we all do in our personal lives.

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Kevin Houlihan, Chairman Orange Board of Finance
Jim Leahy, Vice-Chairman Orange Board of Finance

Thank You for Coming Out to Vote

I would like to take a minute to thank everyone in the Town of Orange who came out to vote on November Third. I am a lifelong Orange Resident and Amity Graduate. I decided to run for public office six years ago because I wanted to give back to the community that has been so good to me. When the signs come down at the end of an election, what is left is a tremendous group of people who care about the town. We are not Republicans and Democrats anymore. We are friends and neighbors. We want to make our schools stronger, our town better, and to help the town prosper. I would like to thank all of the residents who graciously allowed us to campaign at the town transfer station week after week.

Sincerely,
Santo Galatioto Jr., Town Constable



Luca happily parting with candy knowing it's going to a great cause.

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Our children, Mia 13 and Luca 6, were apprehensive at first then quickly got in the spirit and thought it was a great idea! How much candy do you really need exclaimed Luca our 6 year old! Our daughter coined the project, "A heart to pass the love on".

We're hoping this sets a trend for our community and are happy to help organize future candy donations for our troops.

Sincerely,
Rose and Jerry Zajac

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Thank you to all who attended the recent informational meeting on "Days for Girls & Kenyan Health Care Initiatives" at Case Memorial Library hosted by Orange Community Women. Days for Girls believes "every girl in the world deserves education, safety and dignity". Its mission statement is, "Creating a more free, dignified, free and educated world through access to lasting feminine hygiene solutions and community-based health leadership programs".

You can help Days for Girls by donating the following items:

Girls' Panties: briefs sizes 10-16, no characters or words, Goal 2000 pairs;

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Orange Community Women will collect donations through November 30th in the collection box at Video Lab, 200 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477. In addition to the drop box, you can contact Michelle at (203) 876-8615 for a pick-up.

For more information on Days for Girls: www.KHCI.org or InfoKenya@KHCI.org, www.Daysforgirls.org or Ctchapter@DaysforGirls.org.

For more information on OCW: Donna Wesolowski, donnaweso@optimum.net. Watch for additional upcoming events and OCW sponsored workshops in the future.

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gave the students a tour of the branch that included a stop at the coin counter. Students took turns pouring coins onto the conveyer belt and pressing the start button. The result? A cashier's check made to the order of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, in the amount of \$341.31. Way to go kids! The Mary L. Tracy PTO thanks all the students, families and community members that supported this global citizenship project.



The 5's class at Orange Community Nursery School went to Camp Cedarcrest to enjoy a field trip to explore pond life.



Some of the 5's class from Orange Community Nursery School are pictured here with their pond habitat they have created.

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2015 CONNECTICUT FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Orange Fire Marshal Tim Smith has announced that the 2015 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest, a statewide competition for fourth and fifth graders held from October to December, has begun. The contest is a cooperative effort of elementary school teachers and the sponsors: Connecticut Fire Marshals Association, Office of The State Fire Marshal, Connecticut Fire Chiefs Association, Connecticut Board of Education, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and Connecticut FAIR Plan (representing the insurance industry). The theme is "Fire Prevention - Everyone/Everyday". Approximately 30,000 children from over 130 communities design and produce the posters. A winning poster will be chosen from each county and that student will receive a cash award of \$150.00. Posters will be exhibited in locations throughout Connecticut, including the State Capitol. From these, one poster will be chosen to be reproduced and distributed as Connecticut's 2015 Fire Prevention Poster. The statewide winner will be awarded an additional \$750.00 and his or her school will receive \$500.00. A luncheon, where the state winner is announced, will be held for county winners, parents, teachers, principals, local fire marshals and other guests. Fire safety education is important as a means of preventing injuries, death and economic loss. The contest brings awareness to children, who are a valu-

able link in the chain of communication, by taking information home to the family and suggesting ways to reduce damage and prevent fires. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the students, administrators and teachers from the Peck Place, Race Brook and Turkey Hill schools for their support and participation.

Important fire prevention measures include: never playing with matches or lighters – they are not toys, never leaving a lit candle or cooking utensil on a hot stove or grill unattended, and keeping flammable items away from heat sources. Some fire escape tips are: never hide, get low and go, know two ways out of every room, have and practice a home escape plan and meeting place, and never go back into a burning building. If your clothes catch on fire, stop where you are, drop to the ground and roll over until the fire is out. Cover your face with your hands. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home including finished attics and basements, inside every bedroom and sleeping area, at the top of the first-to-second floor stairway and at the bottom of the basement stairway. A working detector cuts the risk of dying in a fire by one-half. If you have questions regarding fire safety, please contact The Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com.

FROM THE YOUTH
SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Area Residents Need Jobs Help? Youth Services Job Bank Can Assist

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

Youth Services High School Volunteers Assist Can With Orange 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 regard attaining their necessary school volunteer credits. They are available for a wide variety of community, school, and organizations located in Orange. Contact John at Youth Services at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

Youth Services Newsletter Online Featuring Current Photos & Events

Youth Services recent newsletter, The Youth Informer, is online on the Town website. The newsletter features many articles and photos of recent Youth Services programs and events. Featured in this edition are items on babysitting, Artist Colonies, the K-6 Children of Orange exhibit, the Living History Club, and more. The newsletter can be accessed by going to the Town website/click on Community Services, then Youth Services, then on the Youth Services Newsletter attachment.



ORANGE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The Town of Orange invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 6, 2015. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a Victorian Christmas was like. The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invites you to view the Historical Society's antiques collection and Emily Prudden Watercolors as well as the New Haven to Derby line model railroad in the lower level from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Orange Congregational Church Bell Choir will perform a hand bell concert and carol sing in the church sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. as well as an alternative giving opportunity for Heifer International, cookie sale and crafts for the kids from 3 – 5 p.m.

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated and will host a performance from Al deCant of Half

Moon Music who will perform a children's musical program in the library meeting room from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. and from the Amity Chamber Singers who will perform from 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize, write a letter to Santa Claus and make a craft in the craft room. The Library will be open from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Gingerbread Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on December 6th and must be picked up between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. The winner will be invited to light the Christmas Tree.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive at 5:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Children can visit with Santa on the Town Green. The Holiday Festival will end at 6:00 p.m.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



CONNECTICUT FOOD BANK 2015

The holidays are upon us and in the season of giving, I felt it only fitting to devote this profile as I have done for the past eight years to one of my favorite local organizations, Connecticut Food Bank. This wonderful organization is a non-profit whose mission is to provide nutritious food to people in need. Connecticut Food Bank strives to do this by supplying food products and resources to eligible programs throughout Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties, and by promoting public awareness about the problems of hunger.

Scores of individuals, families, civic groups, schools, religious organizations and companies come forward each year to help make Connecticut Food Bank's "Thanksgiving for All" campaign a success. Last year, more than 20,000 turkeys and more than 416,000 pounds of trimmings were collected. With everyone's help, Connecticut Food Bank was able to provide more than 556,000 holiday meals for people in need of food assistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2015, as the need continues to escalate in Connecticut.

The kindness demonstrated throughout the Thanksgiving campaign is awe-inspiring, but is also a testament to what everyone can do working together as a community. Hunger is a year-round issue that doesn't end at Thanksgiving. You can help Connecticut families year round by making a donation at www.ctfoodbank.org.

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is the largest source of charitable food assistance in Connecticut. Its main distribution center is located in Wallingford with a branch in Fairfield. Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to some 700 partners and programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children's programs. Last year, Connecticut Food Bank distributed enough food to provide more than 18.5 million meals.

A hard working and loyal staff of 60 and more than 4,000 generous volunteers ensure that Connecticut Food Bank continues its work to alleviate hunger. The Board of Directors, made up of dedicated community members from the fields of finance, law, business, fundraising, public relations, human resources, warehousing and the food industry, have enabled and encouraged growth and forward thinking at Connecticut Food Bank.

Many food drives are held throughout the year to benefit Connecticut Food Bank. The majority of food donations come from the food industry. They donate products that are wholesome but might have some cosmetic flaw and so will not sell. In this way Connecticut Food Bank reduces food waste and is able to feed the needy. Connecticut Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network. Feeding America is the

largest domestic hunger relief charity network, consisting of more than 200 food banks and food rescue organizations. Connecticut Food Bank is funded privately, supported by a broad base of individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations. Ninety-four cents of every dollar donated is directed toward program services.

To learn more about Connecticut Food Bank, visit www.ctfoodbank.org. Connecticut Food Bank also offers a Speaker's Bureau where you can arrange for a staff member to speak at your organization's meeting or event, free of charge, along with Hunger 101, an interactive learning experience for groups to better understand what it means to be food insecure. Tours of the distribution centers are offered after the holidays. What a great idea for a class trip (ATTENTION TEACHERS)! Hunger 101 is also available to groups touring the Wallingford and Fairfield distribution centers. Connecticut has many households grappling with hunger, according to a federal report recently released. Nearly 500,000 people in our state struggle to put food on their tables.

Everyone can help fight against hunger! Donate food, raise funds, volunteer, host friends or neighbors who are down on their luck to a meal (don't forget our senior citizen population on fixed incomes). Encourage political leaders to be more involved in fighting hunger in our country, support businesses that donate to hunger related efforts, be mindful of waste at home, and last but not least, teach your children to be compassionate to those less fortunate.

Connecticut Food Bank

Headquarters & distribution center - 2 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT 06492 - Phone 203-469-5000; Fax 203-469-4871

Fairfield distribution center - 74 Linwood Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06824 - 203-256-1935; Fax 203-256-1648

Website: ctfoodbank.org. Keep up-to-date about Connecticut Food Bank and hunger issues by following its website or www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank or www.twitter.com/ctfoodbank.

Final notes: We can't justify people living with hunger and must do all we can to change this. You don't need a reservation to donate food throughout the year. For a little more than \$40, Connecticut Food Bank can feed a person for a full month. Let's carry our resolve to help throughout this holiday season and beyond. Happy Thanksgiving to all our loyal readers and supporters of the Orange & Woodbridge Town News. Remember to support our local family owned businesses as they are the backbone of our community and our great nation.

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Registration is highly recommended for all Library events.

Weekly Storytimes

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

Lapsit Storytime

Our lapsit storytimes are for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit casememoriamlibrary.org/events for upcoming dates.

Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit casememoriamlibrary.org/events for upcoming dates.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, finger plays, and a craft activity. Mondays at 4 p.m. Visit casememoriamlibrary.org/events for upcoming dates.

Events for Children

Hampstead Stage Presents: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe

Monday, December 14, 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a live production based on C.S. Lewis' timeless classic. Step into the wardrobe and enter Narnia, a snowy world laced with fantasy. For children ages 5 and up.

Holiday Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your bear or favorite stuffed animal. For children ages 2-5.

Book Discussion

Monday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join Children's Librarian Helena Estes for a discussion of *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. For children in grades 4-6. Check for copies at the Children's Circulation Desk.

Book Discussion

Thursday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join Children's Librarian Gina Monti for a discussion of *Liesl and Po* by Lauren Oliver. For children in grades 4-6. Check for copies at the Children's Circulation Desk.

Events for Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, December 15, 2:15 p.m.

Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read



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and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Ms. Leibrock.

Events for Adults

British Academy Film Award Film Series

Registration is highly recommended for all films. Seating is limited. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the screening date.

Nightcrawler

Monday, December 7, 7 p.m. &
Wednesday, December 9, 1 p.m.

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The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Art in the Library

November: Watercolors by students of Audrey Galer.

December: Watercolors by Harriet Lattanzi. Reception: December 10, 5-7 p.m.

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American Red Cross blood and platelet donors can now help save lives in less time by using the new Red Cross RapidPass online health history system. RapidPass streamlines the donation experience by allowing donors to complete pre-donation reading and health history questions online from the convenience of a computer at home or work. It became available to donors locally on October 26th and is expected to reduce the time donors with a RapidPass spend at blood drives by up to 15 minutes.

"When people come to donate, they are giving more than blood or platelets – they are also generously giving their time," said Beth Toll, Red Cross external communications manager. "RapidPass is a simple, convenient way for Red Cross donors to make the most of their time while helping save lives."

To get a RapidPass on the day of a blood donation, donors should

visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass, complete all of the questions, then print their RapidPass or show it on a mobile device when they come to donate. Though an appointment isn't needed to use RapidPass, donors are encouraged to make an appointment by using the Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS to further expedite their donation.

How to donate blood: All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Attorney Nicole M. Livesey Joins Floman DePaola, LLC



We are thrilled to announce that Nicole M. Livesey has joined us at Floman DePaola, LLC as an attorney. Nicole has been working with us as a law student intern since 2013 while she studied full time at Quinnipiac University School of Law. During her internship with us, she has become familiar with our culture, our clients, and our core practice areas, and has proved herself to be an excellent addition and an asset to our team.

Nicole enjoys working through the challenges that estate and asset protection planning, special needs planning, and business planning pose. She feels her work here provides a constant learning environment and a rewarding outcome when clients leave satisfied that their future wishes will be met.

She was recently admitted to the bar in both Connecticut and New Jersey.

Originally from New Jersey, Nicole first moved to Connecticut to attend Fairfield University where she studied Politics, Studio Arts and Italian Studies, and led the Women's Cross Country team as the team captain.

While attending Quinnipiac University School of Law, and in addition to working at Floman DePaola, LLC, Nicole worked in the New Haven Superior Court through the Yale Sappern Fellowship Program providing assistance to pro-se parties filing temporary restraining orders and divorce paperwork. She also worked in the New Haven Probate Court drafting judicial opinions for Judge John Keyes, one of which was later published in the Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal.

Outside of work, Nicole enjoys spending all of her free time with family and friends, as well as running half marathons.

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Al-Anon Meeting, Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.org.

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

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council

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

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Beginning August, meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except for October which will be held on October 14, 2014.

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

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

The Rotary Club Of Orange meets every Friday, 12:15pm at the Racebrook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue; pro-

spective new members may contact Diane Eger at 203-530-4526 or visit www.orangectrotary.org for information about the club.

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

4th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk to Benefit Beth-El Center, Saturday, October 31, 2015; Sign in begins 7:30am, Kids Fun Run at 8:45am, and race starts at 9:00am from Lisman Landing, Downtown Milford. Breakfast is included. Halloween costumes welcomed. Fee/\$25pp advanced registration/\$30 same day. Register at www.milfordtrickortrot.com. Event sponsored by Harlow, Adams, and Friedman, P.C. and Sikorsky Credit Union.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, meeting dates are December 7, 2015, January 4, 2016, February 1, 2016, March 7, 2016, April 4, 2016, May 2, 2016, June 6, 2016, July 11, 2016, August 1, 2016, September 12, 2016, October 3, 2016, November 7, 2016 and December 5, 2016. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Morning Book Discussion Group, first Thursday monthly. Ellen Af-tamonow Woodmont Library, 16 Dixon Street, Milford. All are welcome. For more information call 203-874-5657.

Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild, a non-profit group of enthusiastic crocheters meet monthly, NO FEES, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange CT, 203-891-2170 (library only), Saturdays, 10:00am-1:00pm, December 5, 2015. Website: www.hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/. Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

St. Lawrence School "Christmas In The Schoolhouse", Saturday December 5, 2015, 10:00am- 4:00pm, and Sunday, December 6, 2015, 8:00am-1:00pm, 231 Main Street, West Haven, have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs Claus, enjoy entertainment on the stage while shopping with the numerous craft vendors, stop by the kitchen and enjoy breakfast and/or lunch, check out Candy Cane Lane and pick up some delicious baked goods, enter the raffles to win gift baskets filled with Christmas Goodies, stop in the After-School building for face-painting, kids crafts, and the jewelry table. All funds raised will be used within the school. For questions/more information, contact the office directly 203.933.2518. For a schedule of events and entertainment, Facebook Event <https://www.facebook.com/events/1702359789994458/>.

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AGENCY ON AGING LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO STOP AGEISM NOW

In 1968 Dr. Robert Butler coined the term "ageism" to describe the systematic discrimination against older people. He equated it to racism and sexism during the Civil Rights movement. It has been over 45 years since Dr. Butler raised this issue, yet our culture has not changed. Ageism remains an often overlooked barrier that exists

across most communities in the US, putting unfair limitations on older adults' abilities to live to their fullest potential and devaluing them as individuals.

As a community we have seen deep cuts to programs designed to keep older adults healthy and active. While the unemployment rate is dropping for most groups, people over 55 still face a job search that will last 5 months longer than those of their younger peers. Sadly consequences of ageism are sometimes life-or-death. When Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana 75% of the people who perished were over the age of 60, making it clear that older adults were not the priority in either evacuation or rescue plans.

As individuals we must look at ourselves to challenge our stereotypes of older adults. Who hasn't uttered the words, "What a cute old lady?" or felt pity at the sight of an older man working in a grocery store. While it may seem harmless or even affectionate,

looking at a person and only seeing his or her age can quickly lead us down a road where older people are no longer trusted to make their own decisions about their health or their lives. We need attitude change to reverse this discrimination and see people for who they are, what they have accomplished and what they will accomplish.

In fact, research has shown that fighting ageism can help us all live longer, happier lives. On October 28th, over 170 people attended the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut's

annual meeting to hear from Dr. Becca Levy, a tenured professor in the Yale School of Public Health and one of the leading voices on ageism nationwide. Dr. Levy shared her recent research which shows that older adults with a more positive view of aging perform significantly better on memory tests.

As part of the Agency on Aging's mission to advocate for independence, we are committed to building awareness, breaking down stereotypes and challenging unfair policies. Our ultimate goal is to bring back the belief that aging is a natural part of life and not a problem to be solved - we hope you'll join us.



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Amity Middle School Orange staff and students worked together in October to support breast cancer research by wearing pink. Donations were collected and sent to Smilow Cancer Center to directly help local cancer patients. This is the third year that Amity Middle School in Orange has participated in this fundraising event spearheaded by Amity teacher, Vicki Fielosh.



FRONT ROW (left to right): Kayla Meunier (standing), Camilla Bautista, Alynn Balocca, Jaclyn Nordyk, Carrie Sanders, Riley Palazzo. BACK ROW (left to right): Isabella Pucillo, Zoe Smith, Natalie Carrington, Claudia Lihar, Abigail Eschweiler, Nicole Bier, Emma Tirollo, Alexandra Marinescu, Ribecka Marchitto, Abigail Bonat, Macaelan Rahn, Emily Zielinski, Zoe DiZenzo, Shayne Feltman.



(Left to right) Jake Sleskinski, Hayley Cable, Jennifer Marganski (teacher), Alishah Ahmed, Skyelar Poulimas.



(Left to right) Julian Barroso, Tessa Graham, Caitlin Carlson, Macy Lyons, MiKenna DeMorro (front), Rebecca Casey (teacher) (back), Katie Barretta, Joseph Marchitto, Alex Palermo, Martin Gnidula (back), Mason Shepard, and Payton Papa.



Back left to right: Ameya Menta, Bella Lee, Marty Gnidula, Mia Zajac, Alexandra DaVia; Middle left to right: Rachel Eagle, Caroline McNabola, Georgia Smith, Ana Carney, Vera Belfonti; Front left to right: Kennedy Csejka, Julia Proto, Abby Bonat, Srilekha Kadimi.

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORANGE INVADES LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

Government Day is an annual event that takes place every year in Orange with support from local officials and the Amity Middle School Orange (AMSO) community. Each year students get the opportunity to learn more about the day-to-day operations of the town's infrastructure; and this year, as always, the students had a fantastic time!

On Tuesday, October 20th, seventh graders and eighth graders began their day with an overview session led by Town Clerk, Pat O'Sullivan. After explaining that he is from a family of public service and has had decades' worth of experience in local and state government, Mr. O'Sullivan described the government's function as "do[ing] what collectively can't be done individually." He also told students about Orange's transformation from being a part of Milford in the 1630s to its split with West Haven in 1822 and how it became the Orange that we recognize today in 1921.

First Selectman, Jim Zeoli, also took the time to speak to AMSO students. In fact, he explained just how much he looked forward to speaking with the students. Mr. Zeoli encouraged students to reflect on their Government Day experiences, as they have the potential to have long-lasting effects. The opportunities the students had will stick with them well into their futures.

The following students were chosen for specific positions based on essays they submitted: First Selectman, Srilekha Kadimi; Police Chief, Caroline McNabola; Building Inspector, Rachel Eagle; Fire Marshal, Alexandra DaVia; Assessor, Kennedy Csejka; Community Services Director, Ameya Menta; Parks and Recreation Department, Marty Gnidula; Planning and

Zoning, Ana Carney; Tax Collector, Samantha Louros; Town Clerk, Vera Belfonti; Librarian, Julia Proto; Public Works, Bella Lee; Sanitarian, Mia Zajac; Registrar of Voters, Georgia Smith; and Town Engineer, Abby Bonat.

Dr. Charles Dumais, Amity Region 5 Superintendent; Kathi Fuller-Cutler, AMSO principal; and Jennifer Marganski, AMSO social studies teacher and the event's organizer, joined the participating students at Chip's for lunch (courtesy of AMSO Student Council funding). Dr. Dumais remarked, "What a great opportunity for students the day is." Staff asked excited students over pancakes and home fries about their positions. Vera Belfonti had wanted to see how records are kept and how licenses are signed and documented. She learned all about this process from her morning with Mr. O'Sullivan. Ameya Menta, who wrote in her essay that she "started a fundraiser for Nepal in [AMSO] because Community Service really is something I am passionate about," was able to spend her morning going to Peck Place to pick up supplies from the elementary school for a paper drive organized by Community Services. Additionally, Ana Carney, who filled the position of Planning and Zoning for the morning, wrote in her essay submission, "I often wonder when I drive past the old Enchanted Gardens what type of business could go there." Like the other participants she was able to ask questions and learn so much in the process. This would not have been possible without Government Day.

Indeed, the town of Orange will continue to have a bright future if these students have anything to say about it! Special thanks to Office Manager, Karen Goldberg, for helping to coordinate the Government Day activities.



The students and faculty at Peck Place School paraded outside in front of the many onlookers that came to watch them during their annual Halloween parade. There was a variety of creative, homemade, scary, and traditional costumes along with those costumes that just made people laugh. The weather was perfect for an outdoor parade.



The students and staff from Peck Place School gathered together to honor our local Veterans, both past and present, during a special school assembly. The gym was decorated beautifully with artwork that was created by the students and their art teacher. Some highlights of the assembly were the 6th grade band playing the Star Spangled Banner, as well as the two readings by the selected 5th and 6th grade student speakers, who each read aloud a personal story explaining how they would thank and/or celebrate Veterans on this day. In addition, all grades sang beautifully. The assembly was both heartfelt and emotional and it was truly an honor to be in the company of all the Veterans that came to the assembly on this very important and special day.



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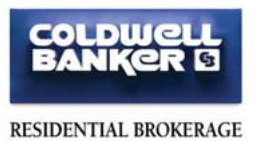
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**celebrity
extra**
by cindy elavsky

Q: I'm glad to see that "Agent X" is finally on TNT. I've been looking forward to seeing **Sharon Stone** in this. She is wonderful, of course, but I'm also impressed with the actress who plays Olga. What can you tell me about her? -- Jonathon T., via email

A: **Olga Fonda**, whom you might remember from "The Vampire Diaries" and "Real Steel," is the gorgeous actress who plays Olga Petrovka. She was born in Russia and came to the U.S. when she was 14 as a foreign exchange student. She was thrilled to come to America, which is, in her words: "a land of opportunities and dreams. So, when I got the opportunity to go to the United States, I happily grabbed it. I always wanted to get an experience of living in different countries, studying in different countries, learning the different cultures, and, of course, having better opportunities."

Aside from working on the show, Olga is thrilled to work with Sharon Stone and **Jeff Hephner**. "There is a great mix of action, mystery and drama -- and a sense of humor. It's a well-done show. Sharon is beautiful and smart and a talented woman. And she is fun to be around. She is very supportive of her fellow actors. There was one scene she did where she had to work with kids. It was such a great experience to observe that she was so kind and so patient. It was a really beautiful moment. She's a superstar. And Jeff is a talented, nice, good-looking guy with a great, great sense of humor. We have so much fun together."

Q: Can you tell me what the actress who plays Maeby on "Arrested Development" has been doing lately? -- Linda R. in Virginia



Olga Fonda

A: **Alia Shawkat** stars in a new TBS dark-comedy series of her own, which is currently in development. It's called "Search Party," and it co-stars **John Early, John Reynolds** and **Meredith Hagner**. The show follows a group of four self-absorbed 20-somethings who come together when a former college acquaintance mysteriously disappears. The series will debut sometime in 2016.

Q: My wife heard that there is going to be a new "Star Trek" series. Is that true? -- Paul T., via email

A: A new "Star Trek" series has indeed been greenlighted at CBS, with an expected debut in January 2017. Prolific writer and producer **Alex Kurtzman** (producer of the "Star Trek" feature-film reboots) is developing. According to The Hollywood Reporter, "The new 'Star Trek' will introduce new characters seeking imaginative new worlds and new civilizations, while exploring the dramatic contemporary themes that have been a signature of the franchise since its inception in 1966." The latest in the "Star Trek" feature films won't premiere until 2019, but die-hard Trekkies will have plenty to tide them over until then.

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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



It's Time to Get Personal...



Which was Ginny's first "Ginny" doll?



Roberta, the attic doll.



Patti, the mailbox doll.

I have written about dolls several times for the many years that I have authored the History Corner, but several weeks ago I came home to retrieve my mail and in the box, in a plastic bag, was an old doll. Not the ordinary way to find a doll but there she was, a beautiful little Horsman doll from the twenties or thirties and, as it turned out, a gift from a dear friend. My passion for dolls is rather new because in my childhood, I had only had a couple of them since I would rather climb a tree, build a fort or climb on the roof of my house having climbed out of the attic window to sit on the roof of the porch. My friends and I even tried to make a clubhouse out of an old shack in the woods near my house.

I once built a wonderful fort with a myriad of sheets nailed around our garden shed we called "The Laughin' Place" from the movie "Song of the South". You know that Disney movie you can only buy with money "under the table". Well this 'laughin' place looked great with my ardent nailing and hammering until my mother came home and told me it looked like "tobacco road". Not knowing what that meant, but hearing my mother's tone of voice, it wasn't a good place to be, especially where it could be seen from the road. Reluctantly, I took it down, piece-by-piece, nail-by-nail.

Let me get back to the dolls. To this day, I do not know what possessed me, at the age of seven to get out of bed, in what seemed like the middle of the night and walk up the stairs to the attic. We had an upper attic which was like a loft where all of the Christmas items were stored as well as other treasures. I went over to a box which I can still see in my mind and found a doll, well a doll head and a body. The face was cracked, as were the arms and legs as she was a composition doll which is basically glue and sawdust and subject to damage in a heated attic.

I came downstairs, cried about this poor headless creature and got back to my bed with her in my arms. Where my mom fit into this memory is faded now. But the next morning, I showed

my dad this poor little thing, asking him to fix her. We called my father Gepetto because he could fix things like the character in Pinocchio. He went to his workshop and soon returned with her head intact with a fancy piece of wood on an elastic, which kept her head attached to her body. Now for some clothes. My Mom made her a fancy dress and eventually we bought her a skirt and blouse and I loved her more dearly than the other two, newer dolls I had.

As I got older, Santa brought me a Saucy Walker which was to be my last doll. You would hold her arms and help her legs to move forward. Now she had quite a wardrobe and I changed her clothes often as she sat in a doll high chair and I curled her hair weekly for no other reason than to do it. Oh, I forgot to tell you that I named my attic find Roberta, a name I cannot connect with anyone at that time. The Saucy Walker was given the name Suzy. But she was not my last doll as Vogue came out with the "Ginny" doll in the 50s with a huge collection of clothes! Now you can imagine my delight in having a doll named just for me. Yeah right. The maker of the doll had a daughter named Virginia and the "Ginny" doll was available through the eighties. My thoughts on my dolls are somewhat of a surprise to me considering what I told you I liked to do as a kid.

I once went to the circus with my friend Sharron and a huckster talked my mother into buying a chameleon because it would change color and match my shirt and my friend's dress which was a light purple check. We held onto these tiny boxes until we got home and put each in their own fish tank. To my surprise, it only turned two colors... what a jip! I learned to like this little fellow and since he already had a collar, I put a longer string on him and set him out on our mulberry tree where the ants were everywhere. I brought him in every night but alas, one day, he got out of his collar and escaped. Perhaps he went back to the circus. Sharron lost hers in the house!

Getting back to the dolls, I now had

a nice collection and when I moved to Orange, everyone got packed up except Suzy. She had a place in my new bedroom until I got married and my room was given to my niece and Suzy went to the spare room. At this point I am now devoid of dolls...not a bad thing because I had my daughter Lori, a real, live doll and then there was my flower garden and teaching and, and, and dolls were the furthest from my mind. Until that fateful day when I thought it might be nice to have a real porcelain doll. You know one of those collectible dolls you see in antique magazines. I bought one at the age of 62 and gave her a historical name, Hannah.

But what about Roberta? And there was another doll Linda, whose rubber body melted in the attic and only her head was left. What became of them? You see I couldn't keep still, thinking about these two waifs and one day, I went up into the attic, now my own attic, looking through box after box for my childhood friends. Where could they be? No luck. I checked in my Mom's attic...no dice and this haunted me for months. I made one more check in my attic and saw, under the eaves, a tattered paper bag. And...are you ready for this? Both of them were in the bag! Linda still looked good, happy to see me but Roberta...oh poor Roberta, she lost what had been the rest of her face. You see, my Dad couldn't fix that part but as I said, I loved her anyway.

Since I am now in touch with a wonderful woman who repairs dolls, I brought my two girls to see her. Roberta's face was completely restored and Linda has a new body. Both girls sit majestically in their own chairs, wearing their original clothes and Suzy sits in her doll high chair. "Ginny" sits on my desk which I can look at while I write my many stories for you readers and she is wearing her original dress with three friends, who have joined her over the years from friends who know I "sort" of collect the Ginny doll. Does one of a kind make a collection? Three more and I can call out "Gin".

The "mailbox" doll is sitting on my desk to my left as I write this, the pret-

tiest little face, two teeth and a smile that would melt your heart. Her dress doesn't fit very well but she looks like she was well loved. It seems today's children are asking for Disney character's for Christmas and I am a little sad to see my granddaughter's baby doll stuck in a doll crib in the corner while her Princess dolls have places of honor. It's the sign of the times...not a bad thing, just different. We had to make up our own stories for our girls, put them at our little table for tea, dress them again and again according to what we were doing and then at night, they all had on their pajamas, not matching ours like the American Girl Dolls but ones our mothers made for them.

Old doll collecting seems to be out of fashion these days as we have several, old dolls at our Academy Museum Antique shop that sit, waiting for that little girl to want to take them home. Whatever happened to wanting a bride doll? That brings up another of my childhood memories; one, which I have passed on to my granddaughter. Flora McFlimsey. I wrote about her in a Valentine issue so I will be brief here. Flora was a doll, once loved by a little girl but when the little girl grew up, Flora was put in the attic with her trunk of clothes. Hearing commotion downstairs, she asked Timothy mouse what was going on. His answer was Christmas. She fondly remembered the Christmas when the little girl picked her up from under the tree. Now her clothes were faded, her hat askew on her head and her legs rather stiff, although she managed to get downstairs to see the tree. I said I would be brief...I just have to tell you the whole story. There were two other dolls under the tree who, and upon seeing Flora laughed at her for her tattered look. Before long, the angel from the top of the tree came down to Flora giving her new clothes and when morning came, Flora was the first doll to be picked by one of the three little girls living there. I wonder if she named her "Roberta?"

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EVENTS AT CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

On Sunday, November 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, the community is invited to participate in Congregation Mishkan Israel's annual Mitzvah Mall. The Mitzvah Mall, which is co-sponsored by the synagogue's Religious Education and Social Action Committees, provides an opportunity to give the gift of charity (tzedakah) for the holidays. Children and adults visit tables that are set-up by a variety of local, national and international agencies. Instead of purchasing a gift, children and adults make donations to the agencies of their choice. Donations are made in the name of a friend or

relative, who receives a card from the agency informing them of the contribution made in their honor.

Agencies that have participated in the past include: Bawa Health Initiative, Columbus House, Connecticut Food Bank, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Heart to Heart, Jewish Family Services, Juvenile Diabetes, LEAP, The Diaper Bank, Remedy, Ronald McDonald House, Friends of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at 203-288-3877.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Orange Congregational Church - 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT 06477, 203-795-9749 - invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services: at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Upcoming Special Events:

The Sunday before Thanksgiving – On November 22nd please mark your calendar for the annual Orange Interfaith Thanksgiving Service starting at 7:00 p.m. Our host this year will be Temple Emmanuel of Greater New Haven, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, Connecticut 06477, (203) 397-3000. Preaching is Father Eugene Charman from Holy Infant Church. There will be a combined choir and participation from the Orange clergy.

Four Sundays in Advent – Please join us beginning on November 29th for the four Sundays in Advent. Each



Orange Congregational Church

week we will light our Advent Wreath, listen to familiar Advent hymns and carols from our Senior Choir, and have a special Children's message.

Music on the Green – Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing on Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Our highly skilled Handbell Choir will perform its annual Christmas Concert prior to the Town Tree Lighting Ceremony. You will want to add your voice to the joyous throng at the most popular event of our Concert Series.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 21st Is There Such a Thing as Jewish British Art?

After Kiddush - Linda Friedlaender a CBJ member and senior Curator of Education at Yale will introduce modern & contemporary British artists who will be Jewish & British. What is important about the intersection?

Sunday, December 6th The Rapid Rise of the Fascist Jobbik Party in Hungary 2010-15 10:00 a.m.

Led by Katalin Baltimore, a Hungarian who escaped to the US after the Hungarian Revolution with her family. She has observed and studied with alarm a repetition in history. Come join Ms. Baltimore who will educate us on these critical developments.

Special Services

Saturday November 21st Family Shabbat

Students will lead the 'junior congregation' service and at 10:15 a.m. Learn to read Torah. This will be a fun, dynamic service and a great way to gain familiarity with the Shabbat service.

Monday November 23rd Woodbridge Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 81 Center Rd., Woodbridge

Saturday, December 5th Shir Hadash

A songful, prayerful, soulful service led by Cantor Kanfer and 9:00 a.m. Rabbi Shapiro. We will be using the power of our music and the kavanah of our words and hearts to manifest God's presence.

Every Week

Bread & Torah

Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Except when Shir Hadash occurs.) Come learn parshat hashavua (the weekly torah portion) over bagels and coffee in the library with Rabbi Shapiro before 9:45 a.m. services.

Mah Jong & Canasta

Every Tuesday & Wednesday. Anyone can come in and play. We will be offering coffee "and" but feel free to bring a dairy lunch. Please call to reserve a table.

Daily Minyan

As a reminder, daily minyan is at 7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning minyan is at 9:00 a.m. Friday night services are at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

All programs are open to the public. RSVP required when indicated.

Congregation B'nai Jacob is located at 75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

HAPPENINGS AT CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

Weekly Services

Minyan Services: Sunday 9:00 am;
Monday 7:30 am; Thursday 7:30 am
Healing Circle: Wednesday 7:30 am
Shabbat Services: Friday 7:00 pm;
Saturday 9:30 am

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi

Wednesdays, (there will be no class
held on 11/25, 12/23, 12/30)

It will take place in the usual hour-
long format, beginning at 11am and
ending at 12 noon.

Topics for November-December
will include: "What Does Genesis Say
About..."; Human Dignity; Sexual Devi-
ance; Circumcision; Space Aliens; Jeru-
salem; Wine & Intoxicants; Mixing
Meat and Milk; The Superiority of the
First Born Child; Forgiveness

Zumba Gold At Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom announces
the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on
Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.
ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance
movement program that incorporates
music from every decade to create an
upbeat and fun class. Burn hundreds
of calories, meet new friends and have
a blast. No experience needed and
classes are on a drop in basis. Contact
Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or
call 203.314.8176 or temple office at
213.799.2341.

Pancake Breakfast

Come join us for Pancakes! Our
Men's Club is holding a Pancake break-
fast on December 6, 2015 from 9:30
am – 10:30 am, in our social hall. All
our welcome! The price is \$5.00 per
person. It includes pancakes, coffee, tea



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and bagels and/or Danish. This money
will help purchase new chairs for our
social hall. Please call the office with
questions 203.799.2341.

Hanukah for 3, 4 and 5 year olds!

Sunday, December 6th, 9:30 am-
10:30 am, in our lower Social Hall. All
Welcome! The sights, sounds and sen-
sations of Hanukah will be introduced
to our littlest ones! The morning will
include arts and crafts and singing. The
Rabbi will retell his favorite Hanukah
story. Chocolate "gelt" and dreidels for
all (parent/child activity).

Latkes and Magic

Friday, December 11, join us for
this fun filled evening. We will light
the menorah in the lobby at 7pm and
then gather in the Sanctuary for a brief
Friday night service, the Oneg Shabbat
will feature a magic show, latkes and
gelt!

Youth Group

The Youth group is open to kids grade
5-8, contact the office 203.799.2341. If
you would like to find out more about
our exciting and engaging program for
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LOCAL BUSINESS



HUGENDUBEL CELEBRATES AT PRESTIGIOUS ELITE RETREAT

Wayne Hugendubel of Orange,
a sales associate affiliated with the
Coldwell Banker Residential Broker-
age office in Orange, recently attended
the Elite Retreat, a conference held at
The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida
for top-performing Coldwell Banker
sales professionals in the Northeast
and Eastern Seaboard regions. Hu-
gendubel was invited to attend the
exclusive Elite Retreat because of
his outstanding sales production in
2014. As part of the retreat, Hug-
endubel enjoyed a luxurious stay at The
Breakers with spectacular views of the
Atlantic Ocean.

During the retreat, Wayne attended
a welcome reception, a panel discus-
sion that included Tom Ferry, CEO of
a leading international coaching and
training company, and other real estate
professionals, as well as special meet-
ings and a cocktail party and dinner
with more than 200 top Coldwell

Banker Residential Brokerage affiliated
sales associates and senior manage-
ment leaders from across the Northeast
and Eastern Seaboard regions. "We are
so pleased to honor Wayne, who has
worked so hard to achieve such impres-
sive sales results. His professionalism
and dedication continue to set him
apart among the very best real estate
professionals in the region," said Aileen
DeFeo, sales manager of the Coldwell
Banker Residential Brokerage office
in Orange.

With extensive experience in resi-
dential real estate, Hugendubel has
consistently earned recognition for
his exemplary sales accomplishments
throughout his career. He was most
recently honored with the Coldwell
Banker® International President's Elite
award, a distinguished honor presented
to the top 2 percent of approximately
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the Coldwell Banker® system.

TEMPLE EMANUEL HOSTS ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING

On Sunday, November 22 at 7:00
pm, Temple Emanuel of Greater New
Haven hosts the annual Orange In-
terfaith Thanksgiving Service. Every
year, clergy and congregants from six
houses of worship in Orange – Church
of the Good Shepherd, Congregation Or
Shalom, Holy Infant Church, Orange
Congregational Church, Saint Barbara
Greek Orthodox Church and Temple
Emanuel – come together to celebrate
Thanksgiving with a family-friendly
service full of music and readings rep-
resenting the spirit of Thanksgiving
that is common to all faiths.

This year, the musical portions of the
service will be performed by the Temple
Emanuel Band and Children's Choir,
and a combined choir made up of adult
choristers and music directors from all



Temple Emanuel

of the involved houses of worship. At
the conclusion of the service, we will
come together for a reception created
by Temple Emanuel's bakers.

All members of the greater New
Haven community are welcome. Temple
Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave.
(Route 34) in Orange. For more infor-
mation about this and other services
and events at Temple Emanuel, please
go to www.templemanuel-gnh.org,
or call the TE office at 203-397-3000.



MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY FAIR

Table-top Christmas trees, house tours, music, Milford cider and a visit from St. Nick are all part of the Christmas Fair planned by the Milford Historical Society Friday, December 11, 6 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, December 12 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. There will be lots to look at and lots of Christmas gifts and decorations to buy. The society's three 18th century houses, at 34 High Street, will be decorated and open for tours.

Live music, storytelling and the visit from St. Nick Friday are planned for December 11 and Saturday, December 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. There will be handmade, one-of-a-kind gifts and delicious baked goods to purchase and nibble on site. There will even be Milford cider from a special recipe!

Members have made and will sell a beautiful array of themed table-top Christmas trees and wreaths, perfect additions to your seasonal decorations.

The society's Country Store is a great place to do your Christmas shopping - nothing needs batteries or needs to be charged! You will find books, games, jewelry, Early American decorations, and much more. Added hours for the Country Store are Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Special exhibit: The 12 days of Christmas as you have never seen it before. Admission \$5 - children 10 and younger free.

For more information visit us at milfordhistoricalsociety.org.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOLD BREAKFAST FOR DINNER AT CHIP'S

The Orange Historical Society is sponsoring Breakfast for Dinner at Chip's Family Restaurant, located at 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. The Fall Fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, December 8.

The fixed breakfast menu includes buttermilk pancakes, eggs, sausage or bacon and coffee or tea. There will be three seatings: 5 to 6 pm, 6 to 7 pm and 7 to 8 pm. Tickets for Breakfast at Dinner at Chip's are \$12. Tip is not included.

Reservations are required for this event. For tickets call Phyllis Gwatkin at 203-795-4549 or Priscilla Searles at

203-397-1465.

"This is the first time we have attempted an event such as this one and we hope Orange residents will support it," said Phyllis Gwatkin, chairperson of the function. "The Orange Historical Society has a major commitment to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern Road. Support of this event will help us keep these three important historical structures available for educational programming."



Mildred Burtnett of Orange celebrated her 101st birthday on November 1 with her children and grandchildren. She lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anne and Dan Davis on Clement Lane in Orange.

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NOVEMBER IS "NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH"

By Roberta L Nestor

What an appropriate month to give thanks to the millions of people who sacrifice so much to provide care for their loved ones as well as the millions of professional caregivers who provide medical healthcare to our elderly. The Care Action Network (CAN) has themed this year's Caregiving month with one word, respite. Respite is the chance to take a breather, the opportunity to re-energize and it is as important as any other item on your caregiver's to-do list. People think of respite as a luxury, but considering caregivers' increased risk for health issues from chronic stress, respite is crucial to a caregiver and is the key to their own well-being.

Caregiving statistics each year become more and more staggering. In June, Caregiving.org put together a research report with surveys conducted by the AARP Public Policy Institute and the National Alliance for Caregiving. The probability of providing care for a parent or other family member is high:

- 43.5 million adults have provided unpaid care to an adult in the past 12 months;
- Of that 34.2 million have provided unpaid care to an adult over age 50;
- 60% of all caregivers are female and 40% are male;
- The average age of a caregiver is 49;
- A caregiver spends on average 24.4 hours a week providing care;
- A quarter of caregivers provide more than 41 hours a week of care;
- 87% of their time is spent assisting with at least 2 out of the 7 activities of daily living.

Providing respite is just one way to help our caregivers stay on track with their own lives. But first the caregiver has to recognize the importance of time off and that starts with asking for help. Make a laundry list of all of the things you have to do (cooking, laundry, rides to doctor appointments, picking up prescriptions, mowing the lawn, paying bills, filling out insurance forms). Then break these items down into distinct tasks such as personal care, household chores, transportation, etc. Armed with a logical list it will be easier to ask for help in different areas. Asking for help with a list in hand is much different than complaining to someone about all the things you have to do. Creating the list helps to clear the air a bit and gives you a tool to ask

for help.

Some caregivers have found that technology can be very useful. A smartphone for aging adults has been designed by Samsung (Galaxy Touch3). It has been made specifically for older adults and intended to be an assist for caregivers. The phone has a pre-installed app called GreatCall and allows the user one touch access to health and safety services. It is linked to the caregiver's phone and the caregiver can get updates such as, what is he doing or where is he; it will also alert the caregiver when an emergency call is made to 5Star (which functions like OnStar, but for aging adults).

BeClose is another bit of technology that can provide a caregiver with peace of mind for those hours that their loved one is home alone. It uses discreet wireless sensors that are placed throughout the home and will track the movements and activities of your loved one. As a caregiver, you can check on them by going to a secure, private website; if there are any changes to the daily routine, the caregiver is sent an alert (real time) by email, text or phone.

Caregivers often feel isolated and burdened and have difficulty sharing the problems of caregiving with people who have never had to provide care. Networking for caregivers is extensive through on-line forums as well as local "meet up" groups. Even the state of CT provides respite services (search on ct.gov website for Department of Developmental Services Respite); Department of Aging, Alzheimer's Association are just a few resources. Google "caregiving" and you will likely find a group or forum that you can relate to.

A tremendous thanks to all caregivers who provide the needed love, time and tolerance to caring for a loved one.

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

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



GREAT THANKSGIVING WINES!

In 1621 the Plymouth settlers held a harvest feast after a successful growing season. Autumn or early winter feasts continued sporadically in later years, first as an impromptu religious observance, and later as a civil tradition. Squanto, a Catholic Patuxet Native American who resided with the Wampanoag tribe, taught the Pilgrims how to catch eel and grow corn and served as an interpreter for them. Squanto had learned English during his enslavement in England. The Wampanoag leader Massasoit had given food to the colonists during the first winter when supplies brought from England were insufficient.

Since then the holiday has become one in which family and friends get together to enjoy a great meal and each other's company. It is a wonderful easy holiday that North Americans all hold as one of our favorites. It is a time for us to be thankful for the wonderful bounty and blessings we have received.

Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented the President of the United States with one live turkey and two dressed turkeys, in a ceremony known as the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation. John F. Kennedy was the first president reported to spare the turkey given to him (he announced he didn't plan to eat the bird), and Ronald Reagan was the first to grant the turkey a presidential pardon, which he jokingly presented to his 1987 turkey (a turkey that would indeed be spared and sent to a petting zoo).

What wines to serve with our great bird has become quite a controversy. Different wine and food experts do not agree and change their minds about what to serve and I change my mind every year. This year I am suggesting two reds and two whites. The great Italian welcome wine Prosecco. This year's choice is Botter. It is a well made DOC wine that normally sells for \$9.99. Total Wines sells it for \$7.99 and it is currently

selling it as a store opening special in Milford for \$5.99. I would suggest you buy a case. It is refreshing and low in alcohol and is loved by all. It is soft and delicate and a real treat. I would follow that up with the great Wente family Morning Fog buttery and oaky Chardonnay. This will match quite well with white meat and mashed potatoes and squash and gravy and many wonderful side dishes. I would then bring out a big Zinfandel. There are many favorites and the ones I would love to have you try are 7 Deadly

Zins at about \$15.00 is a great treat and one of the biggest smokiest zinfandel is Cigar Zin. Great match with smoky dark meat and those family

members who insist on a big drum stick. This Old Vine Zinfandel is spectacular! It is an unapologetic, big bold wine packed with blackberry and spice and very absent of compromise. It costs about 30 bucks and tastes like a hundred dollar wine. God Bless you and your family and enjoy your holiday and these wonderful wines. You will be glad you did!

P.S. - Due to an ugly infection I was knocked out of my normal routine for almost a month. I missed a couple of deadlines and received several emails and kind comments and got yelled at a lot at the Orange reclamation center. "Hey knock it off and get well. I need to know what wine to bring to my son's house." Thank you for being missed! Ray

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway community College, and the Milford Board of Education as well as Moltose wine and beer making suppliers and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at ray.spaziani@gmail.com.



THANKSGIVING DAY PRESENTS HIDDEN HAZARDS

When most of us think about Thanksgiving, images of turkey, stuffing and time spent with loved ones typically come to mind, not fire hazards. However, an increased risk of fire is, in fact, a reality of Thanksgiving. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three times as many home cooking fires occur on Thanksgiving as on a typical day.

NFPA's latest cooking estimates shows that there were 1,550 cooking fires on Thanksgiving in 2013, reflecting a 230 percent increase over the daily average. Home cooking fires also spike on other major U.S. holidays, including Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and Memorial Day weekend. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.

"A combination of factors collectively increase the risk of home cooking fires on Thanksgiving," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "People are often preparing multiple dishes with lots of guests and other distractions which can make it all too easy to forget what's on the stove. That's when cooking mishaps are most likely to occur."

While the number of cooking fires spikes on holidays, it's also one of the leading causes of home fire year-round. Between 2009 and 2013, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 162,400 home cooking fires per year. These fires resulted in an annual average of 430 civilian fire deaths, 5,400 reported injuries and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage. Fortunately, Carli notes, there are many simple steps people can take to ensure safe cooking on Thanksgiving. "A little added awareness about potential fire hazards and taking a few basic precau-

tions in the kitchen can go a long way toward keeping your Thanksgiving fire-free," said Carli.

Here are NFPA's top five tips for cooking with fire safety in mind on Thanksgiving and beyond:

Remain in the kitchen while you're cooking, and keep a close eye on what you fry! Always stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food. If you have to leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove. Regularly check on food that's simmering, baking or roasting, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

Keep things that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains away from the cooking area.

Be alert when cooking. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire on the stovetop and decide to fight the fire smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you're cooking a turkey using a disposable aluminum pan, consider doubling up and using two pans to avoid a puncture as dripping turkey juices can cause an oven fire.

NFPA discourages the use of turkey fryers, a popular cooking method on Thanksgiving. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns and other injuries and the destruction of property due to the large amount and high temperature of oil used. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys.

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DEATH NOTICES

Barry Goldblatt

Barry Goldblatt, 82 of Hamden, CT and Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Orange, CT and Danvers, MA, passed away on November 9, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Deeva (Laubstein) Goldblatt and the late Marcia (Weich) Goldblatt of 53 years. He was born in Patterson, NJ, the son of the late Nathaniel and Lillian Goldblatt. He is survived by sons Mitchell (Abby) Goldblatt of Orange, CT, Alan (Tina Ellerbee) Goldblatt of Annandale, VA, and Loel (Ruth) Goldblatt of Simsbury, CT. Grandfather of Carl and Shayna, Zachary, Allison, and Leo, and Ari and Noah. He is also survived by his sister, Susan Baumstein of Fair Lawn, NJ, and several nieces and nephews.

He received a BS Degree in Chemical Engineering with honors from Lehigh University in 1954 and an MS Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955.

As a Second Lieutenant in the Army Ordnance Corps, he spent two years at Aberdeen Proving Ground (MD) as the Commanding Officer of the 580th Ordnance Repair Detachment and later as an instructor.

He spent over 40 years in the manufacture of aircraft engines. He joined the Avco Lycoming Division in Stratford, CT in 1957 as a process engineer rising through the organization to become the Chief Metallurgist. He was later appointed as the Director of the LT-101 Engine Program and as the Engineering Director of the Maintenance Operation Center. In 1984 he joined the Aircraft Engine Business Group of General Electric in Lynn, MA. At GE he held various positions in the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Departments, and retired in 1998 as the Manager of the Special Process Technology Center.

While living in Orange, CT, he was a coach and secretary of Orange Little League and was elected as a Constable. He served as a board member, officer, and president of Beth Israel Synagogue in Derby, CT, and the Orange Jewish Community Center Association as well as the West Orange Association. In Danvers, MA he was elected Town Meeting Member, and served

on the boards of Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody, MA and the Jewish Federation of the North Shore in Marblehead, MA. While in Danvers, he helped develop the Yellow Candle Program, which became a nationwide movement among Synagogue Men's Clubs to annually remember the Holocaust. While spending winters in Delray Beach he served on the Temple Torat Emet Men's Club Board of Directors.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, on Thursday, November 12, 2015 with interment services following at Beth Israel Cemetery, Derby-Milford Road, Orange. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation Or Shalom Men's Club Yellow Candle Fund, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, or Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

Funeral arrangements were in the care of the Robert E. Shure Funeral Home, New Haven (203-562-8244).

Betty Jean Mounsey

Betty Jean Mounsey, age 84, of Old Saybrook formerly of Orange, passed away in Middlesex Hospital on Friday, November 13, 2015. She was born on October 25, 1931 in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Walter and Sally Long Bassett. Before retiring, she was employed in the clerical department of Milford Rivet. An active member of the community, she was a member of Christian Women's Club and the River Valley Baptist Church in Ansonia. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she is survived by her dedicated daughter Deborah Shaw and her husband Gregory Shaw of Old Saybrook, sister Sally Lou Elko and her husband Joseph of Alhambra, CA, two grandchildren, Veronica Salsberg and Aaron Shaw and one great grandson Ryder Shaw. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husband William L. Mounsey. Services were provided by the Smith Funeral Home, 135 N Broad St., Milford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 1834 Dixwell Ave., Hamden, CT 06514. To leave condolences or for directions, please visit our website @www.george-smithandson.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. **The Martian (PG-13)**
Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain
2. **Goosebumps (PG)**
Jack Black, Dylan Minnette
3. **Bridge of Spies (PG-13)**
Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance
4. **Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)**
animated
5. **Burnt (R)**
Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller
6. **The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13)**
Vin Diesel, Rose Leslie
7. **Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension (R)**
Chris J. Murray, Brit Shaw
8. **Our Brand Is Crisis (R)**
Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton
9. **Crimson Peak (R)**
Mia Wasikowska, Jessica Chastain
10. **Steve Jobs (R)**
Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet

TOP 10 VOD

1. **Jurassic World (PG-13)**
Chris Pratt
2. **San Andreas (PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson
3. **Tomorrowland (PG)**
George Clooney
4. **Spy (R)**
Melissa McCarthy
5. **Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)**
Robert Downey Jr.
6. **Magic Mike XXL (R)**
Channing Tatum
7. **Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)**
Anna Kendrick
8. **Paper Towns (PG-13)**
Nat Wolff
9. **Dope (R)**
Shameik Moore
10. **Bone Tomahawk (NR)**
Patrick Wilson

1. Who had a hit with "The Gypsy Cried"? [Hint: He was born Lugee Alfredo Giovanni Sacco.] What is the song about?
2. Who recorded "Walking in the Rain"?
3. Name the rock band that released "Follow You Follow Me."
4. Who is Rhiannon in the Fleetwood Mac song of the same name?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "If the sky that we look upon should tumble and fall, And the mountains should crumble to the sea, I won't cry, I won't cry."



1. Lou Christie, in 1963. When reading a boy's romantic future in a crystal ball, it's sad enough that the gypsy cries. 2. The Ronettes, in 1964. The song earned a Grammy nod and made it on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs list. 3. Genesis, in 1978. The slow, romantic song was written specifically to attract female fans. 4. Rhiannon was a mythical witch in Welsh literature. Steve Nicks wrote the song after reading about Celtic mythology. 5. "Stand by Me," by Ben E. King in 1961 and covered by Otis Redding, Led Zeppelin and more. The song plays over the credits in the 1986 Stephen King film of the same name.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first National League shortstop to twice hit 20 or more home runs in a season?
2. Two Boston Red Sox pitchers threw no-hitters in 1962. Name them.
3. Who was the last Tampa Bay quarterback to rush for two TDs in a game before Josh McCown in 2014?
4. Name the player who tallied the most career points in Southern Cal men's basketball history.
5. Two NHL teams have won a Stanley Cup after losing the first two games of the series at home. Name either one.
6. Who was the last driver before Nico Rosberg (2013-15) to win the Monaco Grand Prix at least three consecutive years?
7. How many Grand Slam doubles titles have Bob and Mike Bryan won together?

1. The Giants' Alvin Dark, in 1953 and 1954. 2. Earl Wilson and Bill Monbouquette. 3. Steve Young, in 1986. 4. Harold Miner, with 2,048 points in three seasons. 5. The Toronto Maple Leafs in 1942 and the Montreal Canadiens in 1966. 6. Ayrtton Senna won five in a row (1989-93). 7. Sixteen -- six Australian Opens, five U.S. Opens, three Wimbledon and two French Opens.



Meryl Streep in "Ricki and the Flash"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of November 23, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"American Ultra" (R) -- Mike (Jesse Eisenberg) is a scrawny pothead grocery-store clerk who is unbelievably deadly when he thinks his life is in danger. See, Mike doesn't remember it, but he's the product of a secret program that trained ultra-deadly, ultra-brain-washed sleeper agents and placed them unsuspecting parts of the U.S. An ambitious functionary in the CIA (Topher Grace) decides to clean up what's left of the program by sending assassins against the unsuspecting Mike and his girlfriend, Phoebe (Kristen Stewart).

Eisenberg is the last guy you'd cast as an action star, and that's why he does so well -- he goes from shirking schlub to killer commando in an instant, and he's just as surprised as

you. Stewart also plays an important role in the movie's likability, since she and Eisenberg share a facile chemistry and engaging rhythm.

"A Christmas Horror Story" (NR) -- Despite the title, it's really a handful of Christmas horror stories, strung together by a framing story with a drunk William Shatner. One bit has teens poking around a creepy school basement on the anniversary of a double-homicide -- it goes how you'd expect. Then there's the family who enters the woods to (illegally) chop down their own Christmas tree, only to find that something ... strange has happened to their son. Another naughty family gets a visit from the Krampus, a nightmarish anti-Santa from Germanic folklore. Then there's the all-out Christmas carnage story where Santa throws down against a horde of profane zombie-elves.

So there's a variety of tinsel-tinged terror, and if any of these carols aren't singing with you, it won't be long before Shatner cuts in and the next bit begins. It's not the most memorable holiday-horror flick, but it's a polished product with an assortment of terrifying treats.

"Ricki and the Flash" (PG-13) -- Meryl Streep stars as a woman who left her family to chase rock 'n' roll dreams, and now has to come back down to earth to reconcile with her children and the life she could have had. Ricki (Streep) never touched stardom, but she's in a rockin' bar-band with a strapping guitarist (Rick Springfield). She returns to the Midwest when her ex-husband (Kevin Kline) summons her to support their adult daughter (Mamie Gummer, Streep's real-life daughter) in recovering from a disastrous divorce. The family melodrama is mixed in with stirring musical performances where Streep belts classic rock covers with serious energy.

Sudoku answers on page 32

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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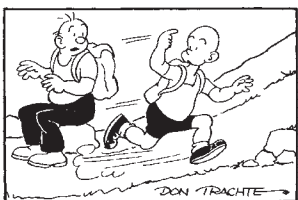
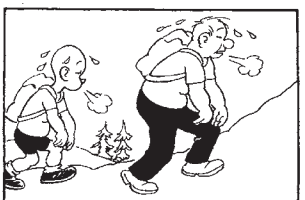
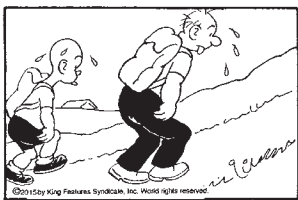
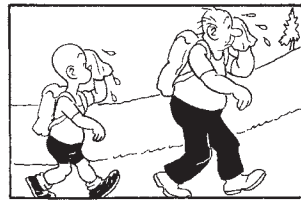
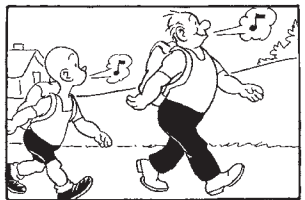
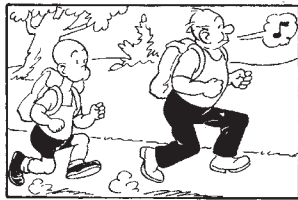
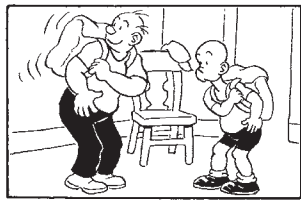
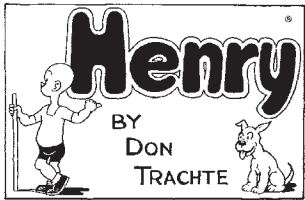
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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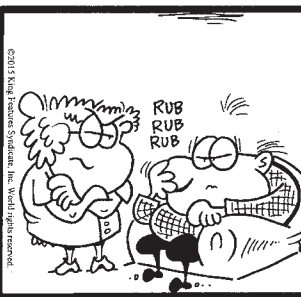
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Colorado ski mecca
- 6 Aries
- 9 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 12 Camel's cousin
- 13 "The Greatest"
- 14 Chance
- 15 Hammerstein's contribution
- 16 Decorative floor
- 18 Knapsack parts
- 20 Kazakhstan river
- 21 Buddhist sect
- 23 Lamb's dam
- 24 Minimal change
- 25 Writer Kingsley
- 27 Rice, on a Mexican menu
- 29 Minnesotan
- 31 Fled to wed
- 35 Heat
- 37 Appellation
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- 41 Neighbor of Ukr.
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- 45 Off-repeated word
- 47 Layered dessert
- 49 Carnival

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- 23 attractions
- 24 station
- 25 contradiction
- 26 Blackbird
- 27 Make butter
- 28 Flightless bird
- 29 Paid player
- 30 Song of joy
- 31 Old market-place
- 32 As deemed fit
- 33 Society newcomer
- 34 Vast
- 35 — City (former Philippine capital)
- 36 Demos-thenes, for one
- 37 Listener
- 38 Spanish appetizers
- 39 Grew
- 40 Trophy, for one
- 41 Foolish
- 42 Sharp turn
- 43 Every iota
- 44 Comedian
- 45 Crafty
- 46 Philips
- 47 Carrot's cousin
- 48 D.C. type
- 49 Send forth
- 50 "Doctor Zhivago" star
- 51 Mother-of-pearl
- 52 50 Cent, e.g.
- 53 Same old story?
- 54 "Sad to say..."
- 55 Detergent brand
- 56 Bygone space
- 57 Baffling

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Mario Lopez

Mario Lopez, who starred in "Saved by the Bell" and "Dancing With the Stars," will play Vince Fontaine in FOX TV's "Grease Live" on Jan. 31. Mario, 42, will play the radio personality at the high-school dance created by then-44-year-old Edd "Kookie" Byrnes. Rumors are flying that Fox has signed the original "Sandy," Olivia Newton-John, to play the Eve Arden role of the school principal. Also, Nick Jonas is just about set as the "The Teen Angel," played by Frankie Avalon, while Martin Short will probably be Coach Calhoun, originally created by comedy legend Sid Caesar. Fox better hire the best make-up artists because none of its cast, playing high-school students, is less than 22 years old.

"Sandy" will be played by 27-year-old Julianne Hough, the film star and "Dancing With the Stars" judge. Her love interest, "Danny Zuko," will be Aaron Tveit, who was William "Tripp" Vander Bilt III in "Gossip Girl," Mike Warren in "Graceland" and Enjolras in the film "Les Miserables." He's 32. Vanessa Hudgens, taking over for Stockard Channing as "Rizzo," was a teenager when she made all those "High School Musical" TV films for Disney, but now she's 26. Carlos PenaVega, recently on "Dancing With the Stars," also is 26, while Keke Palmer, Pink Lady "Marty Maraschino," is 22. Pop star Carly Rae Jepsen, 29, is "Frenchy," the "Beauty School Dropout."

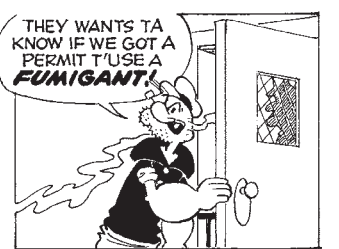
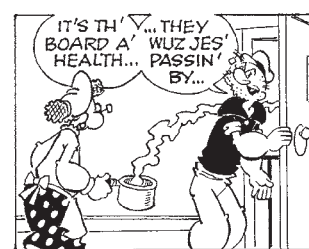
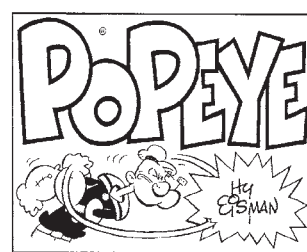
It's a very talented cast, but they're a bit long in the tooth as high-schoolers. Fox couldn't find one talented teen anywhere?

Don't invite Adam Lambert and Demi Lovato to the same place! Apparently, Demi dumped Adam as opening act from her 40 city U.S./Ca-

nadian tour, starting June 24, in favor of Nick Jonas, who, coincidentally, has the same manager that she has. Or is it because Demi was opening act for the 2009 Jonas Brothers tour and this is payback? Just asking!

Talk about still too soon? "Look Who's Back," a Borat-style comedy about Adolf Hitler walking the streets of modern-day Berlin, based on the best-selling novel by Timur Vermes, topped the German film box-office, beating "The Martian" and animated hits "Inside Out" and "Hotel Transylvania 2." Oy vey!

Johnny Depp needs better advisers. In 2013, "The Lone Ranger," which he also produced, cost \$225 million and grossed \$260 million. In 2014, "Transcendence" cost \$100 million and grossed \$103 million. In 2015, "Mortdecai," which he also produced, cost \$60 million and grossed only \$30 million. His latest, "Black Mass," cost \$53 million and grossed \$76 million (barely at break-even). However, the five "Pirates of the Caribbean" films grossed \$3.7 billion, collectively, while "Alice in Wonderland" grossed \$1.03 billion, all by herself. Maybe Depp should produce a film called "Alice Meets the Pirates of the Caribbean"!



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Four Ways To NEVER Correct Your Dog

We have heard about virtually every type of dog training method out there. Many of these methods can do more harm to your dog in the long term than good. So let's look at some of the things you should avoid when addressing your dog's unwanted behavior.

Never Use Pain. Dogs, like humans, will make mistakes, and don't deserve to suffer pain or experience physical corrections as a consequence. Shock collars, prong collars, or any other device cause your dog pain or discomfort. In regards to physical corrections, even if you don't actually hit your dog, techniques like "alpha rolling", or pin downs, etc. teaches your dog bad habits which they may try to replicate with other dogs and/or even children. Using a physical means to control/correct your dog may cause them to lose trust in hands and, therefore, become defensive. Remember that dogs are not born aggressive - it is a learned behavior that can result from improper socialization, poor training methods, history and more. "Scruffing", holding your dog's mouth closed, pushing and even collar grabs, while not malicious, can also cause problems.

Never Yell Or Use Your Dog's Name as Punishment. Do not scream at your dog as much as this flies in the face of what you feel like doing. Yelling at your dog does not work because it will just get him more stressed or it will only increase his energy level and how excited he is about the situation. Instead, use a calm yet firm voice to refocus your dog and to teach the desired behavior.

If you have children, you are probably used to yelling at them - "Jimmy, stop that right now!" In the case of a child, Jimmy knows you are angry with him, as he has been identified by his name; however, with a dog, using his name has the opposite effect, as it actually adrenalizes the dog. So when Rover's owner yells, "Rover, be quiet!" - guess what, Rover keeps on barking...longer and louder. Ironically, he is doing so in a misguided effort to try and please his owner! And, you don't want your dog's name to carry a negative association, so that he won't avoid responding when he hears it. Only use your dog's name for positive situations.

Never correct them long after a bad incident has happened. Many of us have walked into our home only to find that the dog has torn apart your sofa cushions or had a toileting accident. Your

first thought is to yell and correct the bad dog. Remember that dogs don't necessarily have long term memories. Their behavior is all about cause and effect. If you correct them after the fact, they will not associate your correction with the bad act. Refocusing your dog must be immediate, when your dog is thinking about making a mistake, or when he is in the act of unwanted behavior. If they do a good thing (like sitting on command) and you immediately praise them, they will associate the sitting with the positive kudos and be more inclined to do it the next time around.

Avoid direct eye contact/stare. The final technique governs the use of direct eye contact, and if you study groups of dogs, you will see repeated instances of when eye contact is either withdrawn or avoided. Again, the rule here is the antithesis of human behavior. Just imagine your son "borrowed" your car one day. When making your point to the teenager that this must never, ever, happen again, and explaining the consequences of his misbehavior, the natural tendency would be for you to be making full-on eye contact just to emphasize how deadly serious you were about the whole episode. However, that direct eye contact is seen by your dog as a threatening gesture which can make your dog question your intentions. Fear can set in leading to an instinctual fight or flight response from your dog. While you may want to look assertive at times, appearing threatening to your dog will not help you achieve the balance of love, trust and bond that you want with your pet.

Finally, a word or two of advice about praising your dog which is highly encouraged when refocusing your dog results in a change to good behavior. Here, by all means, DO involve both their name and soft eye-contact, and if you have lowered your body posture to deliver this praise and draw the dog toward you for a pet, then he is absolutely sure he is being congratulated, rather than corrected. Praise delivered in this fashion is far more appreciated by your dog, than any treat on the planet.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This year, instead of jumping into the whole holiday prep scene, move in a little at a time. You'll appreciate the sense of control you're more likely to enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills

can do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Librans and holidays are made for each other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what -- or who -- you're hoping to rush toward.

BORN THIS WEEK: Others pick up on your confidence in yourself, which inspires them to believe in you and your special gifts.

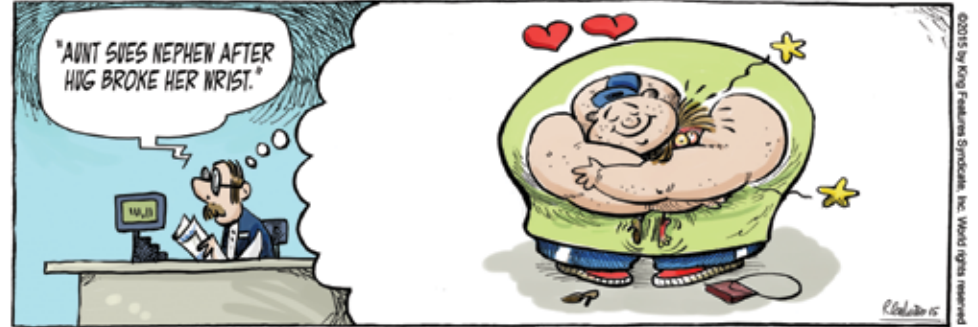
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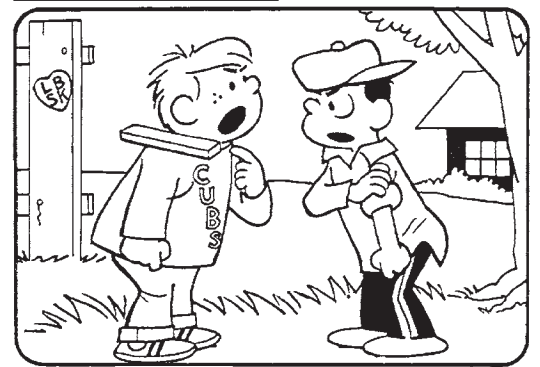
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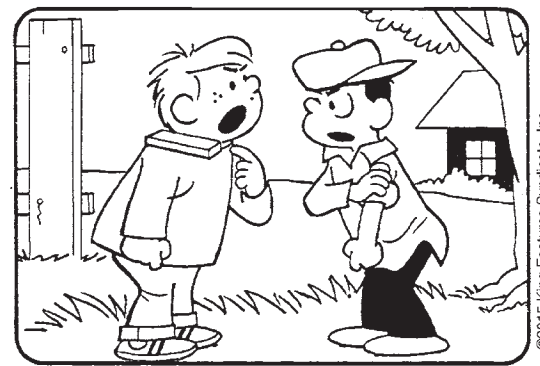
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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SHOULD MOM LET BOY ADOPT PIT BULL?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We're going to adopt a dog now that I'm 10 years old. I saw a pit bull puppy that I liked at the shelter, but my mom said no, because they're vicious. My friend said that's not true. What can I do to persuade her to adopt this dog? -- Braedon in Alpharetta, Ga.



DEAR BRAEDON: Before I answer, I do want to tell you that your mom has your best interests and safety in mind. And because of the many publicized incidents about pit bull attacks and aggressive behavior, her first reaction is to keep you from getting hurt. Ultimately, she will be the one to approve the type of dog to adopt. But you can try to sway her opinion with a few myth-busting facts, courtesy of the American Pit Bull Association (americanpitbullfoundation.com/pit-bull-myths-debunked):

* Pit bulls' temperament is often better than that of other breeds. In temperament testing (atts.org/

breed-statistics/statistics-page1), American pit bull terriers had a passing rate of 86.8 percent, and other pit bull breeds scored above 82 percent -- well above the general dog population's average of 77 percent.

* Pit bulls originally were bred as working dogs and are typically energetic, intelligent and stubborn. Like other working breeds, they do best when socialized early with other dogs and humans, and with lots of training and attention.

* Pit bulls' jaws are not stronger than other dogs, nor do they "lock" when they bite.

You and your mom should look for certain traits in every dog you're considering. Each dog's temperament is unique; ask the shelter about current and past behavior. Meet a potential dog with as many family members as possible. And research each breed before deciding which dog to adopt.

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

The Garden Bug

Cranberries

Source: wikipedia.org

Native Americans named this fruit *sassamanash*. They most likely introduced it to the English settlers who had come to what is now Massachusetts, and the settlers incorporated the berries into their meals and made them part of the first Thanksgiving feast. The settlers called them "crane berries" because the plant's flower and stem resembled the neck, head, and bill of a crane.

— Brenda Weaver

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Sunday, December 6th, 3-6pm • Orange Town Green



Town Green

Santa Arrives! - 5:00pm

Tree Lighting - 5:30pm

Clark Building Front Lawn

Ice Carving Demonstration
by Ice Matters - 3:00-5:00pm

Case Memorial Library

Amity Chamber Singers - 4:15-4:30pm

Children's Musical Performance by Al deCant - 3:30-4:00pm

Children's Crafts - 3:00-5:00pm

Guess How Many Candles in a Jar & Letters to Santa - 3:00-5:00pm

Clark Building - 3:00-6:00pm

Gingerbread House Making Demonstration & Contest

Stone Otis House - 3:00-6:00pm

Come see a Victorian Christmas!

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