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MARLA MORRIS
Ready for the Rain

Former Amity Student "Making Her Mark" in Nashville

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Former Amity High School student Marla Morris is making her mark as a country singer in Nashville. A junior studying music business at Belmont University (Nashville), Morris recently released her second CD, "Ready for the Rain."

This past year has been a whirlwind for Morris who, in addition to attending college, is also hard at work pursuing her dream in the music industry. She is performing her own shows at venues around Nashville and has also been the opening act for country singers Chuck Wicks, Kix Brooks of Brooks & Dunn and Lorrie Morgan. "The energy in Nashville is so amazing. It is a very welcoming place that is thriving right now and I am honored to be a part of it," Morris said. "The talent and creativity here is so inspiring and really pushes me to the next level. I've had the opportunity to work with some phenomenal artists."

("Marla Morris" continued on page 9)



Orange Community Rallies to Help After the Storm

By Laura Fantarella, Orange Town News Correspondent

Michelle Papa was standing in her kitchen during Hurricane Sandy preparing dinner when she heard a loud crack, followed by shattering glass that left a gaping hole in her dining room wall where a bay window used to be. "A tree just sliced the window right off the house, the trim was still on the wall," Papa said, noting that had it fallen just inches to the right it would have decimated most of the family's Ohman Avenue home. As it was, the tree damaged the roof, front porch and lay across the driveway, blocking both cars in the garage.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Toddler Playgroup Is Accepting New Friends

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Just in time for the long cold winter to begin, Orange Parks and Recreation is offering the second semester of a fun program for toddlers. Run by Alice DiNicola, a local mom with a background in education, the weekly gathering provides toddlers and their caretakers a safe and fun alternative to being stuck at home. Each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., DiNicola coordinates activities for children from newborn to five years old in High Plains Community Center's two toddler playgroup rooms. The current semester runs through December 14 and the next begins in early January.

It's a great outlet for the kids, many of whom would be home without other children to play with, but parents and caretakers also benefit, according to DiNicola: "Moms without another support system can find support in the other parents here." As the children are engaged in crafts and activities, parents talk, often comparing notes and sharing stories. "They enjoy watching the kids play in a safe environment and letting them interact at their own level," DiNicola says.

Phil Bianco and his four-year-old twins have been enjoying the toddler playgroup for three years now and he's pleased with the addition of the new activity program. "I do this for peace of mind," he says. "It gets us all out of the house and there's plenty here for them to do." The children have gotten to know each other and have made friends, but according to DiNicola, they're looking for some additional friends. Her program activities include painting, reading and craft activities. DiNicola, mom to a toddler, says she loves to watch the children interact. "It's a good opportunity to get out, and let the kids have fun with other children. It's a great break for parents, too," she says.

DiNicola's fall activities included a Halloween parade and pizza party in October. Just before Thanksgiving, the toddlers decorated banners with handprint turkeys and designs. Parents typically pack a snack for their children – sometimes even enough to share with the others.

The Toddler Playgroup is open for free play Monday through Friday from 9-5. Little ones can enjoy an environment made just for them, featuring two rooms with supplies for arts and crafts projects, imaginative play, games, building and ride-on toys, puzzles, fun seasonal activities and much more. All activities are parent-supervised. There is a child-size bathroom and a changing station located in the playroom area. Fee for residents is \$30 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child per semester, which typically runs for eight weeks. Non-residents pay \$40 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child. DiNicola's program is free to playgroup members or \$5 to non-members for each activity. New members can join at any time.

For more information about the playgroup or the special activity program, please call Orange Park and Recreation office at 203-891-4790.

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For those who missed the November testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on Thursday, December 6 at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. We ask students to arrive at 8:45 a.m. Testing concludes at Noon. Students who plan to take the test must submit an application for admission with \$60 fee and contact Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admissions at 203-288-2309, x307. Visit the website at www.sacredhearthamden.org to apply online or download and print the application for admission.



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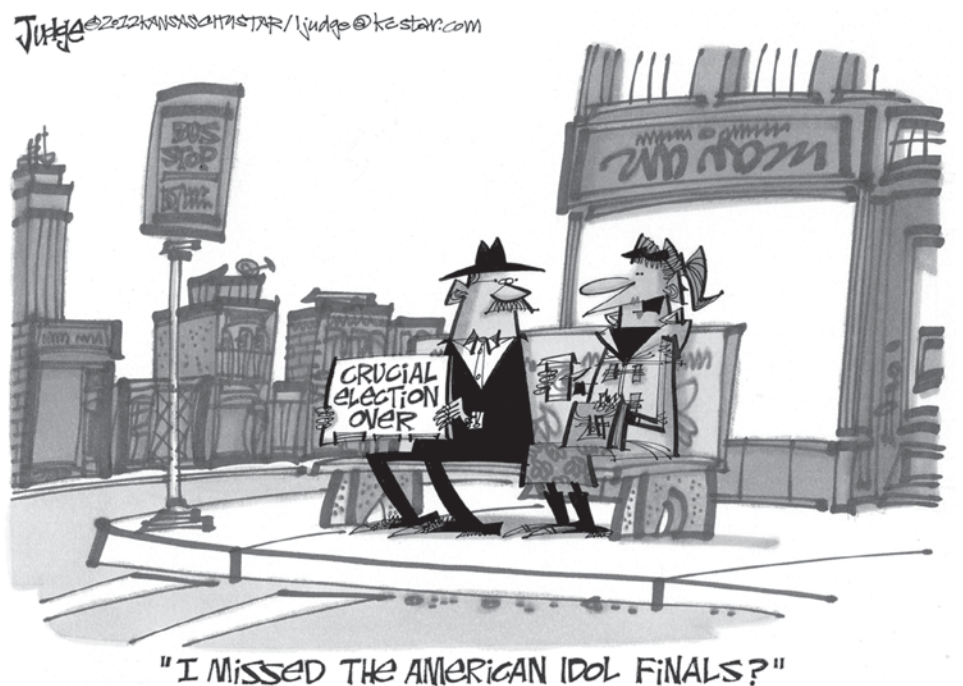
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January 11th	January 18th
February 1st	February 8th

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

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

I'm writing to thank everyone who volunteered to help with my campaign as well as folks who voted for me on Election Day—the great support I received throughout the 114th District was truly humbling.

I look forward to continuing my work on our district's behalf in Hartford, where I'll continue to focus my efforts on the issues you told me matter most: our state's budget, Connecticut's economy and its job market.

I'll make certain that the voices of residents in Woodbridge, Orange and Derby are heard loud and clear at the Capitol. Thanks for placing your faith in me—I won't let you down.

*State Rep. Themis Klarides
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To the Editor

Kudos to the Orange CERT and other volunteers who served tasty treats, delicious meals and always with a smile during hurricane sandy. Maria, a nurse from the O.V.N.A. and the Orange Senior Center staff were also wonderful. Together they all were a beacon of light in an otherwise darkened town.

A million thanks to all of you!

Barbara & Larry Tiven

To the Editor

Let's talk reality! As we all recover from a harrowing experience with a storm the width of 820 miles, packing winds up to 90 miles an hour and twisting and turning like a whirling dervish, we need to take a look at what was done by the three service providers that most of us enjoy, electricity, phone and cable. For me, living in the woods, I expected that I would most likely get some firewood out of all this and yes, I did as a tree uprooted and fell on all three wires.

My hearth-cooking hobby held me in good stead for food cooked in the fireplace but what about the cold and oh the water...the well is electric. Not thinking the storm would be so severe I was low on batteries but the stubby candle pieces kept me out of the dark. So much for me. Let's look at the providers. Yes, we all saw trucks in parking lots "just sitting there". Yeah right. If you or I knew that there were alligators in the "ole swimming hole", wouldn't we sit around, as a group, and figure out how to get across the pond in safety?

Without being in the field, anyone can see that each of the service entities were surveying what had to be done after a storm said to be the worst since 1938 and if we were to be in the trucks, that first day, we would have seen just how many trees were down. Not only down but crisscrossing each other like matchsticks in the pickup sticks game we all played as kids.

If any of us were lucky to have phone service and called upon our friends across the town, you could see a definite pattern of repair as one by one, neighborhoods had light. Not only light but light when repairmen were hanging from poles and buckets in the pitch of night.

And how about the town trucks? The Town of Orange highway department was out in force, clearing the streets, protecting the citizens and helping the Big 3 prepare the way for repairing downed wires. I would like to think that all of us in Orange would have good things to say about those men and women whose dangerous job took us out of the dark and into the light and sound AND water!

Respectfully,

Ginny Reinhard

To the Editor

I would like to express my many thanks to all the voters who came to Mary L. Tracy School on Election Day, November 6, 2012. I would like to especially thank the election officials that made by job as moderator a pleas-

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But Papa considers the family lucky. Even though the whole family was home and scattered throughout the house, her two daughters, Michaela and Marisa, husband Michael, three cats and one rabbit were all safe. “Our cat was curled up sound asleep on the bay window ledge but must have heard the crack and went flying,” Pappa said. “I think he used up one life that night!”

Papa’s neighborhood near the Amity Middle School, and the center of town were among the hardest hit in Orange with downed trees, lost power and electrical fires. “It looked like a science fiction movie around here,” Papa said. “The neighborhood was really spooky that night.” Despite their hardships, the hospitality and help from neighbors was heartwarming. “It was amazing, people came with chainsaws, coffee, loaned us a generator, and invited us to dinners throughout the week. Everyone really came together,” she said.

Orange was hit hard by Sandy, with downed trees across roads and yards and power out in 96% of the town. Some homes were without power for nearly a week, even though United Illuminating crews and contractors from as far away as Michigan, Indiana, North Carolina and Missouri were in town working around the clock to restore electricity. But thanks to last year’s dress rehearsal – the fall storm, Hurricane Irene – town officials report Orange was better prepared than ever to handle Sandy. The town’s Emergency Management, and its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of about 40 volunteers, has a comprehensive plan in place to deal with town-wide crises. According to Emergency Management Director Fred Palmer, regular meetings, a state-wide mock disaster drill over the summer and last year’s storms were all good training for this year’s event. “We were in good shape, especially because we knew this storm was coming and we had time to prepare,” Palmer said.

More people than ever took advantage of the shelter set up at the High Plains Community Center, with about 15 residents and their pets spending at least one night and about 100 more using the facility for showers, a hot meal and to charge electronics. Orange Visiting Nurse staff Maria Biondi, LPN, slept at the shelter during the storm, tending to those with medical issues, including several who were “oxygen-dependent”. “We did have to take several seniors to the emergency room,” she reported.

While the Board of Education provided food from the school lunch program to be prepared at the shelter, parishioners from the Orange Congregational Church and Church of the Good Shepherd stepped in by Wednesday to add a little comfort food to the menu. Church of the Good Shepherd Rev. Ann Ritonia, and parishioners Pam Anderson and Jennifer D’inzeo prepared about 300 lunches and dinners each of the three days that included a chicken and sun dried tomato pasta dish, salad, homemade meat loaf and mashed potatoes, chicken parmesan and a hot casserole. “We tried to make balanced, nutritious meals that were tasty,” Ritonia said. “By the end of the week we were exhausted, but in a good way, knowing we really did something to help the community. It was wonderful to see how everyone pulled together. I’m so proud of our teenagers that came out to help too.” Ritonia described the experience as “eye-opening”. “I did not realize the extent of the damage in town and how many people were affected by the storm. I didn’t expect to see that kind of need,” she said. No matter what the faiths of those at the shelter, Ritonia believes her presence as a chaplain provided a bit of comfort. “Folks just wanted to talk,” she said.

Assistant Police Chief Tony Cuzzo reported 911 calls were “fast and furious” during the storm, with four police department staff fielding hundreds of calls, mostly about fallen utility wires and other public hazards. “It was quite a challenge for a few days but we learned many lessons from Hurricane Irene so everything went very smoothly,” he said. “There were just over 100 instances of trees across roadways but after a day and a half we were able to clear enough roads so all were accessible,” he said. There were no injuries reported from the storm, although one elderly resident had to be transported to the High Plains shelter via the police department’s Humvee. “It worked out well, she got a kick out of that,” Cuzzo said.

According to Highway Department Chief Don Foyer, there was “no scrambling this year” as “strike teams” comprised of fire crew, police, and highway department personnel responded to emergency calls. “We were much more organized this year and each department worked together to get through whatever situation arose,” he said. Once the storm passed and clean up began, Highway Department crews worked up to 12 hours a day, six days a week, making curbside brush pickups at more than 300 residences. “The town provided this service free of charge because of the magnitude of the storm and this unique situation,” Foyer said.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli wrapped up the past years’ wild weather by saying, “The times, they are a changing”.

Editor’s note: While we are aware that hundreds of people contributed in this crisis, and cannot name them all in this story, we are aware and thank all who pitched in during the emergency.

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The benefits of donor-advised funds

The benefits donors receive from using donor-advised funds include the ability to donate a wide variety of assets, an immediate tax deduction, flexible grantmaking and the opportunity to create a legacy. The charitable assets can also be passed on to future generations to oversee and/or can be given directly to charitable organizations.

Another advantage of donor-advised funds is that the donor does not incur the cost of establishing and administering a private foundation, making donor-advised funds appealing for people giving less than \$1 million. Many donor-advised funds require a minimum contribution of \$5,000 or \$10,000, and some funds may require a larger upfront contribution, whereas a private foundation can cost \$500,000 or more to establish.

Since the contributions are being made to a public charity, the donor receives an immediate tax deduction, including a deduction for a cash donation of up to 50% of the donor’s adjusted gross income (AGI), or a deduction for securities and other appreciated assets of up to 30% of their AGI. Moreover, donors can avoid capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated property and estate taxes, helping the investment in the fund grow tax-free.

When contributing assets to donor-advised funds, a donor can potentially give more to charity and pay less in taxes. The following example demonstrates the tax and giving advantages of contributing appreciated assets to a donor-advised fund. In this example, \$100,000 in long-term appreciated securities is being donated with a cost basis, or original purchase price of \$30,000.

If the donor sells the securities and donates the cash proceeds to charity, he or she will be subject to a capital gains tax of 15% of \$70,000, or \$10,500. That leaves the charity with \$89,500 of the securities’ value. But if the donor contributes the \$100,000 of securities directly to a donor-advised fund, the charity receives the full amount of the donation. To receive the tax deduction, the donor must issue the gift by year end.

Possible drawbacks of donor-advised funds

Donor-advised funds do come with some limitations, such as the loss of complete control over the workings of the fund. And while the donor may provide suggestions about the distributions the institution makes from the fund, the recommendations are only advisory. However, most suggestions are followed by the administering charity, but they are not obligated to do so.

In contrast, donors in private foundations can create their own board, pick investments from across the financial industry and give equally to foreign and domestic charities.

Other potential limitations of donor-advised funds include the management fees and the minimum investment requirements associated with the contribution. While the fees are low, (management fees are typically less than 1% plus other expenses associated with the investments), they are still something to consider for potential donors.

So are donor-advised funds the right vehicle for you to use to conduct your charitable giving?

Please contact a financial advisor, who may be able to provide you with more information on how a donor-advised fund may assist you in your strategic philanthropy.

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THE OUTSIDE LIVING BOX

John Caldwell never expected when he retired from his job as a mechanical engineer at Dresser Industries, that he would embark on a new "career" as an electrician. Caldwell is a member of GZR (you have to say it) Electric, a small but mighty corps of volunteers that are helping rebuild homes in the Gulf Coast that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Caldwell made his first trip to Biloxi, Mississippi with his daughter Brenda as part of a mission trip with the Orange Congregational Church in 2007. The group worked with Back Bay Mission, a Biloxi-based community ministry that operates under the auspices of the United Church of Christ. Caldwell, who learned electrical skills as a boy from his father, worked on wiring a new home for displaced residents. "They tried us on two small jobs and they liked us," Caldwell said. He knew immediately the trip would be the first of many.



Laura Fantarella



John Caldwell

In the ensuing years, Caldwell and several of those who went on the original mission continued to visit the region on their own, recruiting other retired, like-minded and mechanically inclined volunteers and GZR was born. "I wouldn't say we organized, more like we coalesced! There are usually about three to five of us that go down there," Caldwell said. "We've earned a good reputation and now Back Bay saves projects for us to do." The GZR's lost a good friend and valued team member, former Pine Tree Road resident Elaine "Sparky" Sonderegger, who died last year after a long illness.

Paying all their own expenses, the GZR's, make at least two annual trips lasting seven to 10 days, working on as many as six projects at a time. When completed, they always leave behind their signature electrical plan, detailing all the work that was done. "I don't think they've ever seen that before!" Caldwell said. They've also travelled to New Orleans to help those in need there and wired a home for a wheel-chair bound woman in Maine. One of their most memorable jobs was fixing the wiring in a trailer that belonged to a woman facing eviction. "It was the sort of job a licensed electrician could not even afford to take on. There were so many nasty problems

to try and puzzle out but it was perfect for us. We were challenged by it and enjoyed figuring it out," he said.

The GZR's believe they are filling a real need as Mississippi has over 10,000 homes to rebuild and not enough tradesmen in the area to do all the work. "All the skilled laborers get sucked into going where the money is, which is often big commercial projects, leaving people who can't afford to pay to wait," he said. "Many people were cheated by fly by night contractors who came to the region, took a down payment for a job and took off."

Although none of the GZR members are electricians by trade, the group of retirees has a slew of advanced degrees among them. "We're probably the best educated electrical group Back Bay has seen!" said Caldwell. A mechanical engineer himself, he noted that several of the others hold PH.Ds in electrical engineering and several are physicians. All have experience working with electricity and their projects are performed under the supervision of a licensed electrician and must pass all government inspections.

"I'm delighted to have this to do," said Caldwell who only admits to being "over 70." Best of all are the friendships that have developed with each other and those they've helped. "We've made good friends everywhere we go. The people are so grateful and appreciative but we often say we get more out of it than they do," he said.

To date, GZR has completed 35 projects, from smaller repairs to wiring entire homes from start to finish, returning from their latest trip just last month. Now Caldwell expects his skills may come in handy on the East Coast and he's hoping to get involved in helping people in New York and New Jersey who lost their homes in Hurricane Sandy. Caldwell has no plans to retire from this job. "As long as there's a need and I'm strong and moving, I'm going back there," he said.

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Orange Residents! Help me make this column a success. Send me your suggestions - if you think you may make an interesting subject, or someone you know should be featured, let me know. Please include your name and contact information and the name and contact information of your subject. Send all submissions to Laura Fantarella at laura@orangetownnews.com.

(“Marla Morris” continued from page 1)

On her new album, produced by musician and Grand Ole Opry regular Mark Oliverius, Morris has written or co-written each of the eight songs. It is featured under the ‘New and Noteworthy’ section of the iTunes country page and on the first day of its release, landed in the top 100 on the iTunes Top Country Albums chart. “I am incredibly proud of this album because it represents who I am as an artist and as a songwriter,” Morris said. “Although there is wide range of emotions on ‘Ready for the Rain,’ I think it still remains cohesive. It has reached people all over the world, and the response has been so surreal and humbling. Making an album is a very exhilarating and consuming process, so I am just excited to be able to share it with everyone!” ‘Ready for the Rain’ is available on iTunes and www.marlamorris.com, along with select stores in the Amity area. The album cover was photographed by former Amity High School student Sandy Honig.

(“From Our Readers” continued from page 6)

ant one. The town of Orange Police Officers were of great assistance to me and the voters of Orange. In addition, the Superintendent of Schools and her staff at the Mary L Tracey School gave me help when requested without any hesitation. This reaffirms that Orange is a special town. Again, my thanks to all of you.

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Lions Club Hosts Charitable Wine and Beer Tasting Event

The Orange Lions Club announces it will be hosting its annual charitable winter wine and beer tasting event at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2013. This year's wine-tasting event will again be sponsored by Forest Package Store of West Haven, and will feature a wide variety of select wines and beers from several area distributors, soft drinks, and entertainment by Craig Calistro. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a raffle will take place. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, available from any Orange Lions Club member, from Forest Package Store at 444 Forest Road, West Haven or by calling chairperson Marianne Miller at 799-6526 and should be purchased in advance.



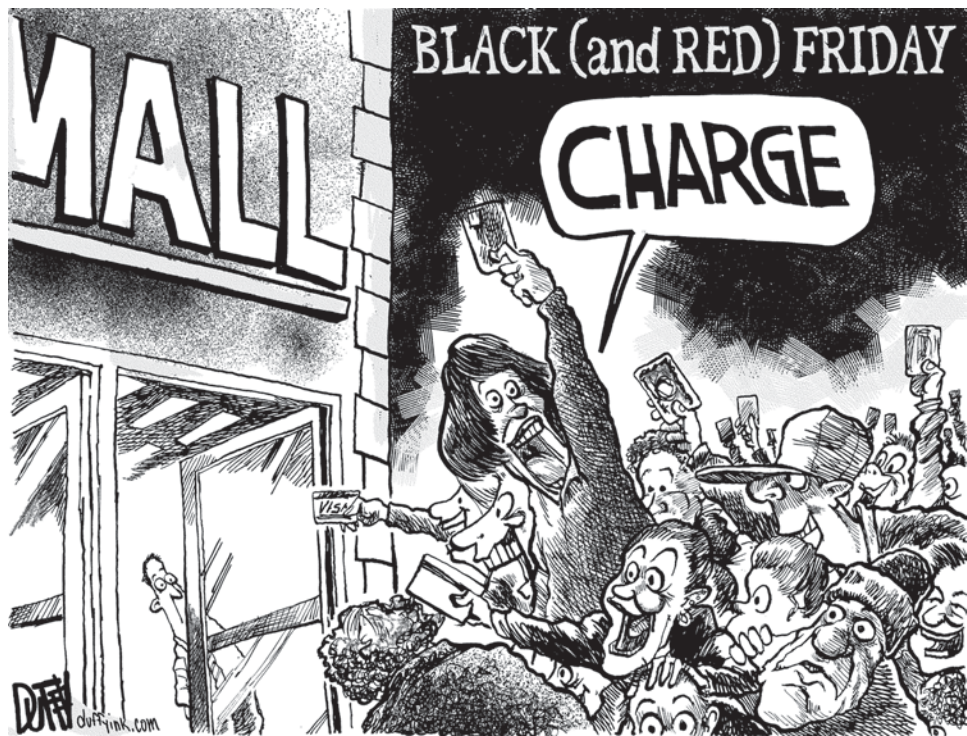
Guests may sample any or all of the wines, and may place wine orders at discount prices during the event. Proceeds go to Lions' charities that support the Orange community, national and international blindness programs. These include the Connecticut Eye Research Foundation, Camp Hemlocks, Connecticut Diabetes Association, Low Vision Centers, Orange community grants, scholarships for Amity High School graduates, Case Memorial Library, Fidelco Guild Dog Foundation, the Orange Senior Center, the Leo Club at the Foundation School, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors and the annual Easter Egg Hunt for local children, to name a few of its many charitable activities.

Lions Clubs worldwide are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. Its motto is "WE SERVE".

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Our meeting room is on the 2nd level, small meeting room. There is an elevator available (wheelchair accessible). Visit our website at <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>. Have a question? Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com. Like us on Facebook (Hooked on the Sound) and follow us on Twitter (@HOTS_Crochet). Happy Yarning!



Club President Marion Rizzo with the Club awards

Garden Club Recognized at State Awards

The Garden Club of Orange was recognized by The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut with the Yearbook Award of Excellence second place award for its outstanding program yearbook at the 2012 Awards meeting. The Club was also recognized for its contribution to the Merritt Parkway Conservancy which is a Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut State President's Project. The Awards meeting and Luncheon was held on October 31 at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville.

If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club, please visit its website at www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html or call membership Chairperson Nettie Bartocetti at 203-795-3692.



Some Businesses Thrive in Storm Aftermath

By Laura Fantarella, Orange Town News Correspondent

Storm Sandy blew in a wave of new customers to area businesses who say Mother Nature may be the best marketing tool yet. While Storm Sandy wreaked havoc on residents all over town, a few area businesses enjoyed an unexpected boon. Eateries like Oregano Joe's, Bruegger's Bagels and Jamba Juice, Dunkin' Donuts and Orange Laundry Services all report an extra-busy week as people left their cold homes in search of food and power.

The line was out the door from the moment Dunkin' Donuts at 297 Boston Post Road opened its doors on Tuesday morning. "People were carrying humongous containers for coffee," said store manager Wilmar Solis. "We have a big store and it was completely full, there wasn't enough room for all the guests! It was fine though, we did the best we could."

It was like a party at Orange Laundry Services, according to co-owner Michael Bestadio, who said all that was missing was the wine and cheese! "We had a good time, we tried to make it as much fun as possible and kept things moving along. People came in in a bad mood and left in a good mood," he said. "We made the best of it." It was great advertising for the new business which just opened in July in the spot which was formerly Butler's Laundromat and Cleaners at 538 Boston Post Road. "It gave customers a chance to see that we've refurbished the space and added new machines that can handle up to 80 pounds," Bestadio said. They were even called to a local hotel to pick up 81 loads of laundry from out-of-state contractors working for United Illuminating to restore service. Bestadio and his partner, Cliff Kemp extended the hours to make it more convenient and even offered customers an impromptu special - 20 percent off the wash/dry/fold service. "We didn't want to take advantage of the situation," he said.

Solis and Bestadio report seeing many of the same new faces returning to their business. "People realized they can do their laundry quicker in the big machines and they can run to Trader Joe's and do some errands while their clothes are washing," Bestadio said. Solis noted the same. "Customers saw we do a good job and they came back!" he said.

At Oregano Joe's, another new business which opened its doors in August, pizza sales were brisk. "We were much busier than normal for a new store," said co-owner Joe Develis. "Customers were telling us they had no power and they had to get out of the house. You can only cook out on the grill so much!" Develis has several promotions running to draw customers to his new store and the storm may have worked as an incentive for people to take advantage of the offers.

"It ended up being a good thing that came out of a bad thing!" Bestadio said.



MLT Movie Night

No tornado or hurricane could stop Dorothy from attending Mary L. Tracy's movie night! On Friday, November 9th, the kindergarteners of MLT, all dressed in their Halloween costumes watched, It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown and a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving while munching on popcorn and various other treats! It was a great night had by all after a couple of unpredictable weeks!

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In 1992, ShopRite implemented a bag re-use program, one of the first of its kind in the Northeast. Today, ShopRite customers have kept well over 125 million bags out of landfills while fewer resources were needed to create new bags. Harry understands the two-fold benefit to recycling: the reduction of operating costs and the improvement to our environment.



Harry Garafalo

Mr. Garafalo's company has generously supported the Orange Recycling Committee's effort from its inception, always willing to lend his extensive expertise. His company just earmarked additional dollars to help the Orange Recycling Committee foster recycling in Orange.

Orange Recycling Committee acknowledges the continued support of Harry Garafalo and we are thankful for his contribution to the town of Orange.

From the Youth Services Coordinator

By John Ulatowski



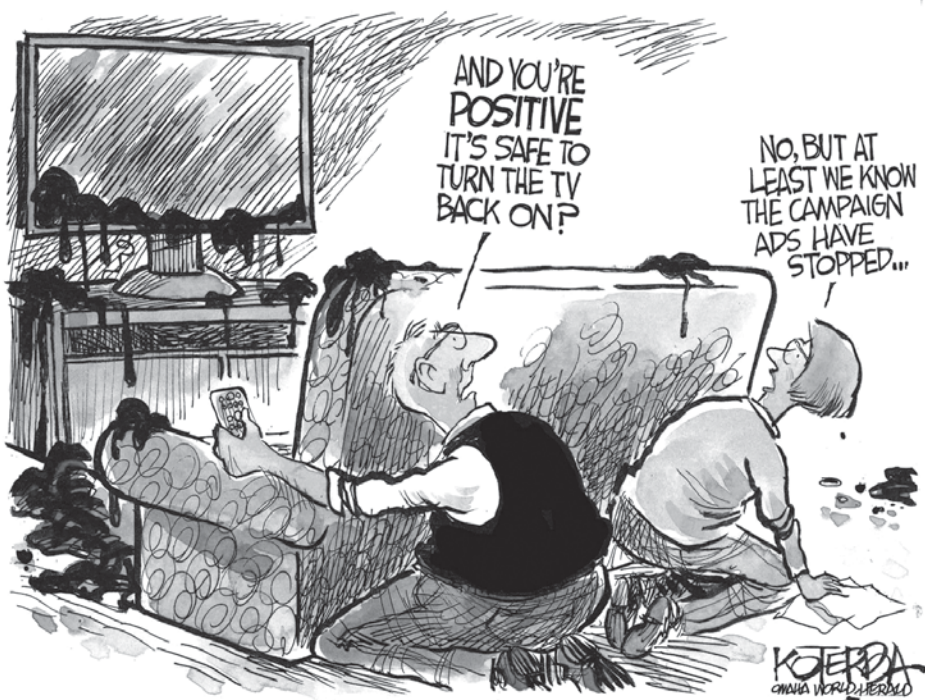
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Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of December 2012

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Town Hall

3rd	Tree Committee.....	4:30 pm	Case Mem Lib
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Race Brook School
4th	Econ Development Commission ...	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	OGAT.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education.....	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
11th	Inland Wetlands Commission.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Elderly Housing Liaison Comm	12 noon	Silverbrook Estate
	Community Services	7:30 pm	HPCC
17th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	Clark Bldg
18th	GATA	7:00 pm	Town Hall
19th	Safety & Health Committee.....	9:00 am	Police Station
	Recycling Committee.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
26th	Safety Commission.....	9:00 am	Town Hall

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Battleship Cove's Nautical Nights program included a knot tying class, storyteller, living history presenter, major motion pictures, and Morse Code class. The trip has enabled the scouts to better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by veterans of all military branches in all wars.

Scouts and their parents quotes from the day include: "this was the best trip of the year", "I loved sleeping in the bunks on the battleship", "it was so cool to be able to raise and lower the cannons". It was an incredible experience for Pack 922 and their families.

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Orange Votes Republican for President

DeLauro and Slossberg Get More Votes Overall

By Bettina Thiel, Orange Town News Correspondent

Of the 10,386 registered voters in Orange, 7,984 or 76.9% cast their ballot in the 2012 presidential election November 6. President Barack Obama lost some votes in Orange compared to the election in 2008. This year, he and his running mate Joe Biden received 3,623 votes; for their first term, 4,704 Orange voters supported their candidacy. The Republican ticket however, did not pick up the votes they lost. Romney/Ryan received 4,209 votes compared to 4,205 for McCain four years ago.

US Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and State Sen. Gayle Slossberg received the most votes overall, 4,872 and 4,417, respectively. Another office holder who received 58% of votes cast was one who campaigned the least, Republican Registrar of Voters Mary DeVito. She received 4,631 votes. The US Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Joe Lieberman went to Democrat Chris Murphy even though Linda McMahon carried the election in Orange with 4,010 votes. Murphy fell behind with 3,343 Democratic votes and 176 Working Families votes.

In the State House, Republican Themis Klarides was re-elected to repre-

sent the 114th district. She received 2,872 votes; challenger Aldon Hynes got 1,287. Klarides was cross-endorsed by the Independent Party, which gave her an additional 230 votes; Hynes was cross-endorsed by the Working Families, which added 55 votes to his count. Rep. Paul Davis, a Democrat representing the 117th District, received 1,110 votes in his hometown. He ran unopposed.

For the first time a part of Orange voted in the 119th Assembly District, which for many years was represented by Richard Roy. Since he is retiring, both parties fielded newcomers on the ticket. Democrat James Maroney carried the District with 6,541 votes; in Orange he received 940. Republican Pam Staneski received 817 in Orange and 5,926 district-wide. [The district numbers have not been confirmed by the Secretary of the State's office.]

Publication of the final Orange numbers was held up by over a week, as one of the voting machines at High Plains Community Center broke down the morning of Election Day. Voting continued on another machine, but at the end of the day election workers had to include 100 votes that had been cast before that particular machine broke down.

election results

President/Vice President

Romney/Ryan (R)	4,209
Obama/Biden (D)	3,623
Anderson/Rodriguez (I)	22
Johnson/Gray (L)	60

US Senator

Linda McMahon (R)	3,837
plus Independent Party	173
Christopher Murphy (D)	3,343
plus Working Families	176

US Congress

Wayne Winsley (R)	2,744
Rosa DeLauro (D)	4,435
plus Working Families	437

State Senator 14th

Michael DeGrego (R)	2,955
plus Independent	167
Gayle Slossberg (D)	4,417

State Representative 114th

Themis Klarides (R)	2,642
plus Independent	230
Aldon Hynes (D)	1,232
plus Working Families	55

State Representative 117th

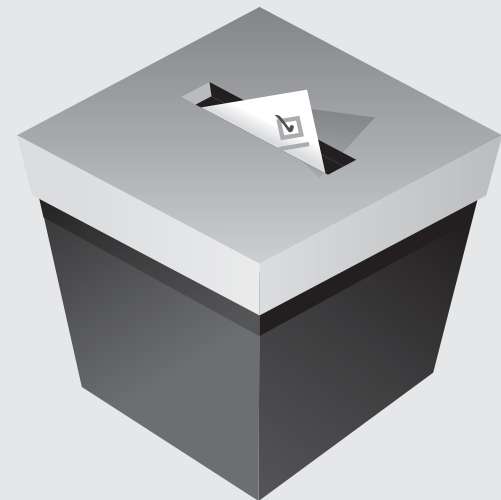
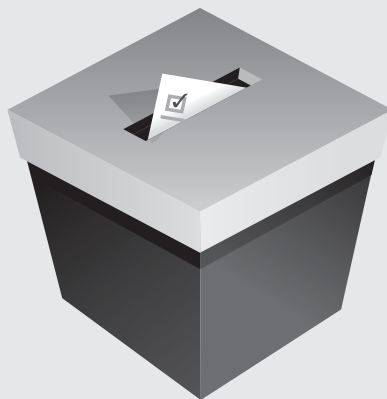
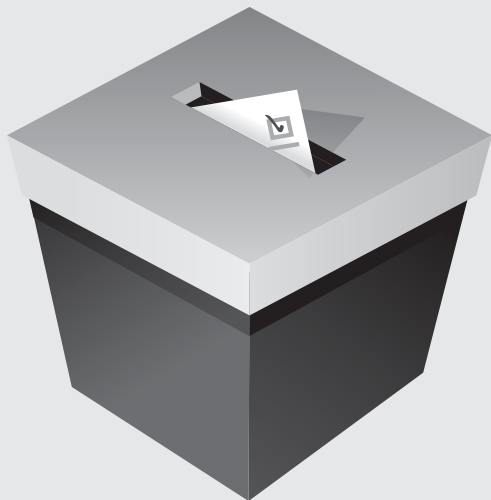
Paul Davis (D)	1,110
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State Representative 119th

Pam Staneski (R)	817
James Maroney (D)	940

Registrar of Voters

Mary DeVito (R)	4,631
Carmela Apuzzo (Petitioning)	1047



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We're Dreaming of a White Christmas

Sacred Heart Academy Presents Holiday Classic at Shubert Theatre

We're dreaming of a White Christmas, a Sacred Heart Academy success story already! Featuring a talented cast of over 100 students, this charming holiday classic features Sacred Heart Academy students singing your favorite Irving Berlin songs, creating accurate portrayals of characters from the 1950's, and performing an amazing tap number...and all at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven.

Starring in the musical are senior Maggie McAndrews of Milford as Judy, sophomore Kayla Hanson of West Haven as her sister Betty and senior Tess Cersonsky of Oxford as Martha "The Megaphone" Watson. Freshman Rose Iannacone is also featured as the granddaughter Susan. Male actors include Chris Mazzacane of West Haven High School as Bob, Gavin McNicholl and Scott Redmond of Hamden High School as Phil and Mike, Peter Charney of Amity High School as the General, Ian Spak of Notre Dame as the Dance Captain and Jesse Ferrara of Xavier High School as Ed Sullivan.

As part of the mission of Sacred Heart Academy, students are encouraged to respond to the needs of others. "Our musical always incorporates a service component and this year we will center on veterans," offered MaryLee Delaney, Director. "White Christmas speaks to the plight of veterans who have served our country and returned home to difficult circumstances." Students are involved with outreach projects to benefit House of Heroes and the Fisher House.

White Christmas opens Friday evening, November 30 at 8 p.m. There will be two performances on Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 - \$25 for the three performances and can be purchased at the Shubert Box Office in downtown New Haven, online at www.shubert.com or www.tickets.com or in the library at Sacred Heart Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden.

Holiday Dinner Dance

Grassy Hill Lodge will be decorated in its usual Holiday splendor again this year for our annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 2 from 12 to 3:30. The Frank Porto Band will provide music for listening and dancing from 1 to 3:30. The menu choices are Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Stuffed Shrimp. There will be a cash bar. The cost this year will again be \$20 per person thanks to the generosity of the Olga Fund of the Orange Foundation who gave us a grant to pay for the music and to reduce the price of the ticket. Payment and meal choice must be made at the time of reservation. Tables will seat 8 to 10 persons. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time. Checks are made out to Treasurer, Town of Orange. Tickets are on sale now!

Boutique in the Barn

On Sunday, November 25, 10-4:30 at the Maplevue Farm, 603 Orange Center Road, on the green in Orange, the Orange Arts and Crafts Guild will hold its annual Holiday Fair offering many wonderful holiday arrangements, gifts and boutique items. The proceeds from the sale of the arrangements, as in years past, will benefit an Amity High School senior pursuing his/her education in the field of art.



Orange Holiday Festival

The Town of Orange invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 2, 2012. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3:00 p.m. All activities are free of charge.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a typical country holiday was like. The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers will provide musical entertainment strolling around town buildings and at the Stone-Otis House from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invites you to view the Historical Society's collection and schoolhouse, as well as the Orange to Derby line model railroad from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Orange Congregational Church Bell Choir will perform a bell concert and hymn sing in the church sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated, and will host performances from the Amity Chamber Singers from 3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and from Al deCant who will perform a children's musical program in the library meeting room from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize.

The Annual Gingerbread House Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread house creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building at 2 p.m. on December 2nd and must be picked up by 6 p.m.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building.

The Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following, Santa Claus will arrive at the Town Green for a visit with the children. The Holiday Festival will end at 6:00 p.m.



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UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

Flapjack Fundraiser Benefits Breast Care Center

Chip's Family Restaurants in Fairfield and Orange will be holding a pancake fundraiser on Thanksgiving Day, November 22 for the Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center of Bridgeport Hospital. The fundraiser takes place from 6:00 – 11:00 am and the cost is \$10 per person. All proceeds, including tips donated by staff members, will go to the Breast Care Center in support of its breast health programs for women with financial need.

Chip's owner George Chatzopoulos said he wanted to help the community however he was able. "Many of our customers in Fairfield County have been touched by breast cancer, and we wanted to help those who are struggling with the disease," he said. "We're fortunate to have friends in the community who take it upon themselves to help our patients, especially during a difficult economy," says Donna Twist, Ph.D., the Breast Care Center's executive director. "Many of our patients have lost their jobs and health insurance or have insurance plans with burdensome deductibles. Thanks to Chip's, they'll get the care they need."

Part of Bridgeport Hospital and the Yale New Haven Health System, the Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center has served more than 20,000 women and their families since it was established in 1999. One of only 200 sites accredited by the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), the Center provides a wide range of diagnostic care and treatment at its Bridgeport Hospital and Fairfield locations, including medical oncology, surgical and chemotherapy services, plastic surgery, mammography and radiation therapy, and genetic risk assessment as well as opportunities to participate in clinical trials. The Breast Care Center office at 111 Beach Road in Fairfield also provides comprehensive women's wellness services, including nutrition counseling, massage and Reiki therapy, wig and prosthesis fitting, counseling, yoga, Pilates, naturopathic medicine, and other patient support activities. The Center has a satellite office on Park Avenue in Trumbull. The Center is a member of the prestigious National Consortium of Breast Care Centers. For more information call (203) 255-5300 or visit the Center on the web at www.bridgeporthospital.org/cancer/breast.

Tis' the Season!

The holiday season is a wonderful time of year, especially for families. In an effort to make this holiday special for all families, Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers (PTSMC), located at 240 Indian River Road in Orange, will be hosting a local food and coat drive to help assist families in need.

As an organization, PTSMC will be sponsoring its 4th Annual Holiday food drive. All donations will be given to local food banks in the communities we serve, and will assist families in need! PTSMC of Orange will be donating its food collections to Orange Community Services Food Bank. All non-perishable food items are welcome, but some items they are always in need of are peanut butter, tuna and, of course, holiday food!

The coat drive will benefit our neighboring community, the West Haven Family Resource Center. PTSMC is teaming up with One Warm Coat to ensure that everyone can be warm this winter. One Warm Coat is an organization that began in 1992 at a local Thanksgiving coat drive in San Francisco. Since then, its efforts have grown to represent thousands of groups across the U.S. with one goal: collect coats to give to those in need, free of charge.

PTSMC would greatly appreciate community support, in both these charitable efforts! Both drives will run from November 14th- December 12th! Please contact the office at (203) 298-9828 if you have questions on how to get involved; or stop by anytime Monday-Friday to drop off coats or non-perishable food items. Together we can help improve the quality of people's lives this holiday season!

"Home for the Holidays"

A Decorative House Tour and Tea

The Garden Club of Orange's biennial Holiday House will be held on Sunday, December 16, from 1-4 PM. Tour five Orange homes beautifully decorated by The Garden Club members and then enjoy a delicious tea at Fieldstone Village. Non-refundable tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased prior to December 8. No children or pets. For more information, please contact Nettie at 203-795-3692.

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Holy Infant Preschool's Annual Lunch with Santa!

We invite you to join us for a fun afternoon on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 12:30 in the Holy Infant Gymnasium, 465 Racebrook Road in Orange. Bring your family and friends to see Santa, do arts and crafts and enjoy holiday entertainment. There will be plenty of delicious food and great raffle prizes! Tickets are \$10 per person children 2 and under are free. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact us at holyinfantparents@yahoo.com.



Lauralton Hall Advanced Vocal Ensemble rehearsing *Christmas in Song*. [Photo by Fernanda Nilsson]

Lauralton Hall Presents "Christmas in Song"

Lauralton Hall's highly-anticipated annual Christmas concert, *Christmas in Song* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at the Parsons Complex Auditorium, 70 West River Street in Milford. The public is invited to this FREE event featuring members of Lauralton Hall's Concert Choir, Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Freshman Choir and Instrumental Ensemble. The students will perform songs from Handel, Ives and Rutter, as well as traditional carols and popular holiday favorites such as "Sleigh Ride" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas".

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at the door to be given to local, residents in need. For more information contact Margy Sargent at 203-877-2786, or msargent@lauraltonhall.org. For more information about Lauralton Hall arts programs please visit their website at: www.lauraltonhall.org.

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Case Memorial Library - 176 Tyler City Road - Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-2170 - www.casememoriallibrary.org

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume on Saturday, November 24.

Children

Please pre-register for all children's events

Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Fall Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. This storytime session includes a craft.

Family Concert with Al deCant

Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m.: Celebrate the holidays and get in the holiday spirit with a family concert of music, movement, and songs performed by Al deCant.

Holiday Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.: For children ages 2-5. Bring your bear and blankie!

Teens

Book Chat Cafe

Tuesday, December 4, 2:15 p.m.: For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for more information!

Adults

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, November 19, 7 p.m. & Thursday, December 27, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will teach you how to research your family history. A new topic is covered each month. Please pre-register.

Monday Night Movies

Monday, November 26, 7 p.m.: Moonrise Kingdom. Set on an island off the coast of New England in the 1960s, Moonrise Kingdom follows a young boy and girl falling in love. When they are moved to run away together, various factions of the town mobilize to search for them and the town is turned upside down – which might not be such a bad thing. PG-13. 94 minutes.

Monday, December 10, 7 p.m.: Hope Springs. After thirty years of marriage, Kay (Meryl Streep) and Arnold (Tommy Lee Jones), a middle-aged couple attends an intense, week-long counseling session to work on their relationship. PG-13. 100 minutes.

Monday, December 17, 7 p.m.: Hysteria. Hysteria, a mischievously inspired romantic comedy set in the late 19th century, is based on the surprising truth of how Mortimer Granville came up with the world's first electro-mechanical vibrator in the name of medical science. R. 99 minutes. Please pre-register. Rescheduled from Monday, October 29.

Boomers and Beyond: iPhone 101

Thursday, November 29, 7 p.m.: The iPhone is an incredible device that puts the world in our hands. It allows you to call, text, email, take pictures, play music, watch videos, and more! Come to this informal, hands-on workshop with Kathleen Gorelick if you want to learn what all the buzz is about. Great for those who want to learn new applications for their iPhone in a supportive environment as well as those who are curious about this amazing device. Registration is required. Space is limited. Rescheduled from November 1.

Friends Program: Ella Grasso: Connecticut's Pioneering Governor

Monday, December 3, 7 p.m.: In 1974, the people of Connecticut chose Ella Grasso as the nation's first woman to be elected governor in her own right – the capstone of a long and successful career dedicated to public service, effectual government, and the democratic process. Author Jon E. Purmont, who served as Grasso's executive assistant, draws on his diary from that time, research in Grasso's archives, and interviews from Grasso's family and friends to give us a rich and intimate portrait of this pioneer. Presented by the Friends of the Library. Please pre-register.

The Bookcase Book Discussion: In the Garden of Beasts

Thursday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.: Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabin-



Case Memorial Library

ski for a discussion of Erik Larson's bestselling narrative non-fiction book *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*. Copies are available at the circulation desk. Please pre-register.

One-on-One E-Reader Training

Do you need help learning the ins and outs of your e-reader or tablet? Are you still trying to figure out how to get free library books onto your device? The Library can help! In our one-on-one training sessions, a Librarian will guide you through the process of using your e-reader or tablet and downloading books from the Library's free e-book service called OverDrive. Call or stop by the Library to schedule your appointment.

Art in the Library

Watercolors by the students of Audrey Galer, *Waterworks XIII*, will be on display in the meeting room through the month of November. Oil and prisma-color by Graham Dale will be on display in the meeting room through the month of November. A reception will be held in his honor on Thursday, December 6 from 5-7 p.m.

Submit a Photo of Your "Books for Babies" Baby

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library invite all parents of babies from Orange who have received a "Books for Babies" packet in the last few years to submit a photo of your baby for a holiday display. All of our most recent babies will be featured on a holiday tree in the Library this December. The tree will be decorated on November 26 in time for the Town Tree Lighting celebration. All you have to do is choose a precious picture and put your baby's name (first only, if you prefer) and age on the back of the photo. Mail it to the Library care of the Friends or drop it off at the Children's Desk the next time you visit. If you would like your photo returned, please include an envelope with your return address when you send or drop off the picture. We are looking forward to seeing all of the happy faces of our next generation of readers!

Case Memorial New Offerings

The Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, announces its latest additions to its movies, audiobooks and music CD collections for your pleasure:

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Operation Crossbow (1965) • Snow White and the Huntsman (2012)
Think like a Man (2012) • Thousand Words, A (2012)

Audiobooks

Furst, Alan – Mission to Paris
Gordon, Howard – Gideon's War
King, Stephen – 11/22/63
Owen, Mark – No Easy Day (958.1)
Patchett, Ann – State of Wonder

Music

Alabama Shakes – Boys and Girls (ROCK)
Debussy, Claude – La Mer, Jeux, and other works (CLASSICAL)
Dispatch – Circles around the Sun (ROCK)
Emerson, Donnie and Joe – Dreamin' Wild (ROCK)
Ferneyhough, Brian – Terrain and other works (CLASSICAL)
Fred Hersch Trio – Alive at the Vanguard (JAZZ)
Haydn, Joseph – Six Last Sonatas; Glenn Gould, pianist (CLASSICAL)
Mahanthappa, Rudresh – Codebook (JAZZ)
Mansun – Attack of the Grey Lantern (ROCK)
Sparkle: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack (SOUNDTRACKS)

First Selectman's Passion for Town History Grows

By Laura Fantarella, Orange Town News Correspondent



Whatever First Selectman Jim Zeoli doesn't already know about the town's history, his hobby collecting postcards of the town will likely lead him to find out. Long before he was Selectman, Zeoli, who grew up in the house he still lives in on Old Tavern Road, liked collecting historical items, liked locally manufactured pitchforks and blacksmith tools, milk bottle caps, and lithographs and pencil drawings by Jonathan. "I've always loved history and my interest in collecting was really sparked by the Orange Sesquicentennial celebration in 1972, when I was 13," he recalled. "I always say it's important to know the past as you look to the future."

When he came across his first postcard of the late farmer Jim Rourke's pair of champion draft oxen at a tag sale in town, Zeoli was hooked. "I never knew postcards of Orange existed and that this was part of a whole set that had been sold at Elbert Scolbee's local market that used to be located in the center of town in the 1900s," he said. Finding a new antique postcard to add to his collection is not only like finding a treasure, but also a hunt as Zeoli sets out to discover the details. "I'm fortunate that there are more senior members of the community that can share their knowledge of the history of the town," he said. "I'll often call upon (Historical Society President) Ginny Reinhard to ask 'What is this? Who is this? Where is this?'" he said. "If I come across something I don't know I track it down." Sometimes that means digging out his magnifying glass and studying the details of the postcard, like the curve of a road or a structure in the background that he recognizes.


With about 60 of his favorite cards removed from collection books that were strewn on the table in his Town Hall office recently, Zeoli pointed out some his favorites. There's the postcard from the 1900s of townspeople and horses milling about the railroad station in the center of town, the school house up the street from Wright's pond, former Boston Post Road businesses like the Wilson Lee Printing Company and Pilgrim Lodge restaurant and farmhouses on noticeably barren Grassy Hill Road. "One of the most unusu-

al cards I own is one of Gandy's Truck Stop on the Boston Post Road because no one knew that card existed," Zeoli said. Purchased for \$67, it was also one of his most expensive acquisitions. His favorite – a colorized postcard of the horse races at the Orange Fair when it was held in West Haven -- has sentimental value as well. "This one's special because my great grandfather used to race trotters at the fair. It's really neat because I'd never seen anything like it before," he said. "We even have an old trunk of his racing silks."


As interesting as the subjects on the front of the postcards are the often brief, personal messages scrawled on the back beneath postage stamps that cost 1 cent in 1915 and five cents in the 1940s. "They didn't seem to write a lot, there were very few words," Zeoli said, pointing out a few that appeared to be between relatives that said simply, "Be home soon," or "Having a nice time." "It seems they were probably visiting other relatives in the area," he said.


Whether he's perusing an antique store, eBay, or doing business with a private dealer, Zeoli always gets excited when he comes across a card he's never seen before or didn't know existed. He's also gotten a few additions to his collection from residents who know of his interest. "One local woman stopped in to give me four I didn't have and a homeowner who lives at the former Fairlea Farm also gave me a couple. I was absolutely thrilled," he said. "The postcards are hard to find and it's getting harder. I'm sure there's some in boxes packed away in people's attics in town. There could be hundreds out there but a lot have been thrown away. In the past people tended to put things away and save them, today our society doesn't save things," he said. Zeoli plans to one day display his collection in Town Hall.

In the meantime he's always on the look-out. He hopes one day to find a picture or postcard of the Bull Farm Test Station that was once located on Newton Road in Woodbridge and who knows? It may start a whole new collection of Woodbridge postcards.



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Beth Chana Academy Students Enjoy Ropes Course

On Thursday, October 4, 2012, the students of Beth Chana Academy High School for Girls in Orange participated in the Adam Kreiger Adventure Program, a joint venture between the Hopkins School and the Adam Kreiger Fund. It was established in memory of a special young man who believed that people, young and old, need the opportunity to discover the courage within them, to face the challenges of life. The girls' participation in the program gave them an opportunity to learn something about themselves, others and the environment around them. This was accomplished through a number of activities involving strategy, cooperation, trust, leadership, and communication.

Judging from the comments the girls wrote after their trip, they had a fabulous day and learned a great deal about working together: "It taught me the impact that one person can have," "Today, I realized that if you don't trust your friends, you'll never trust anyone," and "The best part of this trip was the unity. It was so special and vital to be able to have such unity."

The Adam Kreiger Adventure Program is a perfect fit with the mission of the school. Beth Chana Academy High School for Girls is committed to excellence in education and the development of self-assured young women who exemplify strength of character and good citizenship. Through a rigorous academic program of both Judaic and secular studies, as well as goal-oriented extra-curricular programs, BCA inspires within its students the confidence to discover and cultivate their own unique talents and to note their accomplishments with pride. The school's focus is to foster dignified young women who will be able to assess their actions, and who will develop the sensitivity to make decisions which positively impact their growth and development in school and beyond.

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Vogel Offers "Glad Tidings" to Benefit Children

By Laura Fantarella, Orange Town News correspondent

Winning an essay contest about how President John F. Kennedy's inauguration speech is relevant today, in turn inspired Edward "Ned" Vogel to take the president's message to heart to help others. The Notre Dame High School senior has helped create and organize "Glad Tidings," a holiday celebration to benefit Healing Haiti's Children.

The event will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, December 8th at Notre Dame and will feature performances by the school's Chamber Choir and Honor Band and music by the Trinity Men and Boys' Choir. The charity, which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, provides prostheses and physical therapy to children who were injured during Haiti's devastating earthquake in 2010. "Many of the children had amputations that resulted from infections and just the wounds they sustained in the earthquake," Vogel said.



Ned Vogel

Vogel's essay was selected last year from 750 submissions to win the contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of Kennedy's inauguration. At the Colorado award ceremony he attended with his parents, Betsy and Ray, in August of 2011, Ned met with Knights of Columbus leaders, and left with a \$1,500 cash prize, a matching grant for his school, and, most importantly, a new-found passion to help the children of Haiti. "At the ceremony, ten members of a youth soccer team from Haiti gave a presentation about the charity and what it's done for them," Vogel said. "It was very moving. It made me realize how much we take our own body parts for granted. No child deserves to go through life without the use of all their limbs." A member of the Trinity Choir from the time he was eight-years-old, Vogel left Denver contemplating how he could combine his love of Christmas, song, and music into a benefit that would help the cause. "I knew I needed more than a few months to plan this so I decided to organize it for the following year," he said. He took his idea back to school officials who were very supportive and Vogel began organizing the details. Vogel will be performing with the Trinity Choir at the event.

The hour-long musical presentation will feature a string orchestra made up of area professionals who will join the Notre Dame and Trinity choirs for combination and solo performances. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$100 for VIP seating and cocktail party. Though Vogel hopes to fill the auditorium in Notre Dame's new, 28,000 square foot addition and raise \$10,000 from the event, he admits that amount only covers the cost of one prosthetic leg. "The reality of the situation is we can't help pay for many children but we will do what we can and hopefully raise awareness," he said. "Even though the earthquake was more than three years ago, we can't forget the disadvantaged children." For information, visit www.notredamehs.com/gladdtidings.



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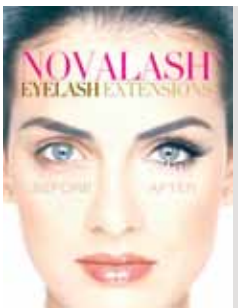
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Bill Pullman

Q: My Thursday nights just aren't the same without "Community." When will the show return, and will it be on Fridays, which is what I heard last? -- David S., via e-mail

A: NBC recently announced that "Community" -- which stars Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs, Danny Pudi, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover and Chevy Chase -- has ping-ponged back to its original Thursday night at 8/7c time slot, beginning Feb. 7. "Community" takes the place of "30 Rock," which will have concluded its final season by then. We'll both have to wait patiently for 13 more episodes of one of the best, and most underrated, comedies on television today.

Q: On your recommendation, I watched Bill Pullman in Scott Turrow's "Innocent," which carried on the story of "Presumed Innocent" main character Rusty Sabich 20 years later, where he is accused of murdering his wife. I absolutely loved it, and it got me to thinking that in my opinion, Bill Pullman is underutilized in Hollywood. Can you tell me what I can see him in next? -- Virginia F. in Connecticut

A: Beginning Thursday, Jan. 10, at 9:30/8:30c, Bill does a 180 from his "Innocent" role to star as the president of the United States in the NBC comedy "1600 Penn." The series was co-created by Jason Winder, director for "Modern Family," so I can only hope that some of that comic genius carries over to this new series. And Bill is no stranger to being the POTUS (see: "Independence Day"), nor is he averse to being funny. In fact, when I spoke with the star of the dark comedy "Mr. Wrong" earlier this year, he told

me he was eager to get back into comedy if he got the right script.

Q: My roommate told me that there is going to be a new "Battlestar Galactica" movie on the Syfy channel. Is that true? If so, when? -- Harold W., Boston

A: "Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome" is set to debut this March on Syfy, and stars Luke Pasqualino and Ben Cotton. According to reps for Syfy, the film "takes place in the midst of the first Cylon war. As the battle between humans and their creation, the sentient robotic Cylons, rages across the 12 colonial worlds, gifted fighter pilot William Adama (Pasqualino), finds himself assigned to one of the most powerful battlestars in the Colonial fleet: the Galactica.

Full of ambition and hungry for action, Adama quickly finds himself at odds with his co-pilot, the battle-weary officer Coker (Cotton)." The film already is airing in weekly seven-to-10-minute segments on the Machinima Prime YouTube channel for those who can't wait until March, as long as you don't mind short segments with a week between airings.

Q: I can't stand the waiting! When will "Smash" be back? --- Eric P., via e-mail

A: You'll have to wait just a little bit longer. The musical melodrama returns to NBC on Feb. 5.

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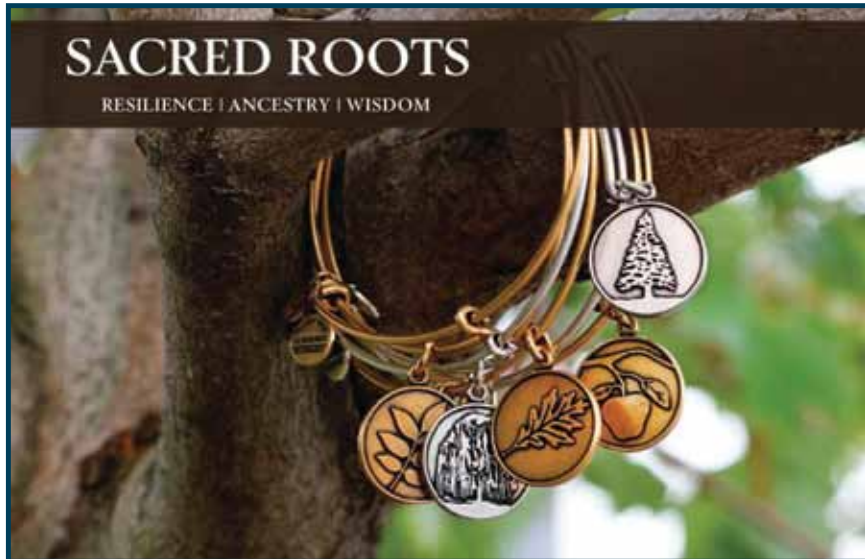


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Pictured (l-r): HEARTSafe Coordinator Michele Connelly; Police Chief Robert Gagne; First Selectman James Zeoli; Highway Department Crew Chief Don Foyer; EMT Director Sal DeLucia and Assistant Police Chief Anthony Cuzzo.

You Can Take Heart if You Live or Work in Orange

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE – The town has more than enough heart when it comes to being prepared for sudden cardiac arrest among its residents, workers and visitors. The state made that official last week by designating Orange a HEARTSafe community during a special ceremony at Town Hall. Michele Connelly, coordinator of the state’s HEARTSafe program run by the Connecticut Department of Health, presented the designation to Orange officials last Thursday morning at Town Hall.

The designation, which allows Orange to join neighboring communities like Woodbridge and Milford as being “HEARTSafe”, means the town has the required number of AED defibrillators in public buildings and more than enough employees and residents trained in CPR who know how to use the life-saving devices. In fact, with 17 AEDs and 427 residents trained in CPR, Orange has far exceeded the requirements in both categories, town and state officials said. That allows anyone stricken with sudden cardiac arrest to be kept alive until trained first responders such as police and paramedics can arrive at the scene to take over. “Every study done shows that by applying CPR and using a defibrillator within the first minutes greatly increases the chances of surviving sudden cardiac arrest,” said Sal DeLucia, a paramedic for American Medical Response who has been assigned to cover the town of Orange for more than a decade and spearheaded the effort to have the town designated a HEARTSafe community. “The goal of the program is to have as many people trained in CPR and to have as many AEDs available in public and government buildings as possible,” he said. “It takes the average response to a cardiac event four to six minutes for paramedics to arrive and the CPR really needs to start a lot sooner. Orange is well prepared to deal with these life-threatening events and more than deserves this designation.”

First Selectman Jim Zeoli, who was presented with a special certificate from the state and 10 large road signs that promote the town’s official designation, will be posted around town to let people know it is a HEARTSafe community. Zeoli said he is “proud” that Orange has become the 89th municipality in the state to be recognized with the official designation. “In this day and age when there is the technology available and training for anyone to learn CPR, I am very proud our town is so well prepared to keep people alive when they are stricken with sudden cardiac arrest,” said Zeoli. “We take great pride in the fact that we not only meet the criteria to be recognized by the state, but far exceed the requirements.”

But both Zeoli and DeLucia said they aren’t going to stop there. They said the town will seek to have more AEDS installed, encourage more people to learn CPR and try to obtain an even more effective device called “thumpers” that greatly increase survival rates in cardiac arrest victims. “We want to do anything we can to give people who are stricken with cardiac arrest the best chance to survive,” said Zeoli.

Connelly said the best chance for survival begins with ordinary citizens trained in CPR and AED who have access to AEDs in public places and can apply the necessary measures until trained and equipped first responders arrive to take patients to emergency care facilities. She indicated that since only 13 percent of people in the state recognize the symptoms of a heart attack, the main thrust of the program is to raise that number and increase the survival rate of those experiencing cardiac events. When an AED is applied within the first minute of someone having a cardiac episode, the survival rate is 90 percent, officials said.

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Pecktoberfest

Recently held at Peck Place School was a very well attended Pecktoberfest. The event featured something for every age group. Many children came dressed in costumes and went 'Trunk or Treating' along rows of vehicles that were decorated in a wide range of themes. The decorated vehicles included a living room/movie theater, a pirate ship and the 101 Dalmatians movie (as seen in the photograph) among many other creatively decorated vehicles. Older students and many adults ventured through the 2,000 square foot haunted house. Screams coming from inside the haunted house could be heard on neighboring streets. Those looking for something less spooky enjoyed stories read by teachers, a magic show by Danny Magic and cupcakes from the Sugar cupcake truck. The Pecktoberfest committee along with the many volunteers are to thank for making this event such a huge success!

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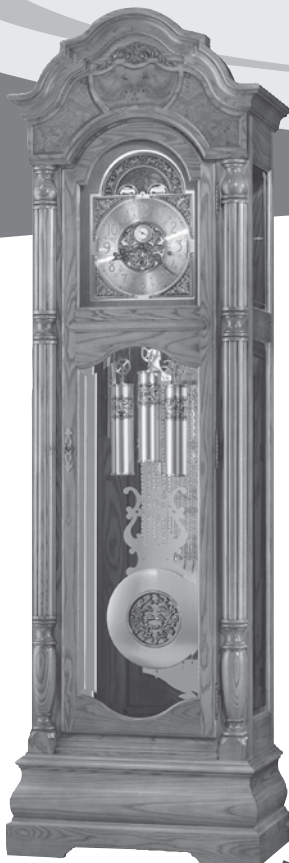
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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

Did You Know Aunt Icy?



OVIATT FAMILY PLOT

For some of you Aunt Icy is a familiar figure, posing for her 100 birthday party picture that now stands proudly on the display case of Native American artifacts at the Orange Historical Society Academy. Aside from seeing her surrounded by her family, friends and neighbors, proudly holding a small bouquet of flowers, who was she? Although born Isabella Wright in Bethany, her place in the society of Orange was more than noteworthy, as she was a Native American of the Schaghticoke Confederation from Kent, CT.

The Schaghticoke, pronounced Skatacoke are of the Eastern Woodlands consisting of Mohican, not to be confused with Mohegans, Pootatuck, Weantinock, Tunxis, Podunk, Paugussett, Pequot and other people indigenous to what is now Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts. They had a reservation of 400 acres on the New York and Connecticut border within the boundaries of Kent in Litchfield County. The Schaghticoke language is Algonquian with an Iroquois influence and their name means "Where the river forks".

Known as a confederation, the Schaghticoke welcomed all members of other tribes and in 1736, with a population of 100 warriors, the General Assembly identified land on the west side of the Housatonic River as a reserve stipulating that white colonists could not buy or sell the land. By 1740, the population rose to an estimated 600. The distinction of this group is written in Mary Woodruff's book, History of Orange - North Milford 1639-1949 where Schaghticoke men joined the Continental Army in 1774, serving as scouts, signal corps and soldiers, fighting alongside of George Washington's troops against the British.

It was at this time as well that a group made its way to North Milford, settling in the area of Chestnut Ridge along the Derby Turnpike. It is somewhat well known that the area along the coast from Bridgeport to Milford, including Orange and Derby was Paugussett land with indig-

enous people welcoming the settlers to the area in 1639 with four distinct settlements. It was not until the Revolutionary War that the Schaghticoke who were basket makers made their home in the Indian Hill section of North Milford (Orange). We have heard of the "code talkers" of World War II who with their native languages were able to communicate United States plans and maneuvers successfully, thwarting enemy attacks. It was the Schaghticoke warriors, a hundred strong, who were able to communicate intelligence from the seacoast to Stockbridge, Massachusetts during our war with Britain in 1776.

Aunt Icy, wife of Byron Oviatt, lived to be 102 years old and was considered at that time to be the oldest lady in the county. A well-known basket maker, as were her ancestors, Icy traded her wares for vegetables at the Peck farm nearby and her daughter Polly had the reputation of being a fine cook and it was said that no one attempted a wedding or a large party without having her make the cake, which was her specialty. Although census records were not kind to Native people, understanding name changes and ages of children helps to put the pieces of Icy's family together, not only on paper but at her burial plot at Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven. On a recent visit to the site, records showed that Isabella (Icy) did not have a stone to mark her burial although on paper, she is there with her husband and 6 of her 7 children. Thanks to the 1900 census, Icy's 7 children are recorded as having been born and that 3 were still alive. By 1902, when she died only two children were listed in her death notice. A most unsettling cemetery record was that of a 2 year old listed as Melissa who died in 1850 with no record of a stone. Byron's and Sarah's stone had fallen into the street many years ago and show significant damage and John, who was buried on top of his brother George doesn't have a visible stone.

Such was the site in early October when Gin-

ny Reinhard, Jan Clarke and Bob Belletzkic, with permission of the cemetery, began a systematic "poking" in the ground where Isabella's missing stone might be. Not finding any evidence, the team turned their attention to John and George. This time with a consistent depth of 6 inches in an area about 15" x 30" a familiar tapping sound made them aware that there indeed was a stone under the ground.

During 1934, a WPA project was initiated to identify every cemetery marker in the state, town by town and although it is recorded that both John and George are buried in the plot, there is no evidence in that WPA record of a stone. Had it been buried prior to 1934? Had it been damaged and taken away? But what was that consistent sound of stone? With care and precision of a surgeon, the dirt was carefully removed with a trowel and by hand to reveal a stone! Alas, the writing was weak but didn't look like George or John. With water and a brush, the dirt was removed and there was Melisa! The two-year old did indeed have a stone. Listed on the clean stone was daughter of ??????? Oviatt, AE 4 y & 2 Mo.

At first the spelling looked strange with one "s" but the stone was narrow and it was thought to be shortened for space but another search of census records for 1850 revealed that her name was Marshallena. With the efforts of the OHS team, a little girl's memory will join that of her family and with the donation of a stone from Dale Fiore, General Manager of Evergreen Cemetery and lettering by Nolan's Hamden Monument Co. Icy has a stone as well. Happily the burial plot of Isabella "Aunt Icy" Oviatt will take its place among the well-kept gravesites at Evergreen. An important family in the Town of Orange, for the most part unknown until now.

Icy's two baskets are on display at the Academy and can be seen any Saturday from 10-3:00.

Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

Sisterhood Books & Bubbly: Thursday, November 29, 7:15 pm: Wine and cheese tasting with a presentation by Tom Smith, Racebrook Wine & Liquors and a fun book exchange (bring your books and go home with new ones). R.S.V.P. to Leslie Wasserman (lesliew6959@yahoo.com) or Toby Zabinski (tobyz80@hotmail.com).



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Coffee & Learn with Rabbi Wainhaus: Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Each week the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Hot Topics, Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. These classes are held every Wednesday through March (no class November 21). All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served.

Latkes & Magic, Friday: December 14, 7:00 PM: We celebrate Hanukah with a menorah lighting in the lobby followed by a brief service and then celebrate more with latkes and a magic show. All are welcome.

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
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Services: Sunday mornings: 9:00 am, Monday mornings: 7:30 am, Thursday mornings: 7:30 am, Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat--refreshments. Saturday mornings: 9:30 am.

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“Hunting Eichmann” Author, Neal Bascomb to Speak

New York Times Best-selling author Neal Bascomb, will be at Chabad of Orange-Woodbridge, 261 Derby Avenue, Orange, on Saturday, December 1 at 7:30 PM to tell the story behind the capture of the notorious Nazi Adolf Eichmann. The net proceeds will benefit the rebuilding of the Hebrew Congregation of Woodmont in Milford, CT.

The talk is based on Bascomb's book, titled *Hunting Eichmann: How a Band of Survivors and a Young Spy Agency Chased Down the World's Most Notorious Nazi*. It recounts one of history's most fascinating, dramatic and significant secret operations. The adage that truth is stranger than fiction applies to this extraordinary narrative. Bascomb uses the actual accounts of the “Nazi Hunters” who were there and who lived every moment of this amazing drama.

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This story has the intrigue of a detective story, the thrill of a great spy novel, and an account of the chase and capture of Adolph Eichmann. You will not want to miss this extraordinary evening with the gifted author of this fascinating piece of history. Bascomb's tale about how he researched and wrote *Hunting Eichmann* have intrigued audiences across the country, at Jewish organizations, libraries, bookstores, and even the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C.

General Admission is \$10, Students \$5, and an Evening Sponsor will be \$180 which includes cocktails and conversation with the author before the talk at 6:30 PM. For more information and/or to RSVP please email events@chabadOW.org or call 203-936-8770.

Jewish Unity Concert

The Jewish Community of Greater New Haven is proud to announce the “Jewish Unity Concert,” which will take place on the 8th day of Chanukah, Sunday December 16, 2012 at the Lyman Center for Performing Arts at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven. Doors open at 3:30; concert begins at 4:00. The concert will feature 8th Day and the Maccabeats.

8th Day is one of the hottest new bands in Jewish music today infusing rock, blues, reggae with their inimitable vocal harmonies and uplifting lyrics. Fans all over the world have been raving about this Southern California based Jewish rock group. They have performed hundreds of shows across the globe, including Lincoln Center, American Airlines Arena (Miami), Australia, Hong Kong and many more.

The Maccabeats Premier A Cappella group has performed all over the world, from Alabama to (New) Zealand, including the White House. In addition, they are a YouTube sensation with over 7.5 million hits on their “Candlelight” music video, which earned them a special appearance on The Today Show.

This event is cosponsored by Chabad Centers of Greater New Haven; the JCC of Greater New Haven and Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy. The Concert promises to be a blast for all members of the community.

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Church of the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

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- November 22, Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, December 23rd, 5:00 p.m., Advent Lessons and Carols. Take a moment and breathe with the beauty of seasonal lessons and carols.
- Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, Carols, Candle Light and Communion Service, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day, 10:00 am Service with Communion, to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Sunday, December 30th, 10:00 a.m. A Christmas service of Lessons and Carols.

Weekly Services:

- Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music followed by fellowship hour; 5:00 p.m. "Come just as you are" Holy Eucharist" Worship Band
- Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion

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- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - downstairs classroom
- 7:00 p.m. - Praying our Holy Scripture with Understanding (includes music)
- Friday Evenings at 7:15-8:15 p.m.
- Sundays- 9:00 a.m. - Parish Hall

NEW!!! Worship Band Rocks the Church of the Good Shepherd Every Sunday Afternoon. The Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, seeks musicians and vocalists to join our newly formed Sunday Worship Band. "If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, then drop by and check us out! The band practices every Thursday evening at 8pm and we enjoy playing during the Sunday 5pm Eucharist", says Reverend Ann Ritonio. "It's a great way to creatively relax with interesting people who simply love the power of music", says band member and vocalist, Kathie Bellis from Woodbridge. If you play an instrument and/or enjoy singing, then you're ready to join our band. For more information about the Church of the Good Shepherd's Worship Band, please call the CGS Office @ (203) 796-6577 or email church @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net.

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

Stretching For the Body and Soul: Session III, December 4th- December 20th, \$20 for the session. Meets from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. Prepare your day with a gentle combination of stretching and meditation. Session IV, January 8th- February 14th.

NEW!!! Breathe, Balance, Believe: Vinyasa Yoga for the Family. Have you always wanted to try yoga? Now you can for free until the first of the new year. Classes are designed to help children and adults strengthen both physical and mental well-being. Participants will practice at their own level and be willing to set aside time to enjoy a practice that integrates a flowing physical practice with mindful meditation. The teacher is certified and member RYT. Cost is \$10 per class. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays @ 5:15- 6:00 pm, in the Parish hall. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them.

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The Eight Days of Hanukkah

by Aviva Yaffa

The eight-day holiday of Hanukkah, or the "Feast of Lights," which this year is observed from the evening of Saturday, Dec. 8, to Sunday, Dec. 16, commemorates what many historians as well as religious scholars consider to be the first organized revolt by a nation against tyranny.

The story of Hanukkah goes back well over 2,000 years to when the Jewish people, under the leadership of Judah Maccabee, revolted against the Greco-Syrian forces of Antiochus, who had despoiled their holy temple in Jerusalem and who tried to force them to worship their many gods instead of the one God. When the conquerors were routed, the temple was reclaimed. However, the lamp for the Eternal Light (which had to be kept lit at all times over the ark containing the sacred scroll called the Torah) had only enough oil for one day. But that one-day supply burned for the eight days it took for more oil to arrive. Ever since, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah in commemoration of that miraculous event.

Hanukkah is a family holiday. Small gifts are handed out to the children on each one of the eight nights. Charitable donations also are made as a reminder that since we are all part of the same human family, we must share our blessings. Games are played, including one using a top called a dreidel. Usually made of clay, it's marked with four Hebrew letters that stand for "A Miracle Happened Here."

On Hanukkah, small candles are placed in an eight-branched candelabra called the Menorah, with one additional candleholder set higher than the other eight. This is called the shamus, which some people believe stands for God who oversees the lights. On the first night, one candle and the shamus are lit; on the second night, two candles plus the shamus are lit, and so on until the eighth night, when all eight candles, plus the shamus, glow in memory of the miracle of that first "Feast of Lights."

The following is a way of recalling significant concepts that make up the Hanukkah message on each of the eight days of candle lighting:

H is for Hammer, the English word for Maccabee

A is for Awareness of the blessings of our liberty

N is for Never submit to tyranny's call

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“Dining with Susan”

By Susan Noonan



Connecticut Food Bank 2012

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 five years to one of my favorite local organizations, Connecticut Food Bank. The organization is a non-profit whose mission is to alleviate hunger. 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 25,000 turkeys and more than 360 tons of trimmings were collected. With everyone’s help, Connecticut Food Bank was able to provide nearly 779,503 meals for people in need of food assistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2012.

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. As today’s recession continues to push more of our neighbors over the brink of financial security, we have to do more. Hunger is a year-round issue that doesn’t end on Thanksgiving weekend. You can help Connecticut families year round by making a donation at www.ctfoodbank.org/donate.

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is the largest centralized source of donated emergency food in Connecticut. Its main warehouse is located in East Haven with branch warehouses in Waterbury & Fairfield along with distribution sites in New London & Stamford. Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to approximately 600 food-assistance programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children’s programs. Connecticut Food Bank has distributed over 200 million pounds of food over the years.

Everyday operations of Connecticut Food Bank are overseen by President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington, who has served the Food Bank for more than 28 years. 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. A dedicated staff of 50 ensures that Connecticut Food Bank continues to fulfill the mission of alleviating hunger.

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-five cents of every dollar donated is directed toward program services.

To learn more about Connecticut Food Bank, visit www.ctfoodbank.org. Tours of all three warehouses are offered. What a great idea for a class trip (ATTENTION TEACHERS)! 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. Connecticut has many households grappling with hunger, according to a federal report recently released. More than 490,000 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-Main office & warehouse - 150 Bradley Street, East Haven, CT 06512; Phone 203-469-5000; Fax 203-469-4871; Website: ctfoodbank.org. Keep up-to-date about Connecticut Food Bank and hunger issues by following it at www.ctfoodbank.org/blog, 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 every \$30 donated, Connecticut Food Bank can feed a person for a full month. Let’s carry that resolve throughout this holiday season and beyond. Happy Thanksgiving to all of our loyal readers and supporters of the Orange & Woodbridge Town News. Remember to support your local family owned businesses, as they are the backbone of our community and our great nation.

If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

From 9/11 to Connecticut Winemaker



I have met many winemakers throughout the years and many of them started out in different careers with different interests and with many different backgrounds. They all have an artistic and creative talent and willingness to try new techniques and accept difficult challenges. Jess Jackson, who died recently, was a successful California Lawyer who was looking for a weekend retreat and settled in the California wine country. He then decided to get involved in the wine business and developed one of the largest wine producing groups in California under his Kendall-Jackson label. David Forsyth was a world class skier and parachutist before settling into winemaking.

Warren Winarski of Stag's Leap winery in California was a Philosophy professor in Chicago before venturing out to California to become the owner/winemaker of his winery. He recently sold his facility for \$178 million dollars. Thomas Forgarty, a world-known cardiologist at the Stanford Medical Center and holder of more than 100 patents including the stent, which has saved numerous lives, has turned a weekend hobby into a successful commercial winery in the Santa Cruz Mountains of California. The list goes on and on; so many of the present winemakers came from many different areas of interest.

There is a winemaker at Connecticut's Chamard Vineyard in Clinton who has had an interesting background as a pilot Captain for United Airlines for 20 years after serving in the US Air Force. He retired and started crafting furniture and he became a home winemaker. He joined the American Wine Society and he and his wife Carol, became Directors of the Hartford chapter of the AWS. He became proficient in his home wine making activities and became "Connecticut Home Wine Person of the Year" in 2010. Two years ago he was offered the job as commercial winemaker at the Chamard Vinyards in Clinton. He accepted the challenge and with the assistance of Ray Ambrose, a long time respected and honored amateur home winemaker, they have produced some world-class medal-winning wines in their first vintage, featuring wines made from premium grapes from Chile, their own estate grapes and grapes purchased from New York.

These days, Tom is enjoying his winemaking at Chamard and looks forward to each vintage with enthusiasm and accepting new challenges with confidence. However, there was a day in Tom Mannello's life that he will never forget. In his 20 year tenure with United Airlines, Tom visited the world as a long-range pilot of the Boeing 767. He visited Europe, South America and Asia many times, crossed America often, and enjoyed all of the trips that he made and his work as a pilot.

Then the calendar turned to September 11, 2001. Early that morning, Tom was sitting in the cockpit of his 767 at Kennedy Airport in New York preparing to take flight 23 non-stop to Los Angeles. His co-pilot was Carol Timmons, an Air Force vet like Tom, and a he was the first General in the Delaware Air National Guard. They started going through their pre-flight countdown when suddenly a message came through about a "ground stop". The disaster at the World Trade Center was announced and Tom was instructed to secure the cockpit at all costs. They looked out and could see the twin towers going down. Mannello uncased a crash axe and Timmons got a fire extinguisher and they prepared for the worst. They looked out through a peep hole and saw four young men with turbans sitting in the seats next to the cockpit. The plane was evacuated and it was later found there were seven Arabs aboard. There was an innocent family of three that was released and the four young men that were detained and arrested but not convicted. The FBI interviewed the flight crew the next day and the story made the New York Times. Tom flew with United for another seven years following the event and retired in 2008. Mannello's memories of 9/11 often return as flashbacks. He admitted, "do I think it could have been something? Sure. But it could have been just an ugly coincidence. Who knows?" Visit Chamard and say hi to Tom. You will be glad you did.

Best Buy of the Week: 2011 Chamard Vineyard Chile Cabernet Sauvignon \$18.00 A Gold Medal winner in this year's Amenti del Vino International Wine Competition in which I was one of the judges. The wine is garnet, cherry-like fruit flavor and aromas. Firm tannins for longevity, nice balance and robust. Well worth the price!

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 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.

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More Holiday Events

The Church of the Holy Spirit, 28 Church Street, West Haven kicks off the holiday season with their Christmas Fair on Friday, November 30, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Pictures with Santa will be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Local crafters, themed raffle baskets, holiday crafts, homemade baked goods, and Christmas decorations will be all part of the event. Elves in the Kids' Shoppe will help children pick out and wrap that special gift for giving. All items are \$1.00. Light supper will be available at Santa's Café Friday evening, and homemade soups and sandwiches for Saturday lunch. Admission is free.

The First Congregational Church of West Haven will sponsor its annual Christmas Fest on Saturday, December, 1st, located on the Historic West Haven Green, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Santa will arrive at 10:30 am and will be available for photos. Our event includes, a Luncheon, Book Sale, White Elephant, SERVE Shop. Our many vendors feature antique glassware, crafts, jewelry, artwork, home-baked breads, cookies, chocolates, crochet items and much more.

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A Special Thanks to our Caregivers

By Roberta L Nestor

November is always associated with Thanksgiving and that in itself lends us to be thankful for the many wonderful things in our lives such as our families and good health. November has also been designated as National Caregiver's Month and deservedly so. It is estimated that there are over 65 million unpaid caregivers in our country. You don't have to look far to find a caregiver, either you have been one yourself or know someone who is.

The term caregiver refers to anyone who provides assistance to someone else who is, to some degree, incapacitated and needs help performing the daily tasks essential to living a normal life. This would include persons providing care for: a husband who has suffered a stroke, a wife with Parkinson's disease, a mother-in-law with cancer, a grandfather with Alzheimer's disease, a loved one with traumatic brain injury, a friend with AIDS, a child with muscular dystrophy or an elder who is very frail. For our purposes, a caregiver is an unpaid individual (a spouse, significant other, family member, friend, or neighbor) involved in assisting others who are unable to perform certain activities on their own.

In 1994, the National Family Caregivers Association began promoting the celebration of family caregivers during the week of Thanksgiving. President Clinton signed the first presidential proclamation in 1997 and every president since - Democrat and Republican alike - has issued an annual proclamation appreciating family caregivers. As interest grew in family caregiving issues, National Family Caregivers Week became National Family Caregivers Month. This is the month to recognize and thank the millions of "informal caregivers". Although there may appear to be wide discrepancies in estimates of the number of informal caregivers in the U.S., the figures cited below are from the Family Caregiver Alliance:

- 65.7 million caregivers make up 29 % of the U.S. adult population who provide care to someone who is ill, disabled or aged.
- 52 million caregivers provide care to adults (aged 18 +) with a disability or illness.
- 43.5 million care for someone 50 + years of age and 14.9 million cares for someone who has Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia.
- Caregiver services were valued at \$450 billion per year in 2009—up from \$375 billion in 2007—and unpaid family caregivers will likely continue to be the largest source of long-term care services in the U.S.
- The aging populations of those 65 and older will more than double between the years 2000-2030, increasing to 71.5 million from 35.1 million in 2000.

Who are our care providers?

- More women than men are caregivers; an estimated 66 % of caregivers are female. One-third (34 %), takes care of two or more people, and the average age of a female caregiver is 48. Research suggests that the number of male caregivers may be increasing and will continue to do so due to a variety of social demographic factors. Caregivers of 18-49 year-old care recipients are nearly half male (47 %), while among the 50 + recipients, it tips to females (32 % male, 68 % female).
- Men may be sharing in caregiving tasks more than in the past, but women still shoulder the major burden of care. For example, while some studies show a relatively equitable distribution of caregiving between men and women, female caregivers spend more time providing care than men do (21.9 vs. 17.4 hours per week).
- Other studies have found that 36 % of women caregivers handle the most difficult caregiving tasks (i.e., bathing, toileting and dressing), when compared with 24 % for their male counterparts, who are more likely to help with finances, arranging care, and other less burdensome tasks.
- A number of studies have found that female caregivers are more likely than males to suffer from high stress due to caregiving (35 % vs. 25 %).

Long term care is a subject that is rarely discussed even though planning for long term care is essential for the health and well-being of families. It is a critical component of retirement planning that is often overlooked or avoided. It doesn't matter if you tell your children, "I don't want you to have to take care of me", or how many times you say it, if you have not planned for your own long term care, you are leaving few alternatives for family members other than to provide that care for you yourselves. In honor of National Caregivers Month, make it a point to talk to your financial advisor and your family and develop a plan should you should need care in the future.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Fieldstone Village Wins 2012 Home Builder Award

Presented by the Home Builders and Remodelers Association (HBRA) of Connecticut, HOBI awards are the most prestigious in the industry, recognizing excellence in new construction, land development, remodeling, sales, marketing and finance. The HBRA of CT presented Fieldstone Village, 1025 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, CT, with the "Best New Haven County 55+ Community" award on November 14th at the Aqua Turf Country Club in Southington.

The active lifestyle community embodies a quintessential New England neighborhood complete with sidewalks, decorative streetlamps and impeccable landscape accenting a refreshing mix of classic architectural designs. Homes range from 1450-3000+ square feet and range in price from \$369,900 - \$699,900+. Top line components, high end standard features, elegant details, and energy efficient mechanicals complement the exemplary craftsmanship of these beautiful homes. Fieldstone Village builders offer options for modified designs including a selection of exterior elevations for free standing homes. Gambrel, Federal, Craftsman and Cotswold styles create a visually diverse and classically appealing community. All exterior maintenance, lawn care, professional landscaping and snow removal is included as well as extensive master insurance coverage including individual homes.

The Fieldstone Clubhouse is the proverbial welcome mat to the community. The handsome 4500 square foot design provides abundant social and recreational areas, each thoughtfully planned. An elegant gathering area with floor to ceiling stone fireplace opens to the bar, billiards and game room with built-in buffet and media center. Additional areas include a complete fitness center, quiet room with wi-fi access, and full catering kitchen. Outdoor recreational areas include a furnished sun deck with in-ground heated pool, GE Monogram Grill, and fire-pit. Ambience and privacy is enhanced by landscaped terraces. Additional amenities include bocce and tennis courts and putting green with sand bunker. Set on 38 pastoral acres, Fieldstone Village boasts an enviable location overlooking working farmland, yet minutes to shopping, dining, theatre, arts, and medical facilities and the Merritt Parkway.

If you are interested in previewing one of these homes, please contact Project Coordinator Susan Worth or Sales Associate Marilyn Stark at www.fieldstone-village.com or 203-795-3732.

Corbally Joins Coldwell Banker in Orange

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, N.Y. is pleased to welcome Nancy Corbally, formerly of Weichert Regional Properties, to the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange. As a sales associate, Nancy will provide residential real estate services in Greater New Haven and Fairfield counties.

Nancy's business philosophy is her emphasis on service. She has achieved great success in both good and bad markets by guiding her clients through the entire process, providing expertise in all aspects of the transaction and being happy to work at precisely the pace and style they prefer. "If you need to buy a house next month, we can go look every day. If you want to wait till next year to sell your house, we'll just keep in touch until then. We're partners - your goal is my goal!" says Nancy.

"We are very pleased to welcome Nancy to our team. Her skills and knowledge of real estate sales and marketing make her a valuable asset to this office and to her clients and customers," said Aileen DeFeo, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange. "I look forward to helping her continue to grow her career in the coming years."

Nancy Corbally can be reached at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange at (203) 376-7304.



Nancy Corbally



Wild Acorns Going "Nuts" Over New Orange Location

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

If you notice a portion of the Boston Post Road suddenly smells like mouth-watering, hot roasted nuts; just follow your nose to the newest shop on the block -- Wild Acorns, a specialty gourmet commodities store. Scheduled to open on Black Friday, November 23, Wild Acorns is located at 516 Boston Post Road (across from Bob's Furniture). Wild Acorns features wholesome, healthy, specialty items -- like 36 vats of flavored olive oils and vinegars, blend-your-own trail mixes of dried fruits and granolas, fresh roasted nuts, coffees, teas and unique spices. Best of all, the upscale food items do not have a hefty price tag. "All our food items are of excellent quality and our prices are extremely competitive, many of them being up to 10 percent less than supermarkets as we are buying direct from suppliers," said owner Stephanie Blackwell.

The 2,000 square foot space has been completely renovated to a cozy space with warm, muted colors and plenty of wood tables and tasting areas where customers can sample the goods. "We want our customers to have an interactive shopping experience such as designing their own gift baskets and trail mixes" said General Manager Steve Clarke. "Our products have delicious aromas, they pop and move and are sort of fun. We'll be roasting nuts all day that can be purchased while they're still hot and fresh soups to eat in or take out." The knowledgeable staff is trained to give food demonstrations and provide creative recipes and ways to use the products.

"I'm very interested in providing local products from Connecticut and other states on the east coast. It excites me to know who grew the food and what you're putting in your body," Clarke said. Some of the food items include hard-to-find seasonings like Merlot and lava salts; Quebec, Oktoberfest, Bourboneto, Bangkok, St. Croix and Grand Canyon spice blends; and olive oils flavored with macadamia or hazelnuts; black and white truffle oil; and aged balsamic vinegars, to name a few.

Blackwell and Clarke say they found the perfect location in Orange, on the busy Post Road, close to other stores that focus on selling healthy foods for nutrition-conscious consumers. "We think it will be convenient for people to pop into a small, intimate store," Clarke said. For more information, call 203-553-9119 or visit the website at www.wild-acorns.com.



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LOCATION: Amity Regional High School – Woodbridge

RATE: To be determined

START: On or about November 29, 2012
(Assignment running thru a minimum - mid Feb)

APPLY TO: Amity Regional School District No. 5
ATTN: Personnel-L/T Sub-P/T-Rdg-W
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525

DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 21, 2012

Interested candidates please submit: Cover letter; Resume; Letters of recommendation (min. of 3); Transcripts (legible copies acceptable initially); Copy of proper, valid Connecticut certification.

**Any questions, contact Paula Cofrancesco at 203-397-4861
or Email – paula.cofrancesco@reg5.k12.ct.us**

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POSITION AVAILABLE

POSITION: Short-Term Substitute – Biology *
To Cover Leave of Absence

REQUIREMENTS: 030 Biology, Gr. 7-12 - Connecticut certification

LOCATION: Amity Regional High School – Woodbridge

RATE: Per substitute scale

START: On or about January 22, 2013
(Assignment running thru mid March)

APPLY TO: Amity Regional School District No. 5
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Death Notices

**Earl Carl Kirchberg**

August 17, 1952 - August 5, 2012

Earl was born on August 17, 1952 in New Haven, Connecticut. He died suddenly at his home in Hampden, Maine, on August 5, 2012, with his wife Kallie by his side. He was predeceased in death by his mother, Muriel Gerard Kirchberg, and her father, Ernest Carl Kirchberg.

Leaving him is his loving wife of 37 years, Kallie Johnas Kirchberg, dear sons Nicholas, ME, Alexander, MA. and Demetri Kirchberg, ME; Sisters, Linda Seidman, OK, Betsy Kirchberg, Orange, CT, and Brothers, Paul (Debbie) of Orange, Eric (Ivy) of MI, Nephews, Paul (Smita) Milford, CT Johnathan, Orange, CT, Zachary, MI, Mike O'Brien (Sara), West Haven, CT and a great niece Aria S. Kirchberg, Milford and Kaitiyn O'Brien.

Earl attended Orange Elementary Schools, then continuing to Amity Regional School System. He graduated in 1970. While there he was active in the music department concert choir. He was a very active in Cross Country and also on the Track Team. He held several hurdle time records. He continued his education at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI. graduating in 1974 with a Bachelor in Mathematics. He continued his degree at Washington University in St Louis, MO getting a Masters Business Administration.

Earl's primary work over the years was as CFO for different organizations. He found it very rewarding. He was dedicated to everything he did and traveled to many places within the US.

Earl, enjoyed sports in his life. Loving, basketball (started playing with his best friend Mike Sikeritsky at Holy Infant), baseball, golf (from long hours as working at Race Brook C. C.) to enjoying the game.

Earl will be loved and missed by his family and friends.

Nicholas Mastrangelo

Nicholas J. Mastrangelo of Orange passed away with his family by his side on Friday, October 26, 2012 after a long illness. He was born in New Haven on September 17, 1927, the son of the late Joseph and Laura Speratore Mastrangelo. He was the brother of the late Nicholas, Joseph and Gerald Mastrangelo and Rose Middlebrook.

Nick was drafted into the Army in 1945 and was stationed at Keesler, Langley and Barksdale Field then was discharged with the rank of Sargent. He graduated in 1948 from the Ct. School of Electronics and then owned and operated "Nick's TV" for 35 years. He worked in Norden's where he tested Air Force bombing components and Singer Electronics where he tested underwater detection units. Following his retirement, Nick enjoyed working for Winkle Bus for 17 years and then found great pleasure as the Equipment Maintenance Supervisor at World Gym and Planet Fitness in Branford and Hamden where he worked until he was 80 years old.

Nick is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Julia DiNello Mastrangelo and his devoted children, Elissa Marcucci-Mastrangelo and her husband Frank of East Haven, Gina Simko and her husband David of Hamden, Gerald (Jerry) Mastrangelo and Jennifer Verraneault of East Haven, and Nicholas Mastrangelo and his wife Patricia of Orange. Nick leaves his cherished grandchildren, Taylor and Morgan Simko, Rachael and Nicholas Mastrangelo, Carly, Anthony, and Chris Mastrangelo and step grandchildren Kirsten and Alec Marcucci. Nick was honored to have served his country and often told stories, especially to his grandkids, about his experiences. Being proud of his Italian culture, he was passionate about his family and always found a tremendous comfort when surrounded by them. His true legacy will be the strength he carried over the past five years with his many health struggles.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the exceptional care that his "buddy" provided him. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Infant Church. Interment followed in Orange Center Cemetery. In Nick's memory, donations may be sent to the Paralyzed Veterans of America at 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086-0921. Sign Nick's guestbook online at www.portofuneralhomes.net.



*Nicholas
Mastrangelo*

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Orange Board of Education Long-Range Strategic Planning Survey, all members of the Orange Community are invited to participate in this 10-15 minute online survey. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parentscommunity>.

Al-Anon Parents Meeting, Monday nights, 7:30pm year-round, United Church of Christ, Plymouth Building, 18 West Main Street, Milford – supporting parents of alcoholics and/or substance abusers. For more information, go to www.ct-al-anon.org or call Margaret at (203) 877-4313.

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.

Trumbull Stitch 'n *itch, Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm, Panera Bread, Westfield Shopping Park. Spend a pleasant time with fellow knitters and crocheters. All levels of experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome. For more information, call Sylvia at 203-268-6570.

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.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 5:30-7:00pm, Level 4, Elizabeth Pfriend SWIM Center for Cancer Care, St. Vincent's Medical Center, 280 Main Street, Bridgeport, no reservations required, free parking w/validated ticket, Facilitators are Maureen Pelletier, RN, OCN, Nannette Persico, RN, OCN, and Joyce Flynn, Network of Strength Volunteer. For more information, call 203-576-6158 or email tmclaugh@stvincent.org.

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

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

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

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

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

Chabad of Orange ~ Woodbridge Weekly Puppet Show, Saturday Mornings, 11:30am, 261 Derby Avenue, puppeteers will captivate your children's attention each week while learning about their Jewish Heritage, history & values; geared for children ages 3-8.

Willoughby Wallace Library Presents "Journeys", an exhibit of watercolors by Rosemary Benivegna and metal sculpture by Lisa Carlin, November 4-28, 2012, 146 Thimble Island Road, Stony Creek (203-488-8702); opening reception Sunday, November 4, 2012, 4:00-6:00pm.

Amity Senior High School Class Of 1992 ~ 20th Reunion, Saturday, November 24, 2012, 7:00pm, Eli's on Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. For information and/or tickets, email naluciano@yahoo.com.

Orange Arts & Crafts Guild Annual Holiday Fair "Boutique in the Barn", Sunday, November 25, 2012, 10:00am-4:30pm, Maplevue Farm, 603 Orange Center Road, Orange, offering holiday arrangements, gifts and boutique items; proceeds from sale of arrangements benefit an Amity High School senior pursuing his/her education in the field of art.

Carol Aebersold Story Time & Book Signing, "The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition", Sunday, November 25, 2012, 10:00am, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1375 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT; space is limited, come early.

Holy Infant Women's Guild Bus Trip, Thursday, November 29, 2012, Westchester Broadway Theatre's presentation of the Christmas musical, "Miracle on 34th Street". \$90/pp includes transportation, gratuity, lunch, and a matinee performance of the play. For more information and to make a reservation, call Elizabeth at (203) 799-2379.

Milford Camera Club Meeting, Wednesday, November 28, 2012, Margaret Egan Center, Room 139, 35 Matthew Street, Milford, 7:00pm, visitors welcome. For more information, email www.milfordcameraclub.org or call Rich Medica (203) 258-6143 or rmedica@fairfield.edu.

The Church of the Holy Spirit Christmas Holiday Fair, Friday, November 30, 2012, 5:00pm- 8:00pm, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 9:00am-2:00pm; 28 Church Street, West Haven; vendor fee/\$25.00 covers both days. For further information, please call 203-934-0653 or 203-314-3132.

ACES Village School Holiday Fair, Friday, November 30, 2012, 5:00pm to 8:30pm, 31 Temple Street, North Haven, CT; festivities include food, crafts, raffles, and lots of fun for the whole family; proceeds benefit special needs children. Table rentals available to outside vendors, call 203-234-7611 and leave a message for Monica Bish. Limited space available on first come, first served basis.

Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Holiday Bake Sale, Saturday, December 1, 2012 & Sunday, December 2, 2012, 10:00am-4:00pm, Treat Farm, 361 Old Tavern Road, Orange. Get your holiday pies, brownies, cookies, cupcakes and fudge as well as hot chocolate and hot cider. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

First Congregational Church of West Haven Annual Christmas Fest, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 9:00am-3:00pm, Historic West Haven Green; Santa arrives at 10:30am and is available for photos; event includes luncheon, book sale, White Elephant, SERVE shop as well as vendors featuring antique glassware, crafts, jewelry, artwork, home-baked breads, cookies, chocolates, crochet items and much more.

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, December 1, 2012, January 5, 2013, February 2, 2013, March 2, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

Trees of West Haven, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 10:30am-4:00pm & Sunday, December 2, 2012, 10:30am-3:00pm, St. John Vianney Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., West Haven, one of kind gifts, local authors, bid on decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, raffle prizes, lunch. For additional information, call 203-937-9823 or www.wardheitmann.org.

The Davis Gallery Presents Carol Raccio's Oil Paintings "Ancient Cities", Saturday, December 1, 2012-Saturday, January 5, 2013, Opening Reception, Saturday, December 1, 2012, 1:00-4:00pm, 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), Orange; free and open to the public. Hours: Monday-Friday/10:00am-6:00pm, Saturday/10:00am-4:00pm. For more information, call 203-795-4705 or go to www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

St. Gabriel School 22nd Annual Auction, Rescheduled to Saturday, December 1, 2012, silent auction/6:00pm; live auction/8:00pm, Grassy Hill Country Club, Orange; tickets/\$40.00; vacation packages, tickets to area attractions, theater, jewelry, restaurant gift certificates and more. For more information, to donate an items, or to purchase tickets, call Margo Cupole at 203-874-3811.

Ward-Heitmann House Museum Brandywine Christmas Trip, Friday, December 7, 2012-Sunday, December 9, 2012, Brandywine Valley Region of Pennsylvania, 2 nights, 4 meals, admission to Nemours Mansion and Gardens, Brandywine River Museum, an evening at Longwood Gardens and a QVC Studio tour; double occupancy/\$444; single/\$544. Deposits due September 30, 2012. Contact Kathryn Gregory at 203-933-0599 or kathryngregory@sbcglobal.net for reservations or information.

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AREA SCHOOLS REMEMBER OUR VETERANS



Veterans Bring a Piece of Living History to Amity High

By Bettina Thiel, Orange Town News Correspondent

Students at Amity High School experienced a piece of living history Monday, November 12, when veterans from the American Legion Post 127 in Orange visited them to talk about their experiences in the different branches of the military. The veterans brought along pre-1950 weaponry and field gear, which students were encouraged to handle and carry so as to experience its weight and size.

Soldiers during World War II were carrying gear equivalent in weight to their own weight, Phil Grande told students in his presentation. Grande, dressed in the Uniform of the 82nd Airborne, and Lewis Merritt, dressed in the uniform of Canadian parachutists, talked about the history of World War II, how the United States at first stayed out of it, considering it a European conflict, but were drawn into the war by the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941.

American Legion Post Commander Larry Czajkowski introduced the other veterans, starting with Arnold Casola, a World War II veteran who experienced the Battle of the bridge at Remagen in Germany as an 18-year-old. Also in the group of veterans were Peter MacDonald and Ken Leaf as Vietnam veterans, and Mike DeGrego who participated in the Gulf War. Sylvester Salcedo, a Navy lieutenant commander, served during the 1980s and 1990s on board the USS Capodano.

Salcedo had his own slide show for the students, starting off with a Spanish language love song. He pointed out how being fluent in Spanish helped him communicate with the peoples of South America when his ship was deployed there. He also passed around a list of favorite books he read at the time, ranging from Hemingway's "A Farewell to Arms," to authors that became icons of the peace-seeking 1960s, such as Hermann Hesse, Simone de Beauvoir and others. But even though the slides showed happy faces in sunny climates, deployments actually meant a lot of work, he said.

Six waves of students visited the Library-Media Center that day, between

7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Grande, a sergeant first class, represented the Army; Merritt, a lieutenant in the Submarine Service, the Navy. It is primarily Merritt's personal collection of field gear that was displayed on tables in the center of the library. Students were invited to inspect the exhibits and talk to the veterans about their experiences.

The boys in particular were interested in the weaponry, veterans said over lunch. Merritt had brought communications apparatus from World War II, including a short-wave radio that facilitated communication between the allies. Inscriptions were in English and Cyrillic lettering. Communication is crucial, during war even more so than otherwise, Grande told the students. Radar had just been invented when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, but the people on watch that night didn't trust the warnings of an imminent attack coming from the "newfangled" instruments. The Japanese bombers destroyed ships and killed hundreds of Americans stationed in Hawaii at that time. But what they destroyed were old ships, Grande told the kids; and as tragic as it was for the whole country, the attack made way for a new generation of modern ships and aircraft carriers. "As a result you're free," he told the students, "you don't speak German and you don't speak Japanese.

"I'd hate to have another war," he said. "But those who have experienced it have a better appreciation of life." World War II and its needs for modern weaponry inspired a lot of innovation, Merritt said, ranging from aviation to communication devices. The War machine helped pull the economy out of the big slump known as the Great Depression. And even though the exhibits on display seemed old, they were considered cutting-edge in their time.

Larry Czajkowski, addressing the students, talked about nuclear, biological and chemical warfare. The danger is in the widespread destruction of the living environment these weapons can cause. "A nuclear weapon today can be carried in a briefcase," as opposed to being delivered by a missile, he said. "The threats you face today are a lot more complicated," he said.

Veterans Visit Amity Middle School Students

On November 12th the students at Amity Middle School in Orange celebrated Veterans Day. In the 7th grade, Team Y students created mosaics and wrote letters which will be sent to our troops overseas. Team X students created commemorative stars with names or pictures of veterans in their families and created acrostic poems about the true meaning of being a veteran.

The highlight of the seventh grade celebration though, was their speaker, Sergeant Michael Mangan US Army Spc. Sergeant Mangan discussed his family's military history, his experiences in Basic Training and Advanced Training, the continual mock trainings that prepare soldiers for potential real-life situations and excerpts from his deployment in Iraq. Sergeant Mangan showed students photos, MRE meal packs, a Kevlar helmet, and maps of major Iraqi cities and hot zones. He also shared how important care packages are not only in morale-building, but also in helping our soldiers establishing positive relationships with the local people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the 8th grade, both Team S and Team T students heard presentations from Dennis Salzer, Senior Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy, Retired and Lieutenant Colonel John Coffindaffer, U.S. Air Force, Retired. Senior Chief Salzer provided a power point presentation which illustrated his years of experience in the navy, the many vessels he sailed, and his specialty with micro-



wave communications. Senior Chief Salzer also spoke of his father's naval career and showed students a collection of awards and certificates. Lt. Col. Coffindaffer shared a DVD presentation which vividly showed his career in the air force. He was a pilot with the Jolly Green Giants Combat Air Rescue and his team of men rescued many downed airman in hostile territory. At the end of the presentations, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the veterans.

Later in the day, the 8th graders spent time writing letters and thank you notes to our guests. Having read over these documents, their teachers were able to see how much this presentation meant to the students. Many students made connections between what they heard and related it to members in their own families who have served or who are currently serving in the military.

Our students and staff were honored to have Sergeant Michael Mangan and retired veterans, Senior Chief Dennis Salzer and Lt. Col. Coffindaffer share their experiences with us. We greatly appreciated their willingness to donate their time to teach all of us. Sergeant Mangan will leave his wife and two young children to serve again next year in Afghanistan. We are grateful for the sacrifices that all military families have made and continue to make for our country.

ARTS & LEISURE



Orange Residents to Perform in *The Nutcracker*

New England Ballet Company, featuring Orange residents Cynthia Celone, Chloe Proto, Sydney Sachs, Mimi Zschack, Rachel Webber Lindsay Wiehl, and Catherine Peavy of Woodbridge are once again busy rehearsing for its Nutcracker season. This is the company's 21st year of entertaining people with the holiday classic, delighting everyone with the magical snow scene and trip through the world of sweets.

The season kicks off Thanksgiving weekend with The Sugar Plum Party in the Stratford Theater, Stratford. This is perfect for younger children; the performance includes a Nutcracker Suite, Clara reading the classic story and children will have fun making a simple craft and enjoying a holiday treat.

The company will also have three full performances of the Nutcracker on December 8th, 9th in the Parson's Complex Milford and December 15th at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport. For information or tickets, please call 203-799-7950 or visit the company website at www.newenglandballet.org.

Hop the Bus for a Free Ride!

Hop the bus to the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Woolsey Hall, New Haven, on Thursday, November 29, 2012 for "Carmina Burana". The bus will depart High Plains Community Center, Orange at 6:45PM. To reserve a space on the bus, contact Pat Miller- (203)397-8915.

If you need concert tickets, contact the NH Symphony Office at (203)865-0831. This event is sponsored by the Orange Arts and Culture Council.

Jazz Concert and Pasta to Benefit Charity

Join the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 5pm for a Jazz Vespers Service followed by a Pasta Dinner to raise money for the Nambale Magnet School in Kenya. Suggested donation is \$10 per person/\$20 per family.

The Nambale Magnet School opened in January 2009. Its mission is to provide a home, an education and hope for a fruitful life for children orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS in Western Kenya. At the Nambale Magnet School, the lives of impoverished Kenyan children are being changed. Class, social and economic divisions are being bridged in a nurturing environment where learning is shared by boys and girls, destitute and middle class, parentless and from intact households, in a common educational setting. This is the "magnet" vision of equality, equity and transformation that has already made the Nambale Magnet School a beacon in its region. The long-term vision of the Nambale Magnet School goes beyond housing and educating indigent children in one of the poorest parts of Africa. In time, we see transformed lives and a better future for the entire community - and eventually their whole nation.



The Amity Theater Department Presents: *Whose Life is it Anyway?*

Who should decide when or if a patient may end his or her own life? That is the dilemma of the play *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* by Brian Clark, produced by the Amity Creative Theater this coming December. After a horrible car accident, an artist is left paralyzed from the neck down. Confined to a hospital bed with feeding tubes providing nutrients, the artist believes there is nothing left to live for while a well-meaning hospital staff tries to convince their patient not to give up hope. Everything leads to a court hearing held in the artist's hospital room as a judge must determine who gets to make the final decision for the patient.

The Amity production stars Amity senior Peter Charney as Ken Harrison in a very demanding role which requires him to play a paraplegic. Ken's concerned and caring doctor Joan Scott is played by senior Sabrina Brier. Rounding out the cast is April Rock, Miriam Roday, James Ottaviano, Matt Burkhart, Ted McNulty, Alida Ballou, Maya Rose, Bowen Kirwood, Kahari Blue, Rishi Mutalik and Gabrielle Airdo.

As is tradition at Amity, the play will be presented to all the students grade 8-12 from December 4th to the 7th as part of the Spartan Seminar program. Students will discuss the play's legal and moral issues before viewing the play and engage in a question and answer session after each performance with the cast, crew and Amity teacher Jim Clifford who is also an attorney. The play is directed by Amity Theater teacher Rob Kennedy, with costumes by Julie Chevan and Lighting by Dan Hassenmayer.

There will also be two public performances of *Whose Life Is It Anyway?* on Friday December 7th and Saturday December 8th at 8pm. All performances will be held at the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts on the campus at Amity High School. Tickets can be purchased online at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com; all seats are \$10.



Graham Dale's *Landscape in Colour*

The artist exhibiting work at the Case Memorial Library, Orange for the month of December is Graham Dale. Titled "Landscape in Colour" it has Oil Paintings and Prismacolor Artwork inspired by both the English countryside and the scenic beauty in and around Orange. Also on display will be a selection of snowman cards that Graham has designed and are for sale at www.whigby.com.

The reception will be held on Thursday 6th December from 5.00 to 7.00 pm. All are most welcome.

Born in Nottingham England, Graham Dale studied painting, drawing and art history at Nottingham Art School, Nottingham Art College and St Martins College of Art, London. He was an art Teacher for 37 years working in London, Nottingham and Frankfurt, Germany. His artwork has been exhibited in one man and group shows in both the UK and Europe, as well as in the USA.



top 10 movies

1. **Wreck-It Ralph (PG)**
animated
2. **Flight (R)**
Denzel Washington, Nadine Velazquez
3. **Argo (R)**
Ben Affleck, Alan Arkin
4. **The Man With the Iron Fists (R)**
Russell Crowe, Lucy Liu
5. **Taken 2 (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace
6. **Cloud Atlas (R)**
Tom Hanks, Halle Berry
7. **Hotel Transylvania (PG)**
animated
8. **Paranormal Activity 4 (R)**
Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
9. **Here Comes the Boom (PG)**
Kevin James, Salma Hayek
10. **Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R)**
Adelaide Clemens, Kit Harington

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **Titanic (PG-13)**
Leonardo DiCaprio
2. **The Avengers (2012) (PG-13)**
Robert Downey Jr.
3. **Snow White & the Huntsman (PG-13)**
Kristen Stewart
4. **Battleship (PG-13)**
Taylor Kitsch
5. **Dark Shadows (PG-13)**
Johnny Depp
6. **Think Like a Man (PG-13)**
Chris Brown
7. **Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)**
animated
8. **The Lucky One (PG-13)**
Zac Efron
9. **The Five-Year Engagement (R)**
Jason Segel
10. **The Cabin in the Woods (R)**
Kristen Connelly

Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Maroon 5**
"One More Night"
2. **PSY**
"Gangnam Style"
3. **fun.**
"Some Nights"
4. **Ke\$ha**
"Die Young"
5. **Rihanna**
"Diamonds"
6. **Justin Bieber feat. Big Sean**
"As Long As You Love Me"
7. **Bruno Mars**
"Locked Out of Heaven"
8. **Alex Clare**
"Too Close"
9. **Ne-Yo**
"Let Me Love You (Until You Learn to Love Yourself)"
10. **Chris Brown**
"Don't Wake Me Up"



Alex Clare

Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Taylor Swift**
"We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"
2. **Carrie Underwood**
"Blown Away"
3. **Florida Georgia Line**
"Cruise"
4. **Lee Brice**
"Hard to Love"
5. **Luke Bryan**
"Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye"
6. **Hunter Hayes**
"Wanted"
7. **Jake Owen**
"The One That Got Away"
8. **Miranda Lambert**
"Fastest Girl In Town"
9. **Easton Corbin**
"Lovin' You Is Fun"
10. **Jason Aldean**
"Take a Little Ride"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Josh Brolin, Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones in "Men in Black 3"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of November 26, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Men in Black 3" (PG-13) -- This third installment about agents policing the secret world of space-alien immigration adds a twist with time travel -- and it's still watchable! Agent J (Will Smith) loses track of his partner, tight-lipped Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones.) The Men In Black HQ says K has been dead for more than 40 years. Agent J has to travel back in time and team up with the young K (Josh Brolin) to stop an alien assassin.

Don't worry, it's better than MiB 2. Brolin's performance as a 29-year-old Tommy Lee Jones (Brolin is in his 40s) is the highlight of the movie. The villain, Boris the Animal, is played by comedian Jemaine Clement, who dons a perfectly over-the-top persona instead of his usual dry humor. It may not recapture the magic of the original, but this "threequel" is worth a watch.

"ParaNorman" (PG) -- Norman is an outsider with a bully problem and a supernatural gift. When zombies and ghosts terrorize his tiny town, the hapless citizens can turn to only one person, Norman, the weird little kid who says he speaks with the dead. With the help of his only friend, his annoying sister, a brain-dead jock and the local bully, Norman has to fight a witch's curse to save the town.

It's a lot of fun and a lot spookier than you would expect. It's all done in 3D stop-motion animation by the same company that made the creepy "Coraline." Adults as well as young'uns will be plenty entertained, provided everyone is at least 7 years old and can handle a scary and emotionally weighty finale.

"Lawless" (R) -- In the hills of Virginia, the Bondurant brothers were legendary Prohibition-era outlaws. This movie takes the facts and tries to pull out a gritty, dramatic, visually stunning crime drama. It almost succeeds. The cast is fantastic: Tom Hardy as an outlaw older brother, Jessica Chastain is a strong woman drawn to the wrong men, Gary Oldman is the infamous Floyd Banner, and Guy Pearce is the chilling federal investigator come to shut the brothers down. The film has a healthy dose of violence, matching pound for pound what it has in acting talent.

"Step Up Revolution" (PG-13) -- The greedy corporatists are about to bulldoze a beloved working-class neighborhood, and only a diverse team of young dancers can save the community center, with their dancing. It's a plot as old and predictable as "war veteran loses his family, then kills all the bad guys," floated along only by its action thrills (or in "Step Up's" case, dance numbers). The dancing is fine and flashy, but it's not worth the soulless exchanges in between that pass for "drama."

1. What was the biggest break the band Elephant's Memory ever had?
2. Who were the Bar-Kays, and whatever happened to them?
3. Which jazz great recorded the "Blue Train" album, and when?
4. Name the singer who had a stint with the circus.
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I'll just use you then I'll set you free."



1. They snagged the gig as backup for Lennon and Ono on the "Some Time In New York City" album in 1972 under the name Plastic Ono Elephant's Memory Band. 2. The Bar-Kays started as studio musicians in Memphis, at one time backing Otis Redding. In 1967, on the way to a gig, their plane crashed in Wisconsin. Six of them died, including Redding. 3. John Coltrane, in 1957. The shortest track on the five-song album was seven minutes. A 2003 re-release added two bonus tracks. 4. Stacey Q, best known for her 1986 hit "Two of Hearts." She spent two years with Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus as a showgirl and then an elephant rider. 5. "Baby, Don't Get Hooked on Me," by Mac Davis, 1972. Some people objected to the song's sexist lyrics: "I'm not ready for no family ties, ... don't start clinging to me."

Sudoku answers on page 47

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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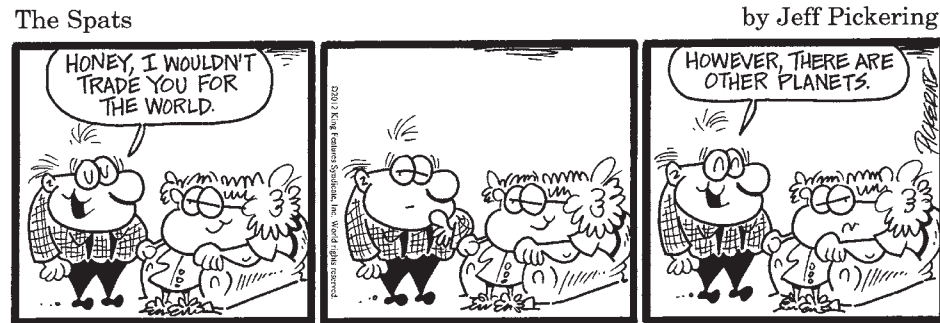
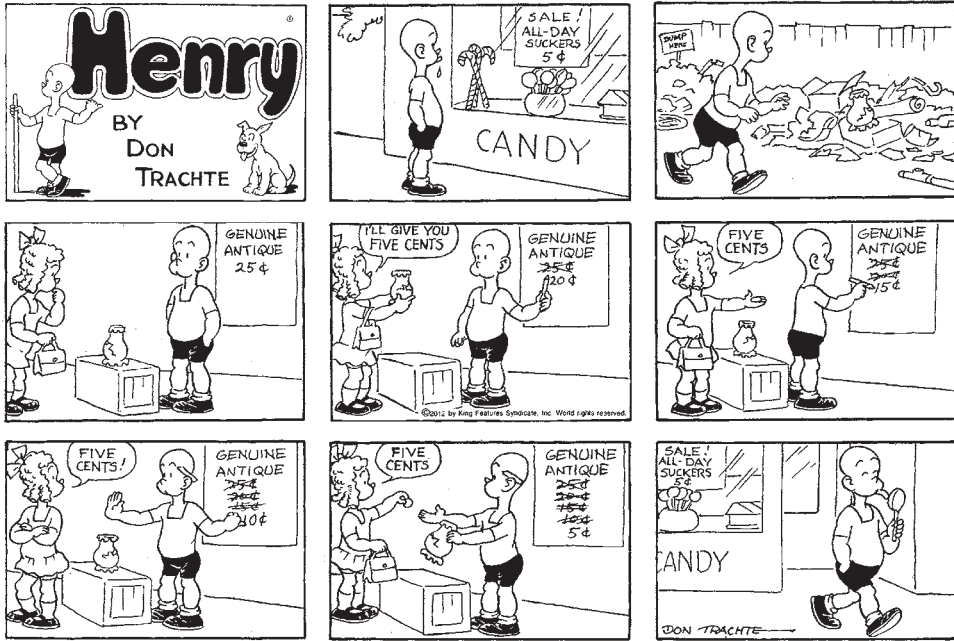
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- 12 Beehive State
- 13 Every last bit
- 14 Crooner Jerry
- 15 Use a teaspoon
- 16 Spy-novel org.
- 17 "... and to -- good-night!"
- 18 Alaskan brown bear
- 20 "GWTW" hero
- 22 To the -- degree
- 23 Trail behind
- 24 Spoof
- 27 Locales for snuffing
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- 44 Apiary home
- 46 Gaucho's weapon
- 47 Temple University team
- 48 Humorous poet gden
- 51 Fish eggs

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Peter Billingsley

HOLLYWOOD -- Alfred Hitchcock was the master of suspense and the macabre, and earned his fame through classic films such as "Rear Window" (1954), "The Man Who Knew Too Much" (1956) and "Vertigo" (1958), all starring James Stewart; "North By Northwest" with Cary Grant (1959), "Psycho" with Anthony Perkins (1960) and "The Birds" with Rod Taylor (1963), to name just a few. In the recent HBO film "The Girl," Tippi Hedren (played by Sienna Miller) reveals how Hitchcock (played by Toby Jones) attempted to blackmail her for sexual favors.

Now, Fox Searchlight has pushed up the release date for its "Hitchcock" biopic, due out Nov. 23. The film, which stars Oscar-winner Anthony Hopkins as Hitchcock, premiered at the American Film Institute Festival, is sure to figure heavily in the Oscar race. Oscar-winner Helen Mirren ("The Queen") plays his wife, and Scarlett Johansson and newlywed Jessica Biel co-star. It tells the love story between Hitchcock and his wife during the filming of "Psycho."

He'd always had a penchant for beautiful blondes, as demonstrated by the females in his films: Joan Fontaine ("Rebecca"), Ingrid Bergman ("Spellbound"), Grace Kelly ("Rear Window"), Doris Day ("The Man Who Knew Too Much"), Kim Novak ("Vertigo"), Eva Marie Saint (North by Northwest"), Janet Leigh ("Psycho"), and Tippi Hedren ("The Birds" and "Marnie"). Rent any of these films, and you'll wind up renting them all ... they're that great!

Jeremy Renner, Oscar nominated for "The Hurt Locker" and "The Town," who took over the "Bourne" legacy from Matt Damon, has replaced Steve Carell in "Imagine." It's

a dramedy that stars Julianne Moore and Al Pacino, who plays a 60-something Springsteen-type rocker who discovers an unopened letter written to him by John Lennon when he was 19. That inspires him to find the son he's never met (Renner). Lucky for us, Pacino can play anyone, even Bruce Springsteen.

Vince Vaughn, who normally does comedies like "Lay the Favorite" with Bruce Willis and Catherine Zeta-Jones, and the upcoming reteaming with Owen Wilson in "Internship" out June 7, will next do "Triple Time," an action-thriller being directed by his "Couple's Retreat" director Peter Billingsley. Remember the little boy in the perennial holiday movie "A Christmas Story"? That little boy, 12 years old then, is now 40 and the director of "Triple Time." When you play in an iconic film like "A Christmas Story" it becomes a part of your life forever. For several years he's been trying to exec produce a musical adaption of it. So when you watch that film again this year, know that the little boy with glasses who longs for a Red Ryder BB Gun can demand Vince Vaughn to move in "Triple Time" ... and he'll do it!

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After the Storm - Know the Issues to Protect Your Rights

Many homes and businesses in our State suffered major damage during Hurricane Sandy. For some property owners, the aftermath of the storm may raise local zoning and wetland concerns in addition to questions of insurance coverage. Although picking up the pieces after this massive storm will be challenging, this article provides basic tips to help you maximize your insurance claim and recovery.

1. Find your insurance policy – the entire policy.
2. Contact your insurance company or agent immediately.
3. Take photos of the damage.
4. Make a list of damaged or lost items.
5. Do not make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property.
6. Keep a diary of all contact and conversations with your insurer.
7. If you can still live in the home, talk with your agent about critical repairs that need to be made. Whether you make the repairs or hire someone, save the receipts for your claim.
8. Keep receipts for everything: e.g. - hotels, meals, or gas for generators.
9. Do not feel like you have to agree on a settlement. If you cannot reach an agreement with your insurance company, consider hiring a public adjuster or an attorney.
10. Review your local zoning regulations.

If you have a disagreement with your insurance company, you have options. Don't be afraid to negotiate, especially if the insurance company's first offer does not meet your expectations. If you believe you are being treated unfairly, you should consider filing a claim with the Connecticut Insurance Department or by contacting an attorney.

Before you resolve claims with an insurance company, it is important to understand the true impact to your property and know your rights. Changes in local zoning, wetland or costal management regulations can have a significant impact on a property owner's ability to rebuild a home or business. In such an event, an individual's claim may be significantly larger than one may think.

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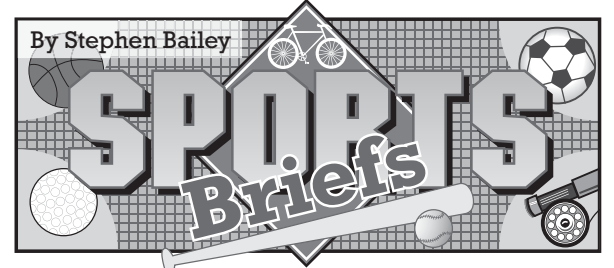
LOCAL SPORTS

Attolino Leads Football Spartans To Victory On Senior Night

Amity football sent its 17 seniors off in style on November 11 with a 44-20 stomping of Wilbur Cross. Running back David Attolino led the senior group with 179 yards and two touchdowns as the Spartans tacked up 372 yards of total offense — 340 of which came via the ground game — and improved to 4-4 on the season. Dave Buono added 98 yards and quarterback James Semmonella returned from a concussion in the victory as well.

Amity ran out to a 14-0 lead on a pair of quick 54-yard drives. A Joey Choine-re 22-yard carry around the right side was the highlight of the first drive before a 39-yard Buono scamper set up a 1-yard keeper from Semmonella to cap the second possession with 4:24 left in the first quarter. After sacking Governors' quarterback Jaylin Fuller on the ensuing possession, 17- and 10-yard runs from Attolino and Tyler Burns set up Semmonella for another 1-yard scoring sneak. Ben Feola then picked off a Matt Ricketts pass, Burns found Nick Buttone for a 14-yard connection and Attolino broke free for a 30-yard score to push the Spartans lead to 30-0 with 4:01 left.

Wilbur Cross cut the lead to 30-6, but never seriously threatened. Attolino tacked on a 45-yard TD run in the fourth quarter before Buono finished the Spartans' scoring effort with a 46-yarder of his own. Amity held the 2-7 Governors to only 78 rushing yards and intercepted their three quarterbacks four times.



By Stephen Bailey

Amity Boys' Soccer' Upended in LL Quarterfinals

The No. 2 seed Spartans fell to No. 7 seed Greenwich 3-1 in the Class LL state tournament on November 14. Amity entered the tournament 14-2-2 and defeated 31st seeded Fairfield Warde in the first round and No. 15 seed Simsbury 2-0 in the second round before falling to the Cardinals.

Joey Guerra played the role of hero in both victories, scoring all three goals to close out his season total at 24. Guerra tallied a score against Warde from the top of the 18-yard box in the 22nd minute off a pass from Justyn Broderick. Guerra followed that up with a goal in the 33rd minute of the Spartans' matchup against Simsbury — Matt Whitehall assisted on that one — and completed the trio 46 minutes later, beating out-of-position Trojans goalkeeper Chris Morris from 35 yards out.

With the two clean sheets, Amity goalie Griffin Volta improved his season total to eight shutouts.

Lady Spartans Girls' Volleyball Falls In Second Round Of LLs

The 11th-seeded Lady Spartans defeated No. 22 seed Norwich Free Academy 3-0 on November 9 before falling 3-2 to No.6 Newtown a day later. Sydnee Sousa led the co-SCC champion Spartans in its first-round win over NFA connecting on all 18 of her serves and tallying seven kills. Amanda Vecchio missed only one of her 18 tries from the service and chalked up six aces while Kathryn Pisano added 26 assists. Claire Foster recorded a team-high 17 digs and Allison Denny chipped in with 12 kills and three blocks.

Two dinks from Rebecca Denny helped cap a match-opening 13-4 run as Amity eventually took the first set 25-19. Leading the second set 11-10, a Sousa ace started a 10-5 run that included a pair of Allison Denny kills. After the Wildcats battled back to 23-21, another Sousa kill and an ace from Pisano put the Lady Spartans ahead 2-0.

Amity jumped out in front 7-2 in the third set with aces from Pisano and Vecchio and two more kills from Allison Denny helped push the lead to 14-6. An 11-2 NFA run gave the Wildcats their first lead of the match at 17-16, but the Lady Spartans prevailed again winning three straight points to take the decisive set 28-25. Amity led twice against Newtown, winning the first and third sets, but dropped the fifth and final one 15-9 as their season came to a close.

Amity Girls' Soccer Ends Season With Loss To New Milford

After defeating No. 23 seed Danbury 2-1 (2OT) in the opening round of the Class LL state tournament, Amity fell to 26th-seeded New Milford in the second round. After a Tara Ramirez goal tied the score 1-1 late in regulation the Lady Spartans were eliminated by the Green Wave via penalty kicks (3-2). Maeghan Howard knocked home her PK on Amity's first attempt, but Ramirez and Cassie Giza were denied and Maddie Dellert's try sailed over the net to end the Lady Spartans' season.

LOCAL SPORTS



Pisano Looking Forward to 2013 Spartan's Season

By Stephen Bailey – Orange Town News Correspondent

For the seniors on the Amity girls' volleyball team, the 3-2 loss to Newtown in the quarterfinals of the Class LL state tournament meant the end of their careers. But for the juniors, it was just a warning. They would have one more chance to catapult the rising program to the top of Connecticut's talent pool and deep into the lore of Amity athletics.

And according to junior starting setter Kathryn Pisano, the Lady Spartans' expectations are nothing short of perfection. "I think it's definitely possible for us to be undefeated through the regular season next year," Pisano said. "I think we can definitely take the SCC championship again next year and we can definitely get further into states if not win states next year."

Amity finished the 2012 regular season 14-4, Housatonic Division champions and co-Southern Connecticut Conference champions with Cheshire after the championship game between the Lady Spartans and Rams was cancelled due to a snowstorm. The Lady Spartans earned the No. 11 seed in LLs and proceeded to stomp No. 22 seed Norwich Free Academy 3-0 in the first round. But after taking a 1-0 lead against 6th-seeded Newtown, the season came to a crashing close as the Nighthawks rallied to win in five sets.

Pisano and her teammates wanted to extend the season for seniors Rebecca Denny, Kristen Post and captain Sydnee Sousa, but despite the confidence and early advantage against Newtown, it didn't happen. "I think there was a little of the underdog feeling, but our coach (Paul Thees) had told us before that he knew we could win and take them down and that would show a lot," "... I think we really knew that we could do it and during the match we came out winning the first game so that kind of put us on top to start."

Still, 2012 was Amity's most successful season in half a decade and they were eliminated by a better team record-wise — nothing to hang their heads on. Pisano said this year's team was tight-knit on and off the court, much more so than the two previous teams she had been a part of. With Sousa and Allison Denny providing the powerful spikes up front, Rebecca Denny and Post directing accurate winners from the outside hitter position and Pisano setting them all up, the Lady Spartans grew a strong on-court chemistry. "I think this year was different than last year because we had a stronger bond off the court where we were actually good friends, and that helped us a lot in our game play," Pisano said. "As a whole we're just talented athletes altogether."

After closing out the regular season, Amity stormed through the SCC tournament and rocked Mercy in four sets to set up a championship bout with archrival Cheshire. The Lady Spartans had split with the Rams in the regular season—winning the second round—and were confident in their ability to repeat the result, Pisano said. But the snowstorm, which blustered roughly 10 inches of powder on the state, forced the match to be ruled a draw. For the first time in conference history, there were co-champions. "We knew we could obviously beat them so it was frustrating to have to be co-champs," Pisano said.

The Lady Spartans showed little rust against NFA. Sousa connected on all 18 of her serves and tallied seven kills and Allison Denny recorded 12 kills and three blocks in the 3-0 rout. Pisano provided 26 assists while Amanda Vecchio chipped in with six aces and Claire Foster recorded a team-high 17 digs. But against Newtown, miscommunication and mental errors cost Amity, said Pisano. The Lady Spartans dropped the fifth set 15-9 in their season-ending loss. Now Pisano and Co. look toward next year.

The team's close bond will only be firmed up next year, said Pisano; her class (Pisano, Allison Denny, Vecchio, Foster, Liz Marino, Janae Graham, Heather Watt and Ashley Graham) has been good friends since signing up as freshmen. Pisano, Denny, Vecchio and the libero Marino started for the Lady Spartans this year, but all will be key contributors next season. And next year, it will be their turn to extend their careers game-by-game. The only question is whether or not they can culminate them with a victory in the LL finals. "As far as the state tournament, I think that we did well and we did make it to the second round which was good," Pisano said, "but I would've liked to see us have won that game because we definitely could have. Next year we can definitely get a lot farther. We can definitely win states next year."



Orange residents: Matt Perrotti, Michael Allen, Paul Buda, Brian Forbes, Clayton Fischman, Michael Gulia, James Sansone, Nu-Kwan Fair, Cameron Jurzyk. Woodbridge residents: Kai Ellis, and Ice Kane. The rest of the team is made up of players from Derby, Milford, and Shelton.

Black Knights End Successful Season

The American Youth Football League's Black Knights travel team just ended another successful season as the undefeated champions in the national Big Blue Bash tournament in Richlands, Virginia. The team won all three games in the tournament, wrapping up an undefeated season. Many of the teammates, who are now in junior high school, started playing together at just seven years old in a local Pop Warner league before joining the American Youth league. The team, which is made up of boys from Orange, Woodbridge and surrounding towns, is coached by Jim Sansone and plays teams from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Jersey. In the three years the Black Knights have played together, it has yet to lose a game! EVER!

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too -- didn't it?)

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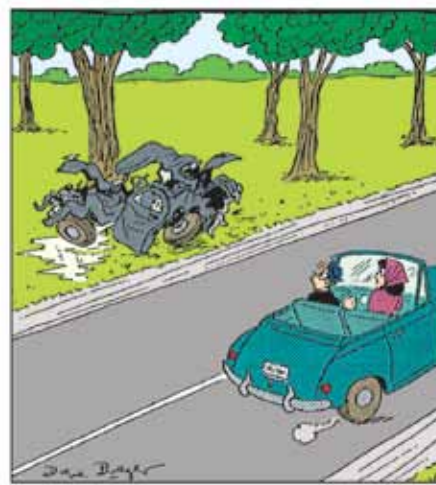
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are caring and considerate -- two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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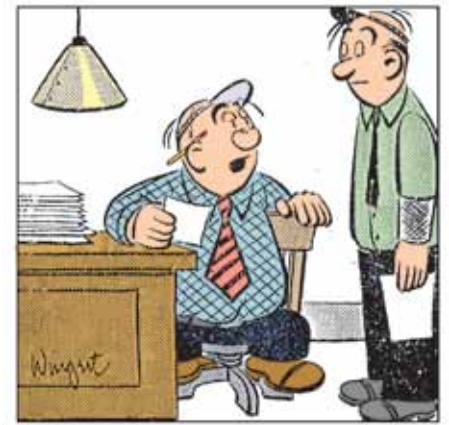
"Gee! Sure makes one drive sorta careful for a couple of miles or so ..."

LAFF-A-DAY



"I stepped on a nail."

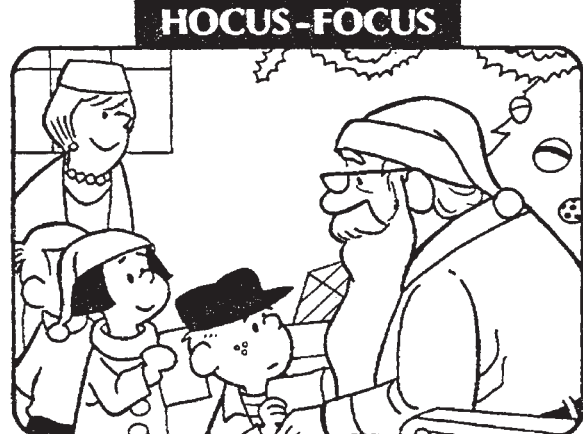
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Puppy Thinks Shoes are Chew Toys



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Help! Our new puppy, "Elwood," is getting into everything, chewing up my kids' shoes and tearing the stuffing out of stuffed animals. Any advice on getting him to stop? -- Jessica G., via email

DEAR JESSICA: Getting a puppy to completely stop exploring and chewing is a job that requires time and patience. You also need to re-configure your house to keep Elwood safe. If he ingests a shard of plastic or some other indigestible item, a poisonous plant or medicines from lower bathroom cabinets, he could be in serious danger.

First, pet proof the house. Invest in toddler safety gates (if you don't already have some) to limit Elwood to parts of the house where he's less likely to find shoes, toys and other objects. In that gated-off area, remove kids' toys, clothing, stuffed animals and other chewable objects. Lift potted plants out of his reach (the leaves of many houseplants are poisonous to pets).

Make sure Elwood has access to his pet bed and to appropriate chew toys, and check on him frequently. Puppies should not be left alone for long periods of time, for many reasons.

Next, get that basic obedience training regime going. Grab a book or three on dog training, all of which will cover important basic commands like "sit," "stay," "come" and "heel." Spend at least 30 minutes every day working with Elwood, in addition to twice-daily walks and generous amounts of playtime.

Chewing behavior is very common in puppies, but tends to diminish as they mature. If he continues to destroy everything in sight, talk to his veterinarian or try a group dog-training class. Anxiety or other issues can be at the root of long-term chewing problems.

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

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