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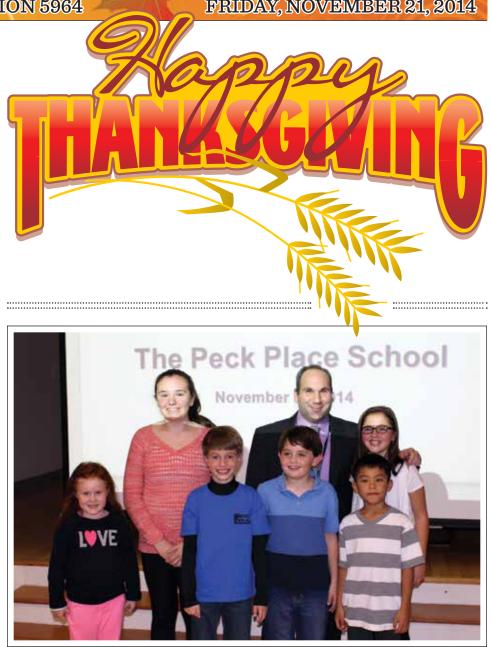
SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

Local business owners are urging Orange residents to take the 'shop local' crusade one step further this holiday season and shop from independent local retailers. The Boston Post Road is home to dozens of options for holiday shoppers who are looking to support the local economy while finding that perfect gift. Supporting mom-and-pop shops can bring the timelessness back to the holiday season, while still offering the option of trendy gifts.

Ugg boots continue to be a highly sought Christmas gift, according to Paul Cuticello, assistant store manager at Hawley Lane Shoes' Orange store. With most Ugg prices at Hawley Lane in the same price range as those offered at online retailers, Cuticello says he offers the added benefit of much better customer service. "It's important to have a good fit in a shoe, and it's important to support local businesses," he says.

Doreen Brown, owner of Pottery Plus in the Hitchcock Plaza, says it is the customer service and individual assistance that keeps shoppers coming back to her shop each holiday season. Brown expects Alex & Ani jewelry, Vera Bradley bags and accessories and Uno de 50 leather and silver jewelry to continue to be hot sellers this season. "We've noticed more people making an effort to shop local, and that's nice to see," Brown says. Pottery Plus is celebrating its 30th year in business this year. "Yes, we support the local tax base, but we also employ people from the community, and we try to give back wherever we can," she says, adding, "And don't forget, we still gift-wrap. You can't get that anymore! It's part of the personal attention we're able to give to our customers in Orange."



PECK STUDENTS PRACTICE 'PAWSITIVE' BEHAVIOR

By Melisa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

When Peck Place students went back to school in September, they not only came back to a bright and newly renovated school, they came back to a new set of expectations. The staff began implementing a new program, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which will examine school climate and systems so that educators can best meet the social, behavioral, and academic needs of all children. Curriculum Facilitator for the school, Susan Lukianov, said the process began with teachers calibrating the definitions for behaviors, so that expectations of students

Michele DeMartino, owner of Chef's Equipment Emporium was so pleased with her decision to open her store in Orange a few years ago that she bought a house in

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PECK PLACE STUDENTS ENGAGE IN VISUAL LITERACY ACTIVITY

Well known story teller Tom Lee visited Peck Place School on Monday, November 10, 2014. Mr. Lee guided students through the thinking and discourse process of writing. Mr. Lee engaged students in retelling a myth taken from the Iliad, Book XVIII, "The Shield of Achilles". He invited students to sketch what they imagined their shield would look like. Students then used their drawings to write a description of their personal shields.

In addition, the fifth graders at Peck Place School observed works of art in a technique referred to as "reading a painting". The goal of this mini workshop was to help students add more tools to their "writer's toolbox" and unlock the creative process of writing.

Research shows that when students observe and infer through rich conversation the next step is creation. According to Denise Cassano in Edutopia, (August 7, 2014), "We don't know what the future holds for our students, but we do know that they will have to think critically, make connections, and communicate clearly." This approach to learning spans all writing modalities and genres.

Funding for this course was provided by the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation (www. jamiehulleyartsfund.org).



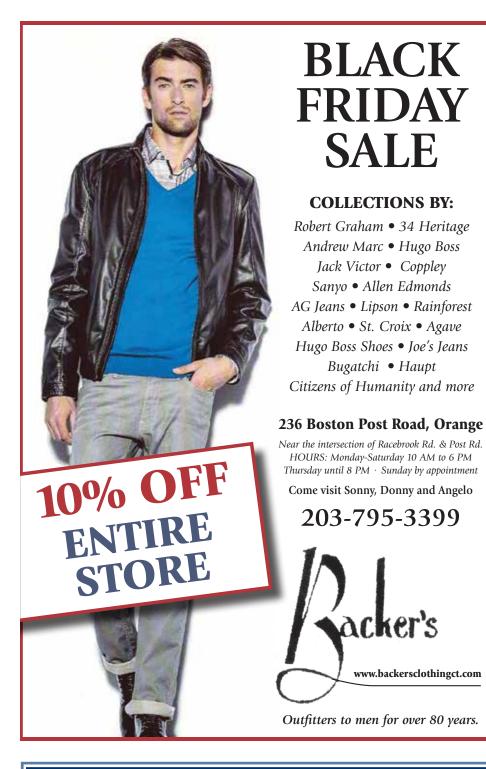


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The Peck Place School PTO purchased this new, state of the art kiln for the art room. The previous kiln was quite old and in need of TLC. When the school needed to be emptied for the remediation process, which resulted from pipes bursting last winter, the old kiln did not fare well. This is just one of the many things that the PTO does for the benefit of the students and the school.



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CUB SCOUT PACK 922 VISITS BATTLESHIP COVE

Cub Scout Pack 922, chartered by the Orange Volunteer Fire Department in Orange, CT, recently made a trip to Battleship Cove, in Fall River, MA to explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. After touring the battleship Massachusetts, destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., submarine Lionfish, PT Boats 617 & 796, and the Russian missile corvette Hiddensee, the scouts, their parents, and adult leaders spent the night of November 1st on board the famous Battleship Massachusetts.

Battleship Cove serves as the Commonwealth's official memorial for the Massachusetts citizens of all military branches who lost their lives in World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars. Most recently, the memorial mission was expanded to include the Commonwealth's victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Preserving five National Historic Landmark naval vessels, Battleship Cove also delivers educational programs that expose a national audience of 60,000 youths to a mission that promotes duty, honor and country. Battleship Cove's Nautical Nights program included a storyteller, question/answer session from a Navy Veteran who actually served aboard the Massachusetts battleship during wars and battles, major motion pictures, and knot tying. The trip has enabled the scouts to better understand and appreciate the sacrifices made by veterans of all military branches in all wars.

Jeff Cap, cubmaster for Pack 922 shared with the scouts his name being displayed on the Joseph P. Kennedy on the Volunteer Hall of Fame plaque. Individuals who dedicate five or more years of volunteering their time to improving the memorial ships, specifically the Joseph P. Kennedy for him, are recognized in this fashion. Jeff volunteered for over ten years attending "field days" that consist of three or four day weekends, twice a year. Jeff volunteers for this cause to give back to the military because both of his grandfathers served in the Navy during World War II.

Cub Scout Pack 922 visits Battleship Cove approximately every two years.

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On Thursday, October 23rd, 2014, students from Amity Middle School in Orange were able to find out what the role of government is? They participated in the school's annual Government Day. Students wrote an essay to the event's coordinator, social studies teacher Jennifer Marganski, explaining why they would like to take on a particular municipal job for the day and what they hoped to learn from the experience. The following students assumed the following positions for the day: First Selectman – Jonathan Schachter, Police Chief – Colton Varholak, Building Inspector – Jody Liu, Fire Marshal– Mia Zajac, Assessor –James Lee, Park and Rec. Director – Alexis Halstead, Librarian – Julia Potter, Dept. of Community Services – Arianna Pargen, Public Works – Madelyn Ciskowski, Registrar of Voters – Allison Hummel, Town Engineer – Jason Lee, Town Clerk-Mounisha Anumolu, Sanitarian- Rachel Eagle and Tax Collector – Danielle Lee.



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It was a perfect day for the students and faculty at Peck Place School to parade outside the school in front of the many onlookers that came to watch them during their annual Halloween parade. The entire school, once again, surprised all that came to watch them with a flash mob routine to the song Monster Mash!



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are clear and consistent across the school.

"Teachers also utilized a common referral form that is based on clearly defined behavioral outcomes (PAWS behaviors) for students. As these 'behind the scenes' components are introduced, students and staff share clearly defined expectations and goals. The data collected throughout is used to identify the 'what, when, where and who' for student behaviors. The data is then used to make modifications to systems, practices and supports," she says.

As Fifth Grade Teacher Michelle Behun explains, "In education today, schools are required to carry out a multitude of initiatives. Between the academic rigor of the Common Core State Standards through math and literacy, new teacher evaluations and the National Smarter Balanced Testing, we have a lot to juggle. In addition to all of this, our students are faced with even more social and behavioral expectations. We needed a program to tie all of these things together."

She says that although the program is used in many other schools, implementation and roll-out at Peck Place is unique: "Although the tenants of the program are the same, we've given PBIS our own personal touch."

The purpose of PBIS is to encourage positive behavior from students in every capacity of their school environment. From the moment they step on the bus on the morning, throughout their academics, lunch and recess, until they arrive home in the afternoon, boys and girls are expected to act in an appropriate manner.

"It is our job as educators to model and acknowledge this behavior so that our students grow to be inspiring members of society. Science shows that boys and girls are not born with bad behavior, it is up to us to demonstrate the good behavior and encourage our students to follow our modeling. We are not trying to reinvent the wheel. We are taking what was already in place and tying it to one common goal: helping our students shine and be their best," Behun says.

Kelley Stevens, a second grade teacher at Peck says the practiced behaviors are quickly becoming habitual and are benefitting teachers as well as students. "With improved behavior, the learning experience and the teaching experience become better. The teacher can now focus on the lessons at hand and the children become more focused and spend more time on task. And with all of that comes improved test scores and an all-around better learning experience," Stevens says.

Jayne Whitman, a fifth grader at Peck Place, shares what 'practicing kindness' looks like: "Posters were hung around the school telling us what the appropriate behavior should look like. All of our teachers take time to remind us what these behaviors look like in different parts of our day – in our classroom, walking the halls to lunch."

As first grader Sarah Higgins explains, "At Peck Place School, we are known as the Panthers, so we focus on our Panther PAWS: 'P' stands for practice kindness, 'A' for act responsibly, 'W' for work and play safely, and 'S,' we strive for success. Each and every day we show our teachers our best behavior in all areas."

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Students caught showing 'pawsitive' behavior can receive a Panther Pass as recognition.

Second grader Aidan Sor says, "The person who gives the pass tells us what they liked about our behavior. We take the ticket and place it in a box for our grade level. Students at Peck Place School can earn many tickets and everyone gives them out, including our bus drivers!'

Each week, Principal Eric Carbone shares an updated total of how many Panther Passes students have received. To date, over 7,000 passes have been given.

According to fourth grader James Schmitt, "We are working toward a school reward. When we reach 10,000 Panther Passes, the teachers at Peck are going to put on a karaoke concert where they will get on stage and show us their singing skills!"

In the meantime, each Friday, there is a drawing from the tickets and one student from each grade level is selected and their name is read over the morning announcements. That student is the Panther Pick of the Week.

As third grader Matthew McLeod explains, "They receive a certificate for their refrigerator at home, they get to pick from the Panther Treasure Chest and their name goes on a PAW print on a display in front of the school. The best part is, there's no limit to the number of times you can win. The more you demonstrate pawsitive behavior, the better chance you have to win."

Charlotte DelVecchio, a six grader, says, "All of the kids at Peck love getting rewards and recognition for good behavior. We are all looking forward to each day and what fun things are coming next."



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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

I wish to thank you, the citizens of my District who have chosen to entrust me to represent your interests. After personally meeting so many of you, please know that I have heard you, and I will work my hardest to serve you.

I understand that many have been frustrated with an excessive tax burden and government waste. I will work to address your concerns and focus on utilizing our resources where truly needed. As previously pledged, I will do my utmost to make Connecticut more affordable for all of us.

I am honored and humbled by your support, and wish to be readily accessible for my constituents. I can be reached at 203-410-3207 or cferraro04@snet.net. Thanks again.

Thank you!

Charles Ferraro State Representative 117th District

To the Editor

I cannot say enough about the group of people (friends, new friends, and supporters) who took so much of their personal time to help this campaign the past five months by writing postcards, making phone calls, writing letters of support, walking with me as I knocked on doors, assembling signs, putting our sign on their lawns, making more phone calls, writing more letters, and stepping up on election day to GOTV! A simple thank you does not seem like enough, for now though, I say thank you, and our campaign thanks you!

And, to those who placed their confidence in our campaign by casting a vote for us--THANK YOU! I look forward to working for you and all of the good people of the 119th District. Please feel free to contact me @ 203-530-9838 or staneski@ sbcglobal.net.

I want to extend a thank you to Representative James Maroney for his service to our community for the past two years.

Pam Staneski State Representative Elect 119th District

To the Editor

I find the Paul Ode Nature Trail and the Senior Center both refreshing and gratifying. The sights and sounds of Mother Nature and people at their very best!

Youths enjoy various activities, soccer, football, basketball as well as tennis and the like; young children in the swimming pool, laughing uproariously and having such fun! Families gathering together to enjoy a barbecue...What a wonderful privilege to have all of this in our own backyards! Residents, we are indeed fortunate to be living in such a great town. Breathe in the fresh air and enjoy. Winter is quickly approaching. We look forward to Spring, when we can resume our fun activities. In the meantime, stay warm. And, God Bless America! *Vivian L Massell*

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To the Editor

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 127 of Orange

To the Editor

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered on my campaign—the support I received throughout the 114th District on Election Day would not have been possible without your time and effort. Being selected to continue working in Hartford representing Woodbridge, Orange and Derby is certainly humbling, and I'll do my best to reward the faith placed in me.

Last week, I was given the additional honor of being selected by my colleagues to serve as House Republican Leader. I look forward to tackling issues that people here and statewide agree matter most to their families, friends, and neighbors: getting our state budget back on firm footing, jumpstarting Connecticut's weak economy, and making strides in education.

As always, feel free to contact my office (800-842-1423 or themis.klarides@ housegop.ct.gov) with your questions, ideas, or concerns about issues tied to state government.

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Holiday Market

Friday, December 5, just in time for the holiday! Local crafters and vendors will be on hand from 10-3pm. All proceeds go to the Community Assistance Fund. We do need baked items for the Senior Center Bake Sale table.

Money Management

Money Management Club, will host Chad Lombardi from Morgan Stanley as he discusses Municipal Bonds— Staying Ahead of the Curve, November 14 from 9:00 to 10:00am. The group will meet again on December 5. The group is intended as a means to share and discuss basic financial planning experiences and perhaps review some investment vehicles of interest. This group is intended for entertainment purposes only.

Teen Tech Talk

Teen Tech Talk, a partnership between the Orange Senior Center and Or Shalom, brings Amity Teens to the Senior Center to teach seniors how to use their iPhones, iPads, and laptops. The sessions are the 2nd Tuesday of the month, beginning November 18 at 4:00pm in the Sr. Lounge. RSVP to the office at (203)891-4784.

Movie of the Month

Friday, November 21, 1:00pm, "Dallas Buyer's Club" with Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. In 1985 Dallas electrician and hustler Ron Woodroof works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is himself diagnosed with the disease. Popcorn & soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

NEW - Flower Arranging Class

Come join us for 3 Flower Arranging Seminars on Fridays before some upcoming holidays. November 21— Thanksgiving Theme, and December 19—Christmas/Hanukkah Theme. 10-12 in room 4. \$10 fee will be applied to cover the cost of materials. Call or stop by the office to register (203) 891-4784.

Book Club

Come join us for our FREE Senior Center Book Club to be held December 1, from 2:00-3:30pm in Lounge. Meets once a month. This month's title is My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor.

Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Clubs, Community Groups, Civic Organizations, Schools and Town Departments are invited to decorate one of the hallway doors at the Community Center for the annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest. Stop by the Community Services office and pick up an entry form. The entry deadline is November 26. All doors need to be decorated by December 3. Voting will take place between December 3 and 12. The winner will be announced at the Holiday Cabaret on December 15.

Holiday Dinner Dance

Come join us at the Grassy Hill Lodge for our annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 7 from 12 to 3:30. The Good 2 Go Band will be the musical entertainment from 1 to 3:30. The menu choices are Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Baked Salmon. 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 payable to Treasurer, Town of Orange. Tickets go on sale November 3.

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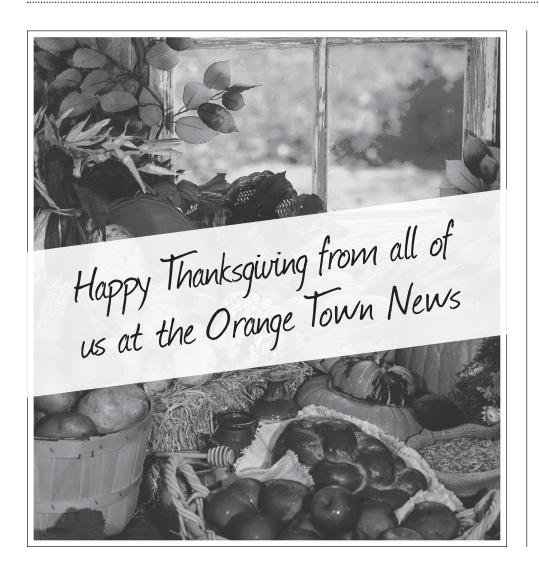
Sunday, January 4, 2015. The Maggie Dixon Classic between UConn Women and former Big East Conference Rival St. John's. There is nothing like seeing a live game. Cost \$71. This no minimum trip includes transportation and tickets to the game. Lunch is on your own at MSG. Full payment due at registration.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY ELVIS featuring Jeff Krick @ the Hu Ke Lau

Sunday, January 11, 2015. We will sing Happy Birthday to the only KING of Rock N Roll at this exclusive matinee show at the Hu Ke Lau in Chicopee MA. Jeff Krick will amaze you with his talent and Elvis looks. Choice of Rime Rib or Baked Scrod. Cost \$71. This shared trip includes transportation, lunch, reserved seating, taxes and gratuities. Full payment due at registration.

ESCAPE TO SOME SUN @ MOHEGAN SUN

Wednesday, January 28-29, 2015. At Mohegan Sun every turn leads to a new adventure with an indoor 7-story waterfall, the world's largest and most spectacular planetarium dome and the awe-inspiring Wombi Rock. Cost \$163pp double. This no minimum trip includes round-trip transportation, Hotel Accommodations, 2 Buffet Vouchers, \$20 free slot play. Full payment due at registration.



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Accentuate the Positive, Eliminate the Negative

Seniors sometimes buy into the stereotypes that we're over the hill, getting weak and past our prime. Not only that, but we often develop negative attitudes about

others in our group simply because of their age.

There is at least one way to counter that negativity.

Researchers at UC Berkeley and Yale found a way to use positive subliminal messages to increase activity levels in seniors and increase physical health -- and it only took a few weeks. The results were better than six months of exercise.

One hundred seniors with an average age of 80 were divided into four groups for multiple 15-minute sessions. Some were given implicit or explicit messages. Some wrote essays about being active. Some were given positive subliminal oneword messages, flashed on a computer screen so fast they couldn't really be seen.

Psychological improvements were seen in the form of more positive self-perceptions, which then improved physical strength (getting up and down from a chair, holding a pose, staying balanced and walking). The benefits of all those positive messages lasted at least three weeks after the final session.

Only those who wrote essays didn't see any benefits.

In two similar studies, seniors who were flashed negative subliminal messages saw lower memory performance.

Self-stereotyping about age comes at us in two batches: the first when we hit a "number" that defines us as a member of senior group, such as collecting Social Security; the second when we ourselves start to buy into the negativity about aging by denying it as long as we can.

While we can't flash positive subliminal messages at ourselves on a computer screen, we can seek out the positive wherever we are.

UNIQUE FINDS

By Annamarie Mastrangelo Amore



The fall foliage has finally peaked in our area and the spectacular array of colors instantly brings back memories of autumns past. Most memorable are the 1980s of my teenage years. A decade of big changes, big spending and big hair fueled by the television shows we watched and notably the music videos of MTV.

A few weeks ago I was invited to see Mullett, an 80s cover band that my crazy friends follow all over Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. For months they had been telling me that I just had to see Mullett, claiming that they were the premier band for faithful renditions of great Rock n' Roll bands of the 80s like Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Journey, Poison and Van Halen.

As Mullet took the stage I was amused because all the band members were decked out in 80s attire consisting of Spandex leggings, colorful shirts and, of course, their signature big Mullet hair. All four members are only known to their fans as their 80s alter egos. When they started to play the dance floor was immediately flooded with Mullett fans dancing, hand pumping and singing all the words to their favorite songs, right along with "Ron" Jovi, the Master of Ceremonies and lead singer who steals all the attention from the ladies in the audience. "Jeff" Leppard on drums is a performer from start to finish, giving everyone a rock experience reminiscent of the era. At first glance "Dan" Halen appears to be the more subdued member until you hear him ripping on his guitar or keyboard to tunes like Guns and Roses', Sweet Child of Mine; then you realize he is serious, a serious guitar player. Last, but certainly not least, is "Teddy" Lee, the nail-polished, kimono wearing bass player, who gives it all up favoring the ladies in front of the stage.

If you love Rock n' Roll and are looking for entertainment that recreates the vibe of the 80s, then Mullett is the Band to see. From college campuses, local bars, nightclubs and casinos, Mullett has the ability to captivate its audience and transport them back to the 80s with every song played. You can check out upcoming dates in your area on its website www.mullettrocks.com. Catch Mullett at a venue near you. I promise you will not be disappointed.

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE DEPARTMENT **OF PUBLIC WORKS**



Snow Plowing Policy

There are over 110 miles of streets in the Town of Orange. Snow removal can cost up to \$2,500.00 per hour. Therefore, it is important for the Department of Public Works to use its resources wisely with cooperation from the residents to minimize the cost.

Plow Routes

The streets are plowed and sanded in order of priority. Main (collector) roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills and difficult intersections. Side streets are done next, then dead-end streets. Side streets will remain unplowed if the main roads require repeat plowing due to heavy volume of snowfall. This may not seem fair to the residents of side streets or dead-ends; however, the main roads must remain open.

Blocked Driveways

All snow plows angle the same way; to the driver's right. While plowing, the plow will push the snow in front of a residential driveway. The homeowner is responsible for access to his/her driveway. The only way to avoid additional snow removal is to wait until DPW work crews have completed their final clean up of your road.

Mailbox Damage

The town repairs or replaces only those mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by the plow blade. Usually, a paint mark or tire tracks provide evidence of a mailbox strike. The Town does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal; including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside. It is recommended that homeowners do not purchase and utilize plastic mailboxes and/or posts as they are subject to damage. DPW recommends the use of a 4" x 4" wooden post or 2" metal pipe with a metal mailbox.

Private Plowing

The Town of Orange prohibits private plow contractors from pushing snow from private driveways or parking lots onto Town streets. This practice is dangerous and impedes the Town's snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing the snow into the street, the plow driver must plow off the windrow left across the street by re-plowing until the road is safe. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but certainly it should be no worse than when the driver began work.

No Parking

The Town of Orange Snow Removal Ordinance takes effect on November 1 of each year, and continues to April 1 of the following year. During this time, there shall be no parking on public roads during snowstorms. Should your vehicle be parked on the street causing an obstruction to snow removal vehicles, your vehicle may be ticketed or removed by the Town of Orange Police Department. The cost of removal and any other subsequent fees shall be borne upon the owner of the vehicle.

Snow Stakes

The Town of Orange Highway Department reminds Orange residents to install

TOWN OF ORANGE HOLIDAY HOURS 2014

In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the Town of Orange holiday hours are as follows with the noted exceptions and for those departments providing emergency services:

• Wednesday, December 24, 2014 - Town Offices

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will close at 1:00 p.m. Exception: Transfer Station



Town Hall

- will remain open to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 25, 2014 (CHRISTMAS DAY)- All Town Offices are closed.
- Friday, December 26, 2014 All Town Offices are closed. Exception: Transfer Station will remain open to 4:30 p.m.
- Town Pool will be open holiday hours from 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 31, 2014 All Town Offices will be open regular hours.
- Thursday, January 1, 2015 (NEW YEAR'S DAY) All Town Offices are closed.
- Friday, January 2, 2015 All Town Offices are closed. Exception: Transfer Station will be open to 4:30 p.m. and the Town Pool will be open holiday hours from 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014

(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)



Town Hall

1st	Zoning Board of Appeals7:00 pm	Town Hall
2nd	Economic Development Comm5:30 pm Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
4th	Bond Construction Oversight Cmte .7:30 pm OGAT7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
5th	Senior TRIAD1:00 pm	HPCC

"snow stakes" now before the ground freezes. It is difficult to distinguish between the pavement edge and the edge of a lawn in heavy snowfall. Installing stakes along property edges as close to pavement as possible without interfering with traffic will help homeowners avoid unsightly lawn damage this winter, especially for properties with underground sprinklers or invisible fencing. Snow stakes should be 30-36" high and can be purchased at a local hardware store. If using wooden stakes, paint the top 3" of the stakes red to increase visibility against snow.

Residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the Town of Orange Department of Public Works at (203) 891-4775.



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8th	Traffic Authority4:30 pmBoard of Police Comm4:30 pmAmity Board of Education6:30 pmConservation Comm7:00 pmOrange Board of Education7:30 pm	Police Dept Police Dept Woodbridge HPCC Mary L. Tracy Bldg
9th	Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Comm 7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	Safety & Health Cmte9:00 am Board of Selectmen7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
11th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte	Silverbrook Est. HPCC
15th	Family Counseling9:00 am Board of Finance7:30 pm Board of Health7:30 pm	HPCC Town Hall HPCC
16th	Recycling Cmte7:00 pm	HPCC
17th	Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
24th	Safety Comm9:00 am	Town Hall

TOWN DEPARTMENTS



By John Ulatowski



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

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

Youth Services High School Volunteers Can Assist With Orange Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities in regard attaining their necessary school volunteer credits. They are available for a wide variety of community, school, and organizations located in Orange. Contact John at Youth Services at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

Youth Services Newsletter Online Featuring Current Photos & Events

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

FROM THE ORANGE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Donald P. Foyer, Sr., Crew Chief

Snowplows vs. Mailbox

The Town of Orange Highway Department would like to remind homeowners of the town's mailbox policy. The Highway Department does not replace mailboxes or posts. If the slush from the snowplows knocks off a mailbox or breaks a post, the homeowner is responsible. Only if the Highway Department initiates contact with the homeowner will the post be repaired or the box replaced. Slush and snow thrown from the plows is unavoidable. It is up to the homeowner to take preventative steps to protect their mailbox.

The Highway Department suggests you do not use plastic mailboxes or posts. The plastic cannot withstand frigid cold temperatures. When slush or snow impacts cold plastic the plastic will shatter. We suggest using a good 4" x 4" wooden post or a 2" pipe with a metal box. This combination seems to be most durable.

Snow Removal Ordinance Now in Effect

JILL LAPLANTE SELECTED AS DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING

EDUCATION

Ms. LaPlante has served as a counselor at Amity Regional High School since 2008, and is in her sixteenth year as an Amity employee. Prior to serving as a high school counselor, she was a counselor for two years at the Amity Middle School in Bethany, and an English teacher for seven years at the Amity Middle School in Orange. Ms. LaPlante completed her undergraduate studies at Fairfield University (Major: English, Minor: Education), a Master's Degree at Fairfield University (School Counseling), and a Sixth Year Degree at Southern Connecticut State University (Educational Leadership).

Ms. LaPlante was selected from a pool of highly qualified candidates through a process that included a comprehensive screening, committee interview, performance task, and presentation. Candidates who excelled in all parts of the initial process were selected to participate in a final interview.

The Amity Regional High School Director of Counseling is responsible for overseeing a department of eight counselors, a Career Center Director, a social worker, a student assistance counselor, three school psychologists, and additional support staff. The goal of the position is to develop, articulate, and ensure the smooth and effective delivery of a comprehensive developmental counseling program for students in grades 9-12.

Ms. LaPlante said, "I'm excited about this opportunity. I'm looking forward to building on a long-standing tradition of excellence at Amity, and further enhancing our academic, career, and social programs geared to ensuring students are prepared for life after high school." Historically, over 92% of students graduating from Amity go on to two- and fouryear colleges or universities.

As the Director of Counseling, Ms. LaPlante will be charged with the responsibility of managing the college search and application process, as well as providing resources for non-college bound students - thus ensuring that all Amity students are well prepared for the broad range of opportunities that are available to them after high school. Amity Regional High School Principal Dr. Charles Britton said, "The responsibilities assigned to the Director of Counseling are critical. Our students and parents rely on a high-quality counseling department to guide them through the critical process of postsecondary planning. Ms. LaPlante has a keen insight into this process, and has articulated a clear vision that will lead Amity to even greater levels of success. I'm looking forward to having her as part of Amity's leadership team." Superintendent of Schools Charles Dumais added, "Jill demonstrated great energy and insight throughout the process. We are confident that she possesses the technical and adaptive leadership skills necessary to capitalize on current strengths and develop opportunities for growth."

Ms. LaPlante will assume the responsibilities of Director of Counseling on November 11, 2014.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY OFFERS DECEMBER ENTRANCE EXAM

For those who missed the November test date, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on Thursday, December 10 at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. To register for the exam, candidates for admission must submit

The Orange Highway Department would like to remind residents the no parking "Snow Removal Ordinance" is now in effect and will remain in effect until April 1, 2015. The "Unlawful to Park" is listed under Section 2 of the "Snow Removal Ordinance" and reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful at any time during the period between November 1st and April 1st for anyone to park, or allow to be parked, any vehicle in any street or highway of the Town of Orange in such a way as to hamper and interfere with the work of removing or plowing of snow or the removing or sending of ice from or on such street or highway."

The ordinance also authorizes the police to tag and remove, at the owner's expense, any vehicle parked, or allowed to be parked in the street. The Orange Highway Department is seeking the cooperation of all motor vehicle owners in keeping their vehicles parked off of the roadway during winter storms and when storms are forecasted to begin during the night. Residents who have a particular problem with off-street parking should seek the advice of the Police Department and not disregard the provisions of the Snow Removal Ordinance.

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the Application for Admission online at www. sacredhearthamden.org with \$60 fee by Friday, December 5. We ask students to arrive at 8:45 a.m. Testing concludes at Noon. For further information or to arrange an interview or "shadow day," please contact Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admission at 203-288-2309, x307.



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

Weekly Storytimes

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

Lapsit Storytime

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

Two-Year-Old Storytime

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

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

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

Events for Children

Music for Little Superstars with Al deCant Friday, December 5, 11 a.m. This music and movement class is for babies, toddlers, and children up to age 4.



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Holiday Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, December 22, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your bear and blankie and your favorite stuffed animal. For children ages 2-5. Registration is required and begins Monday, December 8 in the Children's Department.

Drama Workshop: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Saturday, January 10, 1:30 p.m.

Join drama specialist Ingrid Schaeffer and participate in a short play version of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory followed by fun themed activities including a donut on a string eating contest, M&Ms relay, golden egg relay, bubble blowing contest, and more! Finish by making your own ice cream cone and eating it! For children and teens ages 9 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Saturday, December 27 in the Children's Department. and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

Events for Adults Drop-In Tech Help

Held on the first and third Thursday of each month as follows: Thursdays, December 4, 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Get the answers to your technology questions in this informal, drop-in session. Our experts will be there to answer your questions about how your device works, how to load things onto it, and how to solve those annoying little problems that we all have from time to time!

Help is offered on a first-come, firstserved basis.

The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m.

Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Signature of All Things by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Wednesday, December 10, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

The untold true story of the backup singers behind some of the greatest musical legends of the 21st century. Both a tribute to the unsung voices who brought shape and style to popular music and a reflection on the conflicts, sacrifices and rewards of a career spent harmonizing with others.

2015 Oscar Ballot Contest

Thursday, January 15-Saturday, February 20

Cast your vote in the Best Picture, Acting, Directing, and Screenwriting categories for the 2015 Oscar nominees. Correctly guess the most Oscar winners and you'll win an Oscar DVD of your choice!

Books & Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 20, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of The Hare with Amber Eyes by Edmund de Waal. Copies will be available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Coffee, tea, and pastries served.

Film Buffs: Foreign and Independent Film Series

Tim's Vermeer

Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m.

Tim Jenison, a Texas-based inventor, attempts to solve one of the greatest mysteries in art: How did 17th century Dutch master Johannes Vermeer ("Girl with a Pearl Earring") manage to paint so photo-realistically – 150 years before the invention of photography? PG-13. 80 minutes.

Art in the Library

December: Artwork by young students of Audrey Galer. Reception: Thursday, December 11, 5-7 p.m.

January: Oils, watercolors, and acrylic/pencil by Barbara Wilson, Irma Nieto, and Louis Rapuano. Reception: Thursday, January 8, 5-7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins Friday, November 21 in the Children's Department.

Events for Teens Book Chat Café

Tuesday, December 9, January 13, 2:15 p.m.

Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read Copies available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Light refreshments served.

> 2014 Oscar Film 20 Feet from Stardom Monday, December 8, 7 p.m.

February: Watercolor/ink and photography by Daniel Rosner and John O'Neil.

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Did You Know? Who Will Take Care of Things for Me if I Can't Do It Myself

It's human nature to think we'll always be able to take care of the daily financial matters we all routinely manage. Things like paying the rent or insurance or utilities, or writing checks. But what if an injury, accident, or illness takes you out, and you can't do that, either for a short time or a long time? Who will take care of things for you?

Here is a list of documents that allow you to choose who takes care of things for you.

Durable Power of Attorney Instrument: This is a legal document that allows you to choose the person who will manage your financial affairs if you can't. This is a private document and usually works well if you trust your designated decision makers and are confident there is no potential for abuse. Although the intent is that it be used only if you can't act for yourself, it is a "live" document when it is signed. Generally, you keep possession of it and your agent uses it only if and when you become incapacitated. Alternatively, a Springing Durable Power of Attorney Instrument can be used. This is not a "live" document when it is signed; rather, it "springs" into action only on the happening of a specific event, such as a medical condition that prevents you from making financial decisions on your own.

Revocable Trust, also known as a Living Trust: A Revocable Trust allows you to retitle your assets as owned by your Revocable Trust. While you are alive and capable you manage the assets the same way you presently do. If you become incapacitated, however, the successor Trustee(s) that you've chosen will take over the job of managing the assets, but only as you specifically have directed in the Trust, not as they choose. This gives you a degree of protection not afforded by a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument.

What happens if you do not have these documents in place?

Conservatorship: If you don't have a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument or a Revocable Trust, the only way a third party can manage your finances is by being appointed as the conservator of your estate. This involves an application to the local Probate Court, a hearing, usually a bond, and usually a periodic accounting report. Generally, managing finances through a conservatorship is more expensive, time consuming, and formal than managing finances through a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument or Revocable Trust. Sometimes, though, use of a conservatorship is what is best for your protection.

Health care decision making: If you are unconscious and someone needs to make health care decisions for you, who will that be? Although many health care providers will allow a spouse or child to act for you, you can't count on that. Legally, you need to have designated someone to be your health care representative. That is a separate legal document. If you haven't designated a health care representative and the health care provider insists on someone with authority, you will need to have a conservator of your person appointed by the Probate Court.

There are lots of choices that you are able to make. The best way to determine what is right for you is to meet with an attorney who will ask the right questions, listen to what you say, and make recommendations individually tailored for you.

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ORANGE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The Town of Orange invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 7, 2014. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a Victorian Christmas was like. The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers will provide musical entertainment strolling around town buildings and at the Stone-Otis House from 3:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invites you to view the Historical Society's antique collections and Emily Prudden Watercolors.

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

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated, and will host a performance from 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 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize, write a letter to Santa Claus and make a craft in the craft room. The Library will be open from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Gingerbread Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. on December 7th and must be picked up between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Watch a gingerbread house making demonstration by Julia's Bakery and Chef's Emporium from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. The Gingerbread House Contest will be judged by Julia's Bakery and Chef's Emporium and the winner will be invited to light the Christmas Tree. Crafters will be available near the Clark Building.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive at 5:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Children can visit with Santa on the Town Green. The Holiday Festival will end at 6:00 p.m.

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OUTSIDE T H LIVING O X

Several years ago, on his flight heading back to the United States after a ten-day visit to Tuscany,



Steve Pepe looked out into the clouds and thought about the delicious meals he'd enjoyed on his trip and the fresh, robust wines that accompanied them all. By the time the

Laura Fantarella

plane touched ground, Pepe had already cooked up a way to keep a bit of Italy alive in Orange. "All the restaurants had their own house wines and they were pretty darn good," Pepe said. "That was some good stuff - fresh and organic with no additives -- you could drink all day and not get a headache! I thought if they could do that why couldn't we?" For Pepe, the venture isn't far from his family's roots. His grandparents, Joseph and Josephine Pepe, immigrated to Connecticut from Ischia, Italy and owned and farmed acres of land in Milford and Orange that is now Pepes Farms Road. "I just found out recently that my grandfather made his own wine and had a big wine cellar. This hobby is a connection to the old country and a connection to Mother Earth," Pepe said.

So he recruited his two friends and travel-mates, fellow Orange residents Chris Moran and Lou Fantarella - "the two guys who never say no to anything," and a new wine label -- "Louchepe" was born. Conveniently, Pepe already had a Portuguese friend who had been making his own wine for decades who was happy to pass on his technique to the three friends and host their first wine bottling in his Shelton garage. It was November of 2011 at the time – just past prime bottling season and too late to squeeze their own grapes - so their first batch of wine was made with imported juice already squeezed from Italian grapes. Fortified with research, information and supplies, the Louchepepe winemakers poured their debut Montepulciano into 18 fifteen-gallon containers. After a year fermenting in containers, the wine was bottled and shelved to age another year. When the first corks were popped with great ceremony in 2012, the vintage received rave reviews from family and friends. Meanwhile, during the two-year wait for the Montepulciano, the new winemakers began expanding their production and making it more efficient, with Italian wine-making equipment purchased from a former Ridgefield vineyard owner. By year two they were crushing and juicing their own grapes from the California wine region, because importing grapes directly from Italy is prohibited. In the ensuing three years since their first bottling, they've added an Amarone, Chianti, Cabernet, Pinot Noir and Merlot and their very own "Bridgeport Blend" in honor of Moran's roots and the home of Pepe's manufacturing business. Next season they plan to combine varietals to make Bordeaux,



Lou Fantarella (left) and Chris Moran (right).

Brunello, and Malbec wine as well. Since Fantarella is a label manufacturer, the bottles even have Louchepepe labels and the foil cap that add to the authenticity of the product. "We wanted to upscale it and have it look like something special, not some junky thing that came out of someone's basement," Pepe said.

Though there's plenty of good sampling and laughs throughout the process, Moran is quick to point out that lugging the 100 plus pound containers from Pepe's Carriage Road garage to his basement to age and corking and sealing 300 bottles is tedious and back aching work for a trio of middle-aged men. There are months of tending to the wine before it is actually bottled and matures, including fermentation, adding yeast and flavoring, degassing and constantly checking sugar content and temperature.

The three men say their winemaking endeavor has a host of good ingredients, -- fun, friends and enjoying fine wines. "I love the camaraderie of doing it with close friends and the end result of sitting down and enjoying the benefits of our labor," Moran said. They also puff with pride when friends and family rave about their wines. Early on they decided that quality was better than quantity and when tasters compare their wines to commercial brands its pretty exciting. "I gave a bottle to a friend and he was raving about it, and I thought he was just being nice," Moran said. But when Moran's family asked him to put away the fine wines he had bought for his son's birthday dinner and pour Louchepepe's Amarone instead, Moran knew their wines were a hit. They also like finetuning their technique, each year finding ways to make their wines tastier and the process easier. "The first year our wine was a little fizzy and we researched how to eliminate that," Moran said.

They also enjoy their wines' fresh flavor and natural ingredients. "There are a lot of additives in commercial wine because the vineyards want the taste of their wine to be consistent from year to year even though the grapes are always different because of weather and whatever," Pepe said. "If it's too acidic they add more sugar so they do a lot more chemistry. We are becoming more scientific because now we have equipment that measures temperature, and sugar levels and fermentation charts. We want to know why it came out good and do it again next year so we are trying to put controls in place so it's not an accident it came out good." This year they hosted their own wine dinner to break out the 2012 Chianti and Amarone and all agreed - mission accomplished. "We wanted to duplicate the Italian locals who could drink 18 bottles of the stuff and not have a hangover!" Moran said. "I think we did it."

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Amity Middle School Orange, Team S, hosted four guest speakers in honor of Veteran's Day. Students heard presentations from Captain (ret) Jeffery Welsh, Master Sergeant (ret) Glenn Evans, Major (ret) Lawrence Czajkowski and Senior Chief Petty Officer (ret) Dennis Salzer.

VETERAN'S DAY AT AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORANGE

Captain Welsh started the program by asking the students, "What is the difference between celebrating Veteran's Day and Memorial Day?" After a lively discussion, including passing out air force wing pins for correct answers, Welsh shared different aspects of choosing the air force as a career and how it furthered his education.

Next, Master Sergeant Evans shared his air force experiences. Evans served in the Iraqi War and constructed air bases in war zones. Here at home, he served on a security detail at ground zero after 9/11. Evans explained that his service was to "Protect all of us, our freedom and our Constitution."

Major Lawrence Czajkowski spoke of his 30 years of service in the Army Reserves. He shared with the students, "Joining the service gave me the opportunity to learn how to lead men." He stressed the importance of education and that he accomplished this through attending night school.

Senior Chief Salzer told the students, "When looking at all of you, I see America, our future." Salzer explained that he received his electronics training through his service in the Navy.

Students and staff were honored to have Captain (ret) Jeffrey Welsh, Master Sergeant (ret) Glenn Evans, Major (ret) Lawerence Czajkowski and Senior Chief (ret) Dennis Salzer at Amity Middle School Orange to share their experiences and stories. We are grateful for the sacrifices that all military members and their families have made and continue to make for our country.

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By Susan Noonan



CONNECTICUT FOOD BANK 2014

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 seven years to one of my favorite local organizations, Connecticut Food Bank. The organization is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide nutritious food to people in need. Connecticut Food Bank strives to do this by supplying food products and resources to eligible programs throughout Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties, and by promoting public awareness about the problems of hunger.

Scores of individuals, families, civic groups, schools, religious organizations and companies come forward each year to help make Connecticut Food Bank's "Thanksgiving for All" campaign a success. Last year, more than 25,500 turkeys and more than 417,000 pounds of trimmings were collected. With everyone's help, Connecticut Food Bank was able to provide nearly 600,000 holiday meals for people in need of food assistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2014, as the need continues to escalate in Connecticut.

The kindness demonstrated throughout the Thanksgiving campaign is aweinspiring, but is also a testament to what everyone can do working together as a community. As the effects of the 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 source of charitable food assistance in Connecticut. Its main warehouse is located in East Haven with branch warehouses in Waterbury and Fairfield, along with affiliated distribution centers in New London and Stamford. Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to more than 650 food-assistance programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children's programs. Connecticut Food Bank has distributed over 260 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 30 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 60 ensures that Connecticut Food Bank continues to fulfill its work to alleviate 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-four 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 after the holidays. 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. Nearly 500,000 people in our state struggle to put food on their tables.

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Connecticut Food Bank-Main office & warehouse 150 Bradley St. 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 our loyal readers and supporters of the Orange & Woodbridge Town News. Remember to support our local family owned businesses as they are the backbone of our community and our great nation.

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



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BOY SCOUT RUDDELL COMPLETES RACEBROOK TRACT SHELTER

Will Ruddell, a Boy Scout in Troop 925 Orange Connecticut, has been working on his Eagle Scout Project which is a rain shelter-meeting place at Racebrook Tract open space area on Racebrook Road where the Ox shed used to be. Will would very much like to publicly thank all the people that have helped him and his fellow scouts to build this project. The list is long and the generosity of time, materials and knowledge is great.

Tim Smith who helped with the drawing and built a model, Fred Trotta who explained building code requirements, The Conservation Commission who helped with the location, First Selectman James Zeoli and the Board of Selectmen who approved this project, Mr. Phil Grange of Sound View Landscape Supply who helped with materials, Mr. Roy Cuzzocreo, his sons and employees of Orange Fence and Supply who helped with materials, equipment and expertise, Milford Masonic Lodge 89 who helped with funding, Mr. Mike Keefe of Regal Roofing who helped with materials and expertise, Scout Master John Wesolowski and all the adult leaders of Troop 925, and to anyone else I may have overlooked.

Will and his fellow scouts worked hard to complete this structure. They all learned a great deal about building something and working together.



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Mildred Burtnett of Orange celebrated her 100th birthday on November 1 with 40 family members from around the country. She is pictured with her daughter Mary Anne Davis of Orange and Thomas Burtnett of NJ and Richard Burtnett of PA.

students, from 5th and 6th grade read aloud a personal story explaining what Veteran's Day means to them. It was truly an honor to be in the company

of all the Veterans that came to the assembly on this very important and

special day. The Veteran's in attendance posed for this group picture.



What fun we had on our field trip to Buttermilk Farm. The children of Orange Community Nursery School enjoyed petting and learning about farm animals. They also loved all of the fun things to explore on the farm as well as the hayride and picking a pumpkin. If you would like information about our school, call us at 203-795-3869.



Three year olds from the Orange Congregational Church Nursery School take a break during their school parade.



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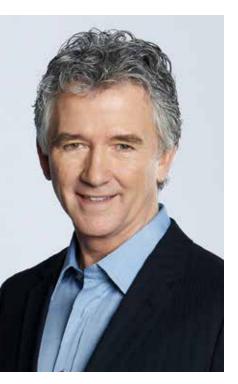
Q: Please tell me that "**Dallas**" hasn't been canceled! -- Karolyn, Lubbock, Texas

Q: I understand "Dallas" has been canceled? Is that true, and has any other network picked it up? -- Chuck B., via email

A: I hate to be the one to confirm those rumors, but it is true: TNT has canceled the nighttime drama after an explosive third season and shocking finale. In this era of lots of cable and Internet channels, and with so many other shows being saved from cancellation by other networks (i.e., "Cougar Town," "The Killing," "Community," "Arrested **Development**" and more), all hope is not necessarily lost, but as of this writing there is no talk of the show resurrecting somewhere else. But that doesn't mean it won't happen. If there is a deal in the works, odds are it would be kept hushhush while details were ironed out.

Another promising aspect of it possibly being picked up by another outlet is that the show's cast and fans very much support the resurrection of "Dallas" elsewhere. Patrick Duffy (Bobby Ewing) tweeted: "I for one am not done with Bobby Ewing! Let's see if some network wants the Ewings to live on!" And Linda Gray (Sue Ellen Ewing) agreed, thanking fans for their support and tweeting, "Keep it coming so it can help get us back entertaining you!" You can help by writing/emailing TNT, and if you are on social media, use the #SaveDallas hashtag to show your support. Personally, I think "Dallas" would be a perfect fit for Netflix. What do y'all think?

Q: When will the TV show "**Covert Affairs**" resume its season? I hope it has



Patrick Duffy

not been canceled. -- Nancy S., via email A: "Covert Affairs" will be back for the second half of season five in early November with eight more brand-new episodes. As of this writing, the USA Network has yet to decide on its renewal or cancellation, probably waiting to see how the ratings for the rest of the season go. So keep watching, and encourage your friends to as well, and hopefully it will join "Satisfaction" in the renewed column, and not "**Rush**" in the canceled column.

Q: I read your column every week, and enjoy knowing what's happening, coming and going. I am hooked on "The Americans." Will it be returning? -- Fran S., Rockford, Ill.

A: FX has renewed the Cold War-era espionage drama, which stars Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys, for a third season. Look for 13 new episodes in January 2015. In more awesome news, legendary actor Frank Langella will join the show, playing the role of Gabriel, Philip and Elizabeth's former KGB handler who comes out of retirement to take back responsibility of overseeing them from Claudia (played by Margo Martindale), their previous handler.









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Darren R. Klein, formerly of Orange and 1987 graduate of Amity High School was recently honored at a dinner in Peabody, MA with the Rudolph North Shore Volunteer Award by the Anti-Defamation League in recognition of his service. Darren began his work and association with ADL in 1997 as a member of the Education Committee. He has worked on educational programs, civil rights programs, and Interfaith Seders. He is also a member of the North Shore Advisory Committee and has been co-chair of the Annual Essex County Law and Education Day since 2007. Later this year, as part of this honor, Darren will attend the ADL National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Governor Deval Patrick noted, in his letter to the ADL, that Darren has "...strengthened communities in the region through his legal representation and leadership addressing issues from employment discrimination to unfair labor practices". He thanked him for "...his efforts to cultivate a safe and just society for all".

Darren is a partner and principal at the law firm, Kopelman and Paige, P.C., in Boston, MA. He lives in Marblehead, MA with his wife Mia and his three sons, Benjamin, Jackson, and Andrew. His proud parents, Sid and Elaine Klein, are longtime residents of Orange.



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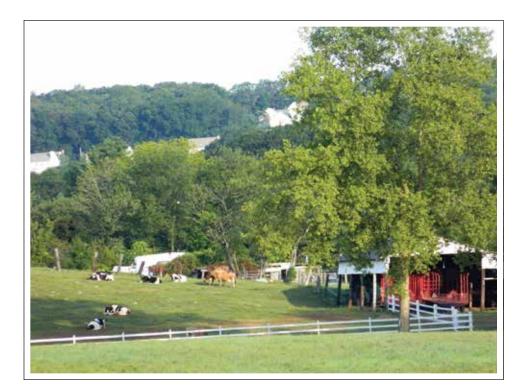
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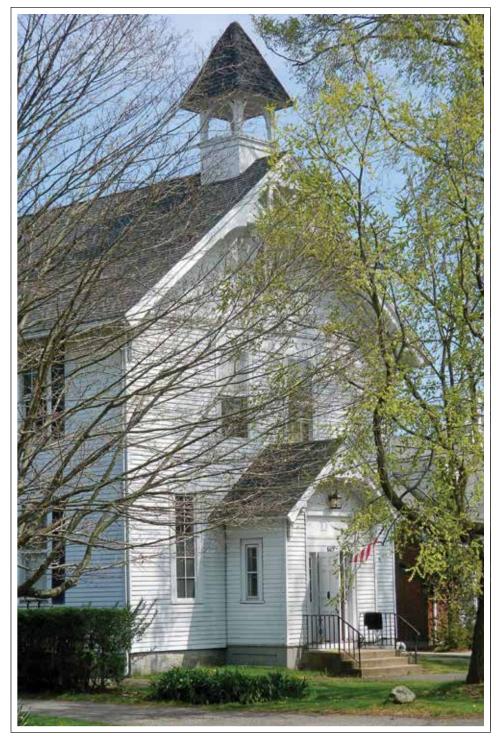
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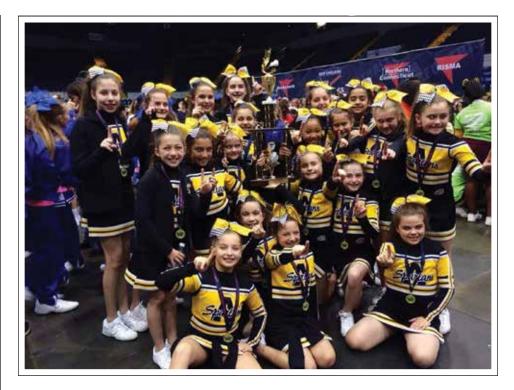
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Orange Community Services would like to thank the cub scouts from Pack 922. Jeff Cap Pack Master organized and assisted these wonderful young people to collect all this food just in time for the holidays. Pictured above is the multitude of food that they delivered to High Plains for disbursement to needy residents in our community.









Amity Pop Warner Pee Wee Cheerleaders, aged 9-12, took first place in the New England Region Champions in Springfield, Massachusetts, Saturday November 15, earning a spot to compete at the National Championships at Disney World. The girls will compete for the National Pee Wee Division title on December 9.

STAR WINEMAKERS PUT NAPA VALLEY HOLIDAY WITHIN REACH

(MS) - If the obligations of the holidays tend to leave you feeling frazzled, you might do well to take a lesson from top Napa Valley winemakers, who know a thing or two about slowing down and enjoying the good things in life - in style.

Beginning in August and extending into November, Napa is a bustling, buzzing hive of activity. Vintners up and down the valley work around the clock for weeks on end to harvest their grapes at the peak of perfection and transform the luscious fruit into the wines renowned around the world.

So when the harvest concludes, Napa Valley winemakers are ready to decompress and enjoy a wine country holiday season that reflects the region's appreciation for all things fresh, local and handcrafted, and that puts the emphasis on bringing together family and friends.

"Harvest is thrilling and I wouldn't trade it for anything, but when you emerge from it you're so appreciative of the simple pleasures," says Elizabeth Vianna, winemaker at Chimney Rock in the Stags Leap District, home to rich, refined Cabernet Sauvignons.



In Napa, that could mean a grape vine integrated into a table centerpiece or gently curved into a wreath - motifs that can be adopted according to the trees and plants that thrive in any area.

Of course, food is foremost at any holiday gathering. Nicholls, who makes a full line of award-winning varietals at Markham, including Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc, says the best dishes, just like the best wines, are ones that say something about their maker. For Nicholls, that means blackberry pies like the ones her mother taught her to make.

TOWN PHOTOS AT HPCC DRAWING **COMPLIMENTS FROM RESIDENTS**

In the month of September the walls at the High Plains Community were transformed through thirty-five photographs of Orange. The Gallery consists of a variety of Orange events, personages, and Town landmarks. Photographs are 20x30 in size and beautifully complement the main corridor. The inception and impetus of the gallery was initiated and directed by Dennis Marsh, Senior Services Coordinator, as part of a town beautification project. The photographs were taken by John Ulatowski who has also published six books on the Town. The purpose of the exhibit was to lift up the Town of Orange in the beauty of its natural resources, the guiding character of its community, and in the pioneering spirit of its citizens. An opening reception was held in early October. The gallery has elicited many compliments from residents and visitors alike. Many came into the Community Services office and voiced their pleasure and gratitude that the corridor was transformed into a tribute to the Town and its residents. The photographs were framed by Jason at Framer's Edge here in Orange.

Vianna was recently featured with Rutherford Hill Winery's Marisa Taylor and Markham Vineyards' Kim Nicholls in the six-part PBS reality series, "Vintage: Napa Valley 2012."

"Being with the people you love, relaxing, enjoying good food and good wine - it's a truly special time," she says.

In Napa, holiday gatherings often move outside, into the crisp late-fall air that still carries a sweet hint of fermenting grapes. As soft, angled sunlight recedes and darkness falls, indoor/outdoor string lights along an arbor or pergola lend a feel of casual elegance, and a glowing fire pit warms hands and hearts alike.

But even in Napa the weather isn't always accommodating for outdoor entertaining. Taylor, known for crafting luscious, balanced Merlots at Rutherford Hill, has a solution for those times.

"I look for ways to bring the outdoors in," she says.

"Putting your personality into what you are making is really what it is about," says Nicholls.

With this approach, anyone anywhere can enjoy a Napa Valley holiday in style and spirit. But there's also an opportunity for you to experience it in person, in the valley itself.

Chimney Rock, Markham and Rutherford Hill wineries are offering a chance for two lucky winners to visit Napa Valley, complete with airfare, lodging, behindthe-scenes vineyard tours, VIP lunches with scenic views overlooking the Valley and even the chance to blend your own Merlot. Visit the Napa Valley Holiday Pinterest page at www.pinterest.com/ NVHoliday for more information.

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Maplewood at Orange sponsored a kickoff fundraiser for a dear friend and associate, Susan DeMatties, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment. Susan and her family visited Maplewood at Orange as guests of honor to kick off the fundraising efforts, which has successfully raised \$1000 to benefit Susan's treatment and care. More fundraising is ongoing. For more information and donations, please contact Liz Castiline at Maplewood at Orange at 203-795-3117 or lcastiline@maplewoodsl.com.

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TURKEY HILL SCHOOL CELEBRATES VETERAN'S DAY

Turkey Hill School welcomed the Veterans of students, families and community members for a celebration of honor and respect for their many sacrifices and contributions to protect our freedoms. Honoring Veterans is part of the collaborative culture of Turkey Hill School. The welcome murals up the driveway and on the front door, the red, white and blue garland lining the hallways, posters, balloons, and photographs of family and community members decorating the walls are all examples of student, staff and community contributions. In addition, refreshments were donated and set up for families to gather after the assembly.

The organization of this school wide event speaks monuments to the significance and the meaning of this day in the school community. Throughout this school wide event, the entire student body sang the songs On Veterans Day, God Bless the USA and Proud of Our Veterans to Veterans present and in memory of Veterans.

Student voices gave way to readings and poetry describing the importance of Veterans Day. Following that, a sincere ceremony was held honoring each veteran in the community by name and photo. Veterans and respective stu-



dents were presented with an honorary award for their service. The event concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

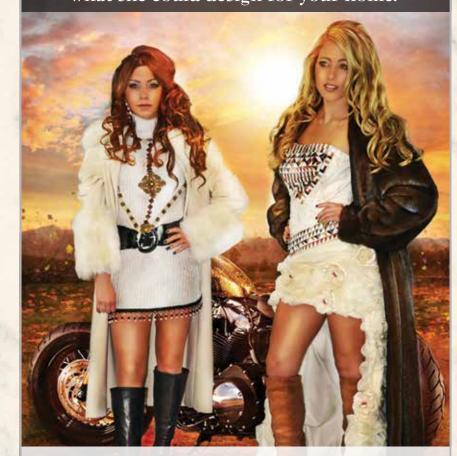
Spirits were high and pride was had by all today at Turkey Hill School where an entire community came together to recognize the outstanding sacrifice and service of our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Written by Dana Zottoli, Grade 2 Turkey Hill School Teacher.

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE RECEIVES AWARDS

Members of The Garden Club of Orange attended The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Award Luncheon held at Aqua Turf on October 29, 2014. The Garden Club of Orange was a standout at the meeting receiving 7 club awards and 2 individual member awards.







Tracy Bunch members in costume for Halloween gathering.

OCW HOST TRACY BUNCH

Orange Community Women recently hosted a Halloween gathering for the Tracy Bunch at High Plains Community Center. The evening activities included a group picture, a craft to decorate picture frames, a social time with snacks and playing Bingo. Each member took home a framed picture of the group and a goodie bag. It was a fun evening for all.

Orange Community Women (OCW) is a community service organization which seeks to unite the women of Orange and surrounding areas to participate in community service. Some of the activities we undertake throughout the year include: hosting gatherings with the Tracy Bunch, providing holiday food baskets to the needy, hosting gatherings for the seniors at Silverbrook Estates, support for Girl Scout and Boy Scout service projects, providing an Amity Scholarship to a graduating senior each year, and participation in town events such as Relay for Life.

New members are welcomed! Please contact Donna Wesolowski if interested, 203-799-3519.



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The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, New England Region, and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

JCC EVENTS

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

Diane Cypkin, A Tribute to the Star of Yiddish Theater: Molly Picon

Sunday, November 23, 2-3 PM

Diane Cypkin presents a lecture and concert celebrating the star of Yiddish theater, Molly Picon. \$6.

JCC Holiday Craft Fair

Sunday, December 7, 10 AM-4 PM

A spectacular smorgasbord to complete your holiday shopping with gifts, accessories, home décor, pottery, jewelry, and fine crafts from more than 60 local artisans! Free.

Family Program: The Dreidel That Wouldn't Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkah

Sunday, December 7, 10am-12pm

As a preamble to the Hanukkah festivities, stop by the JCC Craft Fair and enjoy a Hanukkah Family program complete with oil tasting and Martha Simpson, children's author who will be doing a reading of her new book The Dreidel That Wouldn't Spin: A Toyshop Tale of Hanukkah. Free and open to the public. Contact: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522

Hands on Hanukkah

Sunday, December 14, 12-3pm

Hannukah goes to the mall. Dreidel spin off, Hanukkah singers and musicians, photos with dizzy the dreidel, raffles, giveaways, great prizes, free. Big tent Judaism. Enjoy yummy samples, fun activities, and performances by members of the Greater New Haven community! A hands-on experience allows all members of your family to experience Hanukkah and the opportunity to learn more about our Jewish community. Location: CT POST MALL. Contact: Laura Ross, laurar@jccnh. org, 203-387-2522, http://www.jccnh.org/jewish-life.

ORANGE GARDEN CLUB HOSTS "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

Members of The Garden Club of Orange are working on its Seventh Biennial "Home for the Holiday" house tour. This year the tour is on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 12 noon to 4 P.M. Tickets are \$25 per person for the tour of five homes decorated by The Garden Club of Orange members and also includes the tea from 2 to 4 P.M. Tickets are not refundable - rain or shine. Children under 16 are not permitted. For reservation forms, please call Pat Dray at 203-877-7092 or email Holidaytour@optonline.net. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region, and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.





GREAT TURKEY WINES

Turkey is great Holiday treat and whether it is Thanksgiving or Christmas or New Year's Day, many a tradition is to gather family and friends and enjoy a great Turkey meal. Perhaps you may include mashed potatoes, yams and cranberry relish, stuffing with various herbs and spices, and don't forget the pumpkin and maybe some pecan pie! Is there one wine that works with all these varied flavors and aromas? Try some sparkling wines! Sparkling wines bring wonderful food-pairing ability to any meal. My favorite is Prosecco. This is an Italian wine made from the Glera grape and it is made to be consumed young. My favorites are Mionetto and Zardetto. They are inexpensive, low in alcohol, and go great with many varied food dishes.

Food and wine pairing is a very personal endeavor and there are many wines that will work great with your holiday turkey meals both red and white. The classic red for Thanksgiving is Pinot Noir. It has some earthy undertones that match quite well with white and dark turkey and traditional stuffing dishes. One of my favorites though, is Zinfandel. Zin is more intense than Pinot Noir and it is heartier. It still goes great with spice and sweet and bitter flavors and is a killer with the dark meat and still works with the white meat. Many of my wine maker friends love Syrah and Shiraz with their Turkey Fare. These wines have peppery overtones that work great with both white and dark turkey meat and are killers with stuffing. Beaujolais Nouveau has a large contingent of followers for the holiday meals. It comes out the third Thursday of November and it is made to be drunk very young. It is quaffed by the French like a desert traveler who has only had saltines and peanut butter to eat for the past month. It is quite fruity. I find it thin and uninteresting but it has a loyal following. You may want to give it a try.

White wine rules would include ABC, Anything But Chardonnay! Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewuztraminer, Pinot Grigio, Viongnier and Albarino all work with your holiday fare. Dry Riesling from Alsace works great with dishes that are spicy, sweet and/or salty. German and Washington Riesling also work. They have flavors of apricot and apple and honey and lots of acid. Gewurztraminer has a huge nose and is spicy on the palate. It works great with Turkey and gravy. This may be a great alternative for your holiday meal. The wine is delicious and it fills the room with a wonderful bouquet. A Sauvignon Blanc from New Zeeland may be a great choice. These wines taste like you're biting into a fresh grapefruit. It works with all the foods and works great for those who don't like wine. Their typical response is, "I don't like wine but Oh, I like this!" Viognier and Albarino are not well known wine varietals. They work quite well and may shake things up. These wines are some lesser known whites and are wonderful. The typical response is," where did you hear about this? These are great!"

Pie Pairings would include any fortified wines. This would include Port, Sherry and Late Harvest Riesling. They go great with pumpkin and pecan pie and most other deserts. I like to allow several wine alternatives for my holiday guests. Remember always go white to red and dry to sweet. My suggestion is welcome your holiday guests with sparkling wine. Start out with some nice white wine and when the main course comes out give them a red alternative. Some fortified wine at desert is always nice. If you try this you can only enhance your holiday meals and you will be glad you did.

Enjoy your holiday meals and please email me with your successful wine pairings.

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REP. KLARIDES TO RECEIVE MADD PUBLIC POLICY AWARD

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will recognize State Representative Themis Klarides (R-114) as a "Community Champion" with its Public Policy Award for her work both in the legislature and in her community to curb intoxicated driving. During the 2014 legislative session, Rep. Klarides co-sponsored new legislation that expanded mandatory use for Ignition Interlock Devices for those convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Rep. Klarides, along with a host of fellow legislators, attorneys, law enforcement officials, journalists and community activists, will be given the award during a ceremony in New Haven on Wednesday. This is the second consecutive year Rep. Klarides has been named a "Community Champion" by Connecticut's MADD chapter; she was recognized nationally, too.

"It is a great honor to receive this award," Rep. Klarides said. "I am proud to support the initiatives of the MADD organization, who has worked tirelessly to keep our motorists educated on safe driving practices. I am pleased this new legislation will serve to further their cause and safeguard for future generations to come."

ACES VILLAGE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR

Holiday Fair: Friday, December 5, 2014 at ACES Village School 31 Temple Street, North Haven, CT from 5pm to 8:30pm. Festivities include food, crafts, raffles, and lots of fun for the whole family. All the proceeds will benefit special needs children within the ACES schools. We are also offering table rentals to crafters/vendors. If interested in reserving a table, please call Village School and leave a message for Monica Bish at 203-234-7611. Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis. Rental is \$30 for an 8 foot covered table space.

THE JCC - FIRST ORGANIZATION IN WOODBRIDGE TO USE C-PACE

In June, the Board of Selectmen voted to sign onto the Commercial & Industrial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE), a program that allows property owners to finance efficiency upgrades with little or no upfront costs and re-pay the loan over time through a voluntary assessment on their property tax bill. Woodbridge is one of more than 100 towns and cities in the state to sign onto C-PACE. Statewide, 60 projects have been approved to use C-PACE.

The JCC will use C-PACE to finance a solar installation that will go on top of a covered parking lot. The solar panels will provide the JCC with nearly 50% of its yearly electrical needs. "I applaud

the JCC for being the first to take advantage of the C-PACE program through the Town of Woodbridge," said First Selectman Ellen Scalettar. "The goal of this program is to help businesses and organizations save money on their energy bills and be more environmentally friendly."

"The JCC's commitment to sustainability includes finding more ways to promote the use of alternative energy," said Scott Cohen, JCC's Chief Operating Officer. "Creating these carports and using the available space for the installation of solar panels is a terrific opportunity for our facility, for our members and for our community."

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ORANGE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We welcome all to this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 23 at 7:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Racebrook Road, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus will be preaching with prayers and readings offered by the Orange Clergy. The combined choirs will sing and give thanks. Come and join with us in giving thanks.



Music on the Green

Orange Congregational Chrurch

The Bell Choir of Orange Congregational Church, under the direction of Mr. Bryan Campbell, will offer the second concert of the 2014 Music on the Green concert series beginning at 4:00 pm. The concert will include festive Christmas pieces for bells and Christmas Carols for all to sing. After the concert you may enjoy partaking in our traditional Cookie Walk where you can buy at container for \$6.00 and choose from a delicious array of cookies. We will have a craft for kids and an alternative gift offering through Heifer International.

Longest Night Service

On December 17 at 7:00 pm we will offer a Longest Night Service recognizing that this is the darkest time of year and that many people are in need of solace and healing. It is a service of soft light and music with prayers and scripture.

Each and Every Sunday!

Worship with us on Sundays at either a quieter service at 8:00 am in our Chapel or a more traditional service including the choir at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary. There is a wonderful workshop time for Children each week called BLAST that is held during the 10:00 am service. We welcome all people. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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CONGREGATION OR SHALOM EVENTS

LATKES & MAGIC - Friday, December 19th, following the regular Friday night service. Join us for this fun filled evening. We will light the menorah in the lobby at 7:00 pm and then gather in the Sanctuary for a brief Friday night service, the Oneg Shabbat will feature a magic show, latkes and gelt!



Congregation Or Shalom

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COFFEE & LEARN - with Rabbi Wainhaus, Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Fall Topic: "What does Genesis say about ...?"

OUR LADY OF SORROWS TAG SALE

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will have a Tag Sale on Saturday November 22. The sale includes various books, televisions, clothing, etc. The tag sale will run from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. The church is located at 378 Spring St. Orange, CT (Racebrook Rd to New Haven Rd).



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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.

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

experience is needed. If interested, call Robin at 203.314.8176 or temple office at 203.799.2341.

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

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

Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast. net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net). Next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

New NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, conference room on the second floor, meeting dates are November 3, and December 1, 2014. They are free of charge and facilitator led.

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings,

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

Zumba Gold Classes At Congregation Or Shalom, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, simple and easy routines to follow, designed for people of all ages and no

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

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge : Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange, 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

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

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

The Morning Book Discussion Group, Thursday, December 4, 2014, 10:30am, Ellen Aftamonow Woodmont Library, 16 Dixon Street, Milford. December's book is "Care and Management of Lies," by Jacqueline Winspear; January is "Invisible Wall," by Harry Bernstein. The group meets the first Thursday monthly. All are welcome. For more information, call 203-874-5675.

Christmas Fest, Saturday, December 6, 2014, 9:00am-3:00pm, West Haven Congregational Church on the Green, Crafts, baked goods, lunch, Santa with photos from 10:30am until 1:00pm.

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ORANGE ELIPONION COVERAGE 2014

ORANGE DEMS LOSE TWO STATE REPS AS INCUMBENTS DAVIS & MARONEY ARE DEFEATED

The town's two democratic incumbents who lost their seats in the State House of Representatives to republican challengers claim collateral damage in an election dominated by Republican wins.

Paul Davis (D), who represents the 117th District in Orange /West Haven/Milford and James Maroney (D) who represents the 119th District in Orange/ Milford were both defeated by narrow margins in this year's election. Maroney lost in Orange, while Davis, seeking his 5th term, won his hometown by a total of 18 votes. Davis lost his seat to West Haven resident Charles Ferraro (R) by a total vote of 4281 to 3438. Pam Staneski (R) of Milford narrowly defeated Maroney with 4423 votes to his 4272. Themis Klarides, (R), who was appointed House Minority Leader after the election, was the only Orange State Representative to retain her seat in the 114th District. She received 66% of the vote throughout her district with 5,822 votes easily defeating Aldon Hynes (D) for the second consecutive race. Hynes received 34% of the votes at 2,937.

"I think if you look nationwide there was a Republican wave and as a democrat, to a degree, I was caught up in that wave," Davis said, adding that in the State House of Representatives, 10 former Democratic seats will be held by Republican newcomers come January. "My opponent campaigned hard and ran a good campaign. He put his heart and soul into it and I think he should be commended. I am hopeful he will continue to represent the area well. I got nice support from our local people and I can't complain things didn't turn out my way." Come January, when no longer in an elected position, Davis will continue to be involved in the community. A retired teacher, he was recently appointed to a state commission to study whether state mandates have gotten excessive in secondary high school testing. "I'll be working with other administrators and educators to see if we can come up with a plan," he said.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli agrees the national trend favoring Republicans in this election held true in Orange, pointing out that Connecticut residents are waiting to see improvements in the state. "We keep hearing government say that the economy is getting better and unemployment is declining but we don't seem to see these improvements in our daily lives," he said. By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

(Davis) and James (Maroney) have always been accessible for the town but it does make me wonder if things may get done at the state level that have not been possible in the past," Zeoli said, pointing to the possibility of adding a center turn lane on the Post Road to ease gridlock.

Orange Democratic Town Committee Chair Trish Pearson admitted she was "shocked and disappointed" to lose incumbent seats. Pearson mused whether Davis running unopposed in the last two elections may have meant his campaign was less aggressive than Ferraro's but ultimately she believes other factors were to blame. "The losses were each for different reasons, they were different races. It was a close election, especially in Paul's case. His opponent, (Charles Ferraro) is a West Haven native and that's a big part of Paul's district. I don't think the vote was a reflection of Paul's performance as a legislator, I think people crossed party lines to vote for the hometown guy," Pearson said.

As for James Maroney, Pearson believes the loss was more partisan than personal. "He is campaigning in a strongly Republican district. Last time when he ran (also against Staneski) it was a presidential race," Pearson said. "This year the presidential piece did not come into play and that impacted him. James worked really hard as a legislator for his two freshman years in office, he really did his homework. I expect to see him on the political front again in some capacity. Both men have a real commitment to the community."

This election was the first time Orange did not have its own Democratic headquarters; candidates used Milford's headquarters. "The Milford office was so accessible and we could easily get there," Pearson said. "A lot of support is done out on the streets and by making phone calls and internet contact and that's what we provided."

Pearson is turning her sights to the next local election in 2015. "There are a lot of good things that came out of this election, one of which was the governor got enough votes that the democratic candidates will be on the top line on the ballot in the next line," she said. "Believe it or not, that can make a difference." All the candidates expressed disappointment that voter turn-out was weak, particularly discouraging when the races had such narrow margins.

New State Representative Charles Ferraro believes it was his message that resonated with voters and got

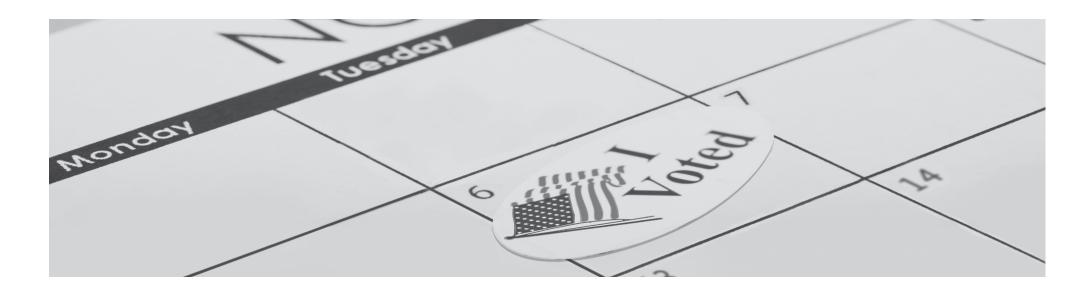
pastures somewhere else."

The long-time owner of West Haven Academy of Karate martial arts studio, Ferraro plans to bring his perspective as a business owner to the office. In hopes of making the state more attractive to business, Ferraro said he will focus on trying to "flatten spending and taxes" and eliminate policies that hold back business expansion. "I will do what I can to get the economy going again. Right now we are number one in debt burden -- actually we are first in everything we need to be last in and last in everything we need to be first in! I want to bring recovery to this great state," he said.

For Milford resident Pam Staneski, the second time was the charm as she unseated Maroney in her second race against him. "This election night the results could have fallen on either side of the rope and we're very fortunate it fell on our side," Staneski said. "Being on the Republican ticket definitely helped as did the hard work of my dedicated volunteers." Staneski also credits "running on the tails" of Republican hopeful Matt Gaynor, who, despite losing the election to incumbent State Senator Gayle Slossberg, drew many young people to the polls. Eager to start her term, Staneski plans to advocate redefining affordable housing law formulas so they are more fairly applied to towns and focus on residents' concerns about unemployment and high taxes. "I also plan to listen to the owners of small businesses in town and do what I can to help them thrive," she said. During her campaign where she personally knocked on more than 5,000 doors in town (and with her foot in a cast no less!), Staneski was shocked to hear how often residents expressed frustration over the I-95 and I-91 transportation nightmare. Acknowledging she is less familiar to Orange residents then in her hometown of Milford where she served on the boards of Alderman and Education, Staneski vowed to continue to visit Orange neighborhoods and get to know her constituents. "In January I will be working for all the people in the 119th and when you elect somebody that means they have your back. I want them to get to know me and know I'm somebody they can trust." In fact Staneski will be giving out her personal cell phone and email along with the number of her state office. "This is a small manageable district

It is the first time in Zeoli's nearly decade-long tenure that he will be working with all Republican state representatives – a reality that may translate into getting some items crossed off his agenda. "Paul him elected. "My message was economic," Ferraro said. "I spoke about high property taxes in West Haven and Milford, the cost of living in the area, how to difficult it is to stay in Connecticut and the lure to go to greener and people want to know who I am and if they don't know my name I haven't done my job," she said.

Themis Klarides and James Maroney could not be reached for comment.





BALLOT SNAFU DOES NOT IMPACT ELECTION RESULTS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

If the voting polls at High Plains Community School seemed a bit chaotic this year, it's because they were. In fact, there was a bit of a snafu when 52 ballots to vote for State Representative in District II, -- Paul Davis (D) or Charles Ferraro (R) -- were mistakenly distributed to residents in District III. District III residents, who should have had the option of voting for either James Maroney (D) or Pam Staneski (R), voted for the District II candidates instead.

According to Democratic Town Chairperson Trish Pearson, "since the vote wasn't that close it did not impact the election, but that kind of carelessness can't continue. We need to tighten up the process." Though the mix-up was distressing, equally disturbing was the fact that voters did not know who they were supposed to be voting for state representative, Pearson pointed out.

Though Pearson credits both voter registrars with doing a fine job preparing for the election, it was the first time Orange has had two new voter registrars in over 20 years. The post was held by Mary DeVito who recently passed away and Carmela Apuzzo. Pearson plans to reach out to the Orange Republican Town Committee Chair Nancy Nastri to work on a plan to make sure such confusion doesn't happen in the future.

"If the 52 votes had made a difference in the polarity we would have had to address what to do with those ballots including redoing the election," Pearson said.

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November 4, 2014 Election Results			
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Representative in Congress			
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Matt Gaynor (I)	Gayle Slossberg*		
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Themis Klarides (I)*	Aldon Hynes (WF)		
2272	879		
117th Di	strict		
Charles Ferraro (I)*	Paul Davis		
602	620		
119th Di	strict		
Pam Staneski (I)*	James Maroney		
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Peter Lumaj (I)	Denise Merrill (WF)*		
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Turkey is low in fat and full of protein and other nutrients, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter the time of year.

BENEFIT FROM TURKEY EVEN AFTER THANKSGIVING

If turkey is not normally on your lunch or dinner menu, come the holiday season it's bound to show up in abundance. As soon as the weather cools and the crispness of late autumn is in the air, thoughts turn to more hearty meals, and of course, the fall pièce de résistance: Thanksgiving dinner.

Turkey takes center stage on many Thanksgiving dinner tables, even though history suggests it likely wasn't served at the first Thanksgiving. Despite this historical discrepancy, turkey and all the trimmings continue to be traditional fare for big holiday dinners.

Much more than just delicious and filling, turkey boasts many nutritional benefits, making it a worthwhile addition to your diet regardless of the season.

Protein: Turkey is often overshadowed by other meats in refrigerated display cases, but it remains an excellent source of protein in a low-fat package. A typical 3.4- to four-ounce serving of skinless turkey breast (about the size of a deck of cards) contains around 30 grams of protein, providing about 65 percent of the average person's recommended daily allotment of protein. Protein helps the body feel full

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Attorney G	Attorney General		
Kie Westby (I)	George Jepson (WF)*		
2733	2726		
Registrar of Voters			
Fred Kendrick*	Janice Casey*		
3044	2350		
Judge of P	Judge of Probate		
Thomas Miller	Beverly Streit-Kelalas*		
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(I) - Independent Party Endorsement			
(WF) - Working Families Party Endorsement			

and serves many essential functions in the body. Proteins regulate the entry of nutrients through cell walls, help the body grow and help it to generate antibodies that fight against illness.

Low-fat: A serving of turkey is only 161 calories and contains just four grams of fat, which is low in saturated fat.

B-vitamin benefits: Turkey is an excellent source of B vitamins, including B3, B6 and B12. Having enough B3, also known as niacin, is important for overall health, and higher levels of niacin can improve cholesterol levels and lower a person's risk for cardiovascular disease. B6 is also called pyridoxine. It's involved in the process of making certain neurotransmitters, including serotonin and norepinephrine, which transmit signals in the brain. Important for neurological health, B12 helps decrease levels of homocysteine, which can contribute to cognitive decline.

Immune system effects: People may not know turkey contains selenium, which is key to healthy thyroid function. It also helps boost the immune system by playing a role in the body's antioxidant defense system. Selenium may help eliminate free radicals in the body that would otherwise contribute to cancer risk.

Relaxation: Many people are aware of turkey's ability to induce feelings of relaxation, particularly when eaten in abundance at the Thanksgiving dinner table. Turkey contains the amino acid tryptophan, which plays a role in triggering production of serotonin. Serotonin can induce feelings of relaxation and sleepiness.

Turkey is lean, full of essential nutrients and low in saturated fat, making it a worthy addition to your diet no matter what time of year it happens to be.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

WEICHERT REALTORS WELCOMES REALTOR MICHAEL BROWN

Bill Saddick, manager of Weichert Realtors Regional Properties New Haven office proudly welcomes Michael T. Brown, Sr. to the growing company as a residential

specialist. A realtor since 2010, Michael is a 30+ year resident of the Greater New Haven area and currently lives in New Haven. He is a member of the New Haven/Middlesex Association of Realtors.



Previously, Michael worked as a sales associate in a large retail company. "I have always enjoyed working with people and consider myself a real "people person". My goal is to provide quality real estate services; reliable, accurate and professional. I am passionate about honesty, integrity and responsiveness to every customer," said Michael.

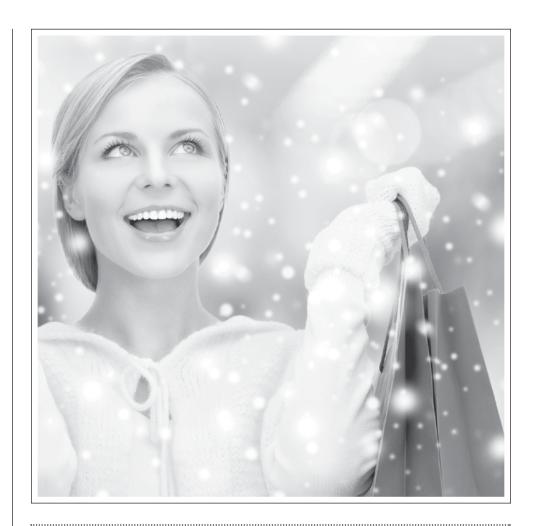
Michael Brown

A long-time member of the Vertical Church in West Haven, Michael started an outreach program in 2010 with his wife Larene in the Newhallville section of New Haven that focuses on feeding people, especially those who are homeless or misplaced (persons with substance abuse issues). The program is designed to assist adults and children that are without food or wouldn't normally get a complete meal. The program also accepts donated clothes, blankets, etc. and distributes them to those in need. Larene currently runs the program.

"We are delighted to have him as a member of the New Haven team", said Bill Saddick. Contact Michael at 203-387-1000 or email him at mbrown@weichertrp. com. Michael is pleased to be affiliated with Weichert and shares the Weichert Family Core Values providing excellent professional and personal service to buyers and sellers. Regional Properties joined the Weichert network in 2005. The firm has offices in Hamden, Orange and New Haven, CT. The company Web address is www. weichertrp.com.

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town and is raising her children here. "Because I live in the community now, giving back is even closer to my heart," she says. "I do the same when I shop – I seek out the local retailers, the local salon. I figure if I'm going to spend the money, I'd rather give it to someone – a neighbor or a friend – who I'm going to see on a regular basis, rather than a CEO of a big company."

"I appreciate the support I have here locally. That's a big deal for me," she says. She'd like Orange residents to consider stopping into her store as part of their adult gift shopping or party planning. "We're able to personalize in a way that many other stores cannot," DeMartino says.

For the children on the holiday shopping list, Jesse's Toys, also in the Hitchcock Plaza, is a true mom-and-pop old-fashioned business. It is the store owner's true passion for finding the perfect toys for local children that shows on the store's shelves. The toy shop's knowledgeable staff offers great customer service, free gift wrapping, gift certificates for those who can't make up their mind.

Since the holiday season brings many opportunities to socialize and catch up with family and friends, it is also a season of dressing in style. Backer's men's clothing caters to customers from Orange, Woodbridge, Madison, Guilford and even as far south as Fairfield County. "It's a specialty business, so people will drive for the service and selection and with over 80 years in business, we have a strong reputation," says store co-owner Sonny Manglani. Backer's opened in New Haven in 1933 and moved to Orange 18 years ago. "When buying men's clothing, tailoring is key," he says, noting that Backer's has used the same tailor for over 30 years. "A suit has to fit. If it doesn't fit, it looks like a cheap suit," Manglani says. "A lot of stores charge a lot of money for a suit, but the suit never fits right with wrinkles here and there." The whole industry has changed and suits are not as important. More men are wearing jeans, sport jackets and sweaters, but even those items need to be tailored and coordinated properly. We help pair clothing for men who may need a little help with coordinating colors and styles," he says. "It's not like buying a carton of milk, where it's the same no matter where you get it, at a supermarket or a mom-andpop. In this kind of business, you really want to shop at a mom-and-pop," he says. Backer's casual clothing line includes Joe's Jeans, Robert Graham, AG Jeans, 34 Heritage, Andrew Marc, Coppley, and Citizens of Humanity.

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DEATH NOTICES

Dr. Jack Holden

Dr. Jack Holden, 90, of 814 Grassy Hill Rd. Orange, devoted husband of 61 years to Joan (Menzel) Holden, died at his home on Wed. evening, Oct. 15, 2014. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., May 12, 1924, he was a son of the late Samuel & Sadye Horowitz. Beloved father of Marianne Holden of Croton-on-Hudson, NY., William Holden of Orange, Kenneth (Frances McGuire) Holden of Scarsdale, NY., Barbara Sarcia of Orange, Andrew (Marla) Holden of Orange. Dear brother of the late Harold Holden. Cherished grandfather of Ethan & Aaron Chiel, Bryce & Hannah Holden, Teddy Holden, Rachel & Ava Holden. Funeral Services were held at Cong. Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd., Orange with Interment Services at the Beth Israel Cemetery, Derby-Milford Rd., Orange. Memorial contributions may be sent to the charity of one's choice. A traditional period of mourning will be observed at 814 Grassy Hill Rd., Orange. Funeral arrangements in care of Robert E. Shure Funeral Home, New Haven. www.shurefuneralhome.com.

Frank M. Selmont

Frank Michael Selmont, 74, of Orange, husband of Carole Chiaramonte Selmont, passed at home peacefully on Saturday, October 18th. Son of the late Frank & Margaret Selmont, he was born on April 9, 1940, in New Haven.

Besides his wife, he leaves behind two daughters, Carole Ann Bobela, her husband Jerry and son, Aaron Michael of Trumbull and Dina Marie Kilcourse, her husband Tom and two sons, Ryan Thomas and Kevin Michael of Warrenton, Virginia, his sister, Margaret Burress of New Haven and brother, Dennis Selmont (previously from Orange) and sister-in-law Elizabeth Lamb of New York City, and many nieces and nephews.

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STAY FIT WHEN **TEMPERATURES DROP**

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Many animals hibernate throughout the winter. Humans are afforded no such luxury. In fact, living a sedentary lifestyle during the colder months of the year can actually prove detrimental to human health.

Exercise is beneficial any time of the year, but it can be especially so during the winter months when colder temperatures force many

Prevention says exercise can help boost your immune system, which can help you fight colds and flu symptoms. Just a few minutes of exercise each day can help prevent simple viral and bacterial infections as well.

Working out in the winter may help you burn more calories than in warmer seasons. Research published in Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise -25 -20 -15 -10 -5 -0 -5 -10 -15 found that race times are faster in cold weather than in warmer temperatures. Quicker runs or walks can burn more calories. If exercising outdoors is too uncomfortable, break up your -20 routine into smaller, more manageable sessions. Aim for 10 minute sessions several times per day. This quickly can add up to the 30 minutes of daily recommended exercise. Dress in layers so you can feel comfortable, adjusting your clothing as necessary. You don't want to be freezing, but you don't want to wear so many clothes that you start sweating and risk hypothermia. Consider less traditional exercises when winter sets in. These include shoveling snow, sledding, skating, skiing, and snowshoeing.

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THE COMPLEXITIES **OF CARE GIVING**

By Roberta L Nestor

In 2011, President Obama proclaimed November as National Family Caregivers month. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, it represents an opportune time to recognize the 45 million people who provide some form of health care, both paid and unpaid. These are dedicated individuals who provide care for their family members at home and those who either work or volunteer at nursing homes, adult day care centers, assisted living facilities and, of course, hospitals and hospice.

It is natural for the focus of care to be centered on those who need the actual assistance. However, it is hard to ignore the impact caregiving has on the caregiver. Caregivers often feel they have little or no control of a caregiving situation and it soon becomes overwhelming and threatens to take over their own lives. The stress of caregiving will take its toll on your health, your state of mind, your family and relationships. It is critical for the caregiver to make time for themselves to rest and recharge. But that's the problem, where do you find the time?

Caregivers take on changes in the family dynamics, disruptions in their households, added workloads and certainly financial pressures. All of these can cause extreme stress and will result in burn out over time. When you begin caring for a family member, it may start out simple, but over time it becomes more and more demanding with often no end in sight, a short term situation often turns into a long term challenge that can last years.

Recognize that you need respite! Respite can take on many forms but it comes down to sharing the responsibility and not allowing yourself to be the sole care provider. The Agency on Aging for Southern CT is right here in New Haven. They can lead you to the best respite services for your situation and here are a few respite services caregivers should consider:

CT Alzheimer's Respite Care

the age of 60. This program also can pay for in-home help such as a home health aide, companion and homemakers as well as adult day care, in-patient respite.

State Department of Developmental Services (DSS): DDS recognizes that families and caregivers often need occasional breaks. Time off or assistance can be in the form of out-ofhome respite care. Visiting the Respite Centers allows the person who needs care to get out themselves, meet new people and participate in a variety of activities. Meanwhile, the family is provided relief from their ongoing caregiver responsibilities.

Families report that scheduled respite center visits provide them with an opportunity to have their family members stay in a safe, enjoyable and home-like environment through planned respite. At the same time, the caregiver is able to take a few days off from care giving and perhaps go on a short vacation, attend a special event, spend time with other family members, finally finish a project, or simply relax.

If you find yourself saying, "My dad will never leave the house" or "he won't allow anyone else to give him food", or "I don't have time to look into these things", then you are setting yourself up for burn out. You have to take control of the situation as best you can and if you want to have anything left of yourself you really need to ask for help.

As you gather around the Thanksgiving table and give thanks be sure to include our nation's caregivers. They do so much and this is the month to recognize their sacrifices, their dedication, warmth and compassion.

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people inside, where they live more sedentary lifestyles than they do during the rest of the year. Adapting your exercise habits in the winter can help you make it through the colder months in great shape.

There is no reason to stop exercising when the temperature drops. The American Heart Association says working out in the cold weather has distinct advantages over working out in hot and humid conditions. When the weather is cold, you may be able to work out longer and harder because the heat won't zap your energy levels, and exercising outdoors in the winter is a great way to get small doses of sunlight that can improve mood and help your body produce more vitamin D.

The Centers for Disease Control and

Program: Provides up to \$3,500 in services to caregivers caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or Dementia. This program can pay for in-home help, adult day care, meals on wheels, in-patient respite to allow the caregiver to take a needed vacation and other services.

National Family Caregiver **Program:** Provides up to \$3,500 to caregivers caring for a loved one over



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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Ouija (PG-13) Olivia Cooke, Ana Coto

2. John Wick (R) Keanu Reeves, Michael Nyqvist

> 3. Fury (R) Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf

4. Gone Girl (R) Ben Affleck, Rosamund Pike

5. The Book of Life (PG) animated

6. St. Vincent (PG-13) Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy

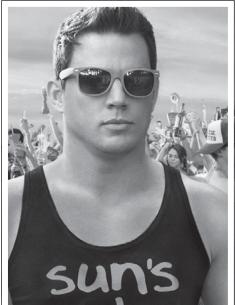
7. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Steve Carell, Jennifer Garner

8. The Best of Me (PG-13) James Marsden, Michelle Monaghan

> 9. Dracula Untold (PG-13) Luke Evans, Dominic Cooper

10. The Judge (R) Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall





TOP 10 RENTALS

1. Transformers: Age of **Extinction (PG-13)** Mark Wahlberg

2. Godzilla (PG-13) Aaron Taylor-Johnson

3. Blended (PG-13) Adam Sandler

4. The Fault in Our Stars (PG-13) Shailene Woodley

> 5. Brick Mansions (PG-13) Paul Walker

6. Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13) Chris Evans

7. The Other Woman (PG-13) Cameron Diaz

8. Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) Kevin Hart

9. Million Dollar Arm (PG) Jon Hamm

10. Divergent (PG-13) Shailene Woodley

out the decision for the full run time. Actually, any of those things from the first sentence of this review could be enough to say "yes" to life. Really. Most people lean toward staying alive -- just as a general rule -- if given the option. Do you sense what kind of melodrama we're dealing with? To nobody's surprise, the film is based on a bestselling novel for the young-adult market.

"And So It Goes" (PG-13) -- In a sundappled Connecticut neighborhood, a grumpy old coot gets saddled with a precocious child who softens his image just enough to help him find new love. It is as boring and unoriginal as it sounds. Oren (Michael Douglas) is a realtor with no people skills and a raging case of the grouchies. His no-good son drops by to give over a 9-year-old grandchild before he heads to jail. Diane Keaton plays a well-intentioned neighbor whose jokes never land.

Oren has to learn not to be such a cranky old fart, but by that point, you're not invested enough to care. Rob Reiner has a great track record of movies that are both funny and uplifting, but this one didn't go that way.

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. Meghan Trainor "All About That Bass"

2. Taylor Swift "Shake It Off"

3. Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj "Bang Bang"

4. Iggy Azalea feat. Rita Ora "Black Widow"

> 5. Tove Lo "Habits (Stay High)"

6. Jeremih feat. YG "Don't Tell 'Em"

> 7. Maroon 5 "Animals"

8. Sam Smith "Stay With Me"

"Hot Boy"

10. Ed Sheeran "Don't"

- Name the only hit by The Ivy Three. 1.
- 2. What was the name of the theme song from the television series "Dr. Kildare"?
- 3. Which two female artists recorded "No More Tears (Enough is Enough)" as a duet?
- Who sang with Elton John on "Don't Go Breaking My 4. Heart"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Well no one told 5. me about her, what could I do, Well no one told me about her, though they all knew, But it's too late to say you're sorry, How would I know, why should I care, Please don't bother tryin' to find her."

their wedding just weeks betore it was to take place.

ner and Barbra Streisand, in 1979. There were three versions: four, eight and 11 min

"in 1960. They disbanded in 1961. Check out the song on YouTube, and you'll wonder how it became a hit.
 "Three Stars Will Shine Tonight" (1962) by the show's star, Richard Chamberlain.





Bob Seger

"Girl In a Country Song"

9. Frankie Ballard "Sunshine & Whiskey"

Top 10 Country Singles

1. Jason Aldean

"Burnin' It Down"

2. Florida Georgia Line

"Dirt"

3. Sam Hunt

"Leave the Night On"

4. Blake Shelton

"Neon Light"

5. Chase Rice

"Ready, Set, Roll"

6. Luke Bryan

"Roller Coaster"

7. Carrie Underwood

"Something in the Water"

8. Maddie & Tae

10. Miranda Lambert Duet With Carrie Underwood "Something Bad"

9. Bobby Shmurda



Channing Tatum in "22 Jump Street"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Nov. 17, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"If I Stay" (PG-13) -- Mia (Chloe Grace-Moretz) is a teenage girl with a talent for cello, nice parents, a rock 'n' roll boyfriend and a good chance of getting into Juilliard. While in the car with her loving family, they get into a horrible accident, and Mia's body is rushed into surgery while her spirit looks on. Stuck between life and death, Mia has a decision to make. It sounds like it should be obvious, but she manages to stretch

"22 Jump Street" (R) -- This is a sequel that truly builds on the success of its predecessor without recycling every single joke! In the last movie, "21 Jump Street," Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill were two cops tasked with infiltrating a local high school to bust up a drug ring. Putting two overgrown adolescents into an environment full of real adolescents turned out to be a great move, plus Tatum and Hill have an easy, funny and admirable take on adult male friendships (called "bromances" in the contemporary vernacular). This sequel sends the duo after a college-based crime ring, stepping up the humor and the action.

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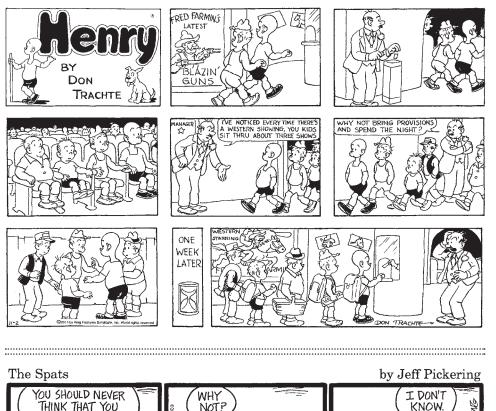
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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Matthew McConaughey passed on the sequel to "Magic Mike," opting instead to shoot "Sea of Trees" in Massachusetts and Japan, with Ken Watanabe and Naomi Watts. Shooting on "Magic Mike XXL" has begun in Florida with returning cast members Tatum Channing, Matt Bomer, Joe Manganiello, Adam Rodriguez (in his eighth season of "CSI: Miami") and Gabriel (Fluffy) Iglesias. Also added to the sequel are Andie MacDowell, Amber Heard (Johnny Depp's lady), Jada Pinkett Smith and "Kelly and Michael" host Michael Strahan. This time the male strippers take a road trip from Tampa to Myrtle Beach for a convention.

Neil Patrick Harris, currently starring in "Gone Girl" with Ben Affleck, is about to become a triple threat. Having hosted the Tony and the Emmy awards, he has been passed the baton by Ellen DeGeneres to host the upcoming Oscar awards. Ads for the Feb. 22 broadcast, on ABC, are selling for \$1.9 million per 30second spot, and they're almost sold out. Most hosts take half a year to prepare for the job, so Neil will be heard, not seen, in his next film, the 3-D computer-animated comedy "The Good Dinosaur," with John Lithgow, Frances McDormand and Bill Hader. It comes out Nov. 25.

Jay Leno may be gone as host of "The Tonight Show," but he's not forgotten. Jay recently received this year's "Mark Twain Prize," which Carol Burnett won last year, and was honored by Jerry Seinfeld, Wanda Sykes, Garth Brooks, Kevin Eubanks, Chelsea Handler and Jimmy Fallon, who presented him with

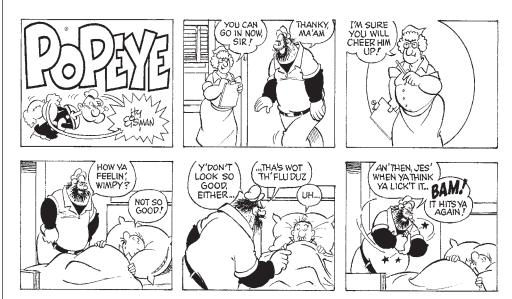


Neil Patrick Harris

the prize. Seinfeld remarked in his tribute to Jay, "There's no one more deserving to get this wonderful award obviously, than Jay. No one except -- and I really don't want to sound bitter here -- except maybe me? I mean, come on." Yada yada! The award show airs Sunday, Nov. 23, on PBS.

ABC lost the bidding war for the reboot of "Bewitched," which was its show from 1964-72, to NBC. Two of the show's producers made the 2005 film with Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell as Samantha and Darren Stevens, and Shirley MacLaine as Endora. The film cost \$85 million to make and raked in \$131.5 million. No casting has been announced for the pilot.

Christina Ricci, who played Wednesday Addams in "The Addams Family" and "Addams Family Values," segued to playing Lizzie Borden earlier this year in the Lifetime film "Lizzie Borden Took an Ax." Lifetime has green-lighted a limited 10 episode series "Lizzie Borden: The Fall River Chronicles." What's next ... "Lizzie Borden: The Musical"? Believe it or not, last year The Boston Light Opera revived the 1999 opera "Lizzie Borden"! Music to ax by?



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HISTORYCORNER By Ginny Reinhard

Are We Still in Milford?

You bet we are. The little colony, with all the hardships it faced, moved into the 18th century. I believe we left off in our last story in 1767 when the law, that prohibited fishing for oysters between April and September, increased the fine to 5 pounds lawful money and the use of a rake or tongs was prohibited. It would be wonderful if we could find written letters, diaries and other documents that give us a true look into the colonial way of life, in Milford, you know, the day-to-day things.

Well, your wish is my command. In 1764, citizen John Downs, a weaver, kept a diary, carefully written over 47 years and it is here that we will briefly tell of his life, a day at a time using the most interesting of his notations, of course. The John Downs house is still standing in the Historic District on North Street, along the duck pond. The house has been partially restored and owned by the City of Milford. There are several ideas for completion but as with all old houses, it's the finances that make or break a final restoration.

So here goes. John Downs' Diary (Oh, don't mind the spelling or missing letters):

January 1768

5 clear & very pleasant, but some clouds, I wove
21 clear & warm day I keep school & wedding
29 cloudy & high winds, I keep school at the farm

<u>February</u>

 cloudy & warm bad travelling, I keept school
 clear most part & pleasant, I went to meeting (church)
 clear & windy with snow squawls, I wove

<u>March</u>

5 clear & raw cold, I carted wood & wove10 cloudy & thick air, I got timber at the farms for a loom

31 rain hail & snow most all day, I warpt & spooled (warping-weaving



23 clear & warm, I went to th. seaside a frolicking & wove

<u>July</u>

 clear & pleasant day, I hoed corn & went a clamming(huh? No fine?)
 cloudy & rain all day, I moed & wove widow Bryan (our Nathan's wife)
 clear & warm, I moed th. medow & sunk the flax (put it in water to soften)

<u>August</u>

15 cloudy & rain towards night, I pulled half an acre of flax
20 clear & warm, I carted hay & wove Capt Fenn's cloths
25 clear & dry weather, I wove a very bad peace

<u>September</u>

15 cloudy & little rain, I made a fence
29 cloudy th.s day, I went to get reeds & wove
30 rain last night & to day, I carted

flax & wove (probably meant carded or combed)

<u>October</u>

4 cloudy I a trooping to Stratford & got out & wove

ferred to was a militia band that was kept ready in Milford during the time when the Dutch in New York were claiming English territory and continued to be active during the war.

<u>January 1775</u>

4 clear & warm for winter, I got my rum and wove

10 clear & warm, I begin to keep school23 clear & warm, I keep school, wove

<u>February</u>

 clear & windy, I keep fast for liberty (not sure in what fashion he did this)
 cloudy & warm, I keep school, my wood carted
 clear & cloudy, I keep school

March

Most of this month was taken up with keeping school

<u>April</u>

22 cloudy & a sorrowful alarm, I wove
24 clear & warm I trained, news from
Boston (April 14, Governor Gage is secretly ordered by the British to suppress
open rebellion among the colonists.)
30 thick air & rain at night, I am at

- I cradled my rye (a form of cutting and laying the rye for collection)
 - **14** clear & warm, I not well, wove little

<u>August</u>

7 clear & pleasant I wove & to th. Alarm

8 clear & warm I goes to th. Muster & wove

22 clear & very dry I wove some did trifles

<u>September</u>

18 clear & warm day, I wove & went

oystering

20 rain smart th.s morning th.n clears of I wove plain

29 little showers rain mostly clear, I spread flax

<u>October</u>

2 cloudy th.s morn but clears of warm, I trained & viewed arms

13 clear & coolish I wove John Treats coverlid (t)

18 clear & warm, I wove & made sider

<u>November</u>

1 clear & pleasant, I got out my rum & apples

9 rain most all day & night, I attended court for Father Stone

13 clear & pleasant, I got my flax in good order

<u>December</u>

3 cloudy & rain but warm, I at meeting soldiers

15 cloudy & foggy bad travelling, I

salted pork most all day

28 clear & cold but something warmer, I got my cows home

In May of 1776, John went to New York with Capt. Stow aboard ship and while in New York it appears he was there as part of a defense of a fort. On the 27th he was kicked by a horse and became lame and on the 31 wrote clear & cool frost last night, I have a bad leg.

Then in August he was at a meeting and

process)

<u>April</u>

7 cloudy & chilly cold, I scored timber for loom

13 clear & high winds, I wove for suits30 cloudy & warm, I wove for CaptHerpins

<u>May</u>

2 clear & pleasant for training, I trained and danced at night

11 clear & pleasant I planted corn & wove

17 thick air but warm, I branded cattle & wove

<u>June</u>

9 clear & warm,I wove & went to wedding Prudden(possibly Fletcher & Sarah Treat)

11 clear & warm, I went to New Milford (Bryan's owned property there)

17 cloudy & rain some, I trained some & danced more

27 clear & blustering, I wove & diged cellar for Joseph Treat

<u>November</u>

15 rain last night & to day I carted wood

17 Thanksgiving clear most all day &

chilly I at meeting

29 cloudy & chilly cold, I shovled dung & wove

<u>December</u>

- **3** clear & pleasant for th. season, I went to New Haven & back
- **9** cloudy & chilly cold, I carted dung & took up flax wove

25 clear & pleasant for winter, I went to meeting (This was Christmas Day)

We jump to 1775, amidst the Revolu-

tionary War. The training Mr. Downs re-

meeting. (You can just imagine what the conversation was at the church service)

<u>May</u>

11 clear & pleasant, I wove & salted Shad (Shad were plentiful in the CT River)

26 clear & pleasant, drive plow at home27 clear & warm, I was sick all day beesswarm

<u>June</u>

8 clear & warm I wove Sam.l Platt
bedtick (covering for a mattress)
21 clear & coolish I tended plowing & hoed corn at home
28 cloudy & rain finely, I wove Jn

(John) Prudden

<u>July</u>

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4 clear & fine weather, I wove & cart hay

11 clear & warm th.n thunder storm,

warned for muster, got ready for New York once more and went aboard Capt. Pond's sloop setting sail at midnight to frog point where on the 16th he "goes on fatigue & expecting th. enemy." By the 20th he writes "clear & warm I look out for the enemy every minute." On the 31st he "walkt about & saw smart firing from ship"

September, John Downs was heavily involved in the war efforts having been taken with camp distemper but doing his duty as ordered. He saw the fighting a Hellsgate from the shipyard and leaving N. York, to escape the enemy.

16 clear & warm I join our Reg.t at the line and a smart fight, we beat them back20 clear & cool I lie at the lines & saw N.York on fire at night

By the 27th, he was discharged from the army marching 39 miles to Norwalk finally getting home, finding all was well.

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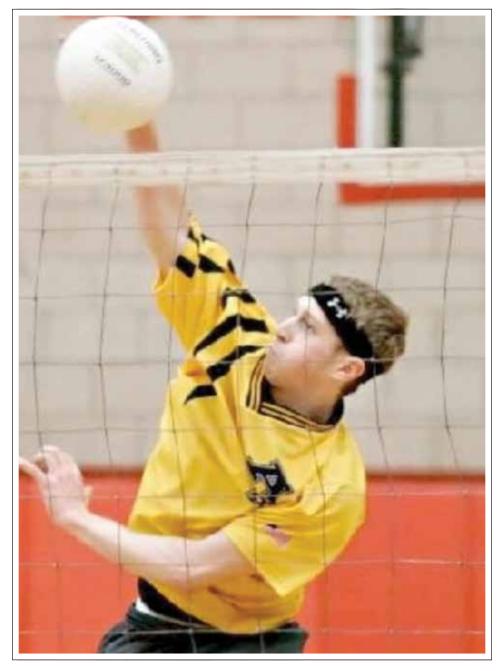
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Jeremy Saxe Amity Volleyball, 2005

SPIKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Extravaganza, Friday, November 28, 2014.

CT Sports Center, 21 South Bradley Road, Woodbridge (Day after Thanksgiving) 2:00 - 8:00 PM

Looking for a way to make a difference? This Thanksgiving weekend area volleyball players and fans return for an annual community event that benefits the children of the beautiful, spiritual, but impoverished nation of Nepal and also supports an annual Amity scholarship in memory of Jeremy Saxe. Due to the tremendous turn out in past years, the tournament has returned to the larger facility with multiple courts provided by the CT Sports Center which allows more playing time for teams and a refreshment area offering food, beer and wine for spectators. Come out and play or watch, connect with friends home for the holiday, and learn about the Foundation's progress in Nepal. Enjoy delicious homemade treats from our community bake sale and shop for unique holiday gifts handcrafted by our friends in Nepal. Even if you can spare only a few minutes to say hello, you will be making a difference! This is a community event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event is organized as a Sixes Coed Tournament, with a competitive and casual bracket. Please sign up as a team of 6 (at least two girls per team) or sign up as a single and get placed on a team!

To Register:Players should submit their names individually (to be added to teams) or their team rosters, bracket preference and T-shirt sizes by email jsvbtourney@gmail.com or at the Facebook Event page ("Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Extravaganza"). There is a suggested \$5 donation for spectators and \$15 for players. The first 100 players signed up will receive an event t-shirt. To sign up, volunteer, or for more information, please e-mail: jsvbtourney@ gmail.com or heidi.saxe@jeremysaxefoundation.org. Contributions can be mailed to Jeremy Saxe Foundation, c/o SDV, 1952 Whitney Avenue Hamden, CT 06517. Jiwanko Saathiharu: Jeremy Saxe Foundation is a 501(c)3 US registered Non Profit; donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The tournament committee thanks this year's generous sponsors: Racebrook Wine & Liquor World, Jamba Juice, Winkle Bus, Orange Fence & Supply, Sponge Brothers Car Wash, Amity Auto Repair (f/k/a Amity Mobil), Webster Bank, Ted's Cleaners, Anderson Automotive, Rauch Family Dentists and Saxe Doernberger & Vita, P.C.



MARTIAL ARTS SUCCESS AT WORLD TOURNAMENT

Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy Chinese Martial Arts/Kungfu school located at 518 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT made great achievements in the 6th World Traditional Wushu Tournament held 10/26-10/28, 2014. Four Wu Dang Kung Fu students were selected into the US National Wushu Team after the preliminary held this past February. As part of the US National Team, they participated in the tournament and got 1 first prize and 2 second prizes. There are over 40 countries with more than 2000 competitors in this grand event. Chinese Martial Arts (also called Wushu) is getting more and more popular. It helps students build body strength, conditioning and flexibility, as well as an effective approach to self-defense through high quality training. The Chairman of the International Wushu Federation said in the opening ceremony that Wushu will be a new division in the 2020 Olympic Games.

The winners: Kevin Yang, 16, currently studies at Amity High School - First Prize on Three Section Staff and Second Prize on Shaolin Fist; Kevin Cheng - Second Prize on Double Whips.



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GNH COMMUNITY CHORUS ANNOUNCES FALL CONCERTS

Greater New Haven Community Chorus will be presenting its annual Fall Concert on Saturday evening, December 13 at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, under the direction of Noah Blocker-Glynn, Artistic Director, with Mark Sullivan, accompanist. The GNHCC Fall 2014 Concert - War & Peace - Reflection, Honor and Hope is a concert commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II, honoring those who served, and the hope for peace. The program will feature Requiem for the Living with chamber orchestra by noted composer Dan Forrest. The program will also include Veni, a new composition on historic war texts by composer Matthew Cramer, the music of Bach, and other selections celebrating peace, hope and love.

GNHCC will be joined for this performance by Connecticut Children's Chorus - Primi Voci, for young treble voices. The Connecticut Children's Chorus (CCC) is one of the region's most comprehensive youth chorus programs. Under the artistic direction of Dr. Stuart Younse, CCC continues to thrive as our region's premiere children's chorus, boasting performance invitations with the region's best professional ensembles and provides strength and excellence in training Connecticut's youngest talented voices. The Connecticut Children's Chorus is now the official children's chorus of the



Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

Concert tickets are available through GNHCC members and online at www. gnhcc.org.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus consists of approximately 100 voices and draws its membership from throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction. For more information about GNHCC, please visit www.gnhcc.org or email: info@gnhcc.org.

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BROADWAY BOYS HOLIDAY BENEFIT CONCERT TO BE HELD

The Broadway Boys, the hottest male voices working on the New York stage, return to The Regina A. Quick Center on Saturday, December 20, 2014 to benefit the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. The Boys will perform a festive mix of holiday favorites and popular Broadway show tunes.

Through their dynamic vocal prowess and redefining arrangements, The Broadway Boys add elements of pop, funk, gospel, and jazz to their repertoire and explore harmonies rarely presented by Broadway singers. The concert set list includes holiday songs from their much anticipated and newly released album "Hark!" such as Little Drummer Boy, All I Want for Christmas Is You, and The Lights (O Hannukah) as well as such Broadway show stoppers as Lullaby of Broadway, Aquarius, and Seasons of Love.

The show begins at 7pm. To purchase tickets, \$35 and \$40, call the Quick Center Box Office at 203-254-4010 or order online at quickcenterforthearts.secure.force. com/ticket.

The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created in memory of Orange, CT resident Jamie Alaine Hulley and dedicated to the educational enrichment and professional development of young artists and early career professionals. Each year the Hulley Foundation positively impacts the lives of thousands of young people in the Amity-greater New Haven region through its scholarship and educational programs.

HOME LOAN MILESTONE

A Department of Veterans Affairs benefits program recently hit a milestone: It guaranteed its 21 millionth home loan for veterans. The program started 70 years ago in 1944 as part of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (the GI Bill).

In fiscal year 2014 alone, the VA guaranteed over 438,000 home loans, or an average of 35,000 per month. As part of the

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Emily S. Lucibello, Esq. 26 Broad Street P.O. Box 5233 Milford, CT 06460 203-298-4658 www.lplawct.com program, grants were made to more than 1,200 disabled veterans to buy or modify a home to meet their needs.

If you're ready to use your VA eligibility to buy a home, here are a few things you need to know: You can get your Certificate of Eligibility at www.ebenefits.va.gov. The program is available for active duty, veterans and surviving spouses.



by Freddy Groves

You'll work with private lender who accepts VA loans, not the VA. Chances are you won't need a down payment or PMI, which is private mortgage insurance. You'll need to qualify with good credit and enough income. (Send for your credit reports from the big three reporting agencies, and clean up any problems before you apply for a loan.) Before you start shopping, have the lender determine what price range you would qualify for. The interest rate offered is likely to be below conventional rates, and there's no pre-payment penalty if you want to pay off the loan early.

Go online to www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans to see which documentation you'll need. If you don't have access to a computer to get the Certificate of Eligibility, call 1-800-827-1000, or ask your lender to access the system and get it for you.

If you currently have a VA loan, the Cash Out Refinance program lets you take cash out of your equity to pay off debts or go to school. The Interest Rate Reduction Refinance Loan, aka the Streamline Refinance Loan, can help you get a lower interest rate.



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AMITY HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY ABOUT SURVIVORS OF 9/11

The Amity Creative Theater (ACT) at Amity High School is proud to announce that ticket sales have begun for its fall production of New York By David Rimmer. The show dates are December 5th and 6th 2014 at 8pm. General admission seats for ten dollars can be purchased through its website at www. amitytheaterdepartment.com.

The play's author, David Rimmer, was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his play Album that opened to great success off-Broadway starring film star Kevin Bacon. New York was originally written to raise funds for volunteer psychiatrists dedicated to helping the overwhelming number of patients psychologically affected by 9/11. Depicting the reactions of 15 individuals to the events of that day, the characters all speak to a central psychiatrist. The play has been performed at theaters throughout New York, the United States and internationally to great acclaim. The New York Resident called the play "brilliantly written...a thought-provoking event avoiding the sentimental and capturing realistic portraits of how we're all dealing with it ... a touching exploration of the effects of September 11 on the lives of average New Yorkers". The Amity production is directed by theater teacher Rob Kennedy. When asked why he chose this production for his student actors, Kennedy said, "The oldest of the Amity Students were only four years old when the events of 9/11 occurred and the youngest ones were barely a year old. I think it's an important learning opportunity for our school to talk about that time in our country's history and how it changed all of us". The cast and crew recently visited the 9/11 Memorial and Museum on a trip sponsored by the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation to get some perspective. The students had a special guided tour

of the museum and spent time with New York's playwright David Rimmer. When asked about experiencing the museum and memorial, Amity senior Ethan Smith who is playing a fireman named Tom O'Neil said, "It was an incredible experience. It really put a human face on the part I am playing. And meeting the author of the play was great too. We got to ask him questions about the play and the characters we are playing". The cast and crew have been working on the show since early September and have been busy rehearsing and creating the technical elements of the play.

The play will also be shown during school hours to the entire Amity High School student body and the eighth grade classes from the two middle schools as part of our Spartan Seminar program. The students will view the play and then have discussions related to the topic afterward. Amity principal Charles Britton said, "The fall play gives us the opportunity to showcase the talent of our students, build a little school spirit and camaraderie, and capitalize on the "teachable moment" offered by the themes of the production. Our students were very young in 2001; we owe it to our nation to keep the memory of 9/11 alive". The Cast Includes Clara Gamsu, Addie Robbins, Ethan Smith, Kahari Blue, Yulia Faryna, Ryan Chizmadia, Alex Cavanagh, Kevin Durkee, Clara Stirling, George Grotheer, Emily Kilian, David Linet, Chris Cassella and Caroline Burkhart. The crew is led by Stage managers Megan Foley, Sage Saffran and Jacob Okolo.



Russell D. Bernstein, author, and Nancy W. Goss, School Library Media Specialist at AMSO.

ORANGE AUTHOR VISITS AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORANGE

Russell D. Bernstein, Orange resident and author of Doodles: When Art and Magic Collide gave two outstanding presentations about his first book to Grade 7 students at Amity Middle School Orange on Wednesday, November 12th.

Here is an excerpt from the back of the book which describes the plot: "The Life of Doodles Lanhorn is mediocre at best. Between his unruly red hair and lanky frame, being bullied at school, and constantly being pestered by his father to go out for a sport—any sport—all he ever wants to do is lock himself away in the world of his drawings. Despite having a tight-knit group of friends, Doodles often feels alone, and his non-confrontational nature often makes it hard for him to interact at all—so what is the point? Then everything changes on his thirteenth birthday..."

Russell shared a poignant story from his own life which acted as the impetus for writing a story for teens centered on bullying. Students intently listened as he described how his normal life changed at the age of ten when he was sent to sleep away camp in upstate New York.

His message to students was clear. Bullying is never right. He encouraged any child experiencing such abuse to seek the help of an adult. For students who witness acts of bullying against others, he said to help the person being bullied. (*Submitted by Mrs. Nancy W. Goss*)

For Information and tickets go to the ACT website at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com or call the box office at 203-392-2019. The ACT production has been made possible by a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation.







The students of Mary L. Tracy School are helping turkeys camouflage themselves this Thanksgiving! One of these goofy gobblers was seen masquerading as a mermaid while another was spotted being a sheep! Clever creations have students and staff giggling their way down the hall. The two students pictured here are proudly showing their designs and that of their classmates as well. Another triumphant year for the turkeys!"



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Are You a GREAT Dog Owner?

Owning a dog isn't all about fun. With your cute ball of fur comes a lot of responsibility. Not only are they dependent on you for the basics (food & shelter), but love, time and attention as well. Recently we celebrated National Dog Week, are you a great dog owner?

Spayed/Neutered. Spayed & neutered dogs not only live longer, but actually make better companions. Talk to your vet about when to spay or neuter your dog - it's usually around five or six months, right at puberty.

Identification. You probably don't leave home without your identification and neither should your dog. Make sure he/she has the proper identification, including its name, address and telephone number in case he gets lost. Micro chipping is a great idea!

Temperature. As summer draws to a close and we leave the scorching temperatures behind, it's equally as important as we head into winter to protect your dog from extreme temperatures - even cold weather. Many dogs have a fur coat, but that's not enough to protect against winter's chill for long hours.

Veterinarian. Just as you should get an annual check-up, your dog should visit the veterinarian at least once a year for his vaccinations and to check his overall health.

Cleanliness. Make sure to give your dog regular baths, brush his teeth, clip his nails and clean his ears. Or take him to a groomer regularly if these tasks are too cumbersome for you. Also, brush your dog regularly to keep its fur from being tangled and matted.

Training. We don't just advise that you get dog training because we are dog trainers. It's not fair to you or your dog if you're unhappy with some of his issues such as barking incessantly or chewing everything in sight. You don't need the headaches and he doesn't like being constantly in trouble. Since you will probably be his pet owner for at least the next 10 years, a well-trained dog will make your relationship better in the long run.

Exercise. Both you and your dog need regular exercise to keep in shape. Playing fetch, chasing a ball or go for a walk. Both you and your dog will sleep better! Make sure you always have fresh water for your dog. A tired dog is an obedient dog.

Leashes. Unless you are in an off leash dog park, keep your dog leashed at all times. This will prevent him from darting out in front of a car, getting into a skirmish with another dog, or jumping on people.

Clean. It's important to clean your dog's food bowls and water bowls daily. Otherwise, they can attract bacteria that can harm your dog's intestines.

Secure backyard. Dogs are generally good about digging holes and escaping fences, even if they are happy where they are. Make sure your fences and gates don't need to be patched.

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The Pet Food Bank services residents of Milford and Orange who find it difficult to feed their pets due to tough economic circumstances.

Collection to run from November 21 - December 15



Drop off locations:

Pet Supplies Plus- Boston Post Rd., Orange

Oronoque Kennels - 1 Krakow Street, Derby

Orange Town Tree Lighting event on 12/7 at Mapleview Farm

DONATION NEEDS: dog food / small bites dog food / kitten food / wet cat food / cat litter (non-clumping) / paper towels / bleach & Lysol for cleaning / cash donations for spay, neuter, & other medical needs.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A long-sought workplace change could be happening soon. Consider reworking your ideas and preparing a presentation just in case. A personal relationship takes a new turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your persuasiveness doesn't really start to kick in until midweek. By then, you can count on having more supporters in your camp, including some you doubted would ever join you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workload is still high, but -- good news! -- you should start to see daylight by the week's end. Reserve the weekend for fun and games with friends and loved ones. You deserve it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Regardless of how frustrating things are, keep that "Crab" under control. A cutting comment you might think is apt right now will leave others hurting for a long time to come.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be more sensitive to the emotions of loved ones who might feel left out while you're stalking that new opportunity. Be sure to make it up to them this weekend. A nice surprise could be waiting.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The gregarious Virgo rarely has a problem making new friends. But repairing frayed relationships doesn't come easily. Still, if it's what you want to do, you'll find a way. Good luck. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A misunderstanding with a partner or spouse needs to be worked out before it turns into something really nasty. Forget about your pride for now and make that first healing move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Communication dominates the week. Work out any misunderstandings with co-workers. Also get back in touch with old friends and those family members you rarely see.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As busy as your week is, make time for someone who feels shut out of your life. Your act of kindness could later prove to be more significant than you might have realized.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your busy workweek leads to some very satisfying results. Sports and sporting events are high on your weekend activities aspect. Enjoy them with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your generosity of spirit reaches out once again to someone who needs reassurance. There might be problems, but keeping that line of communication open eventually pays off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are among the truth-seekers in the universe, so don't be surprised to find yourself caught up in a new pursuit of facts to counter what you believe is an insidious exercise in lying.

BORN THIS WEEK: You believe in loyalty and in keeping secrets. All things considered, you would probably make a perfect secret agent.

GLUTEN-FREE PETS?

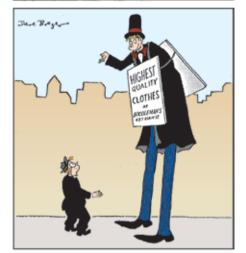
DEAR PAW'S CORNER: It seems like everyone is hopping on the gluten-free bandwagon these days, including my friend, who has put her entire family on a gluten-free diet -- including her two dogs! Is such a strict diet healthy for pets? -- Clara in San Diego



DEAR CLARA: For dogs, as long as their nutritional needs are being met -- getting enough calories to maintain a healthy weight, along with enough protein and vital nutrients -- a gluten-free diet should not be harmful at all. In fact, some premium dog foods (dry and wet) are being marketed as gluten-free. As to whether all of them are truly gluten-free, I can't say -- there is little or no regulation in how pet foods are labeled. Is gluten-free truly helpful for dogs and cats? Again, no one can say for certain. But I've heard plenty of anecdotes from fellow pet owners -- their pets have increased energy, or their fur coats are shinier, and many even say that certain behavior problems have gone away on this type of diet.



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Not Ed Klinker's little boy Bobby...! My, my, I remember when you were only so high...!"



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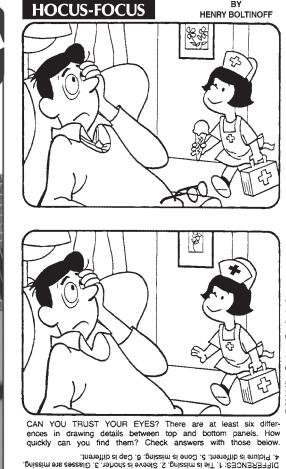


"Aren't you the man who used to say he couldn't take his eyes off me?"





"We could have seen the same thing on television for \$239.95."



I've also heard the same from proponents of the raw food diet, the all-organic diet, and brewer's yeast supplements.

Regardless of the type of diet, it's always beneficial to pets when their owners take a deep interest in what they eat and where their food comes from. They monitor their pets more closely, and that attention can help reveal other causes of behavior or health issues beyond a dietary cause. They also tend to be in closer contact with their pets' veterinarians, meaning their pets get routine care, vaccinations and other health checks on schedule. That's great for pets' health overall.

So, don't worry about your neighbors' dogs. If they look healthy and happy, and well-cared for, the type of food they eat is not a problem.

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





Too many new young stems ("suckers") growing from the roots of your lilac bush can compromise the vigor of the main plant. Remove them in the fall by digging down to the root and tearing them away from the roots, getting as much of each stem as possible. If they sprout up again, prune both the root and the young stem; they can grow a new tree. Plant elsewhere or give it to a friend.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.ehow.com, growinggreener.blogspot.com

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