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AMITY CHEERLEADERS ARE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Team Takes Top Score of the Day with 70 Other Teams

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Pop Warner Varsity Cheerleaders won first place in the 2016 National Cheer and Dance Championship in Orlando, Florida on Friday, December 9, marking the second consecutive win for the Pop Warner cheer organization. Though it could appear from the outside that the same team that took first place in their division last year went back this year and did it again, this year's team was made of girls from last year's Pee Wee and Junior Midget teams and two new members. Under the coaching of Alicia Soderquist, a new team was built from the ground up—literally and figuratively, beginning August 1, when the girls met for practice five nights a week until school began.

Made up of 20 girls ranging in age from 11 to 15, the girls cheered for the Amity Unlimited Pop Warner football team, which also had a milestone season, winning the top spot in its league and playing for the first time ever in the state championship. Soderquist, who has been coaching Amity Pop Warner Cheerleading for 5 years, admits that 2016 was one of the most trying seasons as a coach and also one of the most rewarding, but she doesn't only mean by bringing home three trophies. "We've tackled several obstacles on the way to Nationals, but there is no greater accomplishment than to see a team that is so dedicated

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EAGLE LEASING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Ask Louis Eagle what's the secret to 50 successful years in the trucking shipping container rental business as the president of Eagle Leasing and his response is simple, "Respect". Respect for his employees, his customers and his suppliers may best define his business philosophy – one that has served him well as this family business celebrates the start of its fifth decade.

The Eagle Leasing sign has been a landmark on the Boston Post Road since the early 1970s, but it's not until you venture down the long driveway leading to the property that the impressive scope of the Eagle operation is realized. The 25-acre parcel is home to several full-scale trucking

garages and repair bays, office buildings, trucks and hundreds of storage trailers and containers, some empty, some full and leasing space on the Eagle site. The

Orange site represents just half of the business. The company has two other locations in Southborough and Oxford, Massachusetts that is run by Louis' nephews.

The shipping and storage containers, which range in size from about 10-50 feet, have a host of uses, ranging from facilities like medical

offices and prisons renting them to store records; municipalities that lease them to store materials for annual events;

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or a lumber yard or construction site needing them for materials. Containers are also leased to transport goods, like scenery and equipment for Broadway and television productions or music concerts and casinos. “The list goes on and on, we do anything under the sun that’s temperature controlled,” Louis said. “One that stands out is a call from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute that needed a trailer for an expedition to the South Pole.”

As the fourth generation of Eagles continues the family’s legacy, Louis recalls the company’s beginnings which actually took root in the 1930s when his father, Irving, worked for Strick Solid Tire Company in Philadelphia. “One day my dad and Mr. Strick went to an auction in Baltimore where Mr. Strick purchased the assets to Atco Trailer,” Louis recounted. “The trailer industry was in its infancy then.” Over the next few decades, Strick grew to become the country’s largest trailer manufacturer. By the 1960s, Irving had relocated to Connecticut with his family and recruited all three of his sons, Louis, Alvin and Morty, to work for Strick Trailers, selling new trailers to trucking companies throughout the Northeast.

As Louis describes it, “corny as it sounds, there was no blueprint” to start Eagle Leasing, the company just naturally evolved. Instead of taking a sales commission, the Eagles were often offered the older trade-in trailers to keep for themselves, as Strick didn’t want them back. The men saw potential in leasing these trade-ins and eventually formed their own small fleet of trailers which they rented out to companies for storage. Their business took off, and in

1967 Louis and his father left Strick and formed The Eagle Leasing Co. The Orange location was purchased in 1971 and brothers Morty and Alvin opened two more Eagle Leasing facilities in Massachusetts. “Orange was a good fit for the business. Orange has always been a trucking and farming town. It’s a friendly town to do business in and located conveniently to all major routes,” Louis said.

The growth of the business may be described a bit like Louis himself, calm and steady. “It’s been one step at a time, nothing dramatic. We stayed with the market,” he said. Today the company has 134 employees and over 14,000 pieces of equipment for rent or sale. “We have 10 drivers on the road everyday picking up containers out of state and our own paint and repair shop,” Louis said. Containers are kept in tip top shape, routinely cleaned and painted between rentals. “We keep a clean shop,” he said. Now 77, he and his son, Matt, the company’s vice president, work side-by-side with many of the same employees who have been with the company for decades.

Renee Limosani of Orange came to work for Eagle Leasing when she was in high school and stayed for the next 35 years. “I’ve grown up here,” she said. “I do a little bit of everything. I started as a temp and then it became a full-time job. They are an awesome company to work for, we’re like family here. I’m rooted here from start to finish!”

Her sentiments were echoed by 12-year employee Lynn Hansell. “The employees’ longevity speaks volumes about this company,” she said.

And 90-year-old Irene Smith, who came to work for Louis 30 years ago, has no plans to retire anytime soon. “He’s a nice boss,” she said.



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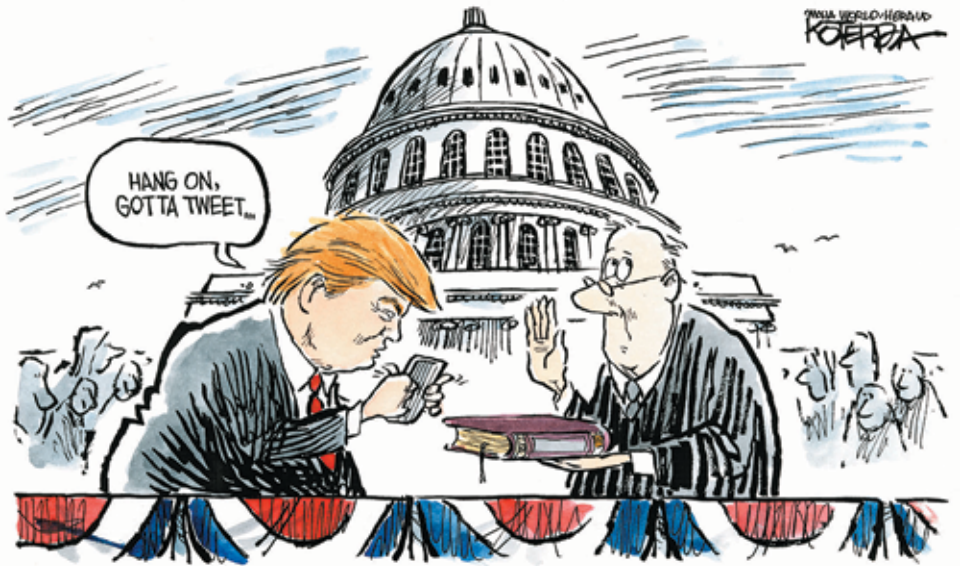
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to this sport and so supportive of one another even through our most difficult times.” The cheerleaders competed in the national competition against 12 other teams from across the country, with some of the toughest competition coming from right here in New England and the northeast.

Assistant Coach Tina Zito credits Cheer Coordinator, Alicia Soderquist. “She is an incredibly talented coach with the ability to bring out the best in all of her athletes. At the beginning of the season, she starts building her cheer routine around the potential she sees in the athletes; and she teaches, trains, and inspires her girls to get the best out of them. It’s a lot of hard work but the rewards are tremendous.”

Soderquist agrees, “It takes a village. If I did not have the incredible support of the parents we would be nowhere, and not to mention my phenomenal assistant, Tina. She helps me keep this program afloat and Amity Pop Warner would not be as successful as it has been if I did not have her by my side.”

Moving up from Level One to Level Two meant the girls could do a more complicated routine with higher lifts in their stunts and tumbling such as back handsprings. Moving up also meant that the competition would be more intense than it has ever been.

The team’s competitive season began October 8, where they took first place in the Southern Connecticut Pop Warner league, and qualified for the New England Regional Competition in No-

vember. On October 15, the team also won first place in the State Competition and in November, the team placed second, earning it a spot to compete for the national title at Disney’s ESPN Wide World of Sports.

Competing against 12 other teams, the Amity girls’ score of 87.78% landed the very top spot, not only in their divisional competition, but of the day’s 70 performances. The team also received the highest score of the day for stunts. The team came in ninth overall of the 300+ teams that competed in the week-long event.

As many of these girls have been Pop Warner cheerleaders for as many as eight years, the win is bittersweet to a handful who are aging out of the program. “This National Championship represents their last cheer competition,” says Zito. “It is especially bittersweet because Amity High School is the only school in the area that doesn’t have a Varsity Cheer Team. A group of dedicated moms is working with the administration at Amity High School to try and reintroduce High School Cheer at Amity, so that these girls can continue to participate in the sport that they love.”

The high school had a cheerleading team until 2008, when the coach left her position and school administration deemed there was not enough interest in cheerleading to sustain a program. With renewed interest apparent, the group of parents is hopeful to see cheer back at the high school soon. In the meantime, the girls who are coming back to Pop Warner next year are already counting down the days until August 1.

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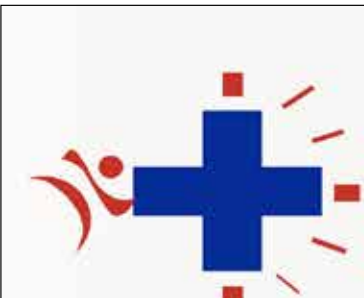
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Father and son work together to make a snowman disguise during one of the activities included as part of Family Day at Mary L. Tracy School in December. On this day, each student throughout the school had a special person join them to make a bird feeder, solve math problems, read a holiday book and more. Merry and bright memories were made by all who attended the event!



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TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES



Left to right are: Denise Carr, PSM for the unit; Officer DePolo; Officer Foote; Officer Edwards; Officer Ahern; President of the Tommy Fund, Peter Parente; Officer Kline; Clemans family; Chief Gagne; Assistant Chief Cuzzo; and the executive director of Smilow Cancer Hospital, Arthur Lemay.

ORANGE PD RAISES MONEY FOR THE TOMMY FUND

During the month of November the Orange Police Department raised money for the Tommy Fund in support of families dealing with childhood cancers. Particularly, a community family, Will and Leigh Clemens along with their 1 year-old daughter Chloe, who have been fighting this battle for the last several months. Male Officers and Civilian staff as well as a member of our Board of Police Commissioners committed themselves to not shaving for the month while female Officers painted their fingernails purple.

Each member raised money for the cause that was matched by the Union’s charitable funds. Thanks to the devotion of our officers and a tremendous community support we were able to raise over \$5,400. On 12/14/2016 members of the Department, along with the Clemens family, met with Peter Parente, President of the Tommy Fund and Arthur Lemay executive Director of the Smilow Cancer Hospital, and handed him a check in Chloe’s honor and the battle she is facing.

UPDATE COMING TO TOWN WEBSITE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Town Clerk Patrick O’Sullivan isn’t old enough to remember when folks in town got their news from legal notices nailed to horses’ hitching posts, but he does recall when everyone turned out for the annual town meeting to hear what was going on in town or got their news via the “party line” – phone lines shared by several subscribers so conversations were rarely private. While O’Sullivan still fields calls with questions about the transfer station’s hours, recycling and more, most people turn to technology for their information. And come July 1, Orange will have a new, updated website designed by Civic Plus that will provide state-of-the-art municipal technology. The new system will not only streamline information from all town departments quickly and efficiently, but it will also make a host of systems easier, quicker and more efficient. In a proposal to the Board of Selectmen last month, O’Sullivan outlined the new website’s possible capabilities which include paying taxes online, processing zoning applications, building

and health department permits; obtaining marriage certificates, registering for Park and Recreation programs, accessing agendas and minutes to town meetings and even casting absentee votes. “The beauty of the system is important information is only two clicks away,” O’Sullivan said. “It would also relay security-related alerts, like a tree down on a road or an emergency at one of the schools. It is a significant leap forward.” O’Sullivan selected Civic Plus because of the company’s commitment to working with municipalities to ensure the website succeeds, citing its on-site training with 24/7 help desk and its experience managing websites of more than 2,100 cities and towns including Madison, Clinton, Woodbridge, West Haven and Ledyard. “They have a 98-99% retention rate and a strong following,” O’Sullivan said. According to O’Sullivan, his department has already allocated money from this year’s and last year’s budget to pay for the upgrade which is expected to cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Photo of recent Youth Services Babysitting Class. Material covered the responsibilities of child care between the ages of infant to older children. Course instructor was Mickey Reid.

Area Residents Need Job 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 shov-

eling, 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 and organizational services located in Orange. For further information, please email John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2017

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



17th	Orange Board of Education.....	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy School
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
18th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
19th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Memorial Library
23rd	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Youth Services Advisory Board.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
25th	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

ORANGE PRE-SCHOOL BLIND LOTTERY

Limited Tuition Based Program for Community Peers

Mary L. Tracy School is known as a place where “the love of learning and the love of children are celebrated each and every day”! For a limited number of children that love of learning begins with our Pre-School Program. The Orange Elementary School System is accepting names for the “Blind Lottery” for our 2017-2018 Pre-School Program. Our Special Education integrated Pre-School Program includes a small number of general education community peers. By law, students with special needs identified with an IEP are placed in the Pre-School Program by the Department of Special Services through the PPT process.

Our Pre-School Program enriches each child’s social, emotional, physical, cognitive, intellectual, and creative abilities through early academic and social experiences. It is designed to prepare the children for early success and school readiness. Community peer children are selected by “Blind Lottery” which is a fee-based, 5-days/week, 3-hrs/day, Pre-School Program. The total cost of tuition for general education community peers will be \$3,250. If a family qualifies for the State’s Free and Reduced Lunch Program, they may be eligible for tuition assistance. We do not provide transportation for general education community peers.

Our Pre-School Program follows the district’s school year calendar and the hours are: AM class is held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and our PM class is held from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each classroom will be a blend of both 3 yr. old and 4 yr. old students. Class sizes are

limited to 12 students per class, which includes the special education students. In order to participate in this lottery your child must be 3 yrs. old by December 31st, 2017 but not older than 4 yrs. old by December 31st, 2018. Children turning 3 yrs. old during the months of September thru December 2017 will start program upon their third birthday.

The blind lottery is conducted in two stages. One: names are ‘picked out of a hat’ by age (3s and 4s are grouped separately) for the children who will be given an opportunity to attend the Pre-School Program. Two: lottery will decide if your child will attend the AM or PM classroom, with a goal to balance each classroom with an equal amount of 3s and 4s.

All children must be toilet trained and bona fide Orange resident. Call the Special Services Dept. (203-891-8023) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to place your child on the list to participate in the Blind Lottery. We will be accepting names to enter the blind lottery up until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Parents will be notified of the lottery results by February 8, 2017. A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$325 is due by February 15th to reserve the spot for your child. Registration paperwork will be due by March 31st, 2017. The deposit is your first month’s tuition for September. Tuition payments are due on the first of the preceding month, e.g. tuition for October will be due September 1st. Any further questions call the Special Services Dept. (203-891-8023) at the Orange Board of Education.

BOARD OF ED WEIGHS MORE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education was presented with two options to consider as a calendar for the 2017-18 school year: one with two evening and one afternoon teacher conferences and one with one afternoon and one evening.

Superintendent Vince Scarpetti noted that his guiding force behind the proposed calendar was the Amity Regional School District calendar that has already be approved by the Amity board. “We wanted to do as much as we can to line days that we have, as far as early release days or days off, to make it convenient for parents. We realize that some families have older children at the middle school and high school and act as baby-sitters for the younger elementary-aged children,” he said.

After meeting with Orange leadership and the teachers’ league, Scarpetti created two calendars. “Something that is different from past years is that we’re having two times for parent-teacher conferences. We had an evening and afternoon option for conferences. Teachers were concerned that some parents were not able to make it because there were not two evening choices,” he explained.

“We polled the teachers, who said they’d prefer an afternoon and an evening conference, but then we continued the conversation and we came up with a Plan B with two evening conferences and one afternoon conference in late October,” he said. The difference is, there would be no minimum day for the afternoon conferences—they’d be held during the staff meeting time that is already held each week, eliminating the need for an additional early dismissal.

Board Member Mara Saccente, who noted that she was not alone in her concern over the number of early dismissal days at Orange Schools, offered to the board her analysis of days off across the region. “Amity only has three early dismissal days for professional development, Orange has five, Woodbridge has one and Bethany has six. Including all early dismissal days and professional development days, based on this year’s calendar, we have 12 half-days, Woodbridge has eight and Bethany has 13,” she said. “I know we’ve talked in the past about the amount of half-days and

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BETH CHANA ACADEMY SENIORS EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

Beth Chana Academy is delighted to be offering its seniors a UConn College credit course, English 1011 where seniors will earn four college credits for a full-year course. Courses taken through this UConn Early College Experience are equivalent to the courses offered on any of the University of Connecticut campuses. Courses are taught on the high school campus by high school instructors who have been certified as adjunct faculty members by the University of Connecticut.

Taught by Dr. Theresa Vara-Dannen, a graduate of Manhattan College (B.A. in English and French); New York Law School (J.D.); Wesleyan University (C.A.S.); and Swansea University, Wales (Ph.D. English), Dr. Vara-Dannen has been teaching 9th-through 12th grade students in Darien, Hartford, and Waterbury, CT, for the past twenty-five years.

Dr. Vara-Dannen was awarded the Gilder Lehrman Award for Connecticut History Teacher of the Year based on her teaching in American Studies, while her University of Hartford Teaching Award for Innovation and Collaboration, the Yale Educator of the Year Award (2011), and the UConn ECE Instructor Award for Excellence and earlier recognitions were granted for her teaching of English and American Studies. In 2014, she was honored as University

High School Teacher of the Year, and National Council for Teachers of English High School Teacher of Excellence (New England Chapter).

Most importantly, her philosophy of teaching revolves around respect for her students; she feels the creation of a warm classroom environment centered on scholarly inquiry and student engagement is critical for the development of young minds. This “pedagogy of belonging” allows students to feel they can safely speak their minds and hearts, and makes student growth the shared mission.

A graduate of an all-girls parochial school, she is a great believer in the value of a single-gender religious education, and is pleased to be teaching at Bais Chana Academy. “A wonderful addition to the BCA staff this year, Dr. Vara Dannen brings a wealth of experience with students of all ages in university, high school and Adult Education settings”, said Bluma Hecht, BCA principal. “Teaching English and History courses at Beth Chana this year, while acting as Secular Studies Curriculum Coordinator, Dr. Vara Dannen will open many opportunities for our students in their research and writing,” she said. Beth Chana Academy High School is located in Orange, CT. For more information about the school, please call 203-795-5261.

Kindergarten Registration

Town of Orange

If your child is turning five on or before January 1, 2018 it is time to register for kindergarten.

Please register on our website oess.org by February 17th.

Registration appointments/screening will be held in March. Parents are asked to bring with them to the appointment a birth certificate, proof of residency, and medical/immunization records.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Lauren Zorena Participates In Spring 2017 Study Abroad

Loudonville, NY -- Lauren Zorena of Orange is participating in the Siena College Study Abroad program for the Spring 2017 semester. Lauren will be studying in London, England. Siena College students in all majors have the opportunity to study abroad in more than 50 countries around the world. Students pursue international internships, do original research, engage in meaningful service learning and form lasting bonds and friendships, all while improving their employment prospects.

Dean's List

Sarah Rippel Named To Dean's List

Lewisburg, PA -- Sarah Rippel, Class of 2020, from Orange, CT was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Keene State College Student Michael Clark Earns Place On Dean's List

Keene, NH -- Congratulations to Michael Clark of Orange, who was recently named to the fall 2016 dean's list at Keene State College. Clark was among 1,400 students who were honored for academic excellence in the fall 2016 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergraduates must be

enrolled in a degree program and must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors.

Graduations

Orange Resident Graduates From The University Of Central Oklahoma

Orange resident Cynthia Anne Mango graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Modern Language - French as a part of the fall 2016 class, which included 1,227 students from throughout Oklahoma, the country and the world.

Scholarships

Eastern Connecticut State University Student Connor Dunleavy Of Orange Earns Scholarship

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently hosted its annual Scholarship Reception in the Fine Arts Instructional Center. The event brought together major ECSU Foundation scholarship donors and their respective student-recipients. This year students were awarded scholarships, totaling more than \$600,000 in financial aid to students of all backgrounds and academic majors. Connor Dunleavy '18 of Orange was selected as the recipient of one of the prestigious scholarships. Dunleavy's major is Environmental Earth Science.



IMPLEMENTATION OF CHROMEBOOKS A SUCCESS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

In September, when students in grades three through six returned to Orange Schools, Chromebook computers were waiting for each student. "It was a large investment, but it's also tying in with our goal and strategic plan about promoting lifelong learning through technology," said Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti at the Board of Education's December meeting. Part of the implementation plan was to take a look after three months of use to see, through a poll, what teachers thought about the Chromebooks, what teachers are using them for and whether or not students like them.

"One of the most important questions we asked was 'how often do you use Chromebooks in daily instruction?'" said Jennifer Kozniewski, the district's Technology Integration and Database Specialist. The poll showed that 81.8% of teachers are using Chromebooks for instruction at least three days a week, with 72.7% saying they use them every single day for instruction. No respondents said they never use them.

"This is phenomenal, this is what we hoped for and what we wanted to see," Kozniewski said. "One of the things the teachers have said is that they love that the Chromebooks just load up. They love that they don't have to deal with a lot of issues. It's become so native to the kids – streaming integration into the curriculum. It's not an event anymore. It's not 'going to the computer lab,' it's not 'computer time'. It's just happening throughout the day, throughout instruction."

The committee also looked at what the Chromebooks are being used for. The study found that 23% of the time students are using Google Classroom, Google Docs and the related programs. Students are also frequently visiting the site Code.org, which teaches children

about computer science.

"They're going to sites like Disney, Tinker and Scratch from MIT and trying out their coding skills. They're going to these sites when they're done with their assignments, when they have indoor recess," Kozniewski said. Children are also going visiting math sites and using the Chromebooks for research. "Teachers love that they don't have to pull out the dictionary or go to the library to get the encyclopedia. They can visit Worldbook online or Pebble Go to research," Kozniewski said.

The students are also learning typing. Now that the Smarter Balance Assessment test is a computer-based assessment, knowing how to type correctly is vital for young children. "We want this to be something that they're so comfortable using, so comfortable with typing that it's not something that they do once a week, it's something that they do every day in their classroom. 75 hours were spent on typing.com during the week of December 12, an average of 46 minutes per child per week," Kozniewski said.

After Kozniewski outlined usage for the board, Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone addressed the impact of the technology. Prior to having the Chromebooks, each grade shared a cart of computers referred to as a COW (computers on wheels) or used the computer lab. "In the past, laptop usage was a novelty. We had concerns about students taking on the smaller COWs with the small screens. They were so used to the large monitors that we all have in our homes that many teachers were hesitant to have them take a high-stakes test like the STAR test or the Smarter Balance Assessment," he said.

"One of the bangs that we've seen that's been positive is the amount of

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BARNES & NOBLE LAUNCHES 7TH "MY FAVORITE TEACHER CONTEST"

Middle & High School Students Can Nominate Their Teachers for National, Regional and Local Awards

Barnes & Noble, Inc. (NYSE: BKS), the nation's largest retail bookseller and a leading retailer of content, digital media and educational products, announced the start of the 2017 "Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest," which for the past seven years has provided middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities how much they appreciate their teachers.

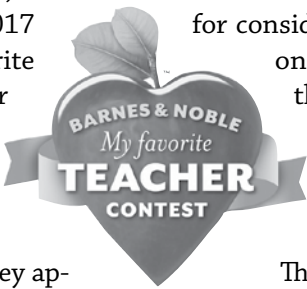
Students can nominate their teacher by writing essays, poems or thank-you letters that share how their teacher has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire them. Participating schools collect the essays and submit them to their local Barnes & Noble store, including Barnes & Noble, 1375 Boston Post Road, Milford, CT, for consideration. Entries are judged on the compelling nature of the teacher's inspiring qualities, the sincerity of the student's appreciation and the quality of expression and writing.

The local winning teacher will be recognized in spring 2017 at an event held at Barnes & Noble in Milford, CT, where they will receive a special award acknowledging their achievement as

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February 10th

March 3rd

St. Patrick's Day Issue

March 10th

March 31st.....

Easter & Passover Issue

April 7th

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

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor,

The Amity Teen Center would like to thank the Friends of the Orange Library for a recent donation of books suitable for teens. We are in the process of establishing another book club this year.

We had a book club last year and it was a big success. Through this donation of books, we received several books of the same title. This will enable the teens who want to participate in the club to begin reading the book at the same time. They will be loaned out to the teens and

returned after they have been read.

Also, through this donation, the Teen Center will have our own "library" where teens can browse through our books and borrow them as they like. We currently have a room with computers that have been donated, but we have always wanted to have a "library" of our own. Now, thanks to the Friends of the Orange Library, we are on our way to reaching this goal!

Jane Opper, Linda Cohen and
Jennifer DiBlanda.

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Submit your letters for our "**From Our Readers**" section to:
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ORANGE HIT HARD BY STATE BUDGET CUTS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange received a two-hit punch to the pocketbook last week as state officials announced immediate cuts in state aid to the town for education and capital improvements. In an effort to address its more than \$56.2 million deficit, the state will reduce funding to the town's education budget by \$106,088, a six percent cut in the \$1,615,314 it currently provides in aid. The cuts only impact the Orange elementary schools; they do not affect the Amity Regional school systems.

A formula calculating Connecticut's wealthiest and most distressed communities was used to determine the cuts with towns like Greenwich losing up to 90 percent – or \$1.3 million of its funding and poorer communities like New Haven losing .2 %, or \$250,000 of its nearly \$155 million budget. First Selectman Jim Zeoli said the cuts are earmarked by the state to reduce spending on special needs programs in the elementary schools. "Doing this at mid-stream in a budget year is challenging," Zeoli said. "Since the Board of Education's budget is fixed, the Board of Finance may have to make up for the cuts."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Vince Scarpetti is more concerned with the cuts that may lie ahead. "With continual increases in unfunded State mandates and the yet to be determined revised formula for future Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) funds, we may have a budgeting challenge moving forward," he said. "We will manage through the end of this year, though the true impact cannot be determined until we know the revised ECS formula."

While Zeoli wasn't surprised to learn of the state-wide cuts to education funding, he admits to being "completely blindsided" to learn the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)

was freezing funds to municipalities. "They haven't been able to stop the hemorrhaging of their own financial problems at a state level so now they are passing it on to the municipalities which impacts to residents in another way -- by eliminating resources to the towns. They recognized they just can't keep hitting people with more and more taxes – liquor, tobacco, groceries, goods, gas....the list goes on and on but they have to recognize the people of the state are facing the same issues in their own households -- rising costs and frozen, stagnant dollars."

Zeoli had met with Town Engineer Bob Hiza to begin planning springtime capital improvement projects just days before receiving the letter from the Office of Policy and Management that Orange would not receive any LoCIP funds in 2017. "I thought the money was in an account designated to Orange and available with project approval," he said. Zeoli was expecting an additional \$104,000 this year to add to the town's LoCIP account that currently has \$420,641 earmarked for capital improvements. Hiza and Zeoli's to-do list for the spring included continuing road work improvements on Derby Milford Road and several other streets, and refurbishing the locker room at High Plains Community Center. LoCIP funds have paid for several projects at Fred Wolfe Park and the community center as well as a new roof on the Public Works' garage. "I will either have to be creative and find money elsewhere or put some things on the back burner for now," Zeoli said.

If there's any good news to the story, it's that Orange, unlike the state, is in sound financial stead. "We are in good condition to weather the storm. It's not a cakewalk but we are ok and should remain ok as this continues," Zeoli said.

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well as additional recognition and praise from their community. The student who wrote the winning essay or poem will receive a certificate of recognition and will also be honored at the ceremony.

Teachers from grades 1 through 12 are eligible for nomination. Awards for winning teachers, schools and students include cash prizes, NOOK® devices and more. The contest is broken down into local and regional winners, from which the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year" will be chosen. The National Winner and their school will split \$10,000 in cash prizes and more.

Each regional winner will receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card and a NOOK by Samsung device. From the pool of regional winners, Barnes & Noble will name one teacher the "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year". The winning teacher will receive \$5,000 and the title of "Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year". The national winner will be recognized at a special community celebration at their local

Barnes & Noble store, and the winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000. The student who writes the national winning essay, poem or thank-you letter will win a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card and a NOOK. Barnes & Noble has long supported teachers through Educator Appreciation Weeks, special discounts, personalized service, in-store events, bookfairs, store tours for classrooms, and, since 2011, through the My Favorite Teacher Contest.

The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest submission period begins January 4, 2017, and ends March 1, 2017. Students who want to participate must submit their essay or poem to Barnes & Noble, 1375 Boston Post Road, Milford CT 06460, by March 1. Only middle and high school students and active teachers employed in elementary, middle or high schools in the United States are eligible to win. More details on the contest rules, and photos and the winning essay from the 2016 Contest, can be found at www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher.



SOCIAL MEDIA RESOLUTIONS

The Internet and social media have revolutionized the way people spend their time. In the not-so-distant past, the sharing of information took considerable time. But now the instant a thought pops into a person's head, it can immediately be broadcast and shared with the world.

According to the marketing and media resource Brandwatch, there were 2.3 billion active social media users as of 2015, and those users averaged 5.54 social media accounts apiece. A new social user is added every 12 seconds. Facebook says it adds 500,000 new users every day and six new profiles every second. In addition, 500 million people visit Twitter each month.

Social media and Internet usage has become pervasive, so much so that some people have become addicted to it. Cornell Information Science has even published research that looked at the difficulty some people have in quitting Facebook and other social networks. Professed "social media addicts" have described the need for social media as being as strong as a cigarette craving. Some people use social media at the expense of sleep, work and family. But even those who can control their social media habits may want to cut back on their usage, and the following are a handful of ways to do just that.

Start cleaning out friend and follow lists. It won't be social suicide if you begin streamlining your social media feeds. Go through friend lists or who you are following and cut out the people with whom you do not regularly converse. Keep it to only the people with whom

you care to remain updated.

Think before you "tweet," "post" or "snap." Spend a few minutes really considering if the information you plan to share is worth sharing. Chances are you can reserve social media use for a more important purpose than sharing another photo of your lunch. And although everyone is entitled to his or her opinions, before commenting consider if a comment has the potential to ignite an argument or lead to a lengthy discussion you don't have the time or the desire to get involved with.

Schedule social media time. Instead of routinely checking your phone or tablet for social media updates, set up a time once or twice per day to check in. This way you control how and when you use the information. Similarly, turn off notifications so that you will not be tempted to look at your mobile device each time a tone is sounded.

Keep some things a mystery. Do not share locations or provide updates on vacations or travel plans in real time. This can be a security issue. Always exercise caution regarding the information you share. Making use of the privacy settings available to you may help you achieve your goal of reducing time spent on social media.

Live in the moment. Put down phones and experience situations as they happen, rather than through a screen.

Cutting down on social media usage or using platforms more intelligently are common resolutions. A little diligence can make it possible to break the cycle of constant use

Letters From Our Customers

Please extend our thanks to your serviceman - who made his way up our unplowed street after the Blizzard, to fix our furnace. We really appreciated his coming in such conditions.

We have been contacted by several other oil companies who offered everything from free furnace checks to lower prices. I WOULDN'T DREAM OF SWITCHING... although I am usually ready to save \$\$, it's because you made such a good impression on me twice. The first time you came to my home you were pleasant, unrushed, friendly, and trustworthy. The second time, you recognized me and remembered me by name at the Shell station. A small detail? Not by my standards.

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Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Registration is required where noted. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

Weekly Storytimes

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for three to five-year-olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session. No storytime on January 16 or February 20.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Little ones from birth up to age two and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for twos. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays, and puppetry together.

Events for Children

Homemade Lava Lamps

Wednesday, January 25, 3:45 p.m.

For children ages 3 and up; Children who love science will adore this simple craft and story time. All materials will be provided and you can take these projects home. Registration is required and begins on January 4. Space is limited.

Valentine Crafts

Wednesday, February 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For children ages 5-12; Choose a Valentine craft or two to give to someone you love. Make a heart wreath (choose from two styles) or write a special message on a scratch-off Valentine. Registration is required and begins on January 11.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Bach 2 Rock: The Science of Sound

Saturday, February 4, 11:30 a.m.

For children ages 4-12; Come to the library and make some noise! Electric violinist Caryn Lin makes music come to life before your very eyes with "Bach 2 Rock: The Science of Sound". Using sound effects, musical instruments, modern technology, and plenty of audience participation, Caryn will show



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how creativity and science have taken us from the days of classical music to today's techno-wonders. Registration is required and begins on January 14. Throughout the day, stop by the Children's Room to make a kazoo using common household items.

Battery Motor Making

Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.

For tweens in grades 4 to 6; Learn how to make a working magnetic motor using a battery, magnets, and copper wire. All material will be provided. Registration is required and begins on January 31. Space is limited.

Teens

Teen Craft: Paint-by-Numbers Style Paintings

Tuesday, February 21, 3-4 p.m.

For students in grades 6-12; Learn how to create a paint-by-numbers style painting in this fun afternoon class. No painting experience necessary. All materials will be provided. Registration is required and begins on January 31. Space is limited.

Adults

Bunty's War

Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m.

Local author Ida Greene brings her intimate diary entries to life in this memoir chronicling carefree pre-war days in England and a world turned upside down by the eruption of World War II. Meet the author and hear first-hand her experiences before, during, and after the war. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

Cookies and Coloring for Adults

Tuesday, February 14, 2 p.m.

Think of the fun you had and the hours you spent with your coloring books and crayons in your childhood. Let's return to those happy days and in the process reduce your stress, make new friends, and nibble some cookies. All supplies will be provided. Presented

by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required.

An Afternoon with Nat King Cole

Saturday, February 18, 1 p.m.

Join the Jim Scianna Trio, featuring bassist Jim Scianna, vocalist Atla DeChamplain, and pianist Matt DeChamplain, as they present songs and arrangements in the style of vocalist, pianist, and bandleader Nat King Cole. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required and begins on Saturday, January 28.

Book Discussions

Books & Breakfast: Morning Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 17, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast discussion leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of A Man Called Ove by Frederik Backman. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Wellness Book Group

Wednesday, February 8, 11 a.m.

Join Adult Services Librarian Marianne Pysarchyk for a discussion of Sacred Contracts by Carolyn Myss. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. This program is held at the Senior Center and is free and open to participants of all ages. Please call the Senior Center at 203-891-4784 to register.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase discussion leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Art In The Library

January: Oils, watercolors, and acrylics by Rosemary Serfilipi and Crystal Streit-Beetham, on view January 5-30.

February: Photography, watercolors, and colored pencil drawings by Paula McDonough and Suzanne Wagner, on view February 2-27. Reception: February 9, 5-7 p.m.

Museum Pass to Long Wharf Theatre

The Library is pleased to announce a new museum pass for the Long Wharf Theatre which is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The pass allows patrons to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve two free adult tickets for the Long Wharf performance of their choice. Reserving a pass is simple: Call or stop in the Library up to one week in advance of the performance you would like to attend to inquire about its availability. If the pass is available, you will have two days to come to the Library to check it out with your valid library card. Once you have the pass from the Library, call Long Wharf Theatre to reserve your seats. The day of the performance, bring the library pass to the box office to exchange it for your tickets.

AUTHOR IDA GREEN TALKS ABOUT BUNTY'S WAR

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library invite you to help celebrate its 25th Anniversary. Each month you can look forward to an author talk or a musical program or a history or cultural program or a film series.

The celebration will begin on Saturday, January 21st at 1:00 in the library Meeting Room (snow date is January 28th). Wallingford author, Ida Green, will discuss her book, Bunty's War. It is her intimate portrait of a schoolgirl who is growing up amidst the terror of World War II in London. The story juxtaposes on the same day between the events of the war and the ups and downs of her personal life.

After German bombers make her home uninhabitable, her family become refugees seeking asylum in North Wales where they will remain for two years. Upon returning to London, she spends a summer volunteering to bring in the harvest at a country farm and encounters American servicemen for the first time. While in college, she answers the call to National Service. She works in a government-controlled office where her life as a "career woman" includes many comical experiences.

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By Dennis Marsh

Hot Lunch

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Beginner's Pickleball

So, you may have noticed Pickleball in the gym but don't know how to play? Well, we are here to help. Join us on Thursday, January 12 & Tuesday, February 7 for Beginner's Pickleball. Diane Sullivan of Apex Pharmacy is a Pickleball Ambassador and certified Tennis Pro who has agreed to teach the fundamentals. Call (203) 891-4784 to sign up for this free class.

Return of Pilates!

Mondays, at 1:30pm Pilates class with Michele Tenney begins. Join us for this 10 week class for \$50. Sign up in the Senior Center office.

New Class!
Cribbage Club

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

Movie of the Month

Friday, January 20 "Sully", 1:00pm. Directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Tom Hanks. The story of Chesley Sullenberger, an American pilot who became a hero after landing his damaged plane on the Hudson River in order to save the flight's passengers and crew. Popcorn & soda to be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

They Call Me Reckless – Lunch & Fun

Join us on Thursday, January 26 as Janet Barrett discusses her book They Call Me Reckless: A True Story of War, Love and One Extraordinary Horse. This is an amazing story of the power of the human-horse connection—awe-inspiring, heartwarming, and at times downright funny. You bring your lunch for 11:30, we supply coffee and dessert. Speaker goes on at noon. Be sure to RSVP to (203) 891-4784.

Book Club

The monthly book club will meet on Friday, January 27. The book is The Messiah of Stockholm by Cynthia Ozick.

New Class!
Introduction to Computers

Calling all newbie computer users! Frank Marini has agreed to teach an introductory computer course! This 5 week course starts February 2, 9:30-11:30am, for only \$25. Sign up at the Senior Center office.

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The Orange Senior Center and the Turkey Hill School, with a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation, have partnered to bring you 3 free Technology Seminars. Learn from the experts, the Kids! Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat. How to Connect with Friends & Family with Devices, February 6, 10am.

Lions Club Pizza
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Join us on February 6, for a Brazilian Carnival themed Cabaret from 1:30—3:00pm. Jose Paulo will perform Brazilian music. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat.

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ian Carnival music. The Lions Club of Orange will serve pizza and soda. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

Wellness Book Club

Marianne Pysarchyk of the Case Memorial Library and the Orange Senior Center will host the Wellness Book Group at HPCC on February 8 (the 2nd Wednesday of the month) at 11am. Call (203) 891-4784 to register.

Submit Your Living Treasure Nominations Now

Nominations are being accepted through March 11, 2017 for the 2017 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 5, 2017.

2017 Trips

UCONN vs. SMU BASKETBALL at Gampel Pavilion

No minimum trip, Saturday, February 11, 2017. There is nothing like seeing a live game. Cost \$56pp. This no minimum trip includes transportation and tickets to the game. Full payment due at registration.

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CT FLOWER SHOW & LUNCH

No minimum trip, February 23, 2017 (snow date 2/24). "The Spirit of Spring" at the CT Flower & Garden Show at the Connecticut Convention Center with a lunch stop. Cost \$80pp includes transportation, lunch, & admission. Full payment due at registration.

MOHEGAN SUN 2017 AAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

March 6-7, 2017, no minimum overnight trip. Cost \$229pp double, \$315 single, \$214pp triple, includes transportation, hotel accommodations, AAC Final Game ticket, taxes, gratuity, baggage handling and more. Full payment due at registration.

ST PATRICK'S DAY at the Aqua Turf

No minimum trip, March 14, 2017. Enjoy live Irish entertainment by Padraig Allen and the Maclean Avenue Band. Enjoy an Irish lunch including corned beef & cabbage, baked scrod, and all the fixings, topped off with carrot cake. Also a complimentary glass of wine or beer. Cost: \$77pp, includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment due at reservation.



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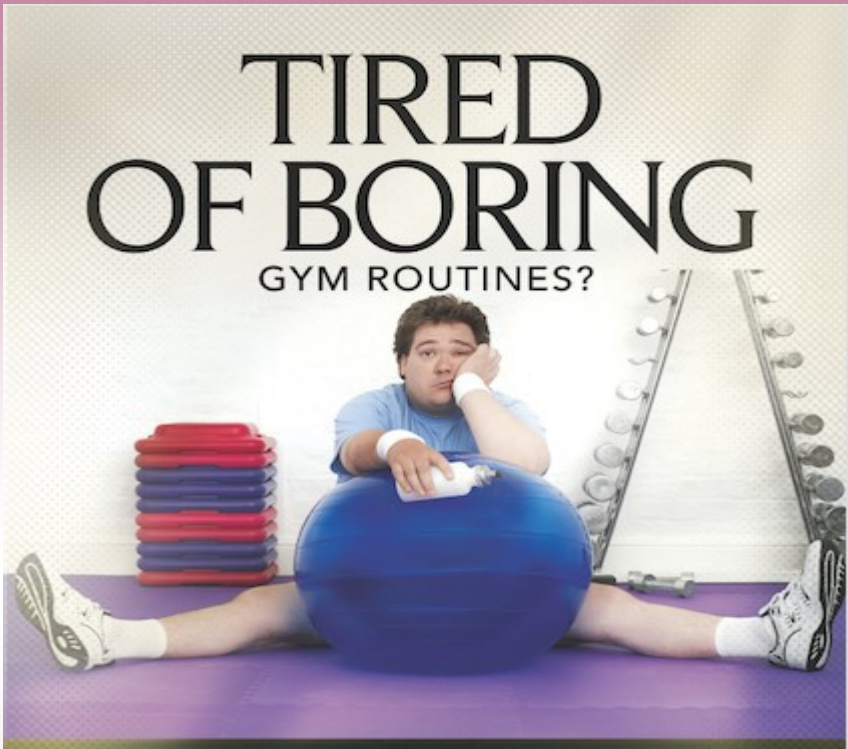
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The Peck Place Lego League team, the Outrageous Oranges, came in 9th out of 24 teams in the November 19th Lego League competition in Shelton, CT. The kids were very excited that they almost qualified for the state championship and are geared up for next year's competition.

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research that children are now doing. We've heard feedback from our parents and stakeholders that as we prepare students for the middle school, that they do a lot of writing and a lot of research. You'll see that peppered throughout here," Carbone said. Not only are classroom teachers using the Chromebooks in their lessons, the specials teachers and students with special needs are also. "Using the Read&Write For Google program, it builds independence and allows special needs students to participate in classroom activities," said Rosemary Slowick, Director of Special Services for the district. "It allows students to use speak-to-text, so if they have good ideas, but can't seem to get the writing out, they can speak into the

microphone. It helps with study guides and research. From what I'm hearing, a lot of kids are finding this a great success. The kids are loving it and are becoming so much more productive." Overall, the technology committee is pleased with how the Chromebooks are being used. "One thing that a teacher said to me that I found so overwhelming, is that they do 90% of their lessons involving the Chromebooks in some way. They've really found them to be an efficient asset in the classroom," Kozneiwski said. The increased exposure to content is the biggest benefit with the new access to technology, said Carbone. "With the addition of the devices, students have opportunities to use resources that they never have in the past"



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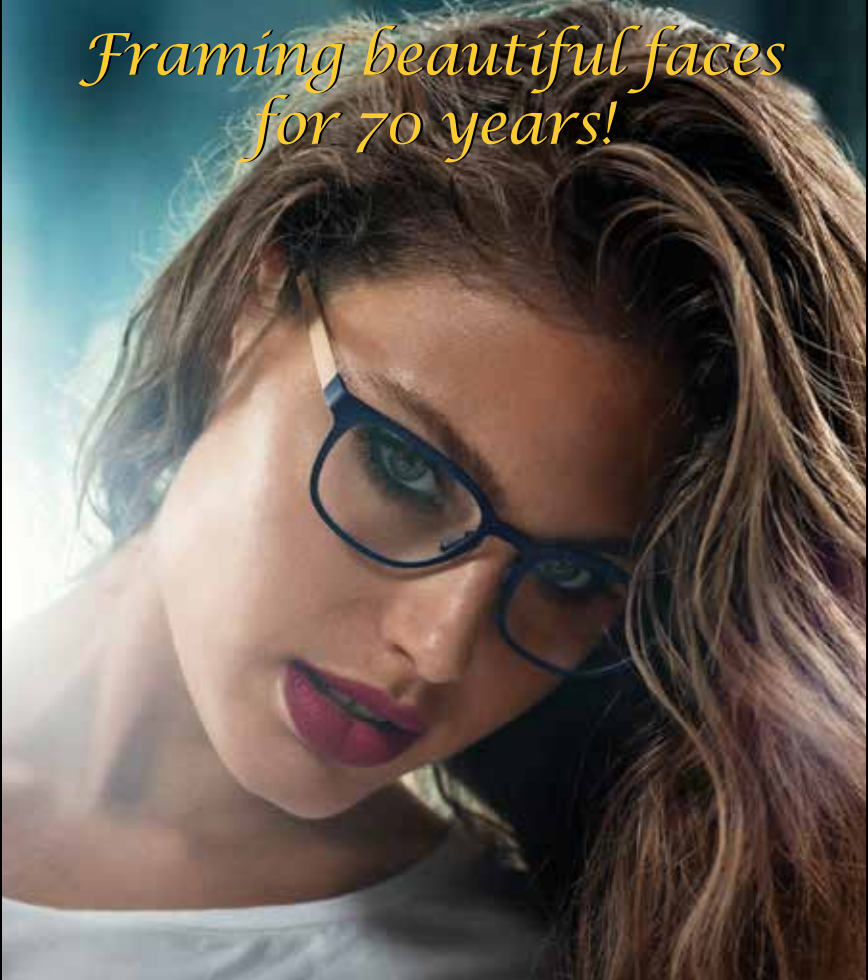
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HISTORY CORNER

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You Know Dasher...



I know you know the rest of the reindeer from reading A Visit From St. Nicholas, the original title of Clement Moore's The Night Before Christmas but "do you recall, the most famous reindeer of all?" Rudolph, of course. A Visit From St. Nicholas was written anonymously in 1823 in the hope of bringing families together in celebrating a holiday that had gotten out of hand with pagan rituals and celebrations not centered around the family. It was only after the poem was a success and families becoming endeared to it and its content that Moore identified himself as its author. It was a little over one hundred years that Robert L. May was asked to write a story that Montgomery Ward in Chicago could use as its department store's own children's book.

May was an advertising copywriter whose job was to promote the department store's image for the holiday season; so it was, in 1939, that May put pen to paper creating the 9th reindeer, Rudolph. May was the perfect choice as his wit and way with limericks and parodies was the perfect lead to writing a children's story. This obvious reason for the choice was anything but as May didn't see himself as a winner but a bit of an outcast who at the age of 35 was pounding out ad copy for the department story while "visions" of writing the Great American novel eluded him.

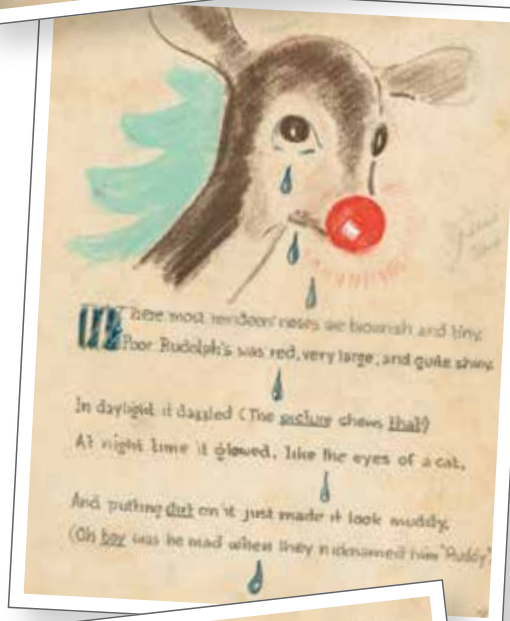
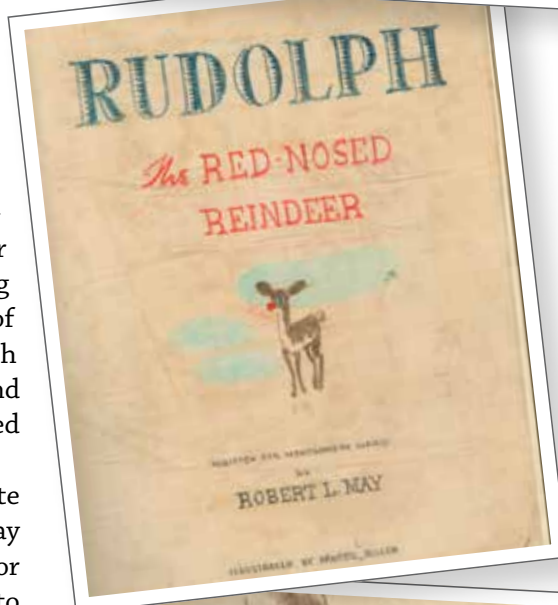
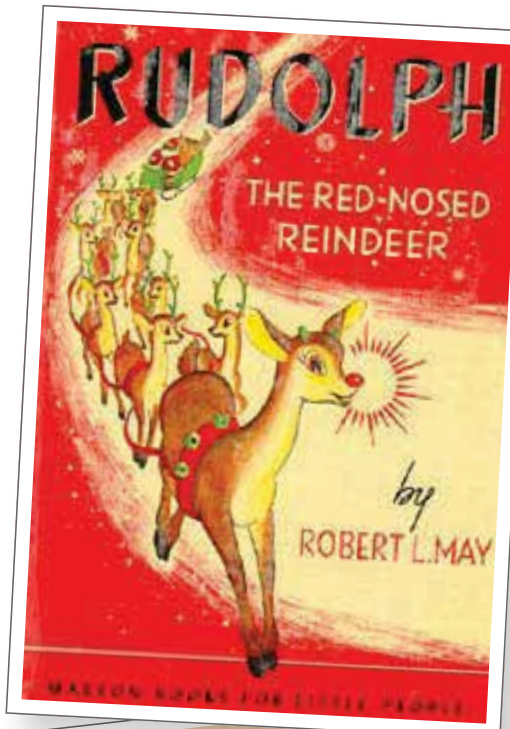
But he took on the task but his boss asked, "Can't you come up with anything better?" May believed in his story and getting his buddy in the art department to draw up some sketches, they convinced the boss of its promotional advantage.

The success of the book is history with Montgomery Ward printing more than 2 million copies throughout the United States. Through the death of his wife and living on a copywriter's salary Montgomery Ward offered to take the effort on as its own but May held onto it and after WW II, the store's CEO gave him the rights to the song,

helping him to work his way out of the debts he had incurred during his wife's illness. Luck is sometimes elusive but in this case May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, a songwriter was asked by May to write a song about Rudolph. By the way, some of the names May was working with were Roddy, Roland, Rollo, Romeo and Reginald. In his own hand, he circled Rudolph and Reginald.

Johnny Marks went on to write the song we all sang this past holiday season and I for one will not miss it for another 365 days as it was my job to teach or reteach 416 elementary children to sing it at our sing-along, the last day of school. There are silly* words that have been added over the years and I had all I could do to keep the children from equating Rudolph's nose with a light bulb or inserting "monopoly" into reindeer games. When you read May's story, you will find lines from it woven into the song that Marks wrote. Although of the Jewish faith, Marks enjoyed writing Christmas songs and I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, A Merry Merry Christmas to You, The Night Before Christmas song and When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter are some of our holiday favorites. Gene Autry alone sold 25 million records of Rudolph and it was very nostalgic to hear him once again this holiday season. Rudolph went onto fame with the Rankin/Bass cartoon, taking its place with other successful cartoons of the middle 70s.

It would appear by the list of Mark's songs that the 40s was a successful decade of holiday songs. Well, don't go any further, you are right with Frosty the Snow Man being written in 1950 by two men, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins. Both Rudolph and Snowy had cute publisher's names: Rudolph was the St. Nicholas Music Inc. in New



York City and Snowy, Hill and Range Songs, Inc. also in the city. The song appears to have taken place in White Plains, New York and at one time, an annual parade was held in the snowman's honor. Rankin and Bass also set this song to animation and this too can be seen during the holidays with the original lyrics of Snowy coming back someday rather than Christmas day. Gene Autry made this another hit with Nelson and Rollins writing Here Comes Peter Cottontail and the theme song for Smoky the Bear.

In laying out all of the music that I have carried from house to house and school to school, it is interesting to note the myriad of holiday songs written in the early 50s. We just keep on singing them and each generation that learns them hasn't a clue as to its age or its success for over fifty years. Silver Bells, Up On the Housetop, I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, all making their debut at that time. Even earlier White Christmas, written by Irving Berlin, as early as 1940, was one of America's most popular songs. Bing Crosby introduced a new version of White Christmas in the movie, Holiday Inn and, of course, it was sung throughout the movie entitled White Christmas. Among Berlin's successes are Easter Parade, Alexander's Ragtime Band, There's No Business Like Show Business and many, many more. George Gershwin, an equally talented musician considered Berlin "the greatest songwriter that has ever lived".

One of my favorites and the sheet music with the most tears and rips is Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town written in 1934 by Haven Gillespie and J. Fred Coots with Winter Wonderland written in the same year by Felix Bernard and Dick Smith. Working in the elementary school All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth was a favorite of the 2nd graders as they were losing their front teeth right in front of me. One such fella had his tooth ready to come out but it just wouldn't cooperate at a holiday sing-along at Barnes & Noble. I offered him a cookie which the tooth devoured with no trouble at all so I asked his mom if he could have a hard cookie; well, the tooth fairy was busy that night leaving him a dollar. My tooth fairies left me a quarter if I remember correctly.

*I won't tell you anymore of the silly words because I made my kids sing it at least once for me the way Johnny Marks wrote it. One day, knowing I didn't like the silly words they sang it while "shushing" those kids who insisted on singing them.

Happy New Year Everyone!

DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



SUSAN WILL BE BACK SOON!



PRIME 16 ROLLS OUT NEW
BBQ & BRUNCH MENU

By Melissa Nicefaro

Known best for its offering of gourmet burgers and craft beers, Prime 16 has become a reliably popular spot in town since its opening in 2013. While the burgers, salads and appetizers on the existing menu continue to be well-enjoyed, the restaurant recently added a selection of barbecued meats to its menu. Ribs by the rack or half-rack, beef brisket, pulled pork and jalapeno cheddar sausage each come with a sweet Texas, tangy Carolina or smoky peak chipotle sauce. The meat, smoked over hickory wood, is cooked on-site at the restaurant.

“BBQ is something people are looking for now, and it seemed like a natural addition to our menu,” explained co-owner Bob Potter. To him, a ‘natural addition’ has more than one meaning. Prime 16 uses only all natural meats raised by a family of farmers committed to sustainable and humane practices. There are no added hormones, no antibiotics and are fed all-vegetarian feeds. “Our burgers are a proprietary blend met with our purveyors. The special blend not only adds to the flavor profile, but also meets humane requirements.”

Barbeque sides include jalapeno corn bread, macaroni and cheese, barbeque baked beans, coleslaw, fries and Cajun fries. “I think people will be surprised with how good our smoked meats are. We smoke them for 14 hours to give the best flavor of meat and smoke,” said Potter.

Earlier this month, the restaurant began to offer brunch on Saturdays and Sundays from 10-2. The menu offers a variety of salads, small plates such as ahi tuna tacos, marinated beets or avocado toast, salads, breakfast sandwiches (of course, there is a brunch burger), and for the heartier appetites, baked French toast, sausage and grits, brisket hash and eggs or a traditional breakfast platter of two eggs, apple wood smoked bacon, home fries and multi-grain toast. In consistency with Prime 16’s other menus, the focus is on satisfying and nutritional food for a good value. A brunch bacon, sausage or ham, egg and cheese sandwich with

a side of fries, home fries or a salad is \$6.95.

“For adults at brunch, we have mimosas with fresh-squeezed orange juice or Bloody Marys—cucumber infused, bacon infused or traditional—that are each made with 15 different natural ingredients. It’s a great Saturday or Sunday wake-up!” says co-owner Jonathan Bara. Keeping the all-natural theme across the menu, the bar does not use powders or artificial syrups in drinks.

For happy hour, the bar offers discounted beers, wines and craft cocktails. Each Wednesday Prime 16 holds Trivia Night, and on weekends there is usually live music at the bar, which offers 30 different craft brews, many from local and regional breweries. Selections vary by the day, according to Bara. “We try to deal with as many local brewers as we can, whether they are local like New England Brewery or more regional,” Bara said. Potter agreed, “Most of what we use across the menu is local. We have Foxon Park soda from East Haven, our rolls are from local bakers in New Haven and Branford.”

The restaurant has a nice sized bar area that is a hot spot among many local adults, and Potter considers the Prime 16 a family-oriented restaurant, with something that is likely to appeal to anyone on the menu. The best-selling burgers are the Smoker (smoked gouda, smoked apple wood bacon, sautéed onions, sautéed crimini mushrooms, lettuce, tomato and garlic aioli); the Cowboy (cheddar, Canadian bacon, fried egg, lettuce and pico de gallo) and the Maui (pepper jack cheese, bacon, maui onion, grilled pineapple, lettuce and tropical mayo). Potter says the half-bacon stuffed burger is also among the best-sellers and he is confident that soon items on the barbeque menu will be added to that list as well.

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RBS FAMILIES DONATE GIFTS TO LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN

Race Brook School families from Orange once again sponsored children this year during the Student Council’s annual collection of gifts for the Connecticut Education Association’s Holiday Bear Project. Many Race Brook School families now include the gift drive as part of their annual holiday tradition. The goal of the program is to collect donated gifts for less fortunate children in Connecticut’s public schools. Orange families chose paper candles from the school’s front bulletin board. Each of the 150 candles had a child’s first name, age, and gift wish on it. The sponsoring families bought and wrapped the gifts for the children, hoping that their gifts would bring smiles to children’s faces. The gift drive was organized by the Student Council under the direction of teachers JoAnne Escandon, Pam Galatioto, and Janet Greenspan. The students pictured with the gifts are members of the Student Council Gift Drive Committee. “I wanted to be a part of helping others. It feels good to help children that need toys, clothes, shoes, and boots,” says third grader Olivia B. The students commendably collected the gifts from all the classrooms first thing in the morning and during their recess, giving them the opportunity to show citizenship, responsibility, and good will towards others. “I imagined the children’s happy faces when they received the gifts. My mom always says it’s better to give than to get,” emphatically states Sophie C.

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Happy New Year



Q: I am in such suspense from that winter finale for “**Designated Survivor**”! Will it be back in January so we can see who was shot by the sniper? -- Marian E., via email

A: You’ll have to wait just a little longer to see who took the bullet. From the promotional trailer, we know that it wasn’t Aaron Shore, Emily Rhodes or Mike Ritter. We’ll find out who that is on the operating table come Wednesday, March 8, at 10/9c.

Who do you think got shot? I’ll place \$5 on the victim being Alex Kirkman (played by **Natascha McElhone**), although I don’t think she’ll die -- it’s just enough to hit home for President Tom Kirkman and get him really fired up to figure out the conspiracy behind the Capitol bombing.

I realize this isn’t “**24**” and **Kiefer Sutherland** can’t go all vigilante since he’s the president of the United States, but I still would like to see more fire and outrage from his character, and this definitely would do the trick! And they have plenty of time to explore every possibility, since ABC granted the popular series a full-season, 22-episode pickup almost as soon as it came out of the gate.

Q: Is it true that there is going to be a “**Blade Runner**” sequel? If so, will **Harrison Ford** return? -- Lee T., Baton Rouge, Louisiana

A: Yes and yes. **Ridley Scott** has followed up his cult-hit 1982 science-fiction film with “**Blade Runner 2049**,” which is due Oct. 6. The sequel stars **Ryan Gosling**, and yes, Harrison Ford, who is reprising his role of Rick Deckard. Fans are always hesitant when it comes to reboots and sequels, so the stars have



Natascha McElhone [ABC/Bob D’Amico]

to be aligned for something like this to work, and I think that because Ridley and Harrison are back, and Ryan has been added to the cast, that we’ll have another blockbuster phenomenon on our hands this fall. I can’t wait to see it!

Q: Can you tell me what **Joseph Fiennes** has been up to lately? I haven’t seen him in anything in a while. -- Felicity F., via Facebook

A: You can catch **Ralph Fiennes’** baby brother in “**The Handmaid’s Tale**,” which is coming to Hulu this April. The 10-episode series follows the **Margaret Atwood** book of the same name, centering on life in the dystopia of Gilead, a totalitarian society in what was formerly part of the United States.

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NANCY WEBER EXHIBIT AT THE ORANGE TOWN HALL

Artist Nancy Weber graduated from the University of Bridgeport with a degree in Fine Arts. She began working in the technical publications field for various companies in CT, learned computer-aided design and progressed into graphic design. Eventually, Nancy started Paige Designs, her home-based graphic design business, which she ran for several years. It was through that outlet that she self-published her first book of poetry in 1999. She later started Jasmin Press, a small vanity press for poets, publishing her second book in 2002 and four additional books for other

Connecticut poets. Nancy is a member of the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) and the Milford Arts Council. Watercolor, acrylic and pencil are Nancy's favorite mediums. She also enjoys writing and photography, and has exhibited her work throughout Connecticut. To view more work by Nancy, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/paigedesigns/>. Contact Nancy at paigedesigns@yahoo.com if you're interested in purchasing any artwork on this site, or commissioned works.

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RATNER/WOLANIC EXHIBIT AT CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Having lost 3 sisters and her father to Huntington’s Disease, Betsy Ratner, abstract mixed media artist, has decided to donate all proceeds of her paintings to the Huntington’s Disease Society of America for finding the cure. Mrs. Ratner’s exhibit entitled, “Loving Light” at Cafe Atlantique (33 River Street, Milford, CT) is open to all the month of February. Art’s beauty is connected to the viewer so personally that Betsy feels that each person can use the suggested

prices, but pay what they wish, knowing where the proceeds will be going. www.betsyratner.com.

During the month of March at Case Memorial Library’s Exhibition Room at 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT, Betsy Ratner, abstract mixed media artist and Susan Seseske Wolanic, water colorist and graphic designer, will be exhibiting their works entitled, “Wisps of Air”. The opening reception is on Thursday, March 9, 2017 5-7pm www.betsyratner.com.



Left to right: Dr. Charles Dumais (Superintendent), Abigail Ganun (award winner), Max Kruger (award winner), and Kathleen Fuller-Cutler (Principal)

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL-ORANGE CAPSS AWARD WINNERS

Amity Middle School in Orange is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016-2017 CAPSS (CT Association of Public School Superintendent’s) Student Leadership Award. Abigail Ganun and Max Kruger were chosen by staff to receive the CAPSS Superintendent’s Student Leadership Awards

based on community service and service to others, academic prowess (relative to ability), and leadership service to the school community. Abigail and Max received their awards at the Amity Board of Education meeting on November 14th. Congratulations to Abigail and Max!

Our Orange office was very busy in 2016!

This is just a sampling of what our Orange agents sold in 2016. Throughout all of Southern Connecticut, we sold a total of 408 properties. We have no limitations!

BETHANY		MILFORD		WEST HAVEN	
SOLD	190-192 Schaffer Road, Bethany	SOLD	1 Bittersweet Ave, Milford	SOLD	140 Farren Ave, New Haven *
SOLD	93 Beacon Rd, Bethany	SOLD	20 Twin Oaks Ter, Milford	SOLD	32 Sheffield Ave, New Haven *
SOLD	5 Oak Ridge Dr, Bethany	SOLD	35 Gibson Rd, Milford	SOLD	16 Rockview Ter, New Haven *
SOLD	275 Amity Rd, Bethany	SOLD	20 Nolan Ter, Milford	SOLD	49 Porter Street, New Haven *
SOLD	94 Mesa Drive, Bethany	SOLD	31 Reed St, Milford	SOLD	92 Glen View Terrace 02, New Haven*
SOLD	11 Emerald Lane, Bethany	SOLD	33 Foran Rd #14, Milford	SOLD	41 Pierpont St, New Haven *
SOLD	205 Bear Hill Rd, Bethany	SOLD	77 Salem Walk #77, Milford	DEPOSIT	383 Winthrop Ave, New Haven
SOLD	33 North Humiston Dr, Bethany	SOLD	189 Mary Ellen Dr, Milford	DEPOSIT	1600-1602 Chapel St, New Haven
SOLD	77 North Humiston Dr, Bethany	SOLD	241 Roses Mill Road, Milford	DEPOSIT	75 Westwood Rd, New Haven
SOLD	168 Miller Rd, Bethany	SOLD	70 Kinloch Terrace, Milford	DEPOSIT	195 Lakeview Ter, New Haven
SOLD	33 Briar Rd, Bethany	SOLD	285 Pond Point Ave, Milford	WEST HAVEN	
SOLD	58 N Humiston Dr, Bethany	SOLD	5 Mansfield Rd, Milford	SOLD	28 West Walk #28, West Haven
SOLD	1059 Amity Rd, Bethany	SOLD	161 Clark St #A, Milford	SOLD	375 Capt Thomas Blvd #36, West Haven
SOLD	48 Amity Rd , Bethany*	SOLD	20 Tippy Rd, Milford	SOLD	17 Cove St, West Haven
SOLD	116 Falls Rd, Bethany*	SOLD	70 Locust St, Milford	SOLD	89 Coleman St #634, West Haven
DEPOSIT	34 Glenwood Ct, Bethany	SOLD	241 Wheelers Farm Rd, Milford	SOLD	12 Myrtle Ave, West Haven
ORANGE		SOLD	9 Kerry Ct, Milford	SOLD	446 Ocean Ave, West Haven
SOLD	358 Racebrook Rd, Orange	SOLD	161 Southworth St, Milford *	SOLD	404 Savin Ave, West Haven
SOLD	447 Dogwood Rd, Orange	SOLD	22 Botsford Ave, Milford *	SOLD	166 Center St, West Haven
SOLD	357 Longmeadow Rd, Orange	SOLD	260 Burnt Plains Rd, Milford*	SOLD	17 Hine St, West Haven
SOLD	143 Kennedy Dr, Orange	SOLD	40 Chapel St #102, Milford*	SOLD	9 Front Ave, West Haven
SOLD	256 Peck Ln, Orange	SOLD	115 Carmen Rd, Milford*	SOLD	2 Treat St #15B, West Haven
SOLD	444 Taulman Rd, Orange	SOLD	22 Robert St, Milford *	SOLD	77 West Clark St, West Haven
SOLD	334 Narrow Ln, Orange	SOLD	2 Glenwood, Milford *	SOLD	609 Campbell Ave, # A, West Haven
SOLD	996 Old Coach Road, Orange	SOLD	366 North St, Milford*	SOLD	72 Yates St, West Haven
SOLD	537 Derby Ave, Orange	SOLD	8 Kendall Green Dr #8, Milford *	SOLD	3 Trumbull St, West Haven
SOLD	655 Lakeview Rd, Orange	SOLD	23 Oljay Terrace, Milford *	SOLD	27 Flaum Dr, West Haven
SOLD	377 Drummond Rd, Orange	SOLD	272 West River St, Milford *	SOLD	29 Clark St, West Haven
SOLD	356 Longmeadow Rd, Orange	SOLD	166 Red Root Ln, Milford *	SOLD	414 Union Ave, West Haven
SOLD	131 Old Hickory Rd, Orange	SOLD	25 Holbrook St, Milford *	SOLD	120 Milton Ave, West Haven
SOLD	499 Pine Tree Dr, Orange	SOLD	91 Stowe Ave #301, Milford*	SOLD	116 Milton Ave, West Haven
SOLD	226 Wilson Rd, Orange	SOLD	8 Marie, Milford *	SOLD	124 Milton Ave, West Haven
SOLD	455 Ridgeview Rd, Orange	SOLD	27 Wildwood Ave, Milford *	SOLD	109 1st Ave, West Haven
SOLD	961 Old Coach Road, Orange	SOLD	23 Beaverbrook Rd, Milford *	SOLD	375 Capt Thomas Blvd #17, West Haven
SOLD	200 Boston Post Rd, Orange *	DEPOSIT	220 Foxwood Lane #220, Milford	SOLD	4 Schoolhouse Ln, West Haven
WOODBIDGE		DEPOSIT	813 Popes Island Road, Milford	SOLD	176 Daytona St, West Haven
SOLD	60 Maplevale Dr, Woodbridge	NEW HAVEN		SOLD	487 Jones Hill Rd, West Haven
SOLD	27 Inwood Rd, Woodbridge	SOLD	360 Fountain St #32, New Haven	SOLD	50 Wood St, West Haven
SOLD	1797 Litchfield Tpke, Woodbridge	SOLD	63 Girard Ave, New Haven	SOLD	48 Forest Hills Rd, West Haven
SOLD	272 Seymour Rd, Woodbridge	SOLD	515 Chapel St, Apt.#2, New Haven	SOLD	96 Canton, West Haven
SOLD	25 Cedar Rd, Woodbridge	SOLD	10 Gilbert Ave, New Haven	SOLD	63 Cooper Rd, West Haven
SOLD	162 Seymour Rd, Woodbridge *	SOLD	195 Lakeview Ter, New Haven	SOLD	5 Treat St #4B, West Haven
SOLD	110 Newton Rd, Woodbridge *	SOLD	28 Cassius St, New Haven	SOLD	113 Gilbert St, West Haven
SOLD	1163 Racebrook Rd, Woodbridge*	SOLD	Whalley Ave #1G, New Haven	SOLD	416 Ocean Avenue, West Haven
		SOLD	452 Central Ave, New Haven	SOLD	64 Norfolk St, West Haven
		SOLD	628-630 Whalley Ave, New Haven	SOLD	110 South St, West Haven

Congratulations to our December Agent of the Month

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TOP IN LISTING & SALES!

* Indicates Weichert Regional Properties represented the buyer. Information based on MLS data from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



The Orange Lions Club held their Holiday Party at La Famiglia Vincenzo restaurant. Great food and music along with lots of laughs made for a great night and a fun time was had by all!



The Orange Lions Club hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner at High Plains Community Center on Sunday, November 27. More than 168 guests, plus Lions members and Boy Scouts and leaders from Troop 925 (Pack 10) who were there to help, gathered for a delicious turkey dinner with all the fixins'.

Lions Harold Cavallaro (marking his 20th year as host) and Ann Carollo co-chaired the event. Lions President Nick Bencivengo and Cavallaro agreed that this may have been the best Lions Thanksgiving Dinner on record. "Our Motto Is We Serve and we are delighted to have served all of you today," Cavallaro said.



GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE RECEIVES SIX AWARDS

Members of The Garden Club of Orange received six awards from the Federated Garden Club of Connecticut luncheon held at Aqua Turf. Brenda Zandri (newsletter), Terry Azoti (newsletter and Trifold), Nancy Mellone (yearbook), Dianna DeFillippo (garden therapy), Linda Bradford (horticulture) and Marion Rizzo (Orange Town

Times). The Garden Club had a wonderful Holiday House Tour and thanks all the families that hosted and all the people who supported the event. Watch activities that will be coming this winter and spring. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCCT. If interested in learning more, call Joanne Friedrichs 203-795-4266.



Recently the Amity Teen Center received a check for \$7,709.28 from the UI, SCG AND CNG through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. This money can only be used for energy conservation at the Teen Center building. Pictured are Jane Oppen, ATC President, and Eileen Lopez Cordone from the United Illuminating Company.



Pictured are some of the students at Holly Hill Childcare along with Infant Teachers Paula Curry (left), Sue Puhl (kneeling), Assistant Director Debbie Fedorko (right) and Pre-School Teacher Kristie Labacz (far right).

HOLLY HILL CHILDCARE COLLECTS BEARS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In the spirit of giving, Holly Hill Child-care and Learning Center of Orange has been very busy this holiday season collecting teddy bears and other stuffed animals for the 17th annual "Teddy Bears with Love" drive. Thanks to the generosity of the students of Holly Hill, their parents, our staff, Ann Marie & Jim's Cleaning Service, and countless Orange residents, 129 stuffed animals were collected. The response from residents after reading the newspaper article asking for bears was overwhelming. From one woman's Thanksgiving guests who brought "a bear" to dinner, to the young gentleman who brought us the most beautiful Teddy

Bear with cub that played "You can count on me" to the lovely Bethany woman who hand crocheted 4 beautiful bears – and believe it or not, her name is Candy Cain! All of these bears will be given to children to snuggle with in Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, and other local hospitals over this holiday season. This project is the brain-child of the Fairfield University Student Alumni and since its inception seventeen years ago, the "Teddy Bear with Love" drive has put smiles on the faces of thousands of children in area hospitals and facilities. We hope this helps make their holidays bright!

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

ORANGE COMMUNITY WOMEN
PRESENT “BUBBLEMANIA”

Orange Community Women (OCW) Presents “Casey Carle’s BubbleMania” on Saturday, January 28th at 3:00pm at High Plains Community Center. BubbleMania is a highly acclaimed show combining the science of bubbles with theatrical showmanship and comedy. Its website describes the show as an “extremely unique program combining high energy entertainment with artistic achievement. BubbleMania is loaded with visual comedy, quick wit, big band swing music and the untamed, often unbelievable qualities and beauty of spherical liquids”. This will be a wonderful community event and lots of fun for all ages.

Tickets are \$5 in advance before January 15th or \$7 at the door. Contact Michelle Bailey for tickets at fbailey1@optonline.net or any OCW member.

Orange Community Women is a chapter of Connecticut Junior Women,

Inc. We seek to unite the women of Orange and surrounding areas by participating in community service and providing enrichment, leadership and social interaction. Our projects include awarding scholarships to Amity students, donating children’s books to the library, collecting for veterans, organizing activities for the Tracy Bunch (a group of special needs adults sponsored by Orange Community Services), visiting and working with the seniors at Silverbrook, donating holiday food baskets and gift cards to Orange Community Services and partnerships with Days for Girls, Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes. Proceeds from this fundraiser support projects such as these.

For more information on Orange Community Women, contact Donna Wesolowski, 203-799-3519.

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instructional time that we give the kids off. I don’t know that I’m alone, but we were looking for some feedback on those days off.”

“If we have a workshop for teachers or if they leave their classroom and come here for professional development, we have a substitute. When it’s a half-day or an early-release day, we don’t have to worry about that. We know it’s an added need on parents to leave work, but in order to continue to allow us to do work in our district, which is to do the heavy lifting of curriculum and professional development, that our intentions on why we’ve continued to follow the same suit (early dismissals),” Scarpetti explained. “The reason we ask for these minimum days is to lessen the impact of a child having to have a substitute teacher in front of them and also the impact of the budget and how much it’s costing for substitutes to come in,” he said. “I would ask what the average number of instructional hours we have

in our district compared to other districts in our DRG,” Saccente said.

Board Member Kim Browe had some concerns about the process. “Going forward, I would ask that we can begin this process in a much more collaborative manner with ACES. In the history of the town, this has always been a much more collaborative effort, with parent reps, teacher reps, administrators and the superintendent where we could all talk about what’s best for our kids,” she said. “There may have to be some more serious conversations with ACES because for the second year in a row, the process that they took was not as collaborative as it should have been.”

Chairman Bill Kraut reminded the board that this was a first read of the calendar and that the board would subsequently be asked to approve option A, B or none of the above at the next meeting. “To Kim’s point, and I know there are a couple of other board members that feel the same way, we’d at the very least like to have a little more input from our end to ACES,” he said.

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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

Orange Congregational Church at 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, CT, 203-795-9749, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services: at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Every Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. there is a child-care experienced Crib Room Attendant for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending the 10 a.m. worship service. Church school for K-4th Grade takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service and we have opportunities for older children and teens in our Pilgrim Fellowship.

On January 27 at 5:30 p.m. the youth will have their annual "Freeze Out" spending a night outside in order



Orange Congregational Church

to raise awareness, understanding and funds to help reduce homelessness in Connecticut. We are also hosting a Red Cross Blood drive on Monday, January 30 from 1-6 p.m. in the John Ho Dining Room. If you would like to give blood, please register at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CT

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut presents "Library Time: Guided Use of JGSCT Resources" on Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 1:30 pm at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, CT 06111. This program is free and open to the public, especially those interested in Jewish genealogy.

Janet Carlson, our librarian, will give an overview of our materials and explain how to identify the categories.

JGSCT board members will be available to answer questions and guide users to the resources they need.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut houses its library at Temple Sinai. JGSCT members may borrow items other than reference books and materials, which do not circulate, from the library collection.

For additional information, please visit www.jgsct.org.

CONGREGATION OR SHALOM EVENTS

Weekly Services

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

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi

Every Wednesday (please call the office for schedule) Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class devoted to the ancient texts of our heritage and the light they shed on the current issues. The class begins at 11:00 am and ends at 12 noon sharp. All Welcome.

ZUMBA GOLD AT OR SHALOM
Congregation Or Shalom announces



Congregation Or Shalom

the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD OFFERS "PRAYING WITH COLOR"

A Workshop In Artful Spirituality In January

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is pleased to offer Praying with Color: A Workshop in Artful Spirituality on January 21st, 2017.

The intersection of the arts and spirituality is millennia old. From cave drawings, to sand mandalas, to brilliant African masks, to the delicate embroidery of altar linens, to sculpture, painting, beadwork, and the whole kaleidoscope of human expression throughout the centuries, civilizations have sought to communicate with the gods.

Spend a couple of hours learning and playing with art, color, and the Holy Spirit on Saturday morning, January 21st, from 9am to 11am, at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Rev. Diana will lead you through some gentle art/prayer exercises that might change how you think about prayer, and how you approach art. No artistic talent required, just curiosity and a desire to try something new. Bring colored pencils, crayons, markers, if you have them. There will be an assortment of materials to borrow, if you don't.

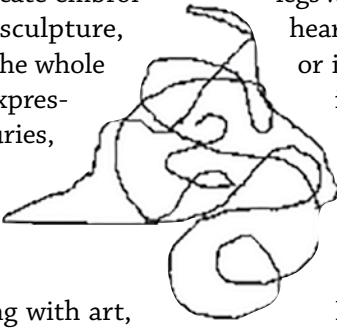
In the depths of winter, take a vacation from "blah" to explore a spiritual "aha." Please call the church office at 203-795-6577 to register so we know how many tea bags to have on hand. This workshop is open to adults and teens from all walks of life and traditions.

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer its affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at The Church of the Good Shepherd

on Wednesday, February 15th, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 9:30 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorange.org, and, of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangerect for frequent postings.



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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PRIEST

Christ Episcopal Church of Bethany is excited to announce the arrival of our new Priest-In-Charge, The Rev. Dr. Robert Peter Clements. He will lead our worship starting on January 15, 2017. All are welcome!

Dr. Clements is married to The Rev. Jenni Matheson, who is a retired priest. He has been the rector of Christ Church in Roxbury, CT since 2009 and prior to that held several positions in parishes and schools in the northeast.

Dr. Clements skills are many. He is a graduate of General Theological Seminary in New York and, among other degrees, holds a doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served as an English and Philosophy teacher and as an assistant headmaster in independent schools, as well as an adjunct professor of Christian Education and Spirituality at Hartford Seminary. He has also served as a chaplain for merchant seamen and for two volunteer fire departments. He is a surfer, luthier, and bass guitarist. He is tech-savvy, writing a weblog called The Coracle. These diverse interests nurture and strengthen both his intellect and spirituality. We can look

to him to be wise, challenging, creative and forward thinking.

Dr. Clements has a wealth of experience as a rector of churches both large and small. He is particularly drawn to the challenge of a church the size of Christ Church. He states, eloquently, that being present to the community is the most rewarding aspect of his priesthood, as well as a potent form of evangelism. To Dr. Clements, the small parish provides a way to really know “a variety of people, ideas and experiences”. He is a joyful and excellent preacher. He speaks without notes and his sermons are lectionary-based using stories and personal experiences as illustrations.

We are looking forward to continuing our journey together with Dr. Clements, and we hope that you will welcome him with open arms to our community. Until you get to know Rob personally, the following web links will take you to some places where you may learn something more: <http://thecoracle.blogspot.com/> and http://www.countytimes.com/community/roxbury-minister-really-rocks/article_6a1db94b-1295-5bc1-9619-48ebef1b55e8.html.



THE WHIFFENPOOFS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

Come out for an incredible afternoon of A Cappella Music! Every year, 14 senior Yale men are selected to be in the Whiffenpoofs, the world’s oldest and best-known collegiate a cappella group. Founded in 1909, the “Whiffs” began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory’s Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern. Today, the group has become one of Yale’s most celebrated traditions.

And now, the Whiffenpoofs are adding Temple Emanuel to its list of performance venues! Meet the entire group, ask questions, and have your picture taken with them!

Don’t miss the chance of a lifetime to see this incredibly talented group locally at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven! Seating is limited, so buy your tickets early! See you there!

Sunday, February 26, 2017, 3:00 pm performance at 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT. Admission is \$20 per ticket for Adults and \$10 per ticket for Kids (12 and under).

Join us following the performance for a Meet & Greet with the Whiffs.

For more information or to purchase tickets: Call Temple Emanuel office (203) 397-3000 or order online at www.TempleEmanuel-gnh.org.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SERVICES & EVENTS

Happy 2017. The First Church of Christ invites all members of the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge for the following weekly services and special events:

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

Church School - Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the Lectionary.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th – 8th graders meets the second Sunday of the month.



First Church of Christ

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

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

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My soul languishes for Your salvation; I wait for Your word. My eyes fail with longing for Your word, while I say, “When will You comfort me?” Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget Your statutes.

~ Psalm 119:81-83 ~

“The Prophet” by Emil Nolde (1912)

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DIFFERENT WAYS TO HELP RESOLUTIONS STICK THIS YEAR

In the heat of the New Year's Eve countdown, fueled by enthusiasm and possibly a few glasses of champagne, resolutions may roll off of the tongue. But come the morning of January 1, such resolutions may not hold the same appeal.

Between 40 and 45 percent of the American population will make a New Year's Resolution, according to polling by researchers at the University of Scranton. Research suggests that only about 8 percent of people stick with those resolutions and achieve their goals. The outlook is similar for Canadians, 31 percent of whom set New Year's resolutions. Among those that do, three-quarters will break them, according to a poll from Ipsos. A survey of online shoppers who visited the website FreeDeliveryLand.co.uk revealed that the average length of time a person can expect to pursue their New Year's resolution is around three and a half weeks, or 24 days.

Maintaining resolutions can be a resolution in and of itself. For those who want to push through the fail point this year — and stay strong in the face of tempting desserts and the craving to light up a cigarette — these suggestions may help resolutions stick.

Start small when picking resolutions. Rather than resolving to lose 50 pounds, start with a more manageable goal, such as losing 10 pounds. When you reach the goal, you will feel more confident and then you can up the ante.

Set a reasonable time frame. Be realistic when determining how long it will take to achieve your goal. Achieving a difficult goal can take time, so don't expect overnight success.

Practice self-control in all aspects of life. Some researchers believe that the self-control necessary to help people maintain their resolutions is like a muscle that needs to be exercised. When self-control is revved up across many different activities, it's easy to realize one particular resolution. For example, in an experiment at the University of Albany, researchers asked 122 smokers who were trying to quit to practice extra self-control for two weeks, either by avoiding sweets or by squeezing on a grip strengthener for as long as they could twice a day. Twenty-seven percent of those who were diligent about practicing their self-control exercise successfully kicked their cigarette habit in the following month, compared with just 12 percent of volunteers who didn't maximize self-control.

Get support or talk it out. Speaking about what you are going through and getting reassurance from other people can work wonders to strengthen resilience. When the desire to quit sneaks up, you can consult with a friend or consider a support group. For example, taking a group class at the gym may be a more effective motivational tool than working out solo.

Set up an accountability system. Institute a rewards system for your success. You might even use a monetary system as a double-bonus. When you stick to a resolution over a predetermined period, put a dollar in a jar. If you fall off course, take a dollar away. Find the incentive that works for you.

Resolutions are made and broken every year. Make this the year you realize your resolution.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



SPANISH REDS

On cold Winter nights big red wines are always a good idea. They match quite well with hearty meat and pasta dishes. Rather than the usual suspects, how about trying some of the wonderful big reds from Spain? Spain is an ancient wine-producing country that vies with France and Italy as the number-one wine producer in the world. Spain's wine heritage is at least three thousand years old; vineyards in today's Sherry region were planted by the Phoenicians around 1,100 BC. Wines from vines grown along the sunny Mediterranean coast and the cooler Atlantic coast were traded and consumed by the Romans. But the arrival of the teetotaler Islamic Moors in 711 AD put an end to Spanish wine commerce until the Moors' final defeat in 1492. With the Iberian Peninsula freed from Islamic rule, wine returned with a vengeance.

But with the limited exception of Sherry, only Rioja enjoyed much international awareness until the late twentieth century. Wealthy producers such as the Marqués de Riscal, Marqués de Murrieta and Vega Sicilia had the wherewithal to produce wines that brought international attention, but Spain mostly operated under the radar, ruled as it was by a military dictatorship until the mid – 1970s. Until the end of the Franco regime, winemaking was sometimes typical of a pre-modern age. Grapes might be picked unripe, and red and white grapes could be thrown together into the fermenting pit. Barrels, stainless steel and even sterile wineries were innovations only sparingly used. Leading minds like Miguel Torres pushed the industry forward, but to turn the ship in another direction altogether required time and the efforts of many.

But since the reemergence of democracy, Spain has grabbed a larger and larger share of the international spotlight. Competing on the world stage has necessitated embracing the most sophisticated techniques both in the vineyards and the wineries, but certain iconoclasts haven't abandoned the old ways altogether. Indeed, some still produce traditional; both modernists and traditionalists are making great wines.

There are 7 major types of red wines produced in Spain. They are Young Tempranillo, Aged Tempranillo, Granacha, High End Granacha, Monastrell, Mencia, Bobal. Young Tempranillo has tasting notes of sour cherry, plum, spicy black pepper and bay leaf. This is a juicy and spicy style of Tempranillo that typically receives less than a year of aging. The wines

generally cost \$10-15.

Aged Tempranillo costs \$25-\$35 per bottle and it has tasting notes of Cherry, Dried Fog, Vanilla and Cedar. Garnacha is known as Grenache in France, but the grape originated in Spain. This fresh and juicy style of Garnacha is a bouquet of sweet red fruit and a smooth iced tea-like finish. You'll find this style of Garnacha in Northern Spain close to the border of France in the encompassing regions of Argon and Navarra. Costs run \$10-\$15 per bottle.

High end Garnachas are bold and complex with high Tannin and dark raspberry flavors. These wines are aged longer and typically come from older vineyards. You can find single varietal Garnacha around Madrid, where old vines in high elevation vineyards produce concentrated wines. In Spain, blended Granacha is matched with Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cariñena and delivers bolder styles with blackberry and licorice. \$25-35 per bottle. Monastrellis the same wine as Movadre in France, but it's actually a wine of Spanish origin. Wines are intensely bold with high tannin, black fruit and black pepper flavors. This wine is primarily produced in central Spain from the Mediterranean coast in Valencia to inland to La Mancha on the central plateau. Most wines are produced in affordable style and offer excellent value. The more aged in oak, the more mocha, chocolate and vanilla notes the wine will have.

Mencia (pronounced Men-THEE-ah) is a unique medium bodied wine that grows in Spain and Portugal. Wine collectors have likened Mencia to Grand Cru Burgundy because of its layers of red fruit, floral aromas and moderate mouth-drying tannins. The wines are made in Northwest Spain and costs range \$20-\$30.

A relatively unknown grape to the US is Bobal. It is produced in central Spain where it's prized for its deep opaque purple color, high tannins and black fruit flavor. So one of these cold winter nights try some hearty big Spanish Red Wines. You will be glad you did! Have a great New Year!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway community College, and the Milford Board of Education as well as Maltose wine and beer making suppliers, and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

LOCAL BUSINESS



PECAAG CELEBRATES 8 YEARS

Pinnacle Educational Center Admissions Advisors Group (PECAAG) has reached a milestone this January, celebrating 8 years of business. PECAAG is a subsidiary of BHA Education Consultants which was started in 1997 by Dr. Lowe.

The company has grown from the dreams of founder/CEO, Dr. Paul Lowe to a company headquartered in Woodbridge, Connecticut with additional offices in Greenwich, CT; Mid-town Manhattan; White Plains, NY; Fort Lee and Princeton, NJ, Boston, MA and Wilmington, DE. PEC/AAG also has international affiliate partners in London, Beijing, Delhi, Paris, Sao Paulo, Moscow, Kuala Lumpur and Lagos.

“It gives me great pride in joining clients and business partners in celebrating the company’s 8th anniversary. We have come a long way since the business was started in 2009, in the midst of a recession, and are very excited about our future as the company continues to thrive,” said Dr. Lowe when discussing

the celebration. “We chose Woodbridge as our headquarters because the developers/owners of the 245 Amity Office and Retail Complex had a positive vision and we had a positive vision which ultimately led to our success.”

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DEATH NOTICES



Leo Severs,
Selma Severs

After 68 years of Marriage, Selma Severs, 87, and Leo Severs, 90, of Orange, CT, passed away peacefully in their home at Maplewood of Orange within 6 weeks of each other. Selma Severs was born on November 2, 1928 and passed away on October 12, 2016. Leo Severs was born on September 14, 1926 and passed away on December 3, 2016. They were united in marriage on Valentine’s Day, 1948. Leo and Selma moved from New York City to Connecticut in 1962. There they proudly opened Happy House, a well-known gift store which operated for over

45 years in Milford, CT. They took great joy in traveling the world, never passing up the opportunity to dance together. Grateful for having shared in Leo and Selma’s lives are their children, Mark and his wife Delana Severs of Orange, CT, Sheldon and his wife Nancy Severs of Woodstock, CT and Robin Hildebeitel of South Carolina, as well as five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They were preceded in death by their parents, siblings and a grandson Steven Severs. Memorial Services were private for immediate family. In lieu of flowers contributions in Leo and Selma’s honor may be directed to the American Cancer Society. The family would like to thank Hospice for their continuous support and care.

Michael W. Powell

Michael W. Powell of Old Greenwich, CT died on December 6 at Greenwich Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 55years, Marcia Moran Powell, three children and four grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. He was the beloved brother of Pat Powell Ziman of Orange and her husband Ken and the uncle of Jillian Ziman Pollock and her husband Steven and of Cory J. Ziman.

Mr. Powell retired as a detective sergeant from the Greenwich Police Department. A memorial mass was held on Saturday, December 17 in Greenwich.

UConn Basketball and Lunch



Bus ride to the XL Center to watch the UConn Men’s Basketball team take on American Athletic Conference rival SMU.
After the game, our group will stop for a buffet lunch at ‘On The Border’ on the way home.

Saturday, February 25th
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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. **Rogue One: A Star War's Story (PG-13)**

Felicity Jones, Diego Luna
2. **Sing (PG)**

animated
3. **Passengers (PG-13)**

Jennifer Lawrence, Chris Pratt
4. **Why Him (R)**

Zoey Deutch, James Franco
5. **Assassin's Creed (R)**

Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard
6. **Moana (PG)**

animated
7. **Fences (PG-13)**

Denzel Washington, Viola Davis
8. **La La Land (PG-13)**

Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone
9. **Office Christmas Party (R)**

Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn
10. **Collateral Beauty (PG-13)**

Will Smith, Edward Norton

TOP 10 VOD

1. **Suicide Squad (PG-13)**

Will Smith
2. **The Secret Life of Pets (PG)**

animated
3. **Jason Bourne (PG-13)**

Matt Damon
4. **Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (PG-13)**

Eva Green
5. **Bridget Jones's Baby (R)**

Renee Zellweger
6. **Ben-Hur (PG-13)**

Jack Huston
7. **War Dogs (R)**

Jonah Hill
8. **Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13)**

Meryl Streep
9. **Bad Moms (R)**

Mila Kunis
10. **Don't Breathe (R)**

Stephen Lang

1. Name the female singer who released "Anyone Who Had a Heart."

2. Which group released "The Village Green Preservation Society"?

3. Who wrote the song "Tin Man"?

4. Where did Manhattan Transfer get its name?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "This time tomorrow, Reckon where I'll be, Hadn't a-been for Grayson, I'd a-been in Tennessee."



1. Cilla Black, in 1964. She was discovered by the Beatles' manager Brian Epstein in 1963. 2. The Kinks, in 1968. The song looks at English country villages and hamlets, compared to modern cities. 3. Dewey Bunnell of America, in 1974. And yes, it references the 'In Man in the Hat' novel by the film "The Wizard of Oz." Bunnell claimed he never wanted the song recorded, but it went to No. 1. 4. From the Dos Equis 1925 novel by the same name. 5. "Tom Dooley," by the Kingston Trio, a No. 1 hit in 1958. Tom Dooley was convicted of killing his pregnant girlfriend in 1866 in North Carolina and was sentenced to hang. Dula was pronounced "Dooley" at the time, and the song was passed down through generations.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. In 2015, pitcher Dallas Keuchel set a Houston Astros record for most strikeouts by a left-hander (216). Who had held the mark?

2. Lucas Duda tied a New York Mets record in 2015 for most multi-homer games in a season (seven). Who else did it for the Mets?

3. Who holds the Cleveland Browns mark for most passing yards in a regular-season game?

4. When was the last time before 2016 that Clemson's men's basketball team beat consecutive ranked opponents?

5. With which NHL team did Hall of Fame goalie Rogie Vachon begin his 16-season career?

6. Who was the only Robert Yates Racing driver to win NASCAR's Cup championship?

7. Who was the last non-European tennis player before Milos Raonic in 2016 to reach the final of men's singles at Wimbledon?

1. Mike Culler, with 203 strikeouts in 1967. 2. Dave Kingman (1976) and Carlos Delgado (2008). 3. Josh McCown threw for 457 yards in a game in 2015. 4. It was 1989. 5. Montreal, in 1967. 6. Dale Jarrett, in 1999. 7. Andy Roddick, in 2009.



Emily Blunt in "The Girl on the Train" [Universal Pictures]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of January 16, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Girl on the Train" (R) -- Rachel (Emily Blunt) is an alcoholic and a mess since her divorce, and she rides the commuter train through a little suburb twice a day. A woman goes missing (Haley Bennett) and Rachel thinks she saw something from the train, because she looks at that woman's house from the train every day and idealizes the beautiful couple living there. However, the missing woman was Rachel's ex-husband's nanny, and she looks a lot like Rachel's ex's new wife! Got it? Oh, and everybody is really dreary because of all the suburban angst.

When your plot is so tangled, plot twists just look like regular ol' plot developments. When your characters are so consistently distraught or uptight,

major emotional moments lose their flair. I can't speak to the book, but the film had some complicated narrative threads that weren't woven as intended.

"Keeping Up with the Joneses" (PG-13) -- On a quiet cul-de-sac, two unbelievably attractive and stylish people move in, paying cash. Karen (Isla Fisher) keeps an eye on them from across the street, because the kids are at summer camp and she needs something to do while her husband Jeff (Zach Galifinakis) works in human resources. Snooping reveals that these new neighbors (John Hamm and Gal Gadot) are actually spies, pushing the unassuming Jeff and Karen into high-stakes espionage hijinks.

There isn't a bad member of the cast, but every action is stuck in a very tired formula. Jokes come in predictable pacing with expected delivery. You might not be able to call what the misdirect is, but you know what's going to be a misdirect. Galifinakis needs the freedom to be a little weirder, and Hamm shows in some moments that he really does have the timing and tuning for comedy.

"Ouija: Origin of Evil" (R) -- Set in the late 1960s, the prequel bests its predecessor with better suspense and a relish for the old-fashioned scare flicks of its setting. Alice Zander (Elizabeth Reaser) runs a scam psychic business out of her home, with the special effects run by her two daughters: Lina (Annalise Basso), the teen, and Doris (Lulu Wilson), who is whatever age makes the creepiest possessed-little-demon girls. Once they bring a Ouija board into the act, Doris takes a real liking to it, opening up herself and their home to some really bad spirits. As supernatural terrors mount, Father Tom (Henry Thomas) is called in for support.

Sudoku answers on page 30

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD

Henry

BY DON TRACHTE

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Rebuff a masher

5 Whip

9 Vanna's cohort

12 Twosome

13 Reverberate

14 Center

15 — -European

16 Part of Q.E.D.

17 "Monty Python" opener

18 Egg container?

19 Symbol of intrigue

20 Hoofbeat sound

21 Mound stat

23 Sib

25 Like wet snow

28 There

32 Pot

33 Of service

34 Construction pieces

36 Prepares to propose

37 Bottom line

38 Egos' counterparts

39 Crooked

42 Under the weather

44 "G.W.T.W." plantation

48 Regret

49 Verbal

DOWN

1 Whirl

2 Nathan of Broadway

3 Helps

4 Lutheran, e.g.

50 Enthusiastic, plus

51 "All the Things You —"

52 Exhaust-pipe output

53 Undressed

54 Pantheon member

55 Unoriginal one

56 Ball-bearing items

5 Room to maneuver

6 Farm fraction

7 Down-at-the-heels

8 Stolen

9 Donahue or Collins

10 Car

11 Recipe meas.

20 Potential winner

22 Lyricist's specialty

24 Circular

25 Take to the slopes

26 U.K. pol. party

27 Multipurpose truck

29 Conk out

30 Right angle

31 Scale members

35 Rouse

36 Strikingly effective

39 Boast

40 Continental coin

41 Requisite

43 Like some excuses

45 Chills and fever

46 Took the shuttle

47 Quite some time

49 Son-gun link

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

xHOLLYWOOD -- You can be sure that Daniel Craig will be back for two more Bond films. Craig was quoted not long ago as saying, "I'd rather walk on ground glass than play Bond again." If you need more proof, just look closely at the program of his recent stage turn in "Othello," with David Oyelowo, at the New York Theater Workshop, and you'll see the show was produced by Barbara Broccoli, the same Barbara Broccoli who produces the Bond films. Then there's the \$150 million paycheck being waved in his face to keep drinking martinis "shaken, not stirred"!

Ryan Reynolds' labor of love, "Deadpool," took 11 years to bring to the screen, cost \$58 million to make and broke all records, earning \$782 million in theaters. Next up is the sci-fi film "Life," with Jake Gyllenhaal and Rebecca Ferguson, due March 24, followed by the action comedy "The Hitman's Bodyguard," with Samuel L. Jackson, Gary Oldman and Salma Hayek, hitting screens Aug. 18.



Patrick Wilson [Speakerpedia]

Patrick Wilson, best known to TV audience for "A Gifted Man" (2011-2012), is one of those rare actors who has amassed a small fortune from acting. In 2013, his estimated worth was \$275 million, with \$2 million or more added every year. You'll be seeing a lot of Wilson on movie screens. He recently starred in "The Conjuring 2," with Vera Farmiga (\$40 million cost/\$320 million gross), "The Founder," with Michael Keaton (less than a hit), and the December-released thriller "A Kind of Murder," with Jessica Biel.

Upcoming, Wilson has the action/thriller "The Commuter," with Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga and Sam Neill, arriving next October, and he'll play Jason Momoa's half-brother, Orm Marius, in the upcoming "Aquaman" film. Wilson, 43, who starred in "The Phantom of the Opera" film in 2004 (\$70 million cost/\$155 million gross) is blond and doesn't look anything like the dark-haired Momoa. Guess you can make anyone look alike when they're filmed through water ... "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"!

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...NOT A HOSTILE REBUFF!

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OH, ROUGH HOUSE!

...FROM WHICH WOULD EMANATE A MORE GRACIOUS...

PICKLE AND ONION ON THE FIRST THREE

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

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

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

Clean Energy Task Force of Orange, meets on the third Tuesday of every

month at HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, conference room, 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

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

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

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net).

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.rotarycluboforange.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.

P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Session With Jerry O'Sullivan, an evening of traditional Irish music, 7:45pm, Thursday, January 19, 2017, St. Gabriel Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, free, BYOB. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed.

Knights of Columbus Annual Ziti Dinner, Saturday, January 21, 2017, 240 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, cost is \$10.00/adults, \$5.00/children under 5, maximum of 8-10 people per table, reservations and check due January 13, 2017 or purchase at the door.

15th Annual Dressage4Kids' Weekend Equestrian Program, Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29, 2017, Nonnewaug High School,

5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT; Program includes talks from leading experts as well as three special forums – an Eventing Forum, a Judges' Forum and a two-day Business Management Seminar for Professionals. For more information regarding the Weekend Equestrian Program, go to www.dressage4kids.org or contact Susan Sieber, Event Coordinator, at ssieber@interstatelumber.com or at (203) 223-4261.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, on the following dates for 2017: February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 14, and December 5. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Hearing Loss Association- SW CT Chapter Monthly Meeting, Saturday March 15, 2017, 10:00am, Watermark, 3030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport; subject is information on how you can hear better while watching TV using an inductive loop system; speaker will be Ken Gerety, owner of Hearing Loop Systems of CT. Contact Mike at 203.268-2924 for additional information.

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NEW YEAR, NEW RULES

By Roberta L Nestor

What is in store for investors in 2017? If you take the markets, interest rates and politics out of the equation, it might seem like the same status quo. Contribution levels to retirement plans did not increase (same maximum limits as 2016); there are no real changes in our tax bracket structure; there are no changes in long term capital gains tax and there are no changes with taxation of estates. However, there is one change that still hasn't been talked about and it is one of the most unprecedented changes in the financial services industry. The new "Department of Labor (DOL) Fiduciary Rule" takes effect April 10th, 2017 and is poised to change the landscape for financial advisors, and investors who own retirement accounts.

This rule expands upon the already existing Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The 1,000 plus page regulation automatically elevates all financial professionals who work with retirement plans or provide advice on retirement planning to the level of a fiduciary. The new rules will impact most all advisors, however, it is expected that those advisors who are commission based, such as brokers and insurance agents, will see the most impact. ERISA was originally intended to protect employees from their employers when it came to the management of pensions and 401k plans. The change to ERISA is that it now includes all individual retirement accounts (IRAs) whether they are SEPs, Simples, ROTHs, inherited, spousal, traditional IRAs or rollover IRAs.

Fiduciary is a much higher level of accountability than the "suitability" standards that exist today for financial planners and insurance agents. Suitability rules were based on a client's risk and investment objectives. For example, selling a high risk investment to an 80 year old who only has social security income would not be considered suitable. Now, financial professionals are legally obligated to put their client's best interests' first rather than simply finding "suitable" investments. The new rule could therefore eliminate many commission structures that govern the industry today.

Advisors who wish to continue working on commission will need to

provide clients with a disclosure agreement, called a Best Interest Contract Exemption, in circumstances where a conflict of interest could exist (such as, the advisor receiving a higher commission or special bonus for selling a certain product). This is to guarantee that the advisor is working unconditionally in the best interest of the client. All compensation that is paid to the fiduciary must be clearly spelled out as well.

How will the Fiduciary Rule effect investors with retirement accounts? That might depend on what brokerage firm your advisor is affiliated with. For example, Merrill Lynch has stated that as of 04/10/2017 they will no longer allow their advisors to sell any commission based investments for retirement accounts. Whereas, LPL (an independent broker/dealer) announced that they will continue to offer commission based investments for retirement funds and will utilize the "Best Interest Contract Exemption" (BICE) that the DOL has made available.

What should you be doing? At a minimum, having a conversation with your advisor just to see what changes, if any, will be made to your existing retirement accounts, or if you will be able to continue adding to these accounts in the future. And, it's time to learn more about fee-based plans that your advisor may have available. Fee based seems to be the direction the industry is moving toward and fee based plans also satisfy the majority of the new DOL regulations.

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AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL DONATES STOCKINGS TO VETERANS

This holiday season Amity Middle School in Orange banded together to say "thank you" to veterans as part of the school's character building program. The students, staff, and families sent in various items that were put into stockings and delivered to the V.A. Hospital in West Haven.

Janine Arents, a seventh grade science teacher at Amity Middle School in Orange, has run this drive every year since its beginning in collaboration with the community group, SoHuNewHaven.org. This year was the first year that Miss Arents and a dedicated group of Team X students collected, organized, filled, and delivered the stockings to the VA Hospital in West Haven right before Christmas. This year was the most suc-

cessful yet with the students, families, and staff of Amity Middle School in Orange donating over 1,500 items that went into 50 stockings!!!! The outpouring of support from the school community was uplifting to all involved. These stockings helped make many veterans' holiday seasons better. The stockings from Amity Middle School in Orange, combined with the stockings from SoHuNewHaven.org, resulted in over 358 stockings being filled with donations!

Miss Arents would like to thank the students, families, and staff at Amity Middle School in Orange, Lisa Siedlarz, Vittoria Fielosh, and the VA in West Haven for all of their generous support for this worthwhile community endeavor.

LOCAL SPORTS



BETH-WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE
2017 ONLINE REGISTRATION

Beth-Wood Baseball League is proud to once again offer online Registration for the 2017 Season – our 45th Anniversary – for Tee Ballers through Majors (Baseball ages 4 – 12 as of April 30th). If you legally reside in the Towns of Bethany, Woodbridge, Orange, New Haven, Beacon Falls and/or Hamden, your children are eligible to register to participate in our League.

Last year Babe Ruth League Inc. adopted a new School Boundary Rule that now allows those children who attend classes during the traditional academic year at School(s) that fall within the boundaries of Beth – Wood Baseball (Woodbridge, Bethany, Orange, New Haven, Beacon Falls and Hamden) to register and participate with us as well. Substantiating documentation will need to be provided when so requested to confirm this.

The Registration period for Beth – Wood Baseball (ages 4 – 12) begins on Monday, January 9th and ends on Sunday, February 5th (we will continue to take/accept online Registrations after the February 5th deadline up to April 1st, but be advised there will be an automatic late fee of \$25 assessed to each Registrant accordingly).

For Amity Babe Ruth (ages 13 – 15), there will be a separate online Registration process this year — details to follow when it is available. If you have any questions pertaining to this program, kindly use the Contact Us icon on the Home Page to send us an email so we may promptly address them. Beth – Wood Baseball League will be taking Registrations as well for girls between the ages of 6 – 12. You may visit their website at www.bethwoodsoftball.org or contact Adam Forstrom, BW Softball President at adcyl3@gmail.com for additional information and details. Girls may still register and participate in the Beth – Wood Baseball Program if they so elect.

For your convenience, parents will be able to register multiple children at a single time and once again this year there will be a maximum charge per Family of \$375 as long as you register ON OR BEFORE the February 5th deadline. (Registration costs only – does NOT

include Ad Patron or other donations). As our online Registration format will not automatically take this discount if the maximum amount of \$375 per Family is exceeded, a credit card refund will be issued accordingly via PayPal.

If registering for the first time, kindly have all the pertinent information available when registering your children (dates of birth, doctor contact information, email addresses, cell phone numbers, etc.) that will help facilitate the Registration process. League Registration costs are as follows, for the Spring Season of 2017 (note this year we have included the cost for a complimentary ticket for each Player who registers to the New Britain Bees game on Saturday evening, June 10th, which will be Beth – Wood Family Night at the Bees):

- 4's Tee Ball \$ 110.00;
- Tee Ball \$ 120.00;
- Rookies \$ 155.00;
- Minors \$ 195.00;
- Majors \$ 210.00 Beth - Wood Baseball League.

Note: These fees are just for the Spring Recreation Season and do NOT include any applicable fees for All Stars, Travel Baseball during the Spring and/or Fall Ball – these Fees will be in addition to the Fees noted above should you wish to participate in same.

Should refunds be necessary, these will be sent out directly by the League in the form of a credit card refund via PayPal. However, note that there will be NO refunds once the Teams have been drafted (which will be the first week in March) – NO exceptions will be allowed!! This specific requirement will be acknowledged when you formally submit the Registration online to the League.

Also note that Beth-Wood Baseball also offers scholarships to those who financially cannot afford to register their children due to economic reasons. Beth – Wood has NEVER, EVER turned away any child who wants to learn and play this great game of baseball. For additional information and to learn more about this, please contact B – W President Dwight Rowland at drowland@tcco.com.



The Blades, Amity/North Haven/Cheshire, girls hockey team held a fundraiser at Amity Stop & Shop on November 19. The girls are a co-op that works very hard together. Despite the fact that they are from 3 different schools, they have come together as a team and won the SCC division II championship last season.

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ORANGE LITTLE LEAGUE OFFERS NEW CHALLENGER LEAGUE

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

This spring, Orange Little League is offering an opportunity for children with special needs to play on a baseball team, the Challenger League. In the past, those young boys and girls wishing to play on a team tailored for their special needs had to travel to Milford or other neighboring towns until a group of local parents decided it was time to offer a team of their own here in Orange.

The team will be open to boys and girls ages 6 -18 years old who live in or attends school in Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany. They'll practice one day a week and have a two-inning game each weekend where each player will be at bat and play the field. The intent is to give boys and girls with physical and mental challenges the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball.

John Porto has taken on the role of vice president for the Challenger team. He looks forward to giving kids the chance to 'play baseball in a relaxed environment'. "It will be great to give these kids a chance to be on a team and learn the great game of baseball," Porto said. He'll work with Kathy Haughton on organizing the team and scheduling games with surrounding towns.

"The division is growing, there's much more competition and many more teams than there were before," Haughton said. Her son Christopher, 12, has played on the Milford Challenger team for the past couple of years, but she thought that Orange should have a team of its own. She felt the demographics and population support fielding a team of our own.

As adaptive sports are becoming more common at the middle and high school levels, Haughton thought Little League presented the perfect opportunity to let children with special needs do as their brothers and sisters do each weekend: play ball. "The important part of this is getting kids out to exercise and socialize. It's a great opportunity for kids to be a part of a community activity. It's just good for them," she said.

Porto will be looking for mentor baseball players to help out at games and practices. "They have a lot of knowledge to pass on," he said. The team will play on OT2, the softball team at Old Tavern Field. The program will last for 6-8 weeks.

For more information or to sign up, please contact John Porto: jpbsox14@gmail.com or Kathy Haughton: kfh812@Yahoo.com.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



BRRR...IT'S COLD OUT THERE!!

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

There's much talk during the summer months about the importance of protecting your dog from the blazing sun and how to keep it from suffering the ill effects of heat stroke, dehydration or worse. However, it is equally important to keep your dog warm during the freezing winter months. Frostbite, hypothermia and even death are real dangers to your dog as the snow piles up and the mercury drops.

While many dogs with proper shelter can be safe in outside temperatures down to 20 degrees Fahrenheit, puppies, smaller dogs and older dogs should not be left outdoors when temperatures fall below 40 degrees. A shorthaired dog can quickly become chilled after leaving a warm house, so dress him in a sweater before heading outside. Older, arthritic dogs should not be left outdoors under any circumstances. Escort the older dog outside for toileting. If the yard has snow or ice, use a leash since he can easily slip and hurt himself. In all cases don't leave your pet in a vehicle during cold weather. A car in winter is like a refrigerator, holding in the cold and possibly causing the dog to freeze to death.

If you have any concern, seek medical attention but you should watch for:

- Frostbite occurs when a dog's ears, paws or tail get cold enough that ice crystals form in the tissue and causes damage. If you think your dog has frostbite, bring him into a warm area and soak the affected areas with warm water for about 20 minutes.
- Hypothermia, which occurs when the dog's body temperature goes below normal as a result of prolonged exposure to cold temperatures, is another very real danger during the cold winter months. Symptoms of hypothermia typically include shivering, lethargy, a low heart rate, slow breathing and unresponsiveness. If you notice any of these symptoms, warm the dog immediately.
- Nutritional needs. Like humans, a dog's internal system works extra hard in the cold to maintain appropriate body temperatures. As such, he needs extra fuel to burn and generate heat. Also, remember to provide plenty of fresh drinking water and keep it from freezing. It

is just as easy to get dehydrated in the winter as it is in the summer if proper amounts of water are not consumed.

All dogs need exercise, even when there is inclement weather or you just don't feel like going outside.

- Obedience training is one great way to exercise your dog's brain and tire them out mentally. He will need to concentrate on what you are asking him to do.
- Try playing some of these indoor games with your dog to keep him healthy and happy. In addition, playing with your dog, like training him, enhances the bond you share and helps him keep his focus on you!
- Call your dog to COME, put him in a SIT/STAY, and then move away from him. After a minute or so, call him to COME again, and repeat. Try to increase the distance you move away and the length of time you wait before calling your dog to you. This game is great for dogs with attention-seeking behaviors, as it teaches them to wait for your commands.
- Hide and Seek...This old standby is still loads of fun for you and your dog. Have your dog STAY in one room. Go into another room and hide. Call your dog. Try not to give away your location by laughing! Kids love to play this game with the family dog.
- Work For Your Dinner...Remember that dogs use about the same amount of energy when they are challenged mentally as physically! Treat-rewarding puzzles, such as the GameChanger by Bark Busters, Canine Genius connectable toys, or the Wobbler by KONG, make your dog work for his treats—or you can use kibble with the toys to feed your dog his entire meal.

The more you exercise your dog's brain, the happier and calmer he will be. Dogs that are bored are more likely to get into trouble. A tired dog is a good dog.

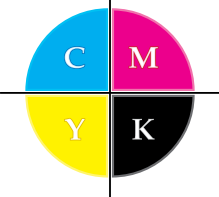
Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com.

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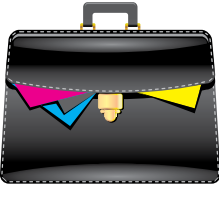
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider re-assessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

WHEN IS IT TIME TO SAY GOODBYE?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: As my dog gets older, I've been thinking more about when the time comes that we'll lose her. She doesn't have serious health issues now, just a little arthritis, but I wonder what I would do if she approached the end of her life and were suffering. How do you know when it's "time"? There is always such love and trust toward us humans, how do we know when the lack of quality of life outweighs our desire to care for and protect man's best friend?

Lack of control over bowel seems like a good marker, as does difficulty standing and lethargy. What guidelines do you suggest? -- Amy M., via email

DEAR AMY: There are few clear guidelines for when it's time to make that final trip to the veterinarian and say our goodbyes to a beloved pet.

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



That is always a discussion you'll want to have with the vet and with the other members of your family.

A number of factors come into play when determining end-of-life care for your pet. Their general physical condition and behavior; the disease(s) they're suffering from; their symptoms (and whether they're treatable); and more.

I've heard many anecdotes from pet owners about their dog or cat or Guinea pig's last days. Each loss is different. And while there are some signs that a dog's time is approaching, as you outlined, often a pet has many more days and even years left.

So, I don't have an easy answer. I do have a wish for your dog, that she has a happy and illness-free senior life for as long as possible.

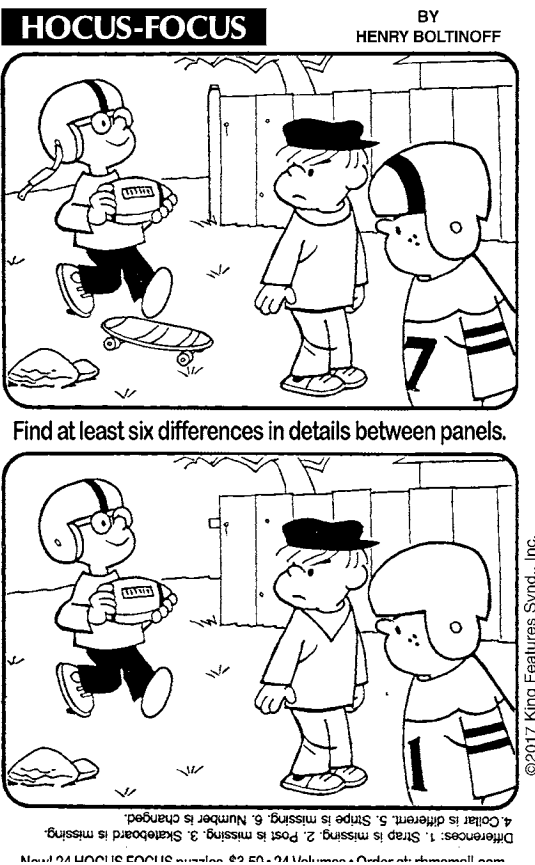


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The Garden Bug

Soil in winter

Biological activity continues within soil throughout winter, even below freezing. Up to 70% of gases from the breakdown of plant material, fertilizers, manure and microorganisms occurs in winter. The amount of gas released is affected by the soil temperature, which depends on how much snow is on the ground. This also affects phosphorus and carbon levels available in the soil for spring growth. — Brenda Weaver

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