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PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET SHOWS MODEST 2.39% INCREASE

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education will present to the Board of Finance a spending plan that carries a 2.39% increase over this current year's budget.

The increase, according to minutes from the February 4 budget workshop, is due to increases in salaries, benefits, school needs, professional development and food services.

The \$20.1 million budget proposal is \$465,843 higher than this year's budget.

Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti was unavailable for comment, but meeting minutes indicate that his focus while preparing the budget was: sustaining class size, creating strong foundations, strengthening teachers' skills, ensuring safe schools, empowering students, enhancing communication and building TLC (maintenance).

The Board of Finance will discuss and vote on the budget at 7 p.m. March 22 at Town Hall.



SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SET TO OPEN IN ORANGE

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

In late 2016, students with autism, aspergers and other disorders will have a new choice for learning. The Connecticut Center for Child Development, which now has two schools in Milford, will be opening in the former medical office building at 339 Boston Post Road.

The school's Founder and CEO Suzanne Letso says the two existing Milford schools and diagnostic center will undergo a reorganization and 24 students will be moved to the Orange location. Ultimately, up to 60 children will become students at the Orange School, though the increase will be gradual. "Our students have unique learning needs," she said. Letso started the school in Sepexplains. Staff includes teachers, clinicians, trainers and office staff.

The center offers state-of the art, individualized behavior analytic programing including school programs, outreach services and consulting services to school districts, evaluation services, adult services, day care, community education and a behavior analysis mentorship program. "We are going to start offering a program for children who have had a traumatic brain injury," says Letso.

The Center for Childhood Development teaches using the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) technique, where behavior analysts study behavior-environment relations, and what precedes and follows behavior. The focus is on increasing appropriate behavior and teaching new skills through positive reinforcement. At its February board meeting, the Town Plan and Zoning Commission ap-



Amity Regional Middle

School - Orange Campus Second Marking Period Honor Roll - Page 23 tember 1997 in the basement of the Fairfield Baptist Church.

Today the schools serve 90 kids from a 60-mile radius and employs 200. Letso said the school will be hiring as it gets closer to opening time. "For every five kids, we have seven to nine staff," Letso

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ORANGE RESIDENT HELPS PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC PAIN

MELT may sound like something you've been waiting for all winter, but it's really a simple self-treatment technique that helps people get relief from chronic pain.

Offered by local Orange resident Tara Graham, MELT helps you stay healthy, youthful, and active. MELT reduces chronic pain and the effects of accumulated tension and stress caused by repetitive motions. Specialized techniques rehydrate the connective tissue, rebalance the nervous system, and restore space to compressed joints.

Daily activities create physical stress and tension within your body as the repetitive stress of daily living gets stuck in the connective tissue, which surrounds every joint, muscle, nerve, bone, and organ. MELT creator Sue Hitzmann refers to this as "stuck stress." When stuck stress accumulates, it causes dehydration in the connective tissue, which can then interfere with the nervous system's ability to regulate itself.

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Graham, a certified health counselor and wellness advocate, currently teaches MELT at the Orange Senior Center as well as a variety of other classes and programs. She also owns a private wellness practice in Orange and offers both individual and group coaching. Her mission is to educate, inspire health and wellness, and guide lifestyle change. To learn more about her services, visit tulaprana.com. For classes at the Senior Center, contact Dennis Marsh at (203) 891-4784. For more information on MELT, please visit www.meltmethod.com.

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Members of Cub Scout Pack 923 get ready for their annual Orange Community Services food drive in conjunction with the infamous Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. The racing track has been graciously donated by Ken & Paige Carney on behalf of Baybrook Remodelers.



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"RACING" TO FILL FOOD PANTRY SHELVES

It is a natural instinct to donate items to a food pantry during Thanksgiving and the December holidays but, as stated on the Connecticut Food Bank website "hunger doesn't stop after the holidays." It is just as important to help fill your local pantries all year round.

Cub Scout Pack 923 based in Orange from Race Brook School recently coordinated a food and home supply drive in conjunction with their annual Pinewood Derby Car Race. The Scouts successfully completed two pledges from the Cub Scout Promise at this event. The first was "to do your best" by creating and racing unique cars they carved out of a block of pine. The second was "to help others" by collecting food and other items from their neighbors, friends and family members for delivery to the Orange Community Services food pantry.

The Scouts are encouraging local townspeople and other organizations to donate a bag or two this month.

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Pictured left to right: Deirdre O'Leary (English teacher), Camilla Bautista, Morgan Rahn, Abigail Bonat, Caroline Chen, and Macaelan Rahn

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL IN **ORANGE STATE-LEVEL FINALISTS**

"Letters About Literature" is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem, or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels.

Tens of thousands of students from across the country enter "Letters About Literature" each year (http://read.gov/ letters/). The contest is an integral part of the 2015-2016 Library of Congress National Reading-Writing Promotion

Program. Recently Wendy Glenn, CT State Coordinator (Neag School of Education - University of Connecticut), announced that the Letters About Literature national screening committee selected five Amity Middle School in Orange students as state-level finalists: Camilla Bautista, Abigail Bonat, Caroline Chen, MaCaelan Rahn, and Morgan Rahn. The Amity Middle School in Orange community would like to extend a warm congratulations to these students and their families.



Pictured are Mike Helfgott, Liberty Bank Foundation, Jane Opper, President of the Amity Teen Center, Linda Cohen, Teen Center Treasurer, Chandler Howard, President & CEO, Liberty Bank and Jennifer Romanoff, Staff Director, Amity Teen Center

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RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT

At a luncheon held in New Haven, representatives from Amity Teen Center accepted a \$5,000 grant from the Liberty Bank Foundation to support an After-School Tutoring and Enrichment Program for area teenagers.

The Amity Teen Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that was formed in 1987. The Teen Center, located at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, provides a community anchor for teens where they can socialize and participate in recreational and educational activities. The Teen Center also offers after-school programs that stimulate creativity, enhance self-esteem and develop social and educational skills. Since its inception in 1997, the Liberty Bank Foundation has awarded over \$9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations within Liberty Bank's market area. The Liberty Bank, itself, was established in 1825. Liberty Bank is Connecticut's oldest mutual bank.

For more information about the Amity Teen Center, please go to our website www.amityteencenter.org or email us at amityteencenter@hotmail. com.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



"Dui-Hua" dance by children of Orange's elementary schools.

ORANGE TOWN RESIDENTS CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

By Jennifer Zhuang

What started out as a mere idea two months ago came to fruition as the first Chinese New Year celebration was held in the town of Orange. On February 20th, almost 400 members of the community came together to ring in the Year of the Monkey. Dressed in traditional Chinese garb, they gathered to watch students and adults alike perform to Chinese songs and to enjoy classic Chinese foods.

The Chinese New Year Festival is the biggest celebration of the year to usher in wealth, abundance, and happiness. Lanterns and words of prosperity decorated the gym of the Community Center, giving off an authentic feel to the experience. Organizers of the community believe that the event was the first step to promote multiculturalism in the region, so that different nationalities can learn about each other and be exposed to Asian heritage.

The night concluded with a total of 14 performances comprising of dances, songs, kungfu, and classic Chinese instrument. Performances included the artistic "Dui-Hua" dance by children of Orange's elementary schools, powerful martial-arts exhibits by the students of the Wu Dang Kungfu Academy, gracefully choreographed pieces from the Mulan Art School and Butterfly dancing troop and the Yale Chinese Chorus.

It was a great event to celebrate Asian cultures and to bring to light the growing Asian community within Orange. Attendance was maxed within weeks, but organizers hope in the future that they would be able to plan for a bigger venue and bring more attraction to the event. According to Zehua Xia and Ying Peng, program coordinators, the event was not limited only to those in Orange. "Families from all over Connecticut wanted to come. We were setting an example for many other towns, but we just didn't have enough room to accommodate them all!" The entire event was a great success - hopefully the first of many more to come.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

RICCIARDI NAMED NAT. GEO. STATE BEE SEMIFINALIST

Nick Ricciardi, an 8th grader at Amity Middle School Orange, has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2016 Connecticut National Geographic State Bee. The contest will be held at Central Connecticut State University on Friday, April 1, 2016.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 28th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took an online qualifying test. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools, and U.S. territories to compete in the state Bees.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic book, "The National Parks: An Illustrated History," and a medal and will journey to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship at National Geographic Society headquarters May 22-25, 2016. The national champion will receive a



Nick Ricciardi

\$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, on a Lindblad expedition to Southeast Alaska aboard National Geographic Sea Lion, including Glacier Bay National Park, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Visit www. natgeobee.org for more information on the National Geographic Bee.

LUCY SCILLIA SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO ORANGE SENIORS

Applications are now open for the Lucy Scillia Scholarship, a \$1,000 award sponsored by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. The Lucy Scillia Scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Orange.

Lucia Scillia devoted much of her life to instilling a love of reading in children. After a fulfilling career as a school librarian, Lucy continued to share her love of books through a variety of activities. Among her many achievements is the establishment of the library at the former Sacred Heart-St. Peter's School in New Haven, where she served as the school's volunteer librarian. Lucy was also a longtime member of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, served on the Orange Town Library Commission, and was active in library fundraising efforts.

The application deadline is April 30, 2016. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit a narrative, information sheet, and high school transcript. Applications are available at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477 or on the website: http://bit.ly/10Sj041.

High School Seniors! Applications for scholarships from the Orange Scholarship Fund Association are now available at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, in Orange.

You are eligible to apply if you are a resident of Orange and graduating from any of the local high schools, public or private. Scholarships may be for either technical or academic further education and are awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, and service to the community.

The deadline for applications is April 15, with awards to be made in June. Get started early—only complete applications, with all the requested information, will be considered.

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ORANGE RESIDENTS NAMED TO SACRED HEART HONOR ROLL

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the SECOND marking period of the 2015 – 16 academic year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll: **HIGH HONORS:** Emily Drezek **HONORS:** Jessica Gallagher Academic honors are awarded at the end of each quarter to students attaining



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an average of 3.5 or better. Those students achieving a grade point average of 3.8 or greater are awarded high honors.



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April 1st	Spring Issue April 8th
April 29th	Mother's Day Issue May 6th
May 27th	Father's Day Issue June 3rd
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.	

FROM OUR READERS

St. Patrick's Day Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,

Millions of adults will celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year with parties and parades. But it takes more than the luck of the Irish to make sure everyone who revels gets home safely.

That's why Dichello Distributors Inc., the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, is working with area bars and restaurants to encourage revelers 21 and older to celebrate responsibly and designate a driver or make plans for a safe ride home.

Thanks to efforts like these and increased law enforcement, drunk-driving fatalities have declined 52 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

We hope all residents will join us in celebrating responsibly on St. Patrick's Day, and the weekend prior to it. After all, these roads are our roads and it's our shared responsibility to keep them safe.

Tony Lota Alcohol Awareness Coordinator Dichello Distributors, Inc.

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Please limit letters to 500 words and include a daytime phone number in case we have any questions. Letters must be exclusive to the Orange Town News for publication. We reserve the right to reject any letter.

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proved the renovations at the former medical office building. The exterior of the building will undergo minimal renovations and four of classroom and office space will be constructed. "I reviewed the application and it meets all of the requirements and regulations that are applicable and I see no reason to deny this application," said Chairman Beau Clark. The board unanimously approved the renovations to the building.

On her move to Orange, Letso had nothing but nice things to say. "It was delightful to interact with the government officials. I've never experienced anything like it! Everyone has been warm and supportive. They've made this process very easy!"

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Registration is highly recommended for all Library events.

Weekly Storytimes

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

Lapsit Storytime

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

Two-Year-Old Storytime

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

Three to Five-Year-**Old Storytime**

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

Events For Children

Nutmeg Book Discussions Thursday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the

Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel by Deborah Hopkinson, a 2016 Intermediate Nutmeg Nominee. Led by Children's Librarian Gina Monti. Check for copies at the Children's Circulation Desk. For tweens in grades 4-6.

Events For Teens Book Chat Café

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

Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Ms. Leibrock.

Events For Adults 2016 Oscar Films

Registration is required for all Oscar films as seating is limited. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the program date.

Steve Jobs

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 23, 1 p.m.

Steve Jobs takes us behind the scenes of the digital revolution, to paint a portrait of the man at its epicenter. The story unfolds backstage at three iconic product launches, ending in 1998 with the unveiling of the iMac. R. 122 minutes.

Room

Monday, March 28, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, March 30, 1 p.m.

After five-year-old Jack and his mother escape from the enclosed surroundings that Jack has known his entire life, the boy makes a thrilling discovery. R. 118 minutes.

Brooklyn

Monday, April 4, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, April 6, 1 p.m.

An Irish immigrant lands in 1950s Brooklyn, where she quickly falls into

a romance with a local. When her past catches up with her, however, she must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within. PG-13. 111 minutes.

Toni Morrison: Life, Liberty, and Literature - An Afternoon with Veronica C. Hendrick Saturday, March 12, 1:30 p.m.

The Orange Arts and Culture Commission and Case Memorial Library welcome Veronica C. Hendrick, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Literature and Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, as she shares her insights about the work of Nobel Laureate Toni Morrison. Focusing predominantly on Morrison's novel Song of Solomon, Hendrick will discuss the turbulent times surrounding the social movements which Morrison depicts, the changing roles of women, and the uncomfortable position for the growing black middle class. Registration is required in person or by telephone.

Books & Breakfast: Morning **Discussion Group**

Tuesday, March 15, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. Check the Circulation Desk for copies. Registration is required in person or by telephone.

The Bookcase: Evening **Discussion Group**

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of Orhan's Inheritance by Aline Ohanesian. Check the Circulation Desk for copies. Registration is required in person or by telephone.

Sinatra Birthday Concert

Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday with a trio led by local resident Rich Moran and featuring Judy Webber on piano and Jeff Webber on saxophone. This concert featuring the music of Frank Sinatra will include commentary and anecdotes in honor of his legacy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Art In The Library

March: Oils and acrylics by Eileen Carey and Steve Sangapore. On view March 2-30.

April: Artwork by the children of Orange elementary schools, selected by art teachers. On view April 2-29. Reception: April 7, 5-7 p.m.

Friends' Semi-Annual **Great!** Basement Book Sale

Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thousands of new and gently used books are available at the Friends of the Library's semi-annual book sale including hardcover and paperback fiction and non-fiction for adults, children, and teens as well as vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. It's the perfect place to pick up a gift for an upcoming event, add a new special book to your coffee table collection, or just grab a few great books to read. Come check it out!

New Museum Pass To Long Wharf Theatre

The Library is pleased to announce we now offer 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.

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Dean's/ President's List

Endicott Announces Dean's List Students

Beverly, MA – Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for fall, 2015. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C", have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following students have met those requirements: Haley Andrea Fisher of Orange, CT.

Lauren Ide Named To The Honors List At Fairleigh Dickinson University

Madison, NJ -- Lauren Ide, of Orange, CT, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ has been named to the Honors List for the Fall 2015 semester. To qualify for the Honor's List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

Ithaca College Students Named To Fall Semester Dean's List

Ithaca, NY -- Ithaca College congratulates Katelyn Browe and Samuel Dellert of Orange for being named to Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester.

Allison Germano Named To The Marist College Dean's List For The Fall 2015 Semester

Poughkeepsie, NY -- Allison Germano of Orange, CT, is a member of the Class of 2019 and is majoring in Communication.

Merrimack College Dean's List For Fall 2015 Announced

North Andover, MA -- Merrimack College has announced the names of students who have achieved Dean's List the Dean's List, a student must earn a 3.25 GPA or higher based on a 4.0 grading system. Those from Orange are: Christopher Cimmino, Cassie Giza, and Matthew Ronai.

Jonah Schwartz Earns Fall 2015 Dean's List Honors At Roger Williams University

Bristol, RI -- Jonah Schwartz, a resident of Orange, CT, has been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Jonah is an Economics major. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Katherine Boynton Named To St. Lawrence University Dean's List

Canton, NY -- Katherine D. Boynton of Orange has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2015 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Boynton is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in biology. She attended Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Amelia Justo Named To Mount Saint Mary College Dean's List

Amelia Justo from Orange, CT was named to the Mount Saint Mary Dean's List for her outstanding academic performance for the Fall 2015 semester. She achieved a GPA of 3.5340.

Rensselaer Students Named To Fall 2015 Dean's Honors List

Troy, NY -- Approximately 2,000 students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute were named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2015 semester. The Dean's Honor List recognizes full-time averages of a minimum of 3.50 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C". Those students from Orange recognized are: Daniel Centore and Kelsey Kish.

Jared Loewenthal Named To RIT Dean's List

Rochester, NY -- Jared Loewenthal of Orange was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester 2015-2016. Loewenthal is studying in the electrical engineering program. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Local Student, Claire Sweeney, Named To Dean's List At Saint Joseph's University

Philadelphia, PA -- Claire Sweeney, of Orange, CT earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2015 semester. Sweeney studies Psychology at the University. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn dean's list status for a semester.

Connecticut Students Named To Dean's List At Southern New Hampshire University

Matthew Jarmon of Orange, CT studying for a BS Business Administration - Degree in Three has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.500-3.699.

Amanda Hudson Was Named To The Dean's List At The University Of New Haven

Orange, CT - Amanda Hudson of Orange, CT, who is working on a Bachelor of Science in Accounting was named New Haven for the Fall 2015 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List.

Jillian Ball Named To Fall 2015 Dean's List At University Of The Sciences

Philadelphia, PA -- Jillian Ball has been named to the fall 2015 Dean's List at University of the Sciences. Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and attaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the fall of 2015. Ball of Orange, CT is a doctor of occupational therapy student.

Enrollments

Eastern Connecticut State University Releases List Of Newly Enrolled Students For Spring 2016

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its list of students who have enrolled for the spring 2016 semester. Those from Orange are: Haley Saracin, major is Exploratory Prof. Studies and Mattie Sokoloski, major is Exploratory Prof. Studies. The university offers 38 undergraduate majors, 55 minors, and seven master's degree programs. An excellent student/teacher ratio (15.5:1) and small class sizes (average class size is 23.3) allow students to receive exceptional personal attention.

Studying Abroad

James Semmonella Studying Abroad For 2015-16 Winter Semester At Bates College

Lewiston, ME -- James Semmonella, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Semmonella of Orange, Conn., is studying abroad during the 2015-16 winter semester through the Bates College Junior Year Abroad program. Semmonella, a 2013 graduate of Amity Regional High School, is studying in the Netherlands. He is majoring in

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to the Dean's List at the University of politics at Bates.

ITALIAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CT'S AWARD DINNER

The Italian American Historical Society of CT's Distinguished Service Award Dinner will be on May 1, 2016 at Anthony's Oceanview Restaurant, 450 Lighthouse Road, New Haven. Cocktail hour begins at 1:00 p.m. and dinner at 2:00 p.m. This year's honorees are the well-known singers Nina Pane Sanseverino, (daughter of legendary Neapolitan singer Giuseppina Pane) and Tenor Aaron Caruso. Also being honored is Anthony Tamburri, a Dean of Italian at Queens College in NY, and published author of many books promoting Italian language and culture.

The cost is \$55.00 and includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres and surf and turf dinner. For more information, contact Gayle Logan at 203-230-9124 or Sally Frielle at 203-284-8520.

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 127 LAUREL GIRLS STATE

Laurel Girls State is a leadership action program course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government to all girls interested in government. This is a one week program of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 devoted to citizen training. It is open to all Orange High School senior girls and secondly to any Woodbridge or Bethany senior girl.

Applications may be obtained at the Amity Senior High School Guidance Department, or by completing it on line: www. alalgs.org . Candidates should fill applications out, print them and get them to the Auxiliary coordinator or Guidance Department by the April 18, 2016.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR



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

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

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

Youth Services Newsletter Online Featuring Current Photos & Events

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

ORANGE TO TAKE ON CAPE COD – 200 MILES OR BUST!

Help support Orange as it takes on Cape Cod when Orange Community Services runs the Cape Cod Ragnar Relay Race. Ragnar is a 200 mile relay race. Each team is made up of 12 runners. We will run all day Friday, all night long, and all day Saturday. We will not stop until we reach the end of the Cape. You can help us and show us your support through donations. We are looking for sponsors. Proceeds raised from the Orange team will go to the Town of Orange Community Assistance Fund. This fund is the Town's Emergency Fuel Bank and Food Pantry that helps residents in need. We have 3 levels of spon-

sorship: Gold Level for \$500, Silver Level for \$250, or Bronze Level \$100. But let's be honest, all dollar donations and any form of support is welcomed.

This venture is a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about our wonderful Town of Orange. Show your support for Team Orange when we take on the Cape, 200 Miles or Bust! For further information or questions, please contact Dennis Marsh, Senior Services Coordinator at (203) 891-4784 or email me at dmarsh@orange-ct.gov. You can also speak to Denise Stein, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent (203) 891-4787 or dstein@orange-ct.gov.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING Sponsored By Region 2 Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council 6 & Orange Community Services

Training will take place on Friday, April 29 and Friday, May 6 from 12:00PM to 4:30PM (lunch provided) at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road.

About The Program

Mental Health First Aid Training is an 8 hour interactive certification training course designed to give members of the public key skills to recognize, understand, respond and assist others who may be in distress experiencing mental health issues. This course covers the prevalence of mental health conditions in the US, the potential warning signs of the most common mental health conditions, a five step action plan to assist an individual in crisis and available resources.

Who Should Take Mental Health First Aid Training?

General public, employers, human resource professionals, business leaders, school personnel, educators, nurses, first responders, fire, police, case managers, primary care professional and anyone who is interested in learning about mental health and how to respond.

The course is free and includes a 3 year certification in Mental Health First Aid upon completion. (Attendance for both sessions is required for certification.)

To register contact: Joan Cretella @203-891-4788 or jcretella@orange-ct. gov. Only 30 seats available!!!

OLT GUIDED HIKE: HOUSATONIC OVERLOOK

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided walk at the Housatonic Overlook area on Saturday, April 9th. People should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the end of High Ridge Road (off of Derby-Milford Road). The walk should take approximately two hours.

This event will include a viewing of the Housatonic River, looking up and down the valley from atop Tucker's Ridge, which is about 200 feet above the river, and a walk through the easy to moderately difficult trails in this area. We will learn some interesting information about the Housatonic, one of Connecticut's three major rivers that reach Long Island Sound, and yes, it is true, Orange has a coastline! The hike will take us through a beautiful rocky, wooded landscape, typical of areas on "higher ground" around Connecticut. Many of the trails are lined by Connecticut's state flower the Mountain Laurel. It will be too early to see the Mountain Laurel in bloom, but it is the right season to catch sight of a bald eagle soaring above the river. Compact binoculars will help in this and always add to the enjoyment of the outdoors.

We will be joined by the Orange CERT Emergency Communications Team. They will serve as trail assistants, while they get to know the area terrain and perform a simulated search and rescue communications exercise, such as would be needed to find and escort lost hikers out to safety.

Wear appropriate footwear as there are some rocky areas and some "ups and downs" in the trail. We recommend hiking boots/shoes or shoes/sneakers with a good tread. A hiking stick or trekking pole(s) can be helpful. This unique hike is free, not difficult, and always a pleasure. All are welcome, please plan to join us and bring a friend. Only steady rain showers or severe weather will cancel. Please park along the end of road.

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15th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
16th	CERT	HPCC HPCC
17th	Senior Advisory Board 20161:00 pm Case Memorial Library Comm7:00 pm	HPCC Case Mem Library
21st	Family Counseling Advisory Council.9:00 am Orange Board of Education7:30 pm Board of Finance7:30 pm Board of Health7:30 pm	HPCC Mary L. Tracy Scho Town Hall HPCC
23rd	Safety Comm9:00 am Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
24th	Bond Construction Oversight Cmte7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	Youth Services Advisory Board7:30 pm	НРСС

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Born in New Haven and raised in West Haven, Karen attended University of New Haven.

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By Dennis Marsh

Orange Takes On The Cape!

On May 13 & 14, 2016 Orange Community Services will take on RAGNAR a 200 mile relay race. Denise Stein and Dennis Marsh are forming a 12 member team to run the Cape Cod race to raise funds for the Community Assistance Fund (the Emergency Fuel Bank and Food Pantry), but we need your help! We need financial pledges and sponsors. You can help us run these grueling 200 miles!

Living Treasure Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 11, 2016 for the 2016 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 to be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 27, 2015 at the Grassy Hill Country Club. Tickets are \$30.

Volunteer Fair

Friday, March 18, Orange Community Services along with Vitas Healthcare, Woodbridge Human Services and the Orange Visiting Nurses Association are hosting a Volunteer Fair at the High Plains Community Center Gym. For further information, call (203) 891-4784.

Children's Book Postponed Until April!

Children's Books, Wednesdays, April 6 – June 8, 10-11:30am. Reading, Writing, and Appreciation \$30.

Money Management

Will meet Tuesday, March 1 & 15

in the Senior Lounge, from 9:00 to 10:00am. March 1, Bryan Etter of Wiley Law with speak about Estate Planning. March 15 Harry Garafalo of Shop Rite will address the group. All are welcomed. This is intended for entertainment purposes only.

Hot and Cold Lunches

The Orange Senior Center offers a hot lunch Monday through Friday. On Tuesdays and Thursdays a cold lunch option is also available. Lunch is served Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday or Sunday. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60 years and over. To register (203) 891-4765.

Flower Arranging

Come join us for an Easter Theme Flower Arranging class on Friday, March 18, 10-12 in room 2. \$10 fee will be applied to cover the cost of materials. Call or stop by to register (203) 891-4784.

Lunch & Fun

Thursday, March 10 12:30am, Colonial Tea & Luncheon with Velya Jancz-Urban. Lunch, coffee and desserts will be served 12:00—2:00pm. \$10 a ticket. Ticket required.

Movie of the Month

Friday, March 11, The Theory of Everything, 1:00pm. A look at the relationship between the famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife Jane. Popcorn & soda will be served. Call for a seat.

Book Club

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Monday, March 28, from 2:00-3:30pm in room 3. This month is Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Wellness Seminar – Anti-Inflammatory Foods

Join us March 11 for Wellness Workshop at 11:15am. Nutrition Special Topics: Learn about anti-inflammatory foods, acid/alkaline balance, the science of caffeine consumption and the benefits of juicing. Call or stop by the office to register, 203-891-4784.

Yoga Dance

Try out Yoga dance Thursdays from 10-11am. If you were ever curious about this fun class come try it out! Call the office to reserve your spot.

Spiritual & Emotional Wellness

Monday with Tara at 11:30am. This month's book- Real Happiness by Sharon Salzberg. The cost of the book is \$15.

AARP Income Tax Filing

Free income tax assistance is provided at the senior center by the AARP Tax-Aide program for low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 and older. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 9 to 12 pm, starting February 4. Call the center to schedule an appointment with a certified AARP Tax-Aide counselor. If married, both husband and wife should be present. Call for an appointment (203) 891-4784.

2016 Trips

Trip Presentations: Trip Presentation Slide Shows and discussions. Join Collette Tours for trip presentations on:

- March 22, Tuesday at 4:00pm for Canyon Country
- April 25, Monday at 4:00pm for The Plains of Africa
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Canyon Country—October 20-28, 2016 - 9 days, 11 meals. Delve into Native American history, behold the breathtaking views of the vast Grand Canyon, marvel at the red and white sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park, explore the amazing spires of Bryce Canyon National Park, and soak in the glitz and glamour of the Las Vegas strip. Cost: \$2,999pp double occupancy. Includes group transportation to/from Airport, round trip air, air taxes and fees/surcharges, and hotel transfers. Deposit & cancellation insurance due at registration.

The Plains Of Africa Featuring Kenya Wildlife Safari—March 9-22, 2017 - 14 days, 33 meals. The highlights include: Nairobi, Shaba National Reserve, Lake Nakuru, Masai Mara, Karen Blixen Home, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and 13 Wildlife Safaris. Cost with early booking discount: \$6,899pp double occupancy, single \$8,299. Includes group transportation to/from airport, attraction taxes and fees, round trip air, air taxes and fees/surcharges, and hotel transfers. Deposit & cancellation insurance due at registration.

Tropical Costa Rica, November 6-14, 2017 - 9 days, 13 meals. Highlights include: San Jose Coffee Planation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Hanging Bridges Tour, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cooking Demonstration, Cano Negro Refuge, and more. Cost: \$2,599pp double occupancy, single \$3,049. Includes group transportation to/from airport, round trip air, air taxes and fees/surcharges, and hotel transfers. Deposit & cancellaElderCare Services provides geriatric case management and care that nurtures the mind and body. It is one-on-one loving care that encourages independence.



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To request an invitation for a centenarian you know, please visit www. aoascc.org under news & events or email info@aoascc.org. The AASCC holds this luncheon in recognition of Older Americans month. Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices

to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963 communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. This celebration recognizes older Americans for their contributions and demonstrates our nation's commitment to helping them stay healthy and active.

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ORANGE NATIVE WORKS TOWARDS GENDER EQUALITY IN ETHIOPIA

Amity Regional High School graduate Christine Popp, who is serving as a Community Health Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia, was selected to participate in the 3rd Annual Peace Corps Action for Gender Equality Summit from March 3-7, 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Popp joined 9 other Peace Corps Volunteers to host 40 select Ethiopian students for a five-day training on gender development in Ethiopia.

Each Volunteer brought two female students and two male students to the Summit. "The lack of gender equality in Ethiopia, and the rest of the world, cannot be ignored. Women must be given the opportunity to thrive and contribute their full potential to the global community. But gender equality is not just a female issue. It is everyone's issue, so it needs to be addressed by bringing both sexes together to communicate and work together to bring about positive and meaningful change" says Popp, a George Washington University graduate who majored in Middle East Studies and International Development. The 2015 UN Human Development Report ranked Ethiopia in the lowest group for the Gender Development Index, and 129th out of 188 countries in the Gender Inequality Index. The Action for Gender Equality Summit was aimed to give youth the information, tools, and skills they need to be change makers for gender development in their local communities.

Region (SNNPR) of the country. Popp worked for twelve weeks with a group of female and male students from her local high school. One of her favorite activities was "The Wall Against Violence". Popp explains, "We had a discussion with the girls about gender based violence and how we see it happening in Lissana. We talked about the detrimental effects of gender based violence to women and society, and came up with ideas of how to prevent and fight gender based violence in the community. The girls then traced an outline of their hands and wrote, in English, Amharic, or their mother tongue, Haddiyyisa, one reason they will no longer stand for violence against women in any of its forms, and we hung them all on the wall, to show how much impact we can have if we all stand together."

The Action for Gender Equality Summit was hosted by Peace Corps Ethiopia's Gender and Development (GAD) Committee, which was established in 2012 and aims to encourage and support grassroots efforts that promote sustainable gender equality in Ethiopia. Peace Corps Ethiopia works in three sectors – Education, Environment and Agriculture, and Health. The GAD Committee assists volunteers in implementing gender development practices into the work of each sector. President John F. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps in 1961. Ethiopia was one of the first countries in the world to invite Peace Corps Volunteers to work with them. More than fifty years later, there are over 250 PCVs currently serving in Ethiopia.

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By Susan Noonan

Susan will be back for the April 8th issue.

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CT RIVERHAWKS SQUIRT A WIN STATE TITLE

The CT RiverHawks Squirt A youth hockey team defeated Watertown Squirt A in the Connecticut Hockey Conference (CHC) State Championship Tier III Tournament on Sunday, February 28th at the Northford Ice Pavilion.

The CT RiverHawks went into the CHC State Tournament with an undefeated CHC league play record of 20-0. During the tournament weekend, the CT RiverHawks played the best Squirt Tier III teams in CT including CT Barons, Mid-Fairfield Jr. Rangers, WonderlandWizards, South Windsor Knights and Watertown Red Wings. Each game proving to be more difficult than the previous games, the CT RiverHawks never gave up and secured a spot in the Championship Game on Sunday. This would be the sixth hockey game for the team in four days.

The Championship game vs Watertown on Sunday was evenly matched until the last few minutes of the game where the CT RiverHawks scored their fourth goal to take the win (final score 4-3).

With this win, the Squirt A team has advanced to the New England District Regional Tournament in New Hampshire March 11-13, 2016.

ORANGE PARK AND RECREATION Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Standings 2015 - 2016

Final Standings as of March 2, 2016

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	W	L	Tie
Orange Park and Recreation(R)(P)	27	9	0
Orange Ale House	19	17	0
Orange Ale House #2	18	15	0
Ballhogs	5	28	0
(R) – Regular Season Champion			



Holy Infant 4th Grade Girls Basketball team made it to the Championship Game in the Milford Knights Basketball League, losing a highly competitive game to the St Mark's Parish team. The team also competed in the Ansonia Boys and Girls Club Holiday Classic earlier this season, winning the Championship over Milford Travel.



Holy Infant 6th Grade Girls Basketball team made it to the Championship game in the Milford Nights Basketball League, losing a highly competitive game to the Ansonia Boys & Girls Club team. Attached is a picture with their well earned runner-up trophy.



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The Amity Varsity Dance team competed Saturday, February 19 at the Fairfield Ward Dance Competition. They competed in the Pom and Kickline Division, and took first place in both. The girls will compete at the State competition Saturday, February 27 in Hamden.



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OHS PRESENTS GEORGE BAKER PORTRAYING PRESIDENT ADAMS

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event on Saturday, April 9, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. Highlight of the program will be George Baker appearing as John Adams, second president of the United States. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1:00. The performance will begin at 2:30. The annual event, celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Baker has been portraying the character of President Adams since 2008 in a one-man show throughout the country at national conventions and venues like Mystic Seaport, the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library in Kansas, the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in Texas, and the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Missouri, and was featured as John Adams on National Public Radio's weekend program, Studio 360. He has spoken twice to overflow crowds of more than 400 people at the Rancho Mirage Public Library in California.

John Adams was born in Braintree,

dent in the administration of President George Washington. In 1796, he was elected President of the United States.

Dressed in the clothes Adams wore as President 1797-1801, Baker as John Adams talks about life with his wife Abigail and his views of history and society in a humorous and inspiring performance entitled "Meet John Adams – A Lively and Revolutionary Conversation with America's Second President".

A graduate of Columbia College '69 and Columbia Law School '73, the New Canaan resident practices law in Connecticut when not on the road as John Adams.

The Orange Historical Society is committed to preserving Orange history for future generations. Sponsors are needed for this event in order to raise the funds needed to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern Road.

Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, or serve. Call Phyllis Gwatkin, chair of the event, at 203-795-4549. For do-

Massachusetts in 1735 and practiced law in Boston where he represented and won the acquittal of the British soldiers charged with murder in the Boston Massacre of March 1770. In 1774 he was chosen to be one of the five delegates from Massachusetts to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia where in 1776 he was its most strenuous advocate for American independence from Great Britain. Later he served as ambassador from the Continental Congress to Paris, Holland and London and was Vice Presinations of gift baskets for the silent auction, call Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465.

Because the Orange Historical Society expects this event to sell out, reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door. Make checks payable to Orange Historical Society and send to: OHS, P.O. Box 784, Orange, CT 06477. Include your name, phone number and email with reservation.



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Q: I was watching "Castle" the other day, and there was a blond actress who looked really familiar. She played a lawyer who started a nonprofit for disadvantaged women, and it turned out her husband accidentally killed one of the women. Can you tell me about her? -- Bridget G., West Palm Beach, Florida

A: You are thinking of the gorgeous and talented -- and super-sweet --Fiona Gubelmann. She's best known for co-starring with **Elijah Wood** in "Wilfred," but she's done a ton of stuff before and since. In fact, she's gueststarred on many of my favorite shows, including "Castle," "Californication," "Don't Trust the B---- in Apartment 23" and "Modern Family," as well as the feature films "Blades of Glory" and "Employee of the Month."

You can catch Fiona on Saturday, March 19, at 8 p.m. ET/PT in the original Lifetime thriller "Mommy's Little **Girl.**" Fiona plays Theresa, a young woman whose husband died shortly after they were married, so she left her infant, Sadie, in the care of her paternal grandmother, unaware that the bitter, resentful woman isolated the girl, never allowing her to socialize with other children, leaving Sadie ill-equipped to handle real life.

Fiona had fun playing this different kind of role, telling me: "What's so great about the film is that it could be just silly, like, 'Would a kid really do this?' But what the writers did so brilliantly -- and as well as under the direction of Curtis Crawford and Pierre David, our producer -- is that they made sure the story was motivated by true feelings and emotions of this little girl just wanting to be close to her mom. It's a psychological thriller, and you actually feel bad for the little girl, even though she's scary, and at the same time, it's a sad story. They did a great job of balancing the fun 'popcorn flick' aspect of it with that."



Fiona Gubelmann [Thomas Janssen/Depositphotos.com]

Q: Please tell me that "Outlander" is returning soon! I can't take the wait! -- Pauline T., via email

A: You'll have to wait just a little longer. Season two of the historical time-travel fantasy premieres April 9 on Starz. This 13-episode season will transport viewers to France during the Jacobite uprisings, wherein Jamie and Claire try to prevent a war, especially the Battle of Culloden, which wiped out entire Scottish clans, Jamie's being one of them.

Q: I remember a while back you wrote that Hugh Dancy would be a in a new drama series. Is that still happening? -- Linda F., via email

A: The former "Hannibal" star returns to the small screen -- your computer screen, that is -- when he costars in the original Hulu series "The Path," which premieres March 30. Aaron Paul, Kathleen Turner and Michelle Moynihan also star in this 10-episode drama, which was formerly called "The Way" but was changed due to legal reasons.

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ARTS & LEISURE





RAGOZZINO EXHIBIT AT TOWN HALL

Marge Ragozzino began painting twenty five years ago, when she taught English to high schoolers in Stamford, CT. During her free period she sat in on Pat Archer's beginning drawing and painting class along with the students. It was there that Marge discovered she enjoyed the process of creating art.

She had learned from her indomitable German mother, Erna, that talent means nothing without determination and perseverance, so she threw herself into her painting. During her summers on Cape Cod she took lessons with Foster Nystrom, a salty local who, when not teaching painting, hunted for shipwrecks off the shifting shoals of the Cape. He never found any gold, but he did teach Marge the joy of painting watercolor landscapes. After a brief hiatus from painting, during which she became a prize-winning quilter and two year president of the Connecticut Peacemakers Guild, Marge returned to the canvas. This time, however, she opted for the more forgiving medium of acrylic.

At some point along the way, she also found time to raise three sons and author a series of seven children's books, published by Simon & Schuster, written under the pen name M. M. Ragz. Her first book, Eyeballs for Breakfast, sold over 500,000 copies. She did not paint the cover.

Marge continues taking art classes with Steve Parton in Westport, CT and cannot wait for her next adventure. Her paintings will be on exhibit in the Town Hall Arts Space during March and April.

ORANGE PLAYERS SPONSOR LONG WHARF THEATRE TOUR

Jaqueline Koral, Orange Players Workshop Chairman, announces a free tour of Long Wharf Theatre to be be sponsored by The Orange Players on Saturday, March 19th. The tour will give participants a chance to observe the backstage areas and activities of Long Wharf productions. The tour will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the theatre. For more information and/or to sign up to take

second oldest continually performing community theatre in Connecticut. Besides theatrical productions, The Orange Players sponsors workshops, trips and social events. In November, OP held a 40th Anniversary Gala, featuring dinner and a show. Recent workshops were held in Acting and Characterization and Improvisation, and a spring children's show is scheduled for production.

AMITY HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS "INTO THE WOODS"



The Amity High School Theater Department announces that tickets are now on sale for its spring production of Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award winning musical..."Into the Woods" with book by James Lapine, directed by Robert and Andrea Kennedy. "Into the Woods" is an exploration about wishes, child-parent relationships and the choices we make as told through several familiar fairy tale characters by the inimitable Brothers Grimm.

The story follows a Baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella who wishes to attend the King's Festival, and Jack who wishes to save his cow. When the Baker and the Baker's Wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later with disastrous results.

One of Sondheim's most popular works proven by the box office hit of its recent movie adaptation, "Into the Woods" dazzles audiences with memorable songs such as "Steps of the Palace," "Giants in the Sky," and haunting melodies that tug at heartstrings such as "No More," "Children Will Listen," and "No One is Alone".

Performances dates and times are as follows:

- Friday, April 8, at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 pm
- Friday, April 15, at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, April 16, at 2:00 pm
- Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 pm

High School, 25 Newton Road Woodbridge, CT 06525

Tickets

\$17 general. Purchase online at: www. amitytheaterdepartment.com or call (203) 392-2019.

Into the Woods Quick Facts

- Producer: Robert Kennedy,
- *Director:* Robert and Andrea Kennedy
- Music Director: Peter Randazzo
- Set Designer: Robert Kennedy
- *Costume Designer:* Julie Chevan with Brenda Burt
- Light Designer: Dan Hassenmayer
- Conductor: Phil Dolan

Cast

- The Narrator Ian Pittinger
- The Baker Jacob Leibowitz
- The Baker's Wife Clara Gamsu
- The Witch Alaina Dwyer
- Rapunzel Kara Kachmar
- *Cinderella* Emily Kilian
- *Cinderella's Stepmother* Yuliya Faryna
- *Lucinda –* Audrey Grotheer
- *Florinda* Lauren Flaumenhaft
- Cinderella's Prince Robert Worth
- *Rapunzel's Prince* –Harrison Paek
- The Wolf/Ensemble Ryan Chizmadia
- Jack Josiah Oakley
- Jack's Mother Abby Hazlett
- *Little Red Ridinghood* Lillian Querker
- Granny/Ensemble Maren Westgard
- The Mysterious Man Christopher Cassella
- The Prince's Steward Ryan Rattley
- Cinderella's Mother/Ensemble Annie Foley
- *Cinderella's Father* Jeffrey Gallo
- The Giant/Ensemble Ali Ashworth
- Snow White/Ensemble Kelsey Paier
- Sleeping Beauty/Ensemble Christina Genovese
- Ensemble: Joyce Lin, Claire Haupt,

the tour, contact jkoral@optonline.net or delicateirish@hotmail.com.

The Orange Players (OP) was established in 1974, and is reputed to be the Membership is open to anyone with interest in the theatre—onstage or backstage. Contact Membership Chairman Bruce Spiewak at BJS.AIA@juno.com.

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The John J Brady Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Amity Oriana Mack, Ben Kemp, Shane Gordon, Max Seigman, Nathan Shilling, Dean Pocwierz, Natasha Kaluzynski.







Columbus House Director of Development, John Brooks, accepts a check for \$852.01 from Helping Hands Community Thrift Store owners Steve Greenberg and Allen Klein for items sold in the Thrift Store for the month of January.

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Columbus House is a preferred nonprofit member of Helping Hands. When you donate your gently used furniture, clothing, housewares, and other items to benefit Columbus House a portion of the sales price goes to Columbus House. You can call 203-782-4800 to schedule a furniture or large item pick-up or you can drop off your donations at the Thrift Store which is located at 334 Boston Post Road in Orange.

For more information on Columbus House, please visit its website at www. columbushouse.org. For more information on Helping Hands, please visit its website at www.helpinghandsctfb.com or call 203-298-0499.





The 7th grade Team X students at Amity Middle School in Orange, made their annual Valentines. They were given to the members of our community who live at Maplewood at Orange. Pictured are students in Mrs. Stephens' home room.



A few children from Orange Community Nursery School had some fun constructing a road large enough to hold all of our cars. They were very proud of themselves.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. AT AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Amity Middle School Orange Spartan Players presented Beauty and the Beast Jr. on February 6 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. The show was sponsored by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation and directed by Jared Andrew Brown and Patrick Laffin of The Square Foot Theatre Company. The story of Belle and the beast was brought to musical life by a cast of amazing seventh and eighth grade students.

Cast List

Belle – Lena Hildrich Beast – Jacob Lee Gaston – Dylan Chizmadia *Lefou* – Annie Driscoll Cogsworth - Wil Gambardella Lumiere – Evan D'Onofrio

Babette – Sophia Soldra Mrs. Potts - Zoe Smith Chip – Elizabeth Buckley Madame De la Grande Bouche – Halle Syrop Maurice – Ethan Selmon

Silly Girls – Alexandra Barnes, Nicole Mongillo, Sydney Sherrick Ensemble – Camilla Bautista, Natalie Carrington, Gianna Cooper, Ava Divin-

cenzo, Alexandra Funk-Davia, Ariana Garay, Claudia Lihar, Mia Lorenti, Alexandria Marinescu, Anna Maria Marinescu, Sarah Maroney, Akyelar Poulimas, Bethany Qian, Casey Terzakis, Grace Yu, Irene Zhang

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Left to right are Robert Colum (Rear Commodore), Alan Liebnick (Fleet Captain), Bruce Kuryla (Treasurer), Sarah Ferrante (Secretary), Michael Amato (Commodore), Kenneth Herbert (Vice Commodore).

MILFORD YACHT CLUB **APPOINTS NEW OFFICERS**

On Monday, January 24th the membership of Milford Yacht Club battled the cold and snow and elected its new 2016 officers. The officers are Commodore-Michael D. Amato, Vice Commodore-Kenneth Herbert, Rear Commodore-Robert Colum, Fleet Captain-Alan H. Liebnick, DDS, Treasurer-Bruce P. Kuryla and Secretary–Sarah Ferrante.

Founded in 1903, Milford Yacht Club, located at 131 Trumbull Avenue at the mouth of Milford Harbor, maintains the charm of an old fashioned boating club while providing modern amenities such as a full service restaurant, swimming pool and marina. Members and their guests enjoy coming in from a day of boating, then cooling off in the pool before relaxing on the deck with drinks before dinner. Often the clubhouse is jumping with the excitement of a weekend regatta or grooving to the live music on a Sunday afternoon. Whether you're a sailor, power boater, a swimmer or a lounger-the club is every member's home away from home. The setting is ideal for relaxation and fun. There are many activities throughout the year for all family members-young and old, such as Jimmy Buffett Nite, Mother's Day Brunch, Family BBQs and Children's Movie Night to name a few. Milford Yacht Club also offers a summer Jr. sailing program that teaches young sailors the essential elements of sailing and seamanship. It instills in them a respect for the sea and the value of teamwork in a fun and exciting atmosphere.

New for 2016, Milford Yacht Club is offering a new member initiative. For further information regarding membership, contact the office at either 203.783.0060 or office@milfordyachtclub.com.

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ORANGE LIONS CLUB 54TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

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The Orange Lions Club is holding its 54th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, at the High Plains Community Center grounds in Orange. In case of inclement weather, a "rain or snow date" has been set for Saturday,

March 26 at High Plains Community Center, with the same schedule of events as on March 19. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 12:30 PM, one halfhour before the start of the Easter Egg Hunt itself. There will be face painting for the children, and hot coffee for the adults.

The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into four (4) age groups. This allows each child to have an equal opportunity to collect the thousands of chocolate eggs which the Lions Club will have for distribution. The four age groups are: (1) Pre School through Kindergarten; (2) First Grade & Second Grade; (3) Third Grade & Fourth Grade; (4) Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade. Thousands of chocolate eggs will be distributed during the hunt. Prizes will be awarded to children in all age categories for finding specially marked eggs.

An adult should accompany all participating children. Each child should have a bag or basket to collect their eggs. Parents may wish to bring a camera for a picture of their child with the Easter Bunny. Please note that parking for this event should be on paved parking areas only.

Orange Lion Nick Bencivengo is the Chairman of this year's event. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to this event is asked to contact Nick at 203-901-9062. All donors will be acknowledged for their generosity at the Easter

Egg Hunt.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is one of many community events and activities sponsored by the Orange Lions Club each year. Among the other annual events are: the Community Thanksgiving Dinner,

the Senior Pizza Party, a Comedy Night fundraiser, eye screenings for pre-schoolers, an annual Wine Tasting fundraiser, and giveaways for children at the Memorial Day parade. In addition, the Orange Lions make contributions to many community organizations; for many years, the Lions has had a Community Mini-

Grants Program for local groups who are seeking funds for a special reason. In particular, the Orange Lions Club has made an annual gift to the Case Memorial Library for many years for the purchase of large print books and audio tapes for the sight-impaired and the general public. The Orange Lions also fund two scholarships each year for Orange students graduating from Amity High School.

The Orange Lions Club co-sponsors (with the Milford Lions Club) the Foundation High School Leo Club (Lions youth group) for special needs youths; the only club of its kind in North America. The Lions provide needed funds each year to support eye research, training of Fidelco guide dogs for the blind, to Lions low vision centers which provide vision aids to the sight impaired, and to the Connecticut Radio Information System for the sight-impaired. The club also collects used eyeglasses for refurbishing and recycling to Third World countries, helping to restore the gift of sight to thousands of people all over the world.

ORANGE MASONS OFFER

The Rotary Club of Orange will hold its first annual Artisan Festival on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 1 pm to 6 pm at St. Barbara's Social Hall, 481 Racebrook Rd in Orange.

The Artisan Festival will showcase the wares of up to 30 brewers, wine distributors, chocolatiers and restaurants, offering a taste of gourmet foods and beverages as well as products of local merchants.

event will go towards supporting the

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Club's initiatives in the community, such as providing dictionaries for every third grader in Orange, registering area children in the Amber Alert ID program, helping to support the town food pantry and energy initiatives as well as other community groups. For more information, the website is www.rotarycluboforange.org.

We can't vouch for the lion and lamb of March but the Orange Historical Society has gifts for the holidays of the month with antiques and collectibles for everyone on your list. Come visit the Academy Museum Antique Shop for that special something on Saturdays from 10:00-3:00. If you're looking for old toys, dolls, postcards, kitchenware, artwork, or just "something" stop by and say hello. The shop is located at 605 Orange Center Road in Orange. For information call 203 79-3106.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Orange Masons, in association with Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, are offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89 or a resident of the town of Orange.

Also being offered are two "Lodge Family Scholarships" for \$1,000 each. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson, of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts may be sent directly from your school.] Send to: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Elmer F. Manley, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2016.

For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbypolly@yahoo. com, Subject: Scholarship.



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Front Row, from left to right: Jamie Fields, Sarah Greifenberger, Marilee Silva, The Rev. Diana Rogers, Ross Cotjanle, Jill Westgard, Diana Saccente. Back Row, from left to right: Marvin Collins, Nicole Antaya, Jennifer D'Inzeo, Carl Atlee, Anna Franz

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCES NEW VESTRY TEAM

The Episcopal Church of The Good Shepherd, 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, held its Annual Meeting on Sunday January 31, 2016. With approximately 100 parishioners in attendance, and under the leadership of The Rev. Diana Rogers, the Church enthusiastically voted in favor of its new Vestry. The new Vestry team is comprised of Co-Senior Wardens Ross Cotjanle and Marilee Silva; Co-Junior Wardens Jaime Fields and Diana Saccente; Treasurer Sarah Greifenberger; and Clerk Jill Westgard. Other at-large members of the new Vestry are: Nicole Antaya, Carl Atlee, Marvin Collins, Jennifer D'Inzeo, Anna Franz, MaryAnn Haverstock, Bethany Hawkins, and Mickey Reid.

In accepting her nomination as Co-Senior Warden, Marilee Silva remarked "The new Vestry is comprised of an incredibly talented, dynamic and diverse group of individuals. I am very excited about working with everyone and developing some new programs and servicebased initiatives that will continue the growth of our congregation and keep our church moving forward." Ross Cotjanle, the other Co-Senior Warden, offered thanks, on behalf of the parish, to the outgoing Senior Warden, Will Cleaver, for his outstanding leadership overseeing the administration of the Church for the past two years. "Will was an outstanding Senior Warden. He got us through a transitional period as we sought our new Minister and rebuilt our financial strength. My goal for the new Vestry is to focus on growing our programs for children and families and using technology to create a dynamic environment that will serve as model for The Episcopal Church of Connecticut." The Rev. Diana Rogers added "As a new resident of Orange, I have been impressed by the enthusiasm of our parishioners and the care they take in our campus, buildings and programs. The new Vestry reflects our strengths as we are a diverse congregation made-up of members from Orange, Woodbridge, Milford, West Haven, Derby, Ansonia, and Shelton. Good Shepherd has been at the forefront of the area's religious community since 1958 and I am honored to be working with this outstanding Vestry as we position ourselves for the future."

"THE CATCHER WAS A SPY: THE MYSTERIOUS LIFE OF MOE BERG"

Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will hold its annual Landwirth Lecture, The Catcher Was A Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 2 P.M. Did you know that Moe Berg, son of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants, was a professional baseball player in the 1930s? He played as a back-up catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians, and Boston Red Sox. However, Berg's true claim to fame derived from another aspect of his life: He was a spy for the American Government. Berg was a brilliant linguist who had graduated from Princeton University Magna Cum Laude and thus, while playing exhibition baseball in Japan with the likes of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Berg was asked by the U.S. military to surreptitiously film Japanese industrial facilities. The footage he brought back proved to be invaluable in America's war effort in the Pacific, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

During the war, Moe Berg performed

a variety of missions in Europe as well. One of his assignments involved a trip to neutral Switzerland, where he was to attend a lecture given by prominent German physicist, Werner Heisenberg. Berg's orders were to determine if Heisenberg's nuclear research indicated that the Germans were close to developing an atomic bomb. If they were, Berg's orders were to kill him.

Please join us as our featured speaker, writer Nicholas Dawidoff, author of the best seller, The Catcher Was A Spy will reveal the rest of the story. Mr. Dawidoff has also authored a number of acclaimed books, one of which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Biography. He is the author of many articles that have appeared in The New Yorker and The New York Times. A Branford Fellow at Yale University, Mr. Dawidoff resides in New Haven. This event is sponsored by the Landwirth Family Fund. All Are Welcome! Free and open to the public. For further information, contact the synagogue at 203-799-6924.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

United Church of Christ/205 Meeting House Lane Holy Week schedule for 2016

Maundy Thursday

- March 24, 7:00 p.m. Service of Communion & Tenebrae
- "A Service of Darkness" as composed by Dale Wood
- 7 choral meditations on the Last Words of Christ

Good Friday

• March 25, 7:00 p.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

- March 27, Festival of Resurrection
- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Hannah's Hill



Orange Congregational Church

 9:45 a.m. Palm Processional - Meet us in the back parking lot to receive your palm and process with bagpipes into the Sanctuary. If you wish

The Church of the Good Shepherd holds services every Sunday at 8am for Holy Eucharist with no music, 930am Faith Formation (for Children and Families), and 9:30am for Holy Eucharist with music.

• 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

Palm Sunday

March 20, 8:00 a.m. Worship in Chapel

not to process please go directly into the Sanctuary.

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Prayer Walk offered by the Confirmation Class

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST EVENTS

Join the Rev. Shepard Parsons and your neighbors at the historic First Church of Christ, 5 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge (on the town green) for the following events:

March 20, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday – Recount the last days of Jesus' life with seven readings and symbols.

March 24, 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday – Remember Jesus' Last Supper and betrayal. March 25, 10:00 AM Good Friday

– A time of prayer and meditation.

March 27, 6:00 AM Easter – Sunrise service with a light breakfast following. March 27, 10:00 AM Easter – The story of God's love for us all made known in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

You are welcome! Childcare is provided for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday Services.

HOLY INFANT GUILD TO HOLD ANTIQUES APPRAISAL DAY

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild is having an Antiques Appraisal Day on Sunday, April 24. It will begin at 2:00 pm in the school gym at 450 Racebrook Rd. Experts will be available to appraise your collectibles, antiques, jewelry, art. The cost is \$10 per item, or \$25 for three items. Find out if your item is trash or a treasure! For more information, call (203)799-2379.

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CONGREGATION OR SHALOM EVENTS

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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 & Learn With the Rabbi

This is an hour long meeting led by the Rabbi on a wide variety of issues held every Wednesday from 11AM to Noon, The first born child, Civil disobedience. Sexual deviancy, The meaning of Tefillin, Biblical jurisprudence, Miracle, The tribe of Cohen, Jealous, Humility, and Religious change.

Krav Magna

Monday, March 7, 2016, 6:30 pm

Sisterhood will be sponsoring Introduction to Alpha Krav Maga - A Basic Self Defense Seminar held by Northeast Regional Training Center for Alpha Krav Maga International. Community Welcome - \$10.00 at the door - RSVP to Sisterhoodorshalom@gmail.com.

Adult Education Movie Sunday, March 13, 2016, 2:00 pm

Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem An Israeli woman fights for three years to obtain a divorce from her devout husband who refuses to grant his permission to dissolve the marriage.



Congregation Or Shalom

Purim Carinal

Sunday, March 20, 2016, 10:30 am

Come enjoy the morning filled with games, prizes, and a moon bounce food and fun. \$5.00 gets you all the fun, food additional.

Purim Megillah Reading

March 23, 2016 7:00 pm

Zumba Gold at Or Shalom

Congregation Or Shalom announces 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 zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

The Adult Education committee at Temple Emanuel has prepared an exciting Scholar-in-Residence weekend, "Mediterranean Mosaic: Three Vignettes of Jewish Life and Culture," scheduled for March 11-13. Registration is required

Temple Emanuel presents an adult Purim event: Margaritaspiel! This laid-back Purim celebration, created by the Chasen family and performed by members of TE, features songs with a Jimmy Buffet vibe accompanied by the TE Reefers Band.

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Upcoming Events

Kosher Wine Tasting with Larissa Nahari from The River Thursday March 17th at 6:30 p.m.

The River is a NY kosher wine distributor. Come and enjoy hors d'oeurvres while you taste and learn about Israeli, California, and Italian wines. Wine is available to order. Free event, please RSVP.

Poetry and Medicine: Two Threads of the Jewish Tapestry

Saturday, March 19th Following Kiddush

Cardiologist and CBJ member, Dr. Zaret will read a series of his poems, both published and new, dealing with themes of Judaism, healing and medicine. Their thematic relationships to each other and the rich past of Jewish and physician poets will be discussed.

The American Dream led by Rachel Ranis

Sunday, April 3rd at 10:00 am

Rachel teaches Sociology at Quinnipiac University, currently on "life in the cultures of the pluralistic American community". She will explore with us the question of whether the American Dream is still meaningful and what this means for American Jewry.

Special Services Family Shabbat

Saturday March 12th at 10:15 a.m.

Students will lead the 'junior congregation' service and learn to read Torah. This will be a fun, dynamic service and a great way to gain familiarity with the Shabbat service.

Congregation B'nai Jacob's

Annual Purim Celebration Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:30 p.m.

- 5:30-6:30pmFamily Megillah Reading
- 6:30-7:30pmPurim Celebration & Dinner (Costume parade, games, crafts, & hammentaschen)
- 7:00-8:00pmFull Megillah Reading
- 8:00pmAdult Shpiel "The Late Show with Benny Jacobs"

Ongoing Learning

Monday at 7:30 p.m. Maimonides: Life and Thought with Rabbi Shapiro

March 7, 14, 28; April 4, 11, 18.

Every Week

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

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

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

Gan Hayeled Sundays at 9:30 a.m. [During Religious School] – This is for three- and four-year olds and is a "drop off" experience. The curriculum is a playbased Judaic program, taking advantage of our long history of providing a warm, caring environment in which children can develop social skills while also learning about Jewish holidays, traditions and values.

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

details are posted on the TE website.
 Highlights of the Weekend of Jewish
 Learning include:

March 11 at 5:30 pm – Tot Shabbat, followed by Shabbat dinner at 6 pm and a Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring a presentation by Olga Markus: "My Israel: A Land of Miracles, Inspiration and Complexity"

March 12 at 10:30 am - a presentation by Liran Yadgar: "The Jewish Game of Hearts: Judah HaLevi's Voyage from Spain to the Holy Land," followed by a dairy luncheon at noon

March 13 at 10:00 am - bagel brunch, followed by a presentation by Dr. Philip Balma: "Hiding in Plain Sight: Italian Jews in Mussolini's Film Industry (and Beyond).

On Saturday, March 26 at 7 pm,

A beach-themed party will follow. Costumes are strongly encouraged. Tickets will be available at the door, but registration in advance is preferred – please see the TE website for details.

Finally, on Friday, April 22, Temple Emanuel will host a community seder, led by Rabbi Michael Farbman. You do not need to be a member of TE to participate, but registration is required – please see the TE website for complete information.

To register and for more information about these and other events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, please go to the TE website: www. templeemanuel-gnh.org, or call the temple office at 203-397-3000. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue in Orange.

'GETT: THE TRIAL OF VIVIANE AMSALEM'

Coming to Congregation Or Shalom

The movie "Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem" is coming to Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, on Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 p.m. The film is a 2015 Israeli drama starring Ronit Elkabetz.

Gett concerns an Israeli woman who is seeking to finalize her divorce from her cruel and manipulative husband and finds herself effectively put on trial by her country's religiously-based marriage laws. This riveting drama is directed by siblings Shlomi and Ronit Elkabetz, who is also one of Israeli cinema's most acclaimed actresses.

In Israel there is neither civil marriage nor civil divorce; only rabbis can legalize a marriage or its dissolution, which is only possible with the husband's full consent.

All are welcome. Free and open to the public.

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

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

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

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

Clean Energy Task Force of Orange,

meets on the third Tuesday of every month at HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, conference room, 8 o'clock. The public is invited. **Orange Arts & Culture Council** meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

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

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

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

The Rotary Club Of Orange meets

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

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

Purim Party, Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 6:00pm, Congregation Sinai, 1000 New Haven Ave., Milford, reading of The Megillah (The Book of Esther), a costume parade with prizes and refreshments. If you are interested in attending, call the office at 203-301-0558.

March Art Exhibit, Alone/Together Paintings by Eileen Carey, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road.

The New Haven Mineral Club 43rd Annual Show, April 2 & 3, 2016, Saturday 9:30am-5:00pm, Sunday 10am-5:00pm, Amity Regional Middle School, 100 Ohman Ave. Orange, Minerals, Gems, Jewelry & Fossils, Exhibits-Dealers- Door Prizes- Lectures- Demonstrations, Donation \$5.00 Children under 12 Free when accompanied by an adult. For more info visit newhavenmineralclub.org.

Mohegan Sun Trip, Sunday, April 3, 2016 Sponsored by Congregation Sinai of West Haven/ Milford, 1000 New Haven Avenue, Milford; Departure/9:00am, Leaving Casino/5:00pm, Casino giving food and money vouchers, Cost \$35.00/pp, 50/50 Raffle and snack bags provided. Contact office 203 301-0558 (Mon – Thurs 10:00 -1:00 Friday 10:00-12:00). MONEY MUST BE IN BY Monday March 28, 2016 to hold seat.

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

Girl Scouts of Connecticut Fundraiser, "A Little Schmooze with Faith", Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:30pm-8:00pm, Emmy award winner Diane Smith will lead Faith Middleton in a conversation celebrating girls and women today with WNPR's Chion Wolf, to emcee the event. For details on sponsorship and ticket pricing, contact Matthew Southward at msouthward@ gsofct.org, or visit http://www.gsofct. org/pages/SchmoozewithFaith.php.

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TAXES AND INVESTMENTS

By Roberta L Nestor

Imagine if your Doctor sent you to see a specialist and the specialist put you on medication but neglected to inform your primary physician? Then, when you go back to your primary he doesn't ask about the visit to the specialist and is unaware of your new medications. When one specialist doesn't talk to another, it puts you at risk. The same is true with your investments and your taxes, lack of tax advice when it comes to your investments can be very costly to you, the taxpayer.

When you think about it, nearly everything you do with your investments impacts your taxes. Contributions to your retirement plans, 529 College Savings Plans, premiums paid for long term care insurance, management fees you may pay your financial advisor, converting traditional IRAs to ROTH IRAs, non-deductible or deductible IRA contributions, IRA transfers and withdrawals, rollovers and inherited IRAs...the list goes on and on.

These are common pitfalls when your financial advisor doesn't communicate with your tax advisor and when your tax advisor doesn't communicate with your financial advisor.

You have been contributing to a ROTH IRA each year and haven't ever told your tax preparer since it isn't part of your tax return. It comes up in conversation and your tax preparer informs you that you are ineligible to make ROTH contributions because your AGI exceeds IRS limits. Outcome: Excess contributions to a traditional IRA or ROTH IRA that are not withdrawn before April 15th will incur a 10% penalty on the entire excess contribution in addition to taxes on any earnings.

Your financial advisor believes you are over-weighted in tax deferral and recommends you change your 401k contributions to be 100% ROTH instead of continuing pre-tax contributions. You agree and make the change. Next year, when you get your taxes prepared, your tax advisor informs you that owe a substantial amount of money to the IRS

advisor communicates the specifics to your financial advisor.

Each year for the past 5 years you have contributed \$10,000 to the CHET 529 College Savings Plan for your grandchild and you are the owner of the account. Your tax advisor, knowing you do not have college age children does not ask if you have made any CHET 529 contributions. Contributions to the CT CHET 529 plan are deductible on your CT state income tax return, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

You inherit an IRA account and your financial advisor puts the IRA into a beneficial IRA account for you. You receive a tax document that shows the transfer and give it to your tax preparer and they ask if you took the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You don't remember taking a withdrawal and you never received a 1099. Your tax preparer informs you of the steep IRS penalty you will incur for not taking out the RMD. The penalty is 50% of the amount you should have withdrawn. Note that Inherited ROTH IRAs also have IRS requirements for required withdrawals, even though they are not taxable, they are still subject to the penalty if you don't take out your RMD.

All of these situations are less than ideal and in some form will result in money coming out of your pocket. What can you do? Insist on collaborative planning and communication between your financial professionals. See your financial advisor before your tax appointment and make sure you have the needed documents and information on any transactions you may have made that affect your income tax return. After tax season, you might want to sit down with your tax preparer and ask if they have any recommendations or changes you should consider with your investments that would benefit you on your taxes.

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Alexandra "Sandy" Montesanto

Alexandra "Sandy" Montesanto, 76, the beloved wife of James M. Montesanto of Orange, passed away on February 14, 2016. She was born in Beaver Falls, PA on October 21, 1939 to the late Ida Berardelli and John Pernal.

Sandy was active in her community; she was a member of the Orange Historical Society, the Orange Arts & Crafts Guild and a committee member for the Orange Country Fair. Sandy was known for putting everyone, especially her family, before herself. She was selfless, compassionate and self-sacrificing. Her family was her main focus and she enjoyed entertaining at her home and playing games with her family and friends. Sandy was also a lifelong Girl Scout leader, an organization in which she was very active. She was a skilled and talented artisan who excelled at beading, crafts and quilting. She enjoyed animals, nature and bird watching as well as motorcycle touring with her husband. She was loved by all who were privileged enough to know her and will be greatly missed.

In addition to her husband, Sandy is survived by her brother, Richard Pernal; children, James M. Montesanto, Jr., Diane M. Volante and Dina M. Montesanto; and granddaughter, Alessandra. She will also be missed by her loved one's extended family members, Susan A. Bradford, Steven J. Volante, Richard A. Bova, and Donald E. Demers, as well as nieces, nephews and other family members. She was predeceased by her sister, Henrietta Pernal.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held February 19, 2016 at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Rd., Orange, CT. Interment followed at Mt. St. Peter Cemetery, 219 New Haven Avenue, Derby, CT. Arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford. Donations may be made to the CT Trails Girl Scouts, 20 Washington Ave., North Haven, CT. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

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Orange, Connecticut 06477

OSA SPRING 2016 Soccer Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, MARCH 26ST, 2016

Boys and Girls, Residents of Orange, Ages 5 through 13. Who: Sundays, APRIL 24th through JUNE 19st 2016 When:

Where:	Mary L Tracy School
	Fred P. Wolfe Park
	Locations and times subject to change due to facility availability.
Fees:	\$80.00 per player until MARCH 26, 2016
	\$10.00 late fee on any registrations after March 26 ND , 2016
Format:	U-5 (Clinic) Divisions will remain coed
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Girls and Boys divisions in the following age groups: as of JULY 30, 2016) PLAYS AFTER 1:00 PM U-6 & 7 division (Age 6 & U-8 & 9 division (Ages 8-9 as of JULY 30, 2016) PLAYS AFTER 1:00 PM U-12 division (Ages 10-12 as of JULY 30, 2016) PLAYS AFTER 12:30 PM



ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

P.O.Box 605 Orange, Connecticut 06477

OSA SPRING 2016 Soccer Program PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Soccer Questionnaire (Please complete):	Boys Soccer: Girls Soccer	:
Player's Name:	Birth Date:	Sex:
Grade: Height:	Weight:	
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Parents/Guardian Names:	Home Phone:	
Was Player registered in: Spring 15 Fall 15	Work Phone:	
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How to Register:

- Complete the attached form and mail with a check payable to: OSA Orange Soccer Association, PO 605, Orange, CT 06477
- 2. Walk-in registrations: Saturday, MARCH 12th, 2016 9:00 AM 12:00 PM MARY L TRACY SCHOOL ← ----- NEW SPOT (Foyer Area by The GYM).

Walk-in registrations accepted by the Orange Park and Recreation office, High Plains Community Center during business hours through MARCH 26ND, 2016

Registration Rules:

- A separate registration form must be submitted for each participant. A check or money order made out to the Orange Soccer Association, or exact cash, must accompany registration. Please do not mail cash.
 For insurance purposes, all new registrations must submit a copy of their birth certificate to be retained by the Orange Soccer
- Association
- A parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form.

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Fees:

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> \$100.00 per team per season. \$200.00 per team for three (3) seasons.

Questions: Contact Janet Lyngdal, Registrar, by email, JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM OSA Co-Presidents, Tom Pisano 877-2058, tompisano@trane.com, or Bill Hoffman 799-1313

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26ST, 2016

Youth: MED LG ADULT: SM. MED. LG. X-LG. XX-LG

I/We hereby authorize our child to participate in the 2015 OSA Parent/Guardian Authorization and Release: spring Season, and agree to hold the OSA, its directors, officers and coaches, harmless for any liability arising there from. I/We authorize the rendering of emergency medical care under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well being of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Fee for soccer registration is \$80.00 per player before SATURDAY, MARCH 26ST, 2016 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, MARCH 26ST, 2016 Email: Janet Lyngdal jclyngdal@gmail.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Deadpool (R) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin

2. Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) animated

3. Risen (PG-13) Joseph Fiennes, Tom Felton

4. The Witch (R) Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson

5. How To Be Single (R) Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson

6. Race (PG-13) Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis

7. Zoolander 2 (PG-13) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson

8. Star Wars: Episode VII -- The Force Awakens (PG-13) Daisy Ridley, John Boyega

9. The Revenant (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy

10. Hail, Caesar! (PG-13) Josh Brolin, George Clooney

TOP 10 VOD

1. Spectre (PG-13) Daniel Craig

2. Bridge of Spies (PG-13) Tom Hanks

3. The Martian (PG-13) Matt Damon

4. The Intern (PG-13) Robert De Niro

5. Love the Coopers (PG-13) Steve Martin

6. The Last Witch Hunter (PG-13) Vin Diesel

7. Straight Outta Compton (R) O'Shea Jackson Jr.

> 8. Goosebumps (PG) Jack Black

9. Crimson Peak (R) Mia Wasikowska

> 10. Burnt (R) Bradley Cooper





Saoirse Ronan in "Brooklyn" [Fox Searchlight Pictures]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed

sadness and strength, fear and hope. The film was nominated for three Oscars, including best picture, best actress in a leading role and best adapted screenplay (it was a novel first.)

"The Big Short" (R) -- There were a few people who saw the financial crisis of 2007-08 coming, and with no power to stop it, mitigate it or credibly warn the public, they used that foresight to make tons of money. An all-star ensemble hilariously depicts the characters swimming in the sharky waters of Wall Street, all occupying different positions on the moral spectrum -- Steve Carrell's character knows he's about to make money while others are ruined, Ryan Gosling's character just wants the payday already. Brad Pitt and Christian Bale inhabit their characters, portraying nuanced fish in the murky pool.

It is alarmingly funny -- funnier than any reality-based film about a financial crisis would have the right to be. It works, however. Director Adam Mckay ("Anchorman," "Talladega Nights") ditches the screwball comedy lens, and finds a snarkier tone that make can make a fun little spiel out of investment voodoo. This one's got five Oscar nominations, including best picture, director, adapted script and supporting actor.

- 1. Name the group that released "Love You Inside Out."
- Petula Clark, Dee Sharp and Amy Grant all released a 2. cover of which 10cc original?
- Who were Gary Troxel, Gretchen Christopher and 3.



- Barbara Ellis?
- 4. What duo released "If I Loved You" in 1965?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Though it's been a while now, I can still feel so much pain, Like a knife that cuts you, the wound heals, but the scar, that scar remains."

said he wrote it in response to overhearing a male voice when he called his girlfriend. He wrote the song in a laundromat. No. 1 spot. 2. "I'm Not in Love." The song has been widely covered, most recently by Canadian singer Diana Krall. 3. They were the original members of The Fleetwoods, first recording in 1959. Their hits included "Come Softly to Me," "Mr. Blue" and "Tragedy." 4. Chad & Jeremy. The song was from the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and was from the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and was from the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn," a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and was from the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn, and Wo. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and the songwords and the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn, a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and the songwords and the 1945 musical "Cornesel". 5. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn, a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels and the songwords and the 1945 musical "Cornesel" of "Every Rose Has Its Thorn, a No. 1 hit by Poison in 1988. Songwriter Bret Michaels wers I. The Bee Gees, in 1970. It was the group's sixth consecutive chart-topping single, burning Donna Summer's

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. In 2009, the Los Angeles Dodgers set a record by winning their first 13 home games of the season. Who had held the modern-day mark of 12?
- 2. In 2015, Eduardo Rodriguez (22) became the youngest Red Sox starting pitcher since 1967 to win his major-league debut on the road. Who was it in '67?
- 3. Name the last NFL defensive lineman before Houston's J.J. Watt in 2014 to have at least five touchdowns in a season.
- When was the last time before 2015 that the Iowa Hawkeyes men's 4. basketball team won an NCAA Tournament game?
- 5. Name the last NHL goalie before Montreal's Carey Price (2014-15) to win the Hart (MVP) and Vezina (top goaltender) trophies in the same year.
- When was the last time a CONCACAF Gold Cup men's soccer final did 6. not have either Mexico or the U.S. as one of the teams?
- 7. In 1976, the U.S. Olympic team featured Michael and Leon Spinks and Sugar Ray Leonard, but another American won the award for top boxer. Who was it?

weight boxer Howard Davis.

Answers 1. The Detroit Tigers, in 1911. 2. Billy Rohr, at 21 years old. 3. Chicago's Connie Mack Berry, in 1944. 4. It was 2001. 5. Montreal's Jose Theodore, in the 2001-02 season. 6. It was 2000. 7. Light-

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Sudoku answers on

in this column are available in stores the week of March 14, 2016.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Brooklyn" (PG-13) -- As a quiet Irish girl in a quiet, windswept coastal town in the south of the country, Eilis (Saoirse Ronan) is driven to America more by circumstance than wanderlust. She arrives in New York in the early 1950s, and immediately struggles with homesickness and alienation. Eilis -- and the world she inhabits -- seem to change after finding romance with a charming Italian boy (Emory Cohen). Just when she's starting to feel at home, Eilis is called back to Ireland, meets another suitor (Domhnall Gleeson) and must decide which life she wants to live.

What needs to be said upfront is that the story is more than its love triangle. Ronan shows Eilis's growth in deep ways with the right volumes of

"Carol" (R) -- Cate Blanchett stars as the titular Carol, an elegant and confident married woman, smartly dressed and chic for the 1950s. Mostly, we see her through the lens of Therese (Rooney Mara), a somewhat timid younger shop girl who forms a quick and difficult-tounderstand attraction to Carol when they first meet. For much of the film, their connection is felt but not seen -- it's in tiny glances, a slight touch, chitchat that barely qualifies as flirtatious -- but it's really there, just covered by layers of drama and social stigma. It's gathered six nominations, including ones for both Blanchett and Mara.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: $\star \star$

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HOLLYWOOD By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Kudos to film producer Jennifer Nelson, who while making a documentary about the song "Happy Birthday," decided to sue Warner/Chappell instead of paying a \$1,500 royalty fee. Warner expected to make upward of \$14 million in the next 15 years from the royalties, but instead gave up the fight. By agreeing to settle, Warner avoided a costly trial and didn't risk punitive damages from collecting licensing fees it may not have had the rights to collect. Warner will pay defendants to the tune of \$4.62 million, a small portion of the estimated \$50 million it has collected in fees over the years it claimed the rights, not to mention the interest fees that money brought. But don't cry for Warner/Chappell, it's already blamed its operating loss on the expenses related to the "Happy Birthday" settlement.

J.J. Abrahms has been busy producing "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," doing pre-production on "Star Wars: Episode VIII" for a December 2017 opening and developing "Star Wars: Episode IX," set for May 2019. He's also got "10 Cloverfield Lane," a blood relative of his 2008 film "Cloverfield" in which a woman (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) wakes in a cellar after a car crash and is told by a survivalist (John Goodman) that he saved her life and a worldwide chemical attack has left the earth uninhabitable. Abrahms is currently putting the finishing touches on "Star Trek Beyond" for a July 22 opening.

In his spare time, he has helped director Don Coscarelli restore one of his favorite films, the 1979 classic horror film "Phantasm," from a 35 mm camera negative to 4K (Ultra HD). Now the current



Elizabeth Taylor

generation of film fans can enjoy all five films in the "Phantasm" series, including the recently completed "Phantasm Ravager," which will be released sometime this year. Angus Scrimm, the scary Tall Man who chased brothers (played by Bill Thornbury and A. Michael Baldwin) throughout the film, passed away Jan. 9 at the age of 89. Bill Thornbury married a lovely nurse and moved to Northern California, and A. Michael Baldwin has been teaching acting in Austin, Texas, for the past 10 years. Reggie Bannister and Kathy Lester, from the original film, returned for this latest one.

Congratulations are in order for me after my highly successful showing of photographs I've taken of Michael Jackson, Marlene Dietrich, Grace Kelly, Jackie Kennedy, Cher, Audrey Hepburn, Presidents Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford, Sophia Loren, Mick Jagger, Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley, to name some. You can view them on the gallery website at fineartvortex.com and scroll down to my name. Hope you like what you see, and that's no joke!

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HISTORY CORNER

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Who Were They?

As one drives by the cemetery, covered with snow, looking positively gloomy, we need to remember that the gravestones on the north side hold stories of the folks that were our first settlers. Milford, established in 1639 held onto its members for quite some time but as the need for more personal property became apparent, one Richard Bryan purchased 208 acres encompassing Old Tavern Road, Orange Center Road (South Main Street) Porter Lane and Lambert Road. Of course, those names did not exist at that time but references were made using highway to the north, east on so and so's land. the marsh etc.

So whom are these gravestones representing? A stone in the very front reads Content Treat lovingly known as Tenty. Looking at a pair of her socks, she appears to have been rather tall and if she didn't make the socks for herself, someone thought a bit of color would be enjoyable showing us that not all colonial women wore dark colors. In fact, they didn't.

Content was born on November 16th, 1795 to Robert Treat and his wife Content (Bryan). She was married to Leverett Treat in April of 1820 and died November 26, 1880. She and Leverett had 3 children, Lucy, Sarah and Leverett Bryn.

Along the second or third row, are two gravestones, Alanson and Ira Clark. Now Ira's story is not a very happy one. Married to a somewhat younger woman, living on Derby-Milford Road just below what was known as George's Cellar Hill. If you drive down the road from Turkey Hill, toward Milford, you go down a steep hill. Following an old map of Orange from the Congregational Church toward Derby–Milford Road, you can pretty much tell where George's Cellar hill was located. Working his farm



David Bowen, Ira was not to live out his life on his farm because David, in his love of Ira's wife, did him in.

Walking away from a tumultuous situation, David and his love moved away from Orange, leaving the four children with Ira's brother Alanson. Years later Mrs. "Bowen" returned home, sick and destitute living with Alanson where she died. Using the resource material by Susan Woodruff Abbott, the Clarks in question are not related to the Clark families of Orange.

You have read, in my columns how the Orange Congregational Church was formed as early as 1804 when a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of ground was set out as a burial ground. The first one to be interred there was a baby whose headstone has pretty much worn away to have an exact location but it appears to be near the driveway to the north. His name was Joseph, child of Joseph and Eunice Treat dying in 1805 at the age of 4 months 4 days. The inscription read, "In memory of Joseph, child of Joseph and Eunice Treat, who died Nov. 2, 1805, aged 4 mo. 4 days. "Behold the babe the Savior blest, Enjoys the pleasure of his rest, I'm the 6th descent of this name And the first buried in this place." Remember Lucy Treat? She married Leverett Clark in January of 1847. The tone of gravestones tends to be very melancholy as is hers, her death being August 23, 1847. Her stone reads "Lucy, wife of Leverett Clark, died Aug. 23, 1847, aged 23 yrs.

Anna who died 1815 at the age of 22. From the stone it would appear she dies in childbirth but her death was listed as consumption with the first two lines reading "A lovely daughter seven months old, She left an afflicted father to console. The next stone is a similar one with "In memory of Abigail* who died in 1816 from an infection during childbirth leaving a 4-week old daughter. One has to feel a great loss at reading these headstones as the times and health standards were hard to accept but then again, it was what life was about, hardship.

The third stone belongs to Mr. Lambert, himself. He died in 1825 at the age of 43 leaving 6 children with his stone stating that he "leaves them all in the hands of God". The last stone belongs to his widow, Eunice dying in 1845 at the age of 54. This stone reflects her children's love with the words:

"Thou hast gone from us, dear mother Thy voice no more we hear Thou hast left our kindred circle A brighter home to cheer"

What probably lessened the gravestone erecting in April of 1859 was many of the children were taken away from Orange during the diphtheria epidemic. According to Mary Woodruff in her History of Orange, 15 people succumbed to this dreadful disease. Some as young as 3 and with Phebe Porter being the oldest at age 36. The *New Haven Journal-Courier* headlined, "More deaths in Orange". It continued with listing the most recent deaths with the April 12th issue carrying the article entitled "The Orange Malady".

One family whose life is an open book is that of Dennis Stone. With the 1830 homestead open to the public, docents in their tours with visitors tell about the two children who Dennis lost during this siege. His son Collin,



By Ginny Reinhard

has long been noted to be a young person's disease, but she and Phebe were the oldest. These two young people are buried with their mother in the area closest to the old section marked with a large obelisk type gravestone. This honors Dennis as well, although he is buried in Kansas where he lived with his son Legrand.

For a small town, we can be proud of our early military history with the earliest military record in 1698. As was said, our beginnings were in Milford, but by 1708 Richard Bryan had purchased those 208 acres from Antsantawae, the Sachem of the Paugussetts. So by the time the Revolutionary War was upon us, several commissions were issued to the men of North Milford, serving honorably in that war. Fourteen men from our town are buried in what is now the Orange Cemetery having been the cemetery belonging to the church previously.

One honored member was Joseph Treat, who was part of rescue mission of 200 soldiers who were left on the beach in Milford from a prison ship, near the home of Stephen Stowe. The men were cared for in several homes until it was discovered that they had smallpox. At this time they were brought elsewhere to be cared for by Treat and others. Stowe and Dr. Carrington died but Joseph had previously fought the disease and was able to care for them. In as much as cemeteries give some people the shivers, the older sections are far enough from our own families' history that reading the stones is like reading a book. On the next sunny day, park in one of the driveways and walk around the stones and see what history of Orange you can learn. *In both Susan Abbott's book and the Congregational Church cemetery records Benjamin's 2nd wife was listed as Sarah.

with the help of a farmhand named



"She died as fair ones

- Often die, when bridal flowers
- Spring around their pathway

But to deck their graves."

One of the most interesting is a series of stones that follows the three marriages of Benjamin L. Lambert. The first stone is in memory of his wife age 10 and his sister Ellen age 22. It





With Ray Spaziani



HOLIDAY WINES

Easter is the celebration of new life and rebirth. Many times its timing coincides with Passover, and each marks the first feast of spring after many cold winter nights. Many families today observe traditions from more than one religion. The wider your circle of friends, the higher the likelihood you may be invited to share in a meal that memorializes events from Biblical times. There are many examples of wine being enjoyed throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is nice to honor that tradition during these holidays. The first miracle Christ performed and the only act requested by his mother in the New Testament was to make wine at the wedding of Cana. So here are some Easter and Passover picks.

A great start to any holiday is a Napa Valley Chardonnay from California. There are many very good ones, but one of the great ones is Franciscan Estate Chardonnay 2014. This is a well-structured Chardonnay from Napa Valley with flavors of green apple, pear, and lemon. It is a double fermentation Chardonnay that has been aged in Oak. If you are serving chicken or fish this Easter, you will want to have a couple of bottles of this on ice. A Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand is always a good idea anytime of the day or night. One of my favorites is Oyster Bay from the Marlborough region 2015; very crisp and lemon flavor like biting into a fresh grapefruit. Finely, a Viognier, would be an interesting change. This unique white is a great cold weather wine. I like Lake Erie Viognier made by Presque Isle wine cellars from Pennsylvania. This wine has rich melon and peach aromas with traces of butterscotch. It goes great with ham and chicken dishes and is great with cream based seafood.

One of the great gifts of god is Cabernet Savignon. This year's pick for Cabernet is William Hill Estate North Coast Cabernet Sauvignon 2014. A rich Cabernet Sauvignon with flavors of blackberry, black cherry, mocha, and butterscotch, this has good mouth feel and a nice bright finish. If you are doing Lamb this Easter this Cabernet Sauvignon will bring out the best flavors in herb-rubbed lamb which is my favorite. Pino Noir is another great red that will work well with holiday foods. Almost any Pino Noir from Russian River Valley will work and is from Sonoma. MacMurry is quite herbal and a nice change. Any Pino Noir from Russian River Valley in Sonoma should work quite well and the prices range from 15.00 to 40.00 and they are all good. Malbec is a great change and a great Easter wine. Mendoza in Argentina is the Malbec place and Costco has a fantastic Malbec for under \$10.00. It is so good I can't tell you, and it would make a great holiday wine!

To be considered kosher, a Sabbathobservant Jew(s) must supervise and handle the entire winemaking process, from the time the grapes are crushed until the wine is bottled and any ingredients used, including finings, must be kosher. Wine that is described as "kosher for Passover" must have been kept free from contact with chametz; examples being grain, bread and dough. When kosher wine is produced, marketed and sold commercially, it would normally have a hechsher ("seal of approval") of a kosher certification agency, or of an authoritative rabbi who is preferably also a posek ("decisor" of Jewish law), or be supervised by a beth din ("Jewish religious court of law").

In recent times, there has been an increased demand for kosher wines and a number of wine producing countries now produce a wide variety of sophisticated kosher wines under strict rabbinical supervision, particularly in Israel, the United States, France, Germany, Italy, South Africa, Chile and Australia. Two of the world's largest producers and importers of kosher wines, Kedem and Manischewitz, are both based in the Northeastern United States.

The use of wine has a long history in Judaism, dating back to biblical times. Archeological evidence shows that wine was produced throughout ancient Israel. The traditional and religious use of wine continued within the Jewish diaspora community. In the United States, kosher wines came to be associated with sweet Concord wines produced by wineries founded by Jewish immigrants to New York. Beginning in the 1980s, a trend towards producing dry, premium-quality kosher wines began with the revival of the Israeli wine industry. Today kosher wine is produced not only in Israel but throughout the world, including premium wine areas like Napa Valley and the St-Emilion region of Bordeaux. No matter what our religious beliefs may be, it seems this holiday season is a time for wonderful family get togethers and a time for family and friends to rejoice in our traditions and our blessings. Choose some great wines to enjoy together in this holiday season and you will be glad you did! 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, the Milford Board of Education as well as Moltose wine and beer making suppliers, and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email *Ray with your wine questions and wine* events at ray.spaziani@gmail.com.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz





OUR CURIOUS DOGS AND THOSE POISONS IN YOUR HOME

This year, National Animal Poison Prevention Week is March 20 -26. Since dogs, especially young dogs, are naturally curious creatures, it is important that we know and remain vigilant about potential poisons that our inquisitive pooches may find and ingest. Numerous toxic items can be found both inside and outside the home, and many of them are surprisingly common.

- **Toxic foods** include chocolate, avocado, onions and garlic, raisins and grapes, alcoholic drinks, caffeinated beverages, macadamia nuts, and chewing gum with xylitol.
- **Many plants** (even dead or dried) are toxic to pets. In some cases, only certain parts of the plant are dangerous (leaves, fruit, seeds). Be aware of the toxic plants that grow in your home and surroundings (both cultivated and wild), and keep your pets away from them or remove them entirely. Other toxins found outside include mushrooms and garden mulch.
- **Keep your pets off lawns or gardens** that have been treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides. If your dog has come in contact with treated lawns or has

freeze, some baits smell sweet but are very toxic to pets, causing severe internal bleeding.

- Other household items poisonous to pets include household cleaners (the fumes can be noxious) and heavy metals such as lead, found in paint chips and linoleum.
- **Consult with your veterinarian** before giving your dog any vitamin, herbal supplement or medication made for humans. Even small doses of medications of any kind whether for humans or pets—can be lethal to pets. Keep all medicines well out of your dog's reach.

While prevention is always the best medicine to keep your dog safe from common toxins, knowing the symptoms of possible poisoning may save your pet's life.

Symptoms of poisoning (toxicity) in your pet can include:

- Vomiting/upset stomach
- Labored OR shallow breathing
- Drooling
- Increased OR decreased heart rate
- Fever
- Hyperactivity OR sluggishness/

walked on snow or ice treated with ice-melt, wipe his feet clean as soon as you get home to avoid the possibility of him licking his paws and ingesting the poison. Store all chemicals in cabinets and other places your pet can't reach.

- **Real danger to pets** continues from antifreeze/coolant, even though animal-friendly products are now available (usually made with propylene glycol, not ethylene glycol). Always wipe up antifreeze leaks or spills of any size. Attracted to the sweet taste, pets can die from kidney failure if they ingest even a small amount of this very toxic material.
- **Store poisonous baits** to rid your home of pests (rodents, snails, insects, etc.) in places that your pooch cannot access. Like anti-

lethargy

- Increased thirst OR lack of thirst or hunger
- Dilated pupils
- Stumbling or staggering
- Seizures or tremors
- Loss of consciousness

If you think your dog has ingested a dangerous substance, contact your veterinarian or local animal hospital immediately. If you are advised to bring the dog into the clinic, be sure to take along the packaging of the item or a sample of the plant you think your dog may have eaten. This will help the veterinarian to know how best to treat your pet.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim for cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience also will help you understand yourself better.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to **January 19)** Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the plusses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you an edge in many areas.

DON'T LEAVE PETS **OUTDOORS IN WINTER**

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I rou-

tinely see people's cats wandering the icy streets and snowy backyards here in upstate New York. Recently I noticed a neighbor's dog chained up outside in the snow-

covered backyard on a day that was near freez-

ting Mad

DEAR SPITTING: You told them! Common sense can go a long way when it comes to properly caring for pets in winter. Step outside for just a moment wearing regular clothes, no coat and no shoes. Now imagine having to do that for much longer than a minute Sam Mazzotta or two. Despite having fur, domesticated pets don't do too well in the cold for extended periods. If you have cats, keep them indoors. If they insist on going out, keep them in a fenced area like the backyard, and only for a short time. For dogs, only let them out in an area where you can supervise them at all times. Or, take them for walks on a leash, using cleared sidewalks only, with a warm vest and booties in freezing temperatures.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"Could we take this outside? I promised the wife

THE CASHIER









ing. I contacted animal control the instant I saw that, and the neighbor had to go pick up his dog from the shelter and pay a fine.

He's not happy, but his dog stays inside

now! To me, a fine for leaving pets out in the cold isn't enough. I wish cruel owners would be treated exactly as they have treated these beautiful animals! Cold, lonely, often without food or water, they cannot survive on their own, especially in these brutal New York winters. Tell your readers that people need to think before they put their pets outside. Would they treat their children this way? -- Spit-

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

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In compacted soils, or soils with greater than 20% clay content, water is slow to move through the soil or may not move at all, and this can damage or destroy plants. To keep your landscape draining properly, a good drainage system may be needed, and it must be kept free of obstructions. Before the spring rains begin, clear all drainage pipes, fields, ditches and canals of branches, leaves and other debris that have collected during the fall and winter months. - Brenda Weaver

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