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Orange Briefs

Expanded Kindergarten Offered Next Year

Next year the Orange elementary school system will begin a pilot program to extend the kindergarten program from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Currently, the kindergarten program is held from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Mary L. Tracy School. Under the proposal adopted by the Board of Education, parents have the option of paying \$1,200 to keep their kindergartner in school until 3 p.m.

Currently, 52 students are enrolled in the expanded kindergarten program, according to Lynn McMullin, who is superintendent of schools. She said seven parents are on the waiting list, and ten more people would have to sign up in order for another section to be offered.

McMullin said some residents feel the program is a good idea, while others think it's too long of a day for a youngster. She said a detailed report will be provided to the town next year about the findings. If you are interested in the expanded kindergarten program please call central district's offices at 203.891.8020.

Important Dates To Remember

Orange residents will vote on the Amity Board of Education budget referendum from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. May 6 at the High Plains Community Center on Orange Center Road.

The annual town meeting on next year's Orange budget will be held 7:30 p.m. May 8 at the High Plains Community Center.

The annual Orange budget referendum will be held noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the High Plains Community Center.

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Park Honors Editor's Legacy

by Brian McCready

ORANGE — Bridget Albert's love of animals is definitely not a secret.

She helped find loving homes for hundreds of animals in the region, and helped co-found the Amity Animal Rescue Foundation.

As a tribute to Albert's life-long work on behalf of animals, First Selectman James Zeoli, said he is advocating that a dog park, which is scheduled to be built at Fred Wolfe Park off of Ridge Road, be named in honor of Albert.

"Being who Bridget was and what she represented, it would be nice to dedicate it after her," Zeoli said. "Bridget had a passion and a caring for dogs. Bridget was most definitely a dog person."

Albert died suddenly March 21 in her sleep. She is survived by her spouse, Lesley Giovanelli, and their two four-legged chil-

dren, Baxter and Chloe, who were Bridget's pride and joys.

Albert likely died as a result of pulmonary embolism after undergoing recent gastro intestinal surgery, Giovanelli has said. Albert was the editor of The Orange Times for the past year, and has covered Orange for more than 15 years as a reporter and editor including for the New Haven Register.

Zeoli said plans for the 67-acre parcel include creating a dog park. He said no timetable has been set for creation of the dog park.



Photo By Lexi Crocco
Picture of Fred Wolfe Park and the existing soccer fields there. A dog park is being planned there in memory of Bridget Albert, who died recently.

The parcel includes soccer and corn fields, and the rest is overgrown brush.

The first selectman said Albert is more than

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Happy Easter



Photo by LEXI CROCCO
The Orange Lions Club hosted its 52nd annual Easter Egg Hunt at the High Plains Fairground on Orange Center Road. In the picture, Alice Gagnon and Sophia Martineau pick Easter Eggs. The Easter Bunny would also make an appearance at the popular family friendly event.

Orange Budget Increases 3.05 Percent

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – The town's proposed \$63.27 million budget for fiscal 2014-15 will increase spending by \$1.87 million, which represents a 3.05 percent increase over the current spending plan.

Finance Director Al Chiarenzelli said residents on average can expect to pay an additional \$69 in property taxes next year. The average house has a market value of \$328,800, which translates into an assessed value of \$230,160, which represents 70 percent of the market value.

The median taxes for the average house for 2014-15 will be \$7,099, which is an increase of \$69 from this year, the finance director said.

The annual town meeting on next year's Orange budget will be held 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at the High Plains Community Center. The Orange budget referendum will be held noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 20 at the High Plains Community Center.

The Orange elementary school budget is increasing from \$18.25 million to \$18.82 million, which represents a \$571,853 or 3.13 percent increase. Orange's share to fund the Amity Board of Education budget is increasing from \$21.6 million to \$21.75 million, which represents a \$155,461 or 0.72 percent increase. Orange has also agreed to fund \$42,500 to fund an Amity School Resource Officer position in next year's budget.

"The main areas of cost increases in the pro-

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News & Events

Amity BoE Seeks 3.5 Percent Increase

Orange to See 1.83 Percent Jump in Contribution

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – For the past five years the Amity Board of Education budget request has on average carried a modest 1.28 percent increase.

Those small increases were realized by applying a significant budget surplus to help keep the percentage down. But the years of sizeable surpluses has come to an end, and the Amity school board is seeking a \$46 million spending plan for fiscal 2014-15, which carries a 3.50 percent increase, said Charles Dumais, who is Amity's new superintendent of schools.

Dumais said the significant budget surpluses Amity was able to continually rack up year after year are not sustainable. For example in 2009-10 Amity received significant energy savings and a reduction in the benefits account for employees. In 2010-11 Amity was able to refinance its bond debt saving \$500,000.

Dumais said the district has simply run out

of things this year to refinance and go out to bid on.

"You can only switch to gas once," Dumais noted.

Orange First Selectman James Zeoli has been cautioning residents for years that Amity would someday not be able to continue to deliver huge budget surpluses to keep budget increases to a minimum.

Zeoli said for years he's urged the Amity school board return the surpluses to the taxpayers and engage in zero based budgeting.

Zeoli said while Orange's share is only a 1.83 percent increase, he still believes the overall Amity budget should have been reduced to a 2.5 percent increase.

Despite the 3.50 percent proposed budget increase, Dumais insisted it's a bare bones budget.

"The key is we're meeting all of our obligations and continuing to provide a quality education," Dumais said. "This budget meets our obligations to the kids and our contractual obligations to our staff."

The Amity school board is seeking an additional \$76,000 for a new phone system as

the current software is set to expire at the end of the fiscal year.

The school board is seeking to add a half-time security guard at Amity High School for the evening hours when people are still present in the building. No new programs are being added, the superintendent said.

A bulk of the increase centers on a jump in health insurance costs and the need to address special education mandates, the superintendent said.

"All other accounts are decreasing by \$200,000," Dumais said.

The district is proposing to add more para-professionals next year for the special education program. One certified staff position is scheduled not to be filled next year saving \$88,000.

The teachers' union will not receive a pay increase next year except for a step increase.

The Amity budget is funded by the tri-towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, and each town pays a percentage based on enrollment figures.

For example, Bethany's increase is 7.34 percent next year because its enrollment is

increasing next year. Woodbridge is scheduled to pay an additional 3.12 percent and Orange will pay just 1.83 percent more next year, because its enrollment is not increasing as much as Bethany or Woodbridge.

Amity Board of Education Chairman William Blake said the school board was able to reduce Dumais' initial budget request from 3.78 percent to 3.5 percent. He said the reduction was realized based on favorable information on the fuel and insurance accounts.

"We try and operate as efficiently as we can," Blake said. "We're always conscious of the financial burden on the taxpayers. We want to make sure they know we are handling their money responsibly."

Blake said everyone would like the budget percentage to be lower but the district has already taken steps in year's past to save taxpayers money by switching to energy efficient lighting, and refinancing its debt at a lower interest rate.

"This is a keeping things as they are budget with no new initiatives," Blake said. "We believe parents at Amity continue to expect that we'll provide real opportunities for students to succeed."

The Amity budget referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6.

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Orange Elementary School Budget Increasing By 3.13 Percent

by Brian McCready

ORANGE — Despite a decrease in student enrollment the Orange elementary school budget is increasing from \$18.2 million to \$18.8 million next year, the district's superintendent of schools said.

The approximately \$600,000 increase represents a 3.13 percent increase for fiscal 2014-15. Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin said reasons for the increase is the Board of Education is updating its language arts curriculum costing \$180,000.

Additionally, health insurance costs are increasing by \$200,000 and the teachers' union is receiving a 2 percent pay increase, which also includes a step increase.

McMullin noted teachers have agreed to a wage freeze in past years.

Next year's enrollment is scheduled to decrease from 1,062 students to 984 pupils. McMullin said while a reduc-

tion of 78 students seems like a lot she said it's really not because it's spread out at three schools involving seven grades.

"People think we're able to reduce three teachers, but that would only work if the reduction in students was all in the same class," McMullin said.

"Even though I'm down in students, it's not costing me any less for heating and buses. There is not a huge cost savings as one would expect there to be," McMullin said.

The district is receiving a reduction in its special education account next year because the number of students enrolled in the program is declining. McMullin said fewer students have been identified as needing special education services next year saving the district \$200,000.

McMullin said she is proposing to have one less teacher at Turkey Hill and Peck Place schools next year. There will also be a reduction of two teachers in the special education program.

McMullin said she believes the reductions in staff can be accomplished through retirements.

The school budget includes no new programs.

First Selectman James Zeoli said the elementary school budget has him somewhat concerned because there were reductions in the science budget for the schools.

"It concerns me because I want our children to excel in mathematics and science," Zeoli said. "Cuts in those subjects is not a good thing."

But McMullin said she understands why it looks like there was a reduction in the science accounts. She said the selectmen saw that money was not completely spent in those accounts, but she said some of the supplies were ordered last year.

"We ordered just what we needed," McMullin said.

Also at Racebrook School science supplies were ordered earlier this year, but the funds have not been paid as of yet.

"There should be no worries about our science program," McMullin said. "We purchased a new math curriculum two years ago. It's a fabulous program. We don't need to buy it again."

She said Orange elementary students are continuing to excel on standardized tests.

School Capital Projects To Be Funded

Several elementary school projects will be funded in the capital improvement plan for the town next year.

At Mary L. Tracy School, the front steps have to be repaired costing, \$34,000. The steps are crumbling and must be fixed, said Lynn McMullin, who is superintendent of schools.

A total of \$80,000 is need-

ed to address a construction defect at Turkey Hill School, McMullin said. A gap was noted in the window of a classroom, and it was determined that the windows and the walls of 18 classrooms need to be reinforced. McMullin said there is no immediate health risk.

At Racebrook School, the handicap accessible ramp

has a non-slip surface that needs to be refinished costing \$75,000. Additionally, the mulch on the playground has gotten thin, and to add more it will cost \$17,500.

The stage curtains at Racebrook are no longer operational and it costs \$12,000 to fix that, the superintendent said.

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Opinion & Editorial

Capitol View

A Fitting Honor For Bridget Albert

We, at The Orange Times, would like to thank First Selectman James Zeoli for leading efforts to name a dog park at Fred Wolfe Park after our beloved Editor Bridget Albert, who died last month.

Bridget spent a life-time caring for animals, especially her four-legged friends. We can't think of a better honor or way to celebrate the life of Albert.

We hope the dog park can be accomplished rather quickly. For years residents have urged town leaders to create a dog park.

Since Bridget's sudden passing, we've heard from some many people in the community, who tell us Bridget touched their lives for the better.

We are still in mourning over Bridget's death, but we are committed to celebrating her life and her accomplishments as we move forward.

At the April Board of Selectmen meeting, Zeoli reported that many members of the community have called him asking him to do something to honor Albert's life.

We are thrilled that so many people got to know Bridget, and are working so hard to keep her memory alive.

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With the April 15 tax deadline behind us, new data is being released about Connecticut taxpayers and how their bill stacks up against other states'.

Tax Freedom Day is the date when the average citizen has made enough money to pay their combined local, state and federal tax bills for the year. In Connecticut, Tax Freedom Day occurs on May 9—**later than any other state in our country.** To put it in perspective, we will spend more on taxes in 2014 than we will on food, clothing and housing combined.

In contrast, Louisiana has the earliest Tax Freedom Day with their total tax bill paid off by March 30th—more than one month less than Connecticut's benchmark.

These statistics are compiled by the Tax Foundation, a non-partisan tax policy research group, which calculates Tax Freedom Day using

Connecticut's Tax Freedom Day Is Latest In Nation



REP. THEMIS KLARIDES, R

federal budget projections, data from the U.S. Census and the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and projections of state and local taxes.

The length of time it takes for the average citizen to pay off their tax burden has not always been so protracted. In 1900, the average Tax Freedom Day landed on January 22; but by 1950 taxes had rose to bring Tax Freedom Day to March 31. As time went on the cost to taxpayers ballooned to extend the average national Tax Freedom Day to April 21 in 2014—three days later than the previous year.

Connecticut has among the highest tax burdens per capita of any state in the nation, and the last thing families and businesses need is a bigger tax bill. However, with significant spending increases the past several years, and a refusal to rein in spending, non-partisan analysts project our state budget will have a \$1.1 billion struc-

tural deficit by the next budget cycle—all but guaranteeing future tax increases.

Until we rein in spending, create a stable tax and regulatory environment and stop passing legislation that fuels Connecticut's anti-business climate, we will continue to suffer from a lagging economy and shrinking workforce.

As a member of the legislature's budget-writing Appropriations Committee, I will continue to monitor this year's budget negotiations, and continue to push for common sense economic policies.

For more information about Tax Freedom Day, visit www.taxfoundation.org/taxfreedomday. As this legislative session continues to unfold, contact my office any time to discuss the issues facing the legislature: themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov or 800.842.1423.

Aerospace Manufacturing Investment Good For Jobs

Manufacturing is an indispensable component of Connecticut's economy—it's our history and future. As we strive to grow

the manufacturing sector by investing in business through tax credits and other incentives, we must also ensure a readily available, educated workforce.

A recent deal struck between the state and United Technologies Corporation (UTC) has the company spending more than \$500 million over the next five years for expansion and creation of jobs. UTC has said this deal will generate up to \$4 billion in new investments. The agreement includes improvements to manufacturing facilities in the state. A subsidiary, Pratt & Whitney, has given a 15-year commitment to keep its headquarters in Connecticut.

In my district alone, which includes Orange and Milford, UTC employs over 930 people with 72 suppliers located in the two towns. [House Bill 5465](#) that would fund the deal is on the House calendar and I will be following it closely this session.

High-tech jobs created through this agreement will require our support to train and ready workers to meet demand and the legislature has been working toward that end. We have invested millions over the last few years for new and replacement equipment for 12 community technical colleges across the state, we enhanced training in advanced manufacturing. The schools will partner with manufacturing companies to link students with jobs.

I am looking forward to increased good-paying manufacturing jobs in Connecticut and a studentbody that can seamlessly transition from school to work. I will be supporting every measure that contributes to educating students for an increasing demand from expansion of these high-tech companies in the state.



REP. JAMES MARONEY, D

Tree Trimming Project Draws Concerns

Recent severe storms have caused prolonged power outages in Orange, much to the frustration of our residents.

United Illuminating (UI) has argued that trees positioned around power lines are mostly to blame. UI will be undertaking a tree trimming program in our region to address this issue. As UI determines which trees in our neighborhoods need to be trimmed or taken down, you deserve to have a voice.

I share the public's concern that a one-size-fits-all approach to tree trimming could lead to a decrease in property values and damage the aesthetics and environment in our town. My colleagues and I in the legislature asked UI officials to clarify the process for tree trimming, and I want to make sure that you are aware of it.

If UI determines that a tree is a threat to power lines, the property owner will have 10 days to object to the utility and the town's tree warden. The tree warden has ten additional days to make a decision. If the property owner is displeased with the decision, he or she can appeal to the state's Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), which has 60 days to come to a decision. Trees on public property are under control of the tree warden.

I encourage you to contact Town Hall at 203.891.4741 to speak with the tree warden about your concerns. This is your town, and you deserve to have a say in this process.



SEN. GAYLE SLOSSBERG, D

GMO's: Policy And Politics:

On Thursday, April 10 the General Assembly debated and voted on an amended version of SB443 "An Act Concerning Pesticides On School Grounds, Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields And Municipal Greens And Banning The Sale And Use Of Genetically-Engineered Lawn Or Turf Seeds." This bill bans the selling, offering for sale, distributing, marketing, using, or planting lawn or turf seed that is at least partially genetically engineered to make the seed pesticide resistant.

GMO refers to genetically modified organisms. The original bill would have extended the current ban on the use of pesticides to all K-12 schools. The amendment in the Senate, changed the bill completely from the original, but it did pass the Senate 25 to 11. In the House the story was different. Many felt this amendment made it a different bill, which did not have a public hearing. Others felt that that the ban went too far in addressing a product that had not yet been developed. As a result the bill failed in the House 103-37.

Concerns about health are always important to legislators, but good public policy needs open debate. This issue should receive consideration and public examination in the future. Please contact me with your thoughts.



REP. PAUL DAVIS, D

Letters

To the Editor,

I knew Bridget Albert for a long time while she was working for different papers. She wrote stories about my practice. I am a resident of Orange but my practice is located

in Seymour.

Bridget always had welfare of critters on her mind. Frequently, she asked me to help her raise funds for these furry friends through rabies clinics and wine tasting events. She sought my help to do rabies clinics

for Woodbridge Dog Pound including donations of cages. I attended meetings with her at Woodbridge Town Hall several times.

Prior to her passing, she had called me to hold a rabies clinic again for these four legged friends.

Unfortunately, she passed away before I could hold another clinic. This is my only regret. Rest in peace my friend.

Sincerely,
Dr. T.C. Nanavati

News & Events

Voo Do: Volunteers of Orange Do

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Volunteering for Marianne Miller comes from a sense of wanting to help those in need. Even as a teenager, Marianne would volunteer around her neighborhood to do the hair of the women who lived nearby. Although in those days she wanted to be a hairdresser, Marianne went on to be a teacher.

Later on in life, Marianne realized she had an untapped talent as a ventriloquist. That spurred her to get a Charlie McCarthy doll.

"I began teaching lessons with it and from there went on to visit convalescent homes. The dummy could say things I couldn't," she laughed.

Those visits lead to hospital visits too, and later the West Haven Police Department Christmas parties. She lit up talking about how the kids would be so focused on what Charlie had to say.

As a teacher, Marianne organized the school talent shows eventually including Charlie in those as well. She was also a teacher member of the PTA and even held an officer's position, something that is highly unusual.

"They knew when they gave me something to do, I would do it," she said.

After moving to Orange in the 1970's, Marianne immediately began getting in-

involved. She started as a library volunteer but later joined the Orange Players after meeting an Orange Players member while visiting her father in the hospital.

That was in 1990 and the days when they used to hand draw the posters promoting the shows. Marianne now serves as the Orange Players President for "the eighth or ninth time. I have held almost every position including producing shows but I am so busy with these other positions, I haven't been in a per-

formance since 2003," she said, adding she would really like to get back on stage at some point.

The next production is *A Kick Out of Cole* to be held May 15, 16, 17.

Marianne also is a long time member of the Lions Club, which she joined after helping with events when she first met her fiancé, Ken Lenz.

"I was helping with events even though I wasn't a member, so I felt I might as well join," she said.

As with the Orange Players, Marianne has held many positions with the Lions Club including president. She said there has only been one other woman president. She is now the zone chairperson, which puts her in charge of several clubs in Connecticut.

The Lions Club focuses on eye research including collecting old glasses to give to those who can't afford them. They offer scholarships, run the Easter egg hunt, Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors, and among their largest fundraisers were the Taste of Amity and a wine tasting, which this year were rolled into one event.

A new undertaking for the Lions Club, which Marianne is helping with is "Necessity Bags," started locally by Lea and Fred Turner. The bags are assembled by Lions Club members and given to people battling breast cancer.

"The bag has everything they need after surgery to help make them comfortable. We put them together and deliver them to Yale to hand out," Marianne explained.

Marianne hasn't slowed down either. She was recently appointed to the advisory committee of Orange Family Counseling.

"I have this uncanny feeling inside me that always wants to help wherever I can. It's

something inside me that has always been there," Marianne said about her continuous drive to volunteer. "When I take something on, it almost engulfs my life. My mouth opens and I say 'I'll do it'," she said laughing. "I just do things and people know that so 'who ya gonna call,' Marianne," she added.

"Volunteering is giving to me. I feel I am doing something for people and somewhere along the way there are people who realize this for the community. They want things to be

run well and for organizations to prosper and succeed. I like to see the finished product. It's a great feeling when someone says you did a great job and appreciate what I do."

EDITOR'S NOTE: In Jody's last column on Ginny Reinhard we inadvertently left off the last four paragraphs. We apologize for the error and we will rerun the entire column on Ginny online at www.theorangetimes.com. Please see the column online now.



JODY DIETCH



Photo By JODY DIETCH
Marianne Miller and her pup, Peaches

Superintendent's Corner

The New 5 R's in Education

Educators used to talk about the three R's in education – Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic! Those were the educational touchstones in the days before Columbine and Newtown, before CMT and SBAC, before the Kardashians, the 'human Barbie,' and YikYak. I went to school in the 50's and worked my way through the Dick and Jane series: 'See Dick run,' 'See Jane run,' 'See Spot run.' My mother read *Heidi* and *Pollyanna* to my sister and me as we



Lynn McMullin

lay on the living room rug in the sun spot. We didn't get a TV until 1959 ... black and white. I would be the first person to admit the 50's were *not* as idealistic as they play themselves out in old movies, television shows, and our memories; but neither were those days as complex and difficult to navigate as the times our children, teachers, and parents face now.

Parents then and throughout the remainder of the century, did not have to worry about their 12-year-old daughters posting selfie-videos of themselves to 'Am I Pretty?' websites. They didn't worry about a child, or even *their* child, bringing an Airsoft gun to school in a backpack. They didn't worry about school intruders, additives in food, exposure to chemicals, Internet predators, and on and on.

Education evolves with the times and in order to be responsive to contemporary needs there needs to be a new canon. Tony Wagner, Harvard Graduate School

of Education and author of several books including, *Relationships, Respect, Rigor, Relevance, and Rapport*, states in this book that these are the new five R's. He makes a strong case that these key concepts influence not only academic achievement, but our students' overall future emotional health. These five R's are what keep children meaningfully engaged in school, in a time when the old three R's are not less important, but do need

to be brushed off and presented with a new polish and shine that grounds them solidly in the new 5 R's. So let's look at them individually:

In Orange, we emphasize **Relationships**. We expect that our teachers know their students well, and the new Teacher Evaluation Plan states that an effective teacher, "Shows warmth, caring, respect, and fairness for all students and builds strong relationships." After all, you can't motivate a stranger. Our principals greet their students daily and by name. The schools have spent many hours on a positive behavior system, called PBIS, in which positive thinking and personal responsibility are the hallmarks. Within the next month or so, the staff at each school will survey parents and students looking for improvements in school climate grounded in relationships. Why? Because research shows that when students are asked to name the single, most important change which could improve their learning, the over-

whelming majority say, 'having people at school who know and care about me.'

There is no learning without fairness and **Respect** and neither is granted to a teacher automatically by today's students. Today's teachers, unlike in the 50's, must 'win respect,' and they do so by making their individual classrooms safe and nurturing environments for all of their students. They create places where our students' voices are encouraged, where they share ideas and problem-solve collaboratively with each other, where they trust that taking a risk in their thinking is safe. Today's teachers understand that 'fair,' when defined properly is defined differently than it was in previous decades. Today, fair means every child gets what he or she needs, not every child gets the same. After all, you wouldn't deny a child who cut a knee on the playground a Band-Aid because not every child needs one.

The curriculum needs to be intellectually challenging and engaging. Today we call that **Rigor**, which as a former English teacher I realize is a rather 'ugly' word. That aside, there is no denying our schools and classrooms need to set uniformly high standards for ALL students. Rigor isn't about doing more work; it's about doing more meaningful work. Alongside the reading and math basics, the modern world demands a new set of competencies – communication skills, teamwork, collaboration, problem-solving, and critical analysis. We've learned the importance of art, music, world language, and kinesthetics in developing these competencies. Our TEVAL plan states the teacher, 'seizes an opportunity to build on the lesson, seamlessly adjusting

activities for individual students who access information quickly,' and in other indicators mentions differentiating, providing feedback, and capitalizing on opportunities for students to self-assess their work and set new goals. Rigor leads our children to resourcefulness and resiliency.

Our students also need to experience opportunities for real-world learning. Students need **Relevance**. They need to know both the objectives and the real world applications for the lessons they are taught enabling them to make connections between their new learning and what their previous observations and experiences have taught them about the world. In Orange, our curriculum and the instructional strategies we use have to be both challenging and increasingly connected to real-world applications. In a world inundated with useless redundancies, we need to help students look into their future and answer this question: 'How will this learning be useful to me?'

Rapport is a district-wide goal in Orange. Our students, teachers, parents, and community members must forge close ties, an essential element if ALL students are going to achieve at high levels. We must communicate both the good news and our concerns; we must eliminate surprises and center ourselves in trust and respect. One valuable example is the strong rapport we are building with the Police Department. Our DARE officers and Student Resource Officer talk to our students about safety and help them navigate this increasingly complicated world. We, too, must work together to sift what is important to Orange from the chaff of social, commercial, and political messages.

Health & Wellness

The Color Orange

When I asked my Zen master to help me deal with the many stressful events in my life he said, "Repeat these words every day: Thank you for everything. I have no complaint whatsoever." After several months I told him I didn't feel any change and asked what can I do now?

He said, "Repeat these words every day: Thank you for everything. I have no complaint whatsoever."

You know what? I got the message and it works and I can recommend it to you all. Also when someone asks how you're doing say, "Thank you for everything. I have no complaint whatsoever." You will get some weird looks. I know because I do it.



BERNIE SIEGEL, MD

I mention this because I came across the wisdom of this approach in an article I read. Rabbi Hecht wrote to his Rebbe complaining that in 33 years of work he felt he was back at the same place he started and he simply could not continue.

He signed off the letter with a heart-rending plea that "the Rebbe should help and do all he can."

The Rebbe responded — not with counsel, but with light: I've already followed your advice. I've sent them Rabbi Moshe Yitzchak Hecht.

A Rebbe or life coach then is a guide to your true self. Who needs a life coach? Anyone who needs a ray of light penetrating the dark-

ness of their life. And remember it is through your problem, the crack in the vase, that the light comes through and lights up your life once again. Connecting to a life coach connects you with the truth, which connects you to the whole, and within that whole, you are liberated from exile.

I would also add that once you are enlightened it is important to live the message. First, as a doctor seeing all the pain and disease, which could not be cured, I wondered why God made a world filled with suffering, and if we could be God for a day most of us would try to fix everything. The Baal Shem Tov, while watching fellow Jews being persecuted, said he would like to be God so he could understand why.

Second, I learned later that the reason we do not have a perfect world is because a perfect world is not a creation, it is a magic trick. We are all here to live and learn. So live the

sermon as the Rebbe did. He would not go to sleep at night as long as he had anything of value left in his house. Whatever he had, he gave away to those who needed it. "That's what it means to be a Rebbe. Whatever you have, you have for others." So be a shepherd for others as the sages of the past have been.

Peace, Love & Healing,
Bernie Siegel, MD

We currently have a mind, heart and health matters support group for those in need and for caregivers who need support on the first Wednesday evening of every month and a cancer support group the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month at Coachman's Square at 21 Bradley Road, Woodbridge. If interested contact Lucille Ranciato at lranciato1@yahoo.com or call 203-288-2839; or myself bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net for details

Locally Running

This week I ran the Moore Half Marathon in Central Park. It hosted 10,000 women, the largest women's half marathon in the US. It was my last training run before the Boston Marathon on April 21. I must admit I have mixed emotions as I approach the marathon ... Different than other years.

I looked forward to crossing the finish line. Last year I was stopped at mile 25. It won't be my best race but it will be my most memorable. My time will be what it will be. I have a small "fracture in my ankle. I have been nursing it for

three weeks and working with both physical therapy and my orthopedic doctor (thank you Brittany and Dr "D") who understood that not running was not an option, and they rallied to get me ready.

For me and many who were in Boston or had friends and family there, we looked forward to healing and many other emotions. For each of us, it will be personal. So this is all about Boston!

Here are some fun facts:
Race is Easter, Monday, April 21, always on Patriot's Day in Boston

It Is Time For Boston



CATHY BRADLEY

There were 35,000 runners, the

second largest field for Boston (40,000 was the field for the 100th running)

The race is 118 years old
30 percent of the runners were between 18-39 (I am not in this group)

There were 47 runners between 75-79 (I am not in this group)

Average age of a marathoner competing was 43 (I am not in this age group either)

46 percent of the field is female
4,615 runners were back who did not finish last year (I am in this group)

Boston has always been super-fast but this year 50 percent of the registered qualifiers beat their time standard by 10 minutes

Though the Boston marathon is forever changed, it is still the premier event for runners worldwide!

I looked forward to it with many emotions ... and thanks to all who sent great messages.

P.S. please don't forget the Cinco De Mayo road race ... right here in Orange. It is a great time to get out with family and friends to enjoy this great weather.

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Health & Wellness

On Your Mind

Creating Good Habits

Which habits have you been unable to change? Some habits are good, some are utilitarian but some are bad and they create frustration and disease. The most obvious habits are brushing teeth, eating, sleeping and driving. The problem occurs when people are plagued with feelings of failure because they cannot break bad habits or create new positive ones. They feel like a prisoner in their own minds because of feeling powerless over their habits. The behaviors and feelings are deep in their unconscious minds and they don't understand why they can't change.



FERN TAUSIG

In the past 10 years, research about the brain has shown that repeated behaviors create neural pathways of the brain. The longer the behavior is repeated, the stronger the pathways, creating super highways. We now know we can create new pathways throughout our entire life. The old expression, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks," is just not true. This ability to change is called the neuroplasti-

city of the brain.

Creating new neural pathways is simple, but not easy. Books have been written on ways to change new habits and they all say the same thing, you have to really want to change. It begins with being aware or *conscious* of the behavior to change and identifying the triggers that bring it on. The most common trigger from my clients is stress. Whether they reach for a cigarette, chocolate, alcohol or have interrupted sleep, stress is the trigger.

Smoking and overeating are not the problems to focus on to change the habit. Focus on the trigger, stress, which must be addressed. A client came to me because she was "addicted" to cigarettes. She only smoked to 'calm down' as it was her stress reducer. She hated smoking and the way it made her cough but she felt powerless over the habit. Using hypnosis I was able to give her options for reducing her stress and she happily became a nonsmoker. Stress can't be eliminated, just managed. Reaching

for water became her replacement habit.

Eating habits are established in infancy so the neural pathway is very strong. My clients that come to change their eating habits are very successful because their motivation is very strong. They want to lose weight or eliminate their diabetes. I helped many clients add the habit of exercise into their routines when their goal was to be healthier. Using hypnosis, we create the habits they desire and those habits become solid super highways.

One client came to me because she had very negative self-esteem. She developed a habit of negative self-talk as a child. She was constantly criticized and put down by her mother who made her feel she was never good enough. Using hypnosis and self-hypnosis she created new positive self-talk and a new habit.

The business of changing habits is a billion dollar business but none of it is necessary because we have the power to change our own brains using hypnosis and self-hypnosis. Hypnosis is the easiest most effective way to change habits because it communicates directly with the unconscious mind where all the habits are stored.

Fern is a certified hypnotist, life coach and health educator. She can be reached at 203.283.4567.

Safely Discard Unwanted Prescription Drugs

Orange residents have the opportunity to safely discard unwanted prescription drugs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the CVS located at 279 Boston Post Road. The Orange Police Department will be collecting the unused prescription

drugs. Orange is participating in a national program aimed to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Grants Available From The Orange Foundation

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring. Funding is available for projects benefiting residents of Orange. Those eligible for grants include non-profit organizations, parent-teacher organizations and service organizations.

Janice Lettick, distribution committee member and chairwoman of grant distribution, said the foundation has distributed more than \$138,000 to various civic groups and community organizations.

The grants range in size from \$500 to \$1500. Past recipients include: Camp Cedarcrest, Orange Arts and Culture Council, Necessities, Inc., Orange Historical Society, and the American Legion Post 127.

Deadline for application is April 30. Applicants are encouraged to complete the online forms at www.orangefoundation.org. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 724, Orange, CT 06477.

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Business

Financial Insight

What Is a Bond?

Part One

Bonds have been a hot topic lately with many headlines raising concerns over the potential for rising interest rates and the impact on bond prices and rates of return for bond owners. When speaking with people I find that many don't really understand what a bond is.

Many people own bonds. Some purchase individual bonds directly. The majority of us have bonds by owning mutual funds that invest in bonds. Some bond funds we hold in our investment accounts while others are held in retirement accounts such as IRAs, 401(k)s and 403(b)s.

In this two-part series I'll explain the key aspects of bonds. First, I'll go over the basics. In my next column, I'll review how bond prices can fluctuate post-issuance through maturity.

So what exactly is a bond? In its simplest term, a bond is a loan or an IOU. That loan or debt will be issued by a company, state, municipality or government. The issuer will use that loan for a variety of reasons, ranging from capital improvements to corporate acquisitions. For example, where did the money for that new



PJ SHANLEY

school being built in your district come from? Chances are the district did a bond offering to raise funds for the construction.

To get individuals, mutual fund managers, and others to buy the bonds, the issuer will provide an incentive in the form of interest, typically paid on a semiannual basis, to the bond holder. As

part of the contract, the borrower agrees to pay back the loan in full at the end of the bond's term, anywhere from 12 to 30 or more years. Bills or notes, which are also loans, are issued for shorter durations.

Most bonds are issued at par or face value, which is the amount on which the issuer pays interest and most commonly is what needs to be repaid at the end of the term of the bond, known as the maturity date. For example, if you buy a new issue bond selling at a par value of \$1,000 with a 4 percent interest rate, the issuer agrees you will get paid \$40 per year in interest and ultimately will be paid back your \$1,000 when the bond matures.

The amount of interest the issuer needs to offer as incentive is determined by a number of factors, including the current

interest rate environment and the issuer's credit rating. Every issuer is different, and each has varying characteristics, strengths, weaknesses, economic circumstances and prospects. Several agencies rate the credit of the company, state, municipality or government, so that the relative ability of the bond issuer to pay a bond's face value upon maturity may be assessed and compared. The best known are Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. They will assign a AAA, AA+, AA or AA- for prime to high grade credit quality; A+, A or A- for upper medium grade credit; and BBB+, BBB or BBB- for lower medium grade. A rating of BB+ or lower is non-investment grade and considered speculative.[1] A prospective bond purchaser should be careful to consider the credit rating of any issuer, as part of the overall evaluation of a particular bond as a potential investment.

In the next installment of "What is a Bond?" I will discuss what happens with a bond after it is issued and begins trading in the marketplace.

This article was prepared by Patrick Shanley and is not intended as legal, tax, accounting or financial advice. Shanley is a financial services representative with MetLife. The opinions provided are not necessarily those of MetLife. The opinions provided are for general information purposes only.

Milford Camp Open to Orange

MILFORD – The Milford Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is pleased to offer the 2014 Milford Consortium for Childcare Initiatives summer camp program. This quality summer camp is now open to Orange residents, and runs from June 30th through August 15th.

The summer camp is held at West Shore Recreation Center five days a week Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Children must be between the ages of 5 (must have completed kindergarten) and 12-years-old. Activities include inside/outside sports, games, arts and crafts, movies, etc. as well as optional special events and trips. Children may register for one or more weeks. The cost is \$120 per week. Call Connie at the Milford Chamber of Commerce, 203.878.0681 for registration and information.

Rotary Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Orange will again award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors from Orange. Additionally, there will be a scholarship in honor of Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or related field i.e. Special Education. All requests must be received by May 9, 2014. Awards will be rewarded in June. Questions regarding this program may be directed to: Don Lewis, Rotary Club of Orange 727 N. Greenbrier Drive Orange, CT 06477 donsharkfin@optonline.net 203-795-3486 Scholarship applications can be found online. www.orangectrotary.org

Orange Property Transfers

- 46 Williamsburg Drive, \$320,000, Sarah G. Rubin Est. to Andrew T. Dows on March 31
- 322 Goose Lane, \$536,818, Sunrise Hill Estates LLC to Michael Sarni on April 3
- 320 Goose Lane, \$446,108, Sunrise Hill Estates LLC to Jay G. Resinick on April 3
- 187 Harrison Place, \$258,000, Rosalie Hylwa to William Ladutko on April 9
- 629 Bayberry Lane, \$385,000, Judith Smith to Keith V. Bodie on March 21
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Strong bonds define season for Amity Girls' Basketball

by Brian McCready

ORANGE — No one can deny the Amity girls' basketball team had an excellent season on the court, but what makes it extra special is the players' close bond and senior leadership.

The girls' basketball team was comprised of a staggering nine seniors. Amity senior girls' basketball players included: Chloe Brinton, Mikaila Schmitt, Molly Ronan, Amanda Vecchio, Kathleen Feng, Janae Graham, Bella Bierzowiec, and Ashley Wu.

"It's really a cherry on top, because it's our best season so far," said Brinton, who is a captain. "We're all so close. We're like a tight-knit family. It's the best feeling ever."

Brinton said the players all share a bond that has been in development for years. Most of the girls' played together dating back to seventh grade.

Brinton was a captain along with Grahama and Schmitt.

"We try and keep everyone together for the coaches," Brinton said. "We make sure everyone gets better and keeps improving."

Graham said the team excelled because of its strong senior leadership.

"Everyone was on the same page," Graham said. "I led by example, playing hard, with everyone else following and by being encouraging."

"I'm so proud of our team," said Graham adding Amity won 16 games in a row at one point.

Schmitt said all three captains did their best to provide the proper relationship.

"It's a great honor to be one of three senior

captains," Schmitt said. "I'm ecstatic with my team. It's a great team with great chemistry. There was a great bond with one another. I'm proud of our accomplishments."

She said the team has gotten so much better through the years. Feng said the team's success has meant a lot to everyone.

"It was a gradual process. We grew as a team and learned from one another," Feng said.

Feng praised Head Coach Michelle Martinik for leading and preparing the team. Bierzowiec said it's been great playing together since the seventh grade.

"I know how all the girls will be playing, so you know where to pass the ball without even looking," Bierzowiec said.

She said the team was defined by its hustle, which brought them together.

"Our team is so deep, we can sub in someone and they pick up the team," Bierzowiec said.

Wu said the team is "one big family."

"They are all my best friends," Wu said.

"I see them every day. We definitely improved a lot because of all the time we played together. It's great to see all the hard work pay off."

Vecchio said it's been a blast to play basketball with your friends for so many years.

"It's more than a team, it's a family," Vecchio said.

She said despite all the seniors' graduating, the team is in good shape with several excellent freshmen on the squad.

Ronan said it's hard to put into words how much fun the team had this year.

"I will really miss it next year," Ronan said. "We all just get along so well. We play



Photo By LEXI CROCCO
Front row left to right: Chloe Brinton, Mikaila Schmitt, Molly Ronan, and Amanda Vecchio. Back row left to right: Kathleen Feng, Janae Graham, Bella Bierzowiec, and Ashley Wu

well together."

She said the team stayed focused by concentrating on one game at a time.

Martinik said she is so proud of her team, especially her seniors.

"Janae played amazing at the point guard position ... In previous games Molly has been owning the paint grabbing rebounds and playing great defense. Kathleen hit two fouls shots with 5.2 seconds left on senior night to win by one point ... Chloe has been

a leader for the past four years and is continuing that on and off the court. Amanda, Ashley, and Bella have been key bench players all year. They have come in night after night and put in good quality minutes to help the team. From hitting big shots, grabbing the rebound, blocking shots, and of course playing great defense, we could not be in the situation we are in without them," Martinik said of her seniors'.

Amity Girls' Hockey Team Finishes Strong

by Brian McCready

ORANGE — The Amity/North Haven/Cheshire girls' ice hockey team concluded its season strong to even its record at 10-10, said assistant coach, John Peschell.

The Blades as they are known played a tough Division I schedule that wasn't easy for the relatively young team, Peschell said. The Blades leading scorer was freshman Meaghan Francis, who paced the team with 19 goals.

Hannah Cremo another freshman was the net minder for all ten victories. The Blades will graduate only four seniors this year including losing two time all-state defensemen Abbie Lang, who will surely be tough to replace, but the Blades have two young defensemen in Alyssa Stevens and Jenna Casman who look ready to step in and fill the spots vacated, the coach said. "The Blades will look to the leadership of future seniors Caitlin Early and Alexa Carbone as well as Catherine Babbidge and Emily Gotowala to keep the team harmony that has developed this year,"



Photo By John Peschell 2013-14 team photo of the Blades hockey team, which is a co-op that includes players from Amity High School.

Peschell said.

Peschell said it was a season of ups and downs for the Blades this year. The team started quick with early season victories before they hit a tough part of their schedule. They fell under the .500 mark but

with "grit and desire" they rebounded winning four in a five game stretch to position themselves for a post season berth, Peschell said.

Injuries would be a problem as they lost some key players, Got-

owala and Stevens, for the last few weeks and they fell one victory short of making the state tournament.

The highlight of the season was two victories over perennial state power Hall/Conard, the coach said.

The Blades couldn't overcome the top teams depth however, as they lost eight games to the top four Southern Connecticut Conference teams this year.

"With a good young nucleus coming back they look poised to make a run at some of the top teams in the SCC and are definitely ready for making a run at the state tournament next year," Peschell said. "Team unity has been a big reason for their success this year. They don't consider themselves as coming from three different schools but as coming from one hockey team."

"The girls were very dedicated to the team and stood up for another both on and off the ice in the past year," Peschell added.

Senior Captain Sara Wiedereck, who is heading to Quinnipiac University next year, said she will miss the team so much she hopes to come back next year and help out the coaching staff.

Head Coach Scott "Doc" Whyte said he feels the team is heading in the right direction and expects nothing to stand in the way of another successful campaign next year.

Amity Wrestlers Grapple With Reclaiming Competitive Status

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – The Amity wrestling team is definitely on the rebound as Coach Bruce Marien's squad won its Southern Connecticut Conference division for the first time since 2007.

The Amity wrestling team finished the regular season with a 9-4 record and 5-0 in its division. "It was a long process to recover Amity to competitive status after a serious down-turn in the program after the 2007 season," Marien said. "This year we saw the dividends of the investment we made in the class of 2014."

Amity had 11 seniors on the squad from an original freshman class. Several fulfilled their quest in terms of becoming a competitive force in the SCC, Marien said.

Co-captain Austin MacDonald started as a 103 pounder in the 2010-2011 season and he became a consistent four year starter, the coach said. This year, he repeated as Amity's 120 pound wrestler. He compiled an 18-7 record and took third place in the SCC tournament.

"His level-headed leadership in the practice room will be hard to replace," Marien said.

Jesse Cala, another senior co-captain, finished the season with a 19-5 record including a second place finish in the SCC and a third place finish in the Class LL tournament.

All of Jesse's losses came in end-of-the-year tournaments including the Connecticut State Open. "Jesse displayed a remarkable commitment to the team. Jesse was struck down with a serious illness very early in the season and it took a remarkable level of focused courage for him to return to the mat in time for the end-of-year tournament season," Marien said. "He did so with a vengeance."

Michael Cala, Jesse's twin brother, was Amity's third co-captain. Michael wrestled the 132-134 weight class and he was mister consistency, the coach said.

"Michael never missed a practice in the four years on the team and he would do whatever you asked of him as a coach," Marien said. "Michael, always up-beat, could be counted upon in tight matches."

He finished in fourth place at the SCC tournament and he went deep into the Class LL tournament but didn't place. Michael is Amity's "Spartan Award" winner this season – a coveted award to the wrestler who best exemplifies the spirit of Amity wrestling, Marien said.

Andrew Esposito helped with the team for three years before getting his opportunity to be a starting varsity wrestler in the 138-140 pound class. A winner of ten matches this year, Andrew, was "always a full-throttle athlete and an irrepressible spirit on the team," Marien said.

Evan Donahue, a three year starter, compiled a 20-13 record at 152 pounds. A disappointing late season ankle injury prevented him from serious competition in the tournaments but his contribution throughout the year can't be overstated, his coach said.

"One of the most talented all-around athletes I have known at Amity is David Bueno," Marien said. "Our 160 pound wrestler recorded the most pins 18, and the quickest pin (eighteen seconds) during his 25-8

season. Several of David's losses came as we asked him to "bump-up" to 170 pounds to save us some points in potentially close dual meets. Whenever we needed a dramatic pin for us to reverse the momentum of a meet, he always came through for us."

Stevie Della-Guistina completed Amity's starting senior line-up.

"Stevie worked hard in the off-season to improve his physical strength and wrestling skills," Marien said. "It paid off this season as he wrestled in the 195 pound class and occasionally took on 220 pounders if we needed him to do so."

Other seniors, Sam Podell, Matt Litwin, Harry Chartoff and Josh Schaperow were able to fill in for key matches throughout their tenure with the team.

Coming back next year: Amity has a couple of returning wrestlers of whom much is expected. Jake Cala, Amity's 113-115 pound wrestler, is already a two letter winner. He has won 20 or more matches each of his two years. This year he took a second place in the SCC and lost a tough match in the final seconds of a Class LL tournament match.

Jack is a force to contend with next year and the year after, his coach said.

Nick Photos, Amity's heavy weight, jumped on to the league's radar screen this year with an impressive 28-13 record and third place finishes at the SCC and the Class LL.

"Bright lights and the big city got to him at the Connecticut Open and he bowed out early but he is a sophomore and he will be coming back stronger and wiser next year," Marien said.

Kenny Seaton wrestled in Amity's 170 pound class this year, his first on varsity.

"Kenny surprised us with how much he had improved in a year's time," Marien said. "He has shown himself to be a tough competitor and a student of the sport. If he matches his effort this off-season, he will be a serious threat in the league."

Bobby Fischer is a junior who saw a lot of varsity action this year at three different weight classes; 138, 145 and 152, depending on the opening in the line-up.

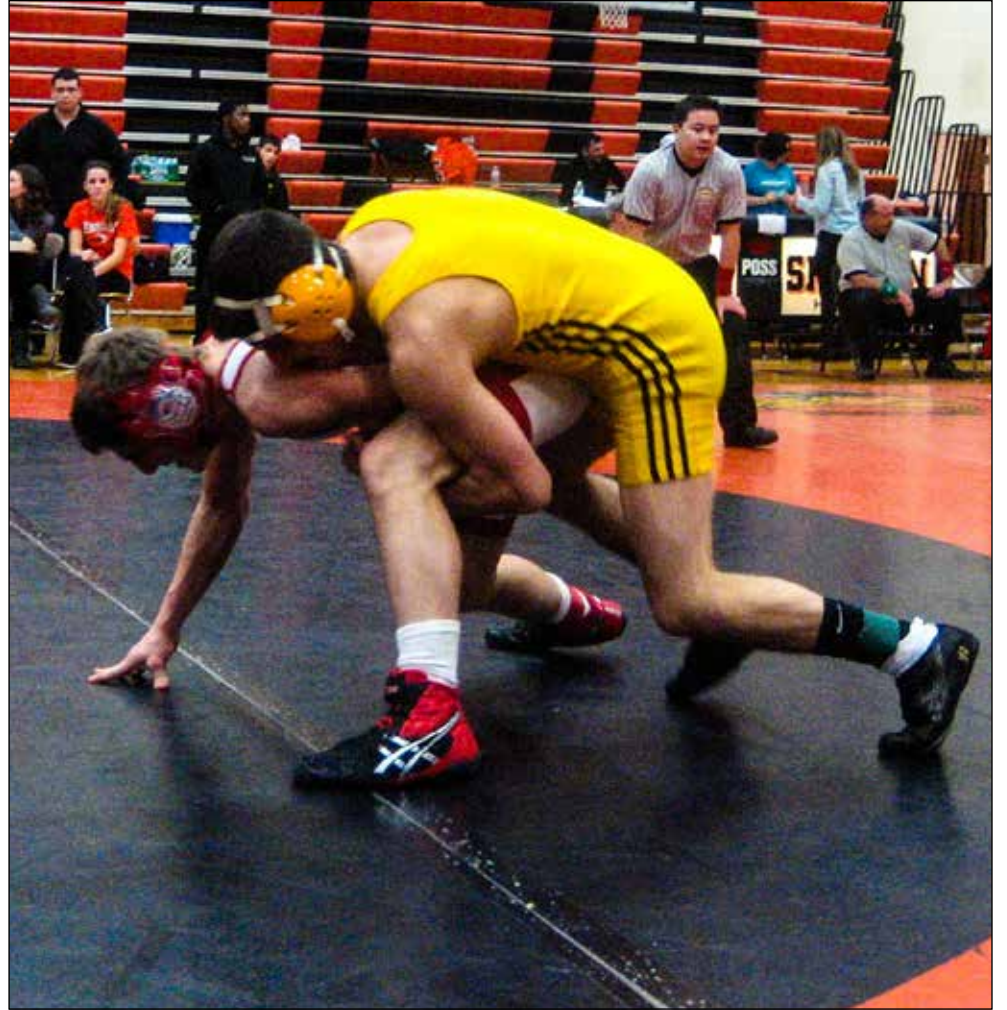
"Bobby is about as naturally strong as you want for a wrestler. As he matures in knowledge of the sport he will win a lot of matches for us next year," Marien said.

Eli Silvert and Jordan Rios will help to fill in for the loss of MacDonald and the Cala twins, the coach said. Both youngsters have varsity experience from frequent substitute roles in the last two years.

"It is very hard to break into a line-up with the seniors we have had in their weight classes. Now is their time to rise to the occasion," Marien said.

Two light-weight freshmen will make names for themselves in the coming year. David Ford and Luke Larkin will most likely occupy the lowest two weight classes for Amity next year. Both are intense competitors with bright futures, the coach said.

"Clearly, we have some gaps to fill for the next season but with our success this year I think we can attract some talent from the school population to fill all our weight classes with competitive athletes to defend our divisional title and make further advances in the SCC and LL," Marien said. "Things look good for us."



Jesse Cala wrestles for Amity in a match held earlier this year.

Photo by Peter MacDonald.



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Maryellen Bespuda moved to Orange in 1960, when she married Walter Bespuda. She raised two children and has five grandchildren. The Bespudas own Cedar Hill Farm and raise beef cattle, grow hay and silage corn. Her daughter and family (Holden's) help with the farming. Maryellen maintains the flower and vegetable gardens. Her flower garden is featured in Jody Condon's book "Along the Garden Path." She also manages the craft tent at the annual Orange Country Fair.

In 1995 Maryellen joined The Garden Club of Orange. I asked her what motivated you to join? She said it is her interest

in learning about floral design, and growing and showing horticulture. Many of her friends were already club members.

Since joining, Maryellen has been very active. She has taken up chairmanship to flower show, program, membership, horticulture and librarian committees and also as vice president. The club is now honored to have her as president. Her love in caring for flowers, plants, trees and shrubs is also her theme for her term as president.

I ask her now that you have been in the club for almost 20 years, what would you tell others that are thinking of joining the Garden Club? She said she will tell them

how she enjoys learning new things with programs that are offered on gardening, design and the environment. She also enjoys working on the various committees and projects that the Garden Club of Orange participates in. It's a chance to meet new people that have the same interests that you have. Her favorite committee is horticulture.

Interviewed by Lana Ho, Publicity Chairman.

Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCCT. Interested to learn more <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or call Pat Dray 203-877-7092.



Maryellen Bespuda

Submitted Photo

The Garden Spot:

All Things Spring

It's finally here ... Mother Nature has graced us with some spring-like weather. But what to do first? First take a deep breath and enjoy the moment. It's been a long time coming. Some gardening tips and suggestions:

Yard clean-up – hard work, but necessary. Old sheets or shower curtains make easy work of picking up and hauling away leaves and twigs.

Lawn care – it's a great idea to have soil tested to insure you are providing the right nutrients for your grass. This is easily accomplished by submitting a soil sample to



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the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. The phone number for soil testing is 203.974.8521.

Simply follow the directions for submitting your sample. Their recommendations for implementing and amending your soil will be sent to you – and it's all free!

Pruning – remember early flowering specimens like forsythia should be pruned when the blooms

have faded. Cut back perennial foliage and flowers that you didn't trim back last fall.

Plant annuals and perennials after the final frost. Don't rush, cold nights can damage

your new plantings.

When purchasing new plants their tags may say plant in partial shade or plant in partial sun. This can seem confusing. As a rule, a garden with partial shade receives morning sun and a cool afternoon shade. One with partial sun receives morning shade and hot afternoon sun.

When you do purchase a new plant or shrub from a garden center, remember to keep the receipt. Many nurseries offer a one-year guarantee but you will need proof of purchase.

You can use empty terracotta pots to place on top of new seedlings to protect them from freezing overnight temperatures.

Spring is the perfect time to divide your perennials. Overgrown daylilies or hostas can be separated into three or four plants.

The result – free plants and the original ones will be healthier.

And finally and maybe the best tip – be sure to visit the Garden Club of Orange's may market on the green, saturday, may 10 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Be an early bird for the best selections.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase annuals and perennials at the lowest prices! Hypertufa pots made by members will also be available for sale. (Some already planted. Perfect for mother's day) baked goods including caroline dirsa's famous strawberry rhubarb crumb coffee cake will be available.

So Happy Spring! See you on the 10th!
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ACT I

To look at Willow and Jeremy, the newness of their romance was palpable to anyone attending the political fundraiser. Newlyweds, they endorsed the same political candidates, their clothes had that understated “hey we’re cool” look without trying too hard and their choice of drinks and appetizers were the same, down to the last sprig of parsley on their plates.

Before long, they strolled in my direction and they were introduced to me through a common acquaintance. Chit-chatting, I found out they both went to the same college, majored in the same subject, both liked to ski, hike and compete in mountain bike races. They had just bought their first house in Orange and when they heard I was an interior decorator/designer, they asked if I could come and give them a consult. They just had

a few questions to ask and they needed a neutral, third party person to help them sort out their decorating dilemmas. We exchanged info and in unison they both said, “can’t wait to see you.”

Act II

What a lovely couple, I thought. What struck me the most was their compatibility and their enthusiasm for their joint pastime activities.

Whatever their decorating issues were, I knew we could find some common ground. Right? Wrong!!! Just before ringing the doorbell, at their lovely home on a tree lined street in our great town, I heard yelling, no make that shrieking, as well as fast and furious accusatory tones, and expletives that shall be stated as %#/&* and ending with “the same to you.”

Should I walk away? Should I ring the doorbell again? Every couple has fights and disagree-

ments. So, I decided that perhaps my presence could calm things down and change the focus to their decorating questions. I had barely rung the bell again, when Willow opened the door with swollen eyes, smeared mascara and red blotches under her eyelids. Clearly she had been crying. Jeremy had a perplexed look on his face.

Well, dear reader, I almost cried, too. Going from room-to-room, at least on the main floor of their colonial home, I saw that they had done an excellent job of placing furniture (some new pieces, some used from their prior apartment) in the living room. The dining room featured beautiful Stickley furniture, the kitchen had all the right accoutrements and the family room needed some work but it was basically in okay shape.

So why was I ready to cry? Well, I’ll let Willow tell you the story.

“Every time I straighten up all the rooms, he puts all his junk all over the place.

There is his sports equipment in the kitchen including cleats, golf equipment, sport drink bottles, antacid medication and dirty socks on top of the island in the kitchen. His jackets are slung over chairs

in the living room along with his ties that he takes off as soon as he gets home from work. Coupons, Groupons, paperclips, tickets to see a baseball game, financial books, charts and spreadsheets are strewn all over the dining table.

And did I mention that I can’t take it anymore? He destroys everything that I do to try and make our house look presentable and clean. I am so tired about fighting over the same issues. He has no sense, and I mean, no sense, of order or establishing a calm environment. He is thoughtless and doesn’t respect my feelings.”

“Well, Jeremy,” I said, “what do you have to say to Willow’s observations?”

“I feel like I live in a %@#++* museum. She is just so uptight about wanting our home to look like it belongs in Architectural Digest. I am tired after work and the last thing I want to do is traipse up the stairs and put everything away. I mean, I’ll do it, but not the minute I get home from work. I thought a home was a “man’s castle.” All she does is nag, nag, nag. And by the way, who is the bigger bread winner here, anyway? You know, I don’t know what the big deal is about?”

Act III

This situation wasn’t really a decorating issue. It could be about power, control issues, how Willow and Jeremy were each brought up, expectations of what is acceptable, what is realistic and how couples fight. None of this was taught in design school. But I had a hunch that while some of the above might be true, something else was going on here.

Could there be decorating solutions to accommodate these individuals behavior and expectations in a daily living environment? Is it possible that the dye is cast and it may be too late for all the parties concerned to agree on an arrangement that would be acceptable to both?

Tune in for the continuation of Act III in the next installment of “A Place for Everything and Everything In Its Place.”

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Just Floored:

What Is The Best Carpet For Your Home

Finding the best carpet for your house starts out simple and quickly becomes complicated. You know you want something that will look good in your house. So you go to the local carpet store or home center and that's when it gets complicated. My clients always tell me there is too much to choose from.

Unlike shopping for cars or clothes, a lot of different carpet styles look very similar, yet prices vary and there's a reason for that. The fiber that is used to make the yarn that is then made into carpet is where the difference starts. How that fiber is made into



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yarn is the second determining factor and how it is then tufted (sewn) into carpet is the next key difference.

More than 90 percent of today's carpet is made of synthetic fiber — nylon, polyester, or polypropylene. While each fiber has somewhat different characteristics, they are all made basically the same way. (This also includes carpets made from "natural" fibers, such as wool and sisal.)

Once the fiber has been extruded it is bundled together and twisted into a yarn, and then heat set to lock in the carpet fiber's

shape. Hundreds of needles arrayed across a machine sew the yarn into a backing. Later, a second backing will be attached to give it additional strength and stability.

How well the carpet will perform depends on how well the yarn is made and how densely the carpet is tufted. The general rule is that the more filaments twisted into a yarn, the stronger it will be and the denser the carpet is (more tufts per square inch), the better it will perform. Keep in mind though that the longer the pile height, the more likely a carpet is to crush (think of traffic paths or marks where furniture has been placed on top of the carpeting). Carpet is manufactured with cut pile tufts, loop pile tufts or a combination of both.

Cut Pile Carpets, depending on the type of yarn, can look smooth (Saxony) or slightly textured (textured saxony or textured plush)

or as though the surface is covered by very curly ends (frieze). Cut pile carpets are extremely versatile and are commonly used in bedrooms, living rooms, dining rooms, dens and great rooms. The more textured or twisted yarns, the less they will show foot prints and vacuum cleaner marks.

Cut pile carpets are constructed from either staple fibers or bulk continuous filament (BCF). Staple fibers can cause pilling at first after installation. That is because staple yarns are made up of short cut fibers that are spun together just like wool. Always remember to take the samples home and make sure you like the look, feel and texture of the product before you make your final selection.

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Real Talk: You Ask, a Pro Answers

Taking Another Stab At Selling Your Home?

So you had your property on the market all last season, it was slow and the weather was quite an issue. Now it is spring and

old expired listings are popping up on the "hot sheet" again. Keep in mind that the local agents, who are very active in the mar-

ket, know you were on before and they are looking to see what you are going to ask for a price this time!

fair deal. Do not price your house out of the market because you love it, and your personal feelings towards

the location, or the lot or the work you have done, interfere with your business decision.

Stay with the comparison sales, they all need to be recent and the lenders are very strict on this.

Again, the selection to buy from, if you sell, is going to be the best the next few months, get out and start looking around at options so that you

have some good positive feeling about the move when you get an offer. An offer comes all of a sudden and your head needs to be ready to jump on it!

Now, I will harp again on how there is never enough you can do to make your house stand out and sparkle to that one potential buyer who loves it the way you do, and is willing to compromise on the price you feel is fair.

I recently visited the perfect homeowner; Mr. Leslie Hoffman, who has constantly renovated an antique farmhouse on Derby Milford Road. I love Mr. Hoffman, he has cut out all my articles and refers to himself as keeping up with each of my suggestions.

After more than 60 years of high end renovations to simply tiny repairs, Mr. Hoffman is a perfect example of the shine you get when you consistently step back and look at seasonal wear and tear, how a home breaths from the basement up and what to do to make energy efficiency up to date. He can view his property as a "drive by" from across the way objectively.

He has mentioned that the next homeowner who owns his property (by the way he is not selling) will be thankful that the quality and attention to detail from drains to windows to the wood used for long-term life is a pride of ownership to him and all generations to come.

Ah, being a homeowner ... the ultimate in showing family the love, the standards you possess and the gratitude that how lucky we are to live here in America with all the benefits that come with freedom and a chance to own property. Happy Spring!

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Let the agent help you select the price, the statistics will show what is closing through March and up to date, and many houses that are closing went under contract during snow storms, but that does not mean that you can ask for "spring prices" as they say.

Many sellers think that they will get more for their property in the spring when, in actuality, there is more inventory and therefore more competition.

The good news is there is plenty more to buy if you are going to buy again, but there's always the usual reality that you must first get a bite on your house if you are going to move.

Just once more, to sum it up; the prices are stable, and the buyers are looking for a



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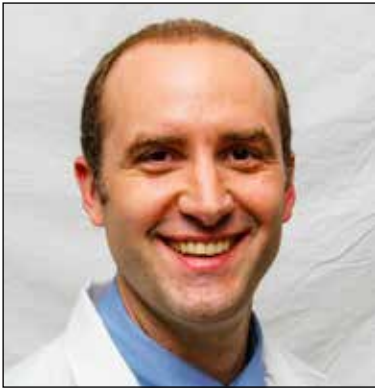
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Vet Talk:

Keeping Our Pets Fit

We consider our pets as family members and they reciprocate with unconditional love and companionship. On our part, nothing underlies the important job of taking care of our pet's health needs. We serve as our pet's fitness advocates, hopefully taking on the roles of nutritionist and personal trainer. Establishing good health habits in our young pets helps ensure they will live long, healthy lives. However, it is never too late to begin implementing those habits for our older pets.



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Just as our health and fitness needs rely upon diet and exercise, so do our pets'. The diet chosen for our pets should reflect age, lifestyle and medical health. Your veterinarian is your pet's advocate and can be consulted in choosing diet. The most important dietary transition is from puppyhood to adulthood. Clients often ask how much to feed a pet? Much depends upon whether your pet is athletic or sedentary. While I usually defer to guidelines on the can or bag, variable metabolisms may account for adjustments. I also encourage healthy snacks and treats including a treat container filled with dry kibble diet. A lot depends on what else is being fed in the way of treats and snacks. Treats and snacks are OK, but choose healthy snacks such as carrots or low-calorie dog treats. Our pets don't care what they are getting, it's the act of getting a treat that counts!

Exercising our pets is mutually beneficial to our health as well as our pets. It's a

win-win. Walking and outdoor activities with our dogs not only keeps them healthy and fit, but also makes them well-adjusted and happy. It deters behavioral problems such as separation anxiety and destructive behavior.

Indoor cats are often active just two or three hours of the day, spending the remainder of their day sleeping. However, when our cats are awake and active, we should stimulate them by enriching their environment with toys and active play. Indoor cats run the risk of eating more than needed, so I recommend meal feeding rather than free feeding.

Diet and exercise will help our pets avoid health risks. Overweight pets are especially susceptible to arthritis, breathing problems and diabetes. Large breed dogs are more at risk for problems related to arthritis. Extra weight in short-faced dogs such as pugs and bulldogs can exacerbate breathing problems. Cats that are overweight are prone to diabetes.

Our pets rely on us to be their health advocates and it is our job to ensure they eat well, and get plenty of exercise, keeping them mentally and physically fit.

Please join us on May 18, as we honor the life and work of Dr. Michael Lender and celebrate 40 years of service at the newly-renovated Orange Veterinary Hospital.

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Arts & Entertainment

Arts Matters

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HOP THE BUS is a program sponsored by the Orange Arts Council and supported by community groups, including the Orange Women's Club and The Orange Lions. The Winkle Bus Company, will offer a free bus to the New Haven Symphony Concert at Woolsey Hall (500 College Street at Grove Street, New Haven) on Thursday, April 24. The program will be Brahms' "Requiem", written by Brahms after the death of both his mother and his musical mentor, Robert Schumann. This is a sweeping, emotional "Requiem" for the living, according to the NHSO Musical Director William Boughman. The Brahms' masterpiece will be performed by the NHSO and the New England Conservatory Choir. The bus will depart from High Plains Community Center 6:45 p.m. on April 24. To reserve a seat, please call Pat Miller at 203.397.8915. To purchase tickets call 203.865.0831 or at NEWHAVENSYPHONY.ORG. The OACC will also sponsor a bus for the NHSO concert, "Rachmaninov Fantastique" on Thursday, May 17. Take advantage of this service — and don't worry about finding a convenient parking space!

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL will sponsor a concert, Gary Harger and Friends, at the Milford Fine Arts Center (50 Railroad Avenue, Milford) at 7:30 p.m. May 9. Art Bellucci, a well-known name in area music circles, will accompany Gary and his guest artists. The tickets are \$15, and can be obtained from OACC board members or by calling 203.397.8915.

THE ORANGE PLAYERS will present the musical revue, "Kick Out of Cole," on Friday, May 16, Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 at High Plains Community Center. The Friday and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m. and the Sunday show will be at 3 p.m. The revue's director is Leo Meyer and the musical director is Will Duchon. Orange resident in the production include Gary Harger, Raye Maclellan, Linda Martin, Rich Moran, Jr. and Paul Templeton.

The rest of the cast includes long-time Orange Players: Christine Gill, Suzanne Powers and Barbara Stolarik; and newcomers to the group — Tamara Danilowicz, Sarah Golley, and Valerie Torphy.

The producer is T.J. Chila, assisted by Marianne Miller. Tickets are \$20 and can be bought by calling 203.988.5335 or by going to orangeplayers.net. The seating will be cabaret style. Patrons are encouraged to bring beverages and refreshments. Doors will open at 7 p.m. to allow for schmoozing with friends before the show. There will also be an intermission and a 50/50 raffle. The Orange Players, under the umbrella of the Orange Park and Recreation Department, is the second oldest continually performing community theatre in Connecticut — this year celebrating its 40th anniversary.

13TH ANNUAL WESLEYAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA WEEKEND opening event will be held 8 p.m. Friday, April 25 at the Wesleyan Center for the Arts (Crowell Concert Hall, 50 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown). This FREE concert features the Wesleyan Jazz Orchestra and the Wesleyan Jazz Ensemble performing exciting programs of classic jazz compositions at the opening event of the weekend. For more information, call 860.685.3355 or go to Wesleyan.edu/cfa.

HOMEGROWN STRING BAND performs at Milford Center for the Arts (50 Railroad Avenue, Milford) 8 p.m. Friday, April 25. The band, composed of Georgianne and Rick Jackofsky and their two daughters, Erica and Annalee, were inspired by the rural string bands of the early 20th century and utilize many instruments in-



Photo By Lexi Crocco
Orange residents get ready to hop the bus to see the New Haven Symphony Orchestra recently. The bus is sponsored by the Orange Arts Group, and several community groups.

cluding: guitar, mandolin, dulcimer, banjo, fiddle, ukulele, harmonica and others. This is the 21st century incarnation of the 20th century family band. Tickets are \$15, call 203.878.6647 or go to milfordarts.org.

THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL (619 Orange Center Road, Orange) features the work of The Rev. Suzanne Wagner, interim pastor of the Orange Congregational Church. The exhibition features the Natural Science Illustrations of Wagner, done in watercolor and graphite, and will continue through the month of April.

ART IN THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Road, Orange) showcases the work of Orange elementary school students from all of the schools. A wide variety of artwork is on display. The exhibition will continue through the month of April.

MILFORD CENTER FOR THE ARTS (50 Railroad Avenue, Milford) mounts an exhibition of the work of Barbara Levene from May 8 to May 30. She is an abstract naturalist, influenced by the natural world and interprets that world through close observation, exploring the interplay between object and observer. Her work is often compared to that of Georgia O'Keefe. Hours of viewing are Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a reception on May 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT'S THEATRE DEPARTMENT (Lyman Center, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven) and the Crescent Players present "Circle Mirror Transformation" on April 29, 30 and May 1-3 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on May 4. The play is a comedy about relationships among the members of a creative drama acting class. Written by Annie Baker, it won an OBIE for the Best New American Play and was featured on The New York Times' and The New Yorker's "Top Ten" lists. Tickets are

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM (1 State Street, New Haven) has an exhibition "Windows into Heaven: Russian Icons and Treasures" through Sunday, April 27. The use of icons by the Russians has reportedly been in existence for a millennium. In this exhibition, more than 225 Russian Orthodox icons, along with other liturgical and devotional items are displayed. Icons are often called "windows into heaven" because they are said to give viewers a glimpse of the eternal realm.

Viewing hours are daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The museum also continues the exhibition "The Art of War" through June.

INTERACT SUMMER THEATRE (ECA, 55 Audubon Street, New Haven) invites teens (12-17) to perform in Aeschylus' "The Oresteia" in a program running July 7 through July 25. Registration for the program is open now. Call 203.795.9011.

ORGAN IMPROV SHOWCASE will be presented 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven. The students of Jeffrey Brillhart will participate.

QUICK CENTER FOR THE ARTS (1073 North Benson Road, Fairfield) is host to "Peter Pan" (recommended for ages 6-10), adapted from J.M. Barrie's classic tale. The production empowers children to create their own world of make-believe and let their imaginations take flight. As the characters fly to Neverland and have adventures escaping Captain and Mr. Smee, they recognize the importance of friendship as well as the value of being part of a family. Buy tickets at 1.877.ARTS.396 or at www.fairfield.edu/newseason.

PLANETARIUM SHOW sponsored by the Yale Astronomy Department takes place every Tuesday at the Leitner Family Observatory (355 Prospect Street, New Haven) at 8 p.m. Weather permitting, there is also public viewing of planets, nebulae, star clusters and whatever happens to be interesting in the sky, since viewable celestial objects change seasonally. Admission is free. For more information go to cobb@astro.yale.edu.

YALE PEABODY MUSEUM (170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven) features "From Mercury to Earth: A Meteorite Like No Other." For the first time in human history a fragment of the planet Mercury has been identified, delivered to Earth after an impact on Mercury's surface blasted the stone into space. This incredible piece of history can be viewed until September 2. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$9 (\$8 for seniors, \$5 for children).

LONG WHARF THEATRE (222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) is the venue for award-winning playwright Athol Fugard's latest play, "The Shadow of a Hummingbird," through Sunday, April 27. The play involves an older man (Fugard) and his grandson, who shows up at the door (playing hooky from school). The memorable afternoon they spend together opens both of their eyes to wonder and wisdom found in each other. Fugard's plays are poignant and well-written. For tickets call 203.787.4282

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News & Events

Earth Day And Recycling – A Good Fit!

Celebrate Earth Day on April 26 with a hands-on experience for the whole family at Earth Day at the SmartLiving™ Center right here in Orange!

This is a perfect place to celebrate Earth Day, which aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the earth's environment.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

297 Boston Post Road.

The day focuses on expanding environmental awareness with exhibits, shows and fun activities. The Orange Recycling Committee will share information on the town's single-stream recycling system and the proper method of disposing of everything – come and get your questions answered on how

to recycle everything from paint, pet medicines, food waste, styrofoam, batteries, light bulbs ... try to stump us!

SmartLiving™ Center is offering a full day of workshops, face painting, clowns, prizes and fun activities for kids of all ages! The Orange Volunteer Fire Department will have one of their fire trucks there.

Sign up for "Bash the Trash" musical workshops. Much, much more will be going on throughout the day – check out this flyer for a listing of some of the exciting activities and programs planned for Earth Day on April 26. For free workshops and more information, call 203.799.0460. Free Admission.

Obituaries

CARTER, JANICE

Janice Carter, 65, of Orange, beloved wife to David Carter, died at home on April 3. She was surrounded by loving family and friends. Jan was born in Des Moines, IA, to the late Howard and Jeanette Redfern, and grew up in Wilton. Jan will be forever remembered for her kind, loving and generous spirit.

CHADDERTON, FRANK J.

Frank J. Chadderton, 96, of Orange, beloved husband of Marion Sullivan Chadderton for 68 years, died on April 4 at Milford Hospital. He was born in New Haven to the late George and Mary Covell Chadderton. Mr. Chadderton enlisted December 8, 1941, in the United States Marine Corps First Division, serving two tours in the Guadalcanal.

CREAMER, THOMAS F., JR.

Thomas F. Creamer Jr., 79, died on March 25 after a long illness. Husband of Geraldine A. Lupoli, Atty. and son of the late Thomas F. and Laura Murray Cream-

er. Tom graduated from Notre Dame High School and Fairfield University. He was employed by Chas W. Scranton and Co. and F.S. Moseley and Co.

DAVIS, FAYE (ZIMMERMAN)

Faye (Zimmerman) Davis, 101, of 169 Davenport Ave., New Haven, devoted wife of the late Moe Davis, died on April 10. Born in New Haven, Aug. 12, 1912, she was a daughter of the late Harry and Pauline (Skolnick) Zimmerman. Beloved mother of Paul (Debbie) Davis of Orange and the late Daniel Davis.

HOWARD, ANNA M. BASSERMAN

Anna M. (Basserman) Howard, 87, of Orange, CT died March 30. She was born in New Haven, the daughter of Peter and Mary Daley Basserman. They lived in Orange, CT and Anna worked for AT&T for 40 years. Anna attended Holy Infant Church in Orange. She is the last surviving sibling of eight. Members of her family surviving include her husband of 63 years, William Howard of Orange.

LOGIODICE, PETER PAUL, JR.

Peter Paul Logiodice, Jr., 85, of Orange, died on March 27. He was born in West Haven to the late Peter Paul and Anna Pucillo Logiodice, Sr. After retiring, he drove a bus for the Orange School System. An active member of the community, he was a member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and was a coach for the Orange Little League.

NANGIA, MADAN

Madan Nangia, 82, of Orange, died on March 4. He was born in Rawalpindi, Pakistan to the late LaLa Lajpat Rai Nangia and Vishan Devi. Madan is survived by his daughter, Kiran Anna Nangia of Orange; his grandson, Alexander Nangia Blomberg of Orange; and his nephew, Jayanth Mahajan of India. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Joan (Bloom) Nangia, in 2013.

PIAZZA, DOROTHY M.

Dorothy M Piazza, 83, beloved wife of the late Ernest Piazza, died on April 11. Born in Bridgeport, she was the

daughter to the late Arthur and Natalie Seymour Tillson. Dorothy and Ernest resided in Orange where they raised their 3 children for 49 years.

VIRZI, LOLA V. ORANGE

Lola V. Virzi, 87, formerly of Orange, died on April 10 at the home of her son in West Haven. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank P. Virzi. Mrs. Virzi was born in Ansonia, daughter of the late Julius and Genevieve D'Urbano Volto. Lola was a communicant of Holy Infant Church in Orange and a former volunteer at the Schubert Theatre in New Haven.

ZURSTADT, HERBERT JOHN

Herbert John Zurstadt died on March 22. He was born 1/14/21. He is survived by a loving daughter, Stephanie P. Laird, who resides in Branford; and a son, Andrew K. Zurstadt, who lives in Coral Springs, FL. He died at Talmadge Park in East Haven, but lived in Orange, until three years ago. He served in the Navy during World War II.



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Three Living Treasures To Be Honored At Pasta Festa!

Join us on Friday, **May 9** from 5 to 8 pm for our annual Pasta Festa! to honor three Living Treasures for their lifetime volunteer services to the community of Orange. This year's Living Treasures are Emma Cuzzocreo, Donald Lewis, and Elmer Manley.

The Orange Senior Center will again hold the dinner in the hall at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church at 480 Racebrook Road. The pasta and meatballs will be catered by Cusano's. Board of Selectmen members will be present to help serve the meal.

Emma Cuzzocreo

Everyone knows Emma and her beloved husband, Joe, owned Orange Fence and Supply Co., Inc. from the late 1950's until Joe's retirement. Throughout their lives, Joe and Emma have worked hand-in-hand for the betterment of Orange with their generosity of time and financial support to so many Orange activities, events and properties.

A member and past president of the Orange Rotary Club, Joe was named a Paul Harris Fellow, and Emma is one of the very few non-Rotary members to ever receive this same honor. In 1982, Joe and Emma founded Orange Residential Services, a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. Emma's other volunteer activities include work with the Celetano School, ACES, West Haven Community House, Southbury Training School, Marrachech, Tracey Bunch, Orange Cub Scouts, Special Olympics, Orange Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Orange American Legion, and Fragile X Society.

Through Emma and Joe's example, the Cuzzocreo family has modeled the impor-

tance of volunteering and being present to create a caring and productive community. It is not only through the formal memberships and leadership positions that Emma and her family have contributed to Orange, but also in how they live their daily lives and giving to Orange and its residents. Aside from all the years of activity and volunteerism, Emma, did not stop after her husband Joe passed away in 2012. She remains a vibrant, energetic, volunteer and advocate. It is with gratitude and pride to award Emma the Living Treasure Award.

Donald Lewis

Police Chief Robert Gagne has called Don the epitome of what a "Living Treasure" should be. His passion to serve the Town of Orange has been contagious, inspiring others to volunteer their time and talents. His attitude is always upbeat and positive. Don has enhanced the lives of Orange residents by being active in several community organizations. He has served the town for many years as chairman of the Orange Police Commission, as twice past president of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, currently serving on the Legislative Action Committee, chairman of the Economic Development Commission, past Scoutmaster of Orange Troop 007, and member of the American Legion.

Don is always eager to get involved in anything that will improve the community. He has served twice as president of the Rotary Club of Orange, where he was instrumental in the town's acquisition of the minivan used by the Orange Community Services Transportation program. Through the Orange Rotary he is also involved in

Operation Warm, recently delivering hundreds of coats to those in need in Bridgeport, providing dictionaries to third graders at Orange's three local elementary schools, serves on the selection committee of the Rotary's college scholarships, and serves as membership contact for the Rotary.

Don inspires others to service through his tireless efforts to support the town he loves. He is the first to show up and lend a hand from selling raffle tickets at the Fireman's Carnival, staffing the Amber Alert booth at the Country Fair, and filling in wherever needed at the annual Rotary Lobster Bake. At the most recent political debate where he read the questions to the candidates, he was referred to as "the most honest person in the room."

Elmer Manley

Elmer is celebrating 80 years as a resident of the Town of Orange, during which he has given much of his life to helping make the Town of Orange "a town to be proud of." In 2001, as a member of the Orange Masonic Lodge, he was instrumental in the creation and is still chairman of the Orange Masonic Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship is offered to two Orange youths who are studying within the fields of medicine.

As a member of the Shriner's International, he has assisted in providing transportation to Orange children and their families to the Shriner's Hospitals in Springfield and Boston for their medical care. In 2001, he was one of the first recipients of the Secretary of State's Public Service Award. In 2004 he was awarded the Oliver Wolcott Masonic Award for his Community Service by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and Or-

ange lodge #143, A.F. & A.M.

In 1972, Elmer served on the Sesquicentennial Committee where he was instrumental in building the main stage, other structures as needed. He also assisted with several floats for the parade. Elmer served 19 years on the Orange Building Board of Appeals and in 1998 was appointed on the Orange Historic District Commission. He also assists the Orange Historical Society as a go-to source for information on the "old times."

Since 1959, Elmer has served as an active member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department until he retired in 1986. He remains a retired active member. Each August you can usually find Elmer staffing the 50/50 booth at the Orange Fireman's Carnival.

Elmer has served as a Scoutmaster for Troop 7, Boy Scouts of America, team manager for the Orange Little League and has been serving with the Orange Country Fair since its conception in 1975.

Elmer has maintained both in his business and daily life "that volunteer service to others is one of the greatest satisfactions of life."

Winners of the raffle will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. Tickets are on sale at \$20 per person and can be purchase at the Orange Senior Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 06477 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 203.891.4784. Below are the recipients' biographies.



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JOANNE BYRNE

Earlier this year I made a resolution to learn or do something new in 2014. I didn't know at the time what it would be, but promised to be open to new possibilities. I found it several weeks ago. It is the Art of Journaling.

My daughter gave me a beautiful book bound in red velvet for the holidays. She said she would like me to write about trips we take so she would know more about the places we travel. Then I met Marylen Oberman at the recent conference on Positive Aging, who invited me to join a class she was teaching on "Journaling - Writing Your Life Story." She was so enthusiastic that I decided to find out what it was all about.

It was an amazing experience. We had a small class that was composed of men and women from different parts of the country and with different backgrounds, but all with a motivation to learn how to share stories about how we grew up. Often we wait until it is too late to learn more about parents and grandparents. Journaling is a great exercise that can help adults pass along their memories to future generations.

It is important, especially as we grow older, to write about our lives and what was going on in the world around us as we grew up, went to college, married, had families, careers, accomplishments, disappointments, relationships, insights, and retired. If we don't write it down our children will miss out on knowing some of the best, and worst, parts of ourselves. A life journal can be a wonderful gift to give to our children and grandchildren. Besides, it is fun reliving the memorable, and maybe not so memorable, events of our lives. I wish my grandparents had done that for me.

It is a bit daunting to write your life story. Where to begin? How to make it manageable? First we

made a life line starting with our birth and ending with the present. Then we filled in significant events that came to memory. We not only wrote down when we started kindergarten, but what world events were going on at the time. We decided how we would record material. Would we use a computer, or write in a notebook, or arrange photos in an album with accompanying stories? Would we write in letter form to a loved one or write as a narrative or a memoir? As we wrote small samples and shared them with the class members, we began to learn how to capture the emotions we felt at the time and got more ideas about what we wanted to share about our lives.

None of what I write will be publishable, but it will be a unique gift to my daughter or future grandchildren. I am excited about getting started. I hope some of you will join me.

Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired. Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.

Orange Juniorettes



Submitted Photo

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Addison, Mia, Julia, Keira, Caelin (the last 2 are in between bottom & middle so wasn't sure which row to put them in). MIDDLE ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Jade, Josie, Emily, Erica, Caroline. BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Allison, Julia, Alexa, Nicole, Carlee, Lauren, Andrea, Lillian, Kayla, Lindsay.

We are a new volunteer organization for young women ages 9-16 who want to make a positive impact on Orange and surrounding areas. The Juniorettes participate in fundraisers and service opportunities within the community. Some of the activities we are involved in are visiting with the seniors at Silverbrook, volunteering for the BOW Relay for Life, collecting donations for Yale Toy Chest, and participating in the conservation and beautification of the community. For more information on joining the Juniorettes, please contact Karen at 203.903.3704

Fire Explorer Program

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with the Yankee Council of Boy Scouts is starting a Fire Explorer Program for young members of the Orange community. Any male or female between the ages of 13 and 17, and their parents, who would like to participate in this program, are encouraged to attend an open house at Station 2 on the Post Road from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 30

This meeting will explain the program and applications will be available for those who would like to sign up. Refreshments will be served. Parents may call advisor Peter Boppert at 203.799.2760 for additional information.

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Probate Talk

Protection For An Adult With Intellectual Disabilities



JUDGE BEVERLY K. STREIT-KEFALLAS

As parents, we worry about how much freedom to give our children while still protecting them from the harm of bad decisions. This is especially true for parents of children with intellectual disabilities – parents who often strive for their child to be as independent as possible but recognizing their limitations. Under the law, we become adults at the age of 18. As parents, we recognize that maturity and capability is not such a sudden transition.

In the typical case, a parent may file for guardianship of an intellectually disabled adult, an assessment is completed by the state Department of Development Services and a hearing is held in the

probate court within 45 days. But what if an emergency arises between the time my child turns 18 and the date of the court hearing?

Effective October 2011, a parent (or others) may apply to their local probate court to be appointed as guardian of a person with intellectual disabilities up to 180 days before the 18th birthday.

Recently, this relatively new law helped Tommy and his family. Despite Tommy’s disabilities, he knew that 18 was a “magical number” and he planned to leave his out-of-state placement to catch a bus to California. He was in the process of transitioning for a group home setting but he was simply not capable of living outside of the facility structure just because he was 18. His parents were in a panic.

They called the probate court and learned that they could file for guardianship. Based on the evidence, they were appointed plenary guardians with an effective date on that magical 18th birthday. Now, a year later, Tommy is happily and safely living in a group home closer to his family. He is learning life skills to be able to have a part time job and to take a bus to work.

Shana was another adult with intellectual disabilities who has

benefited from a guardianship through the probate court. She has always lived at home. She has a part-time job with vocational supervision. But she has no idea how to call 911. She doesn’t know her medications. She loves everyone and would give a stranger her photo and phone number. And her parents had always cared for her and made decisions for her. What difference did being 18 make? But then her medications caused side effects and she had an emergency episode of aggression. She struck out at her mom. She left the house. Under the law, she was over 18 and had the right to leave. Safe? No. Legal? Yes. Her parents had no authority to admit her to the hospital for a medical evaluation.

After that emergency, her parents filed for guardianship and they are now legally her guardians.

So be prepared. Don’t wait for an emergency. Call your local probate court about decision making for your soon to be adult child who has developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Beverly Streit-Kefallas is the probate judge serving both Milford and Orange. Please contact her at 203.783.3205 if you need any assistance.

Orange Land Trust Annual Meeting:

Connecticut’s Coastal

American-Indian Communities

The Orange Land Trust invites you to its annual meeting, Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m., at High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Road.

A presentation by guest speaker Dr. Lucianne Lavin, director of research and collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies, a museum, research and educational center in Washington, Conn., will follow a short business meeting

The presentation, “Connecticut’s Coastal American Indian Communities, Then and Now,” begins with the earliest Paleo-Indian settlers, and continues through time to the Quinnipiac and Paugussett Communities. Lavin has authored more than 100 articles concerning the original inhabitants of Connecticut.

The public is invited to join the land trust in this journey back in time to view life in Orange and surrounding areas, long before Interstate 95 or the Merritt Parkway, shopping centers, state and town government or even European settlers. Learn what archeological remains have revealed about these ancient people and their existence in Connecticut today.

Lavin is a member of the state’s Native American Heritage Advisory Council and editor of the Journal of the Archaeological So-

ciety of Connecticut. Lavin is an anthropologist and archaeologist with more than 40 years of research and field experience.

She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University and her B.A. from Indiana University. She taught archaeology and anthropology courses at a number of Connecticut and New York colleges, including Connecticut College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, and Adelphi University.

During her term as a research associate at the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University, she co-directed their Connecticut Prehistory exhibit and wrote the accompanying teacher’s manual.

She is a Connecticut native. Her book *Connecticut’s Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History and Oral Traditions Teach Us about their Communities and Cultures*, published by Yale University Press (spring 2013), received an honorable mention in the New England Book Festival.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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Poet's Corner

Remembrances Of Things Past



JOHN ULATOWSKI

The first time I entered the Academy I felt awed and strangely silent ... speaking quietly the rest of the day.

... I felt swept far, far away into the past, transported through a time warp that captured me like star-matter in the unrelenting grasp of a black hole. It was quite a trip. I felt as if I was treading upon sacred ground where memories linger like swollen fog and echoes of sirens sing out as a chorus entreating to me to stay awhile and quietly share the remnants of a pioneering people. I succumbed to its call, melting away in the scents of a holy and gentle reverence of what was surrounding me. Priceless gems that rebound back at you in twinkles of an eye; treasure chests of who we were abounding, mirrors of who we still are in spirit settled in places of rest. All things fitted carefully in the dedicated hands and hearts of its caretakers whose souls are one with all that surround them. And as I left the Academy that

day, I felt awed and strangely silent ... speaking quietly the rest of the day.

Sounds of silence permeate the air whose gentle murmurs entreat us to enter within and stay awhile; the echoes of a hush whispering softly in our ears that we are entering holy ground, traversing time zones that wears well its histories for all to see. There is no present here, only endless dimensions drawing us backward into yesterdays. Treasures abound - aged pieces that wore life well, remembrances leaving us here in museums of no return. We are the invited guests ... hand-touched and spirit lead into microcosms of wonder and delight that offers us an affinity through the fragile gems of our history.

"Come and look at me," implore the ghostly voices, "remain and allow us to show you a treasured past that beseeches you to only receive and remember us here." And in doing so, we begin to feel the galleries ... the gentility of embellished plates; delicacies of porcelain teacups of flowered design decorated in images of flowing nymphs unattainable; tenderly etched glassware whose muses invite us to dance amid roses that flow in the grace of symphonies; in elegant ivory ponies that prance nowhere and green jaded murals of bewildered lions. View the rows of apothecary jars of particular essences lined up like soldiers; thirst

for cartons of old empty Coke bottles from an age of innocence; listen to the ebony phones whose faces smile in a circle of letter rings that long ago reached out to console and comfort one another through the lonely night, or perhaps tell about the latest sales at Macy's; see the odd cameras with open lenses from age to age, folded and boxed, as though they remain the sole keepers of the soul of a budding town; view the galleries of those no more. Where have those in the images gone? Fair maidens

and hassled old men with unkempt hair and eyes tired of the struggle; of button-up laced children - the inheritors of what would be passed down. View the paintings that mirrored hard lives and tenuous destinies, of stiff-starched formalities that defined an age stamped in struggles abundant. Relish the vast arrays of gold and silver jewelry that sparkled almost as brightly as the joy of being alive.

They are us ... who we were and who we will continue to be. Heritag-

es embedded in our genes, sealed in our fate. Living treasures in the confines of an Academy. Unseen, the spirits abound here and graciously have not hesitated to welcome us into their resting place: to visit them, hear and see them, feel them, respect and cherish them ... know them. And in doing so, begin to better know ourselves as well.

Specials thanks to Ginny Reinhard, Jan Clarke, and Frances Vadney.

Bergami and Pompea Graduate Center Opens



Photo By LEXI CROCCO

The complex of three buildings, which opened in January, were named the Bergami and Pompea Graduate Center of the University of New Haven in honor of Samuel S. Bergami, Jr. '85 EMBA and his wife, Lois, and Charles E. Pompea '71, '90 EMBA and his wife, Tamera. The Bergamis and the Pompeas made significant contributions to the university to permit the purchase of the campus, which is located at the former Hubbell headquarters. Both families are among the most generous donors and ardent supporters of the university.

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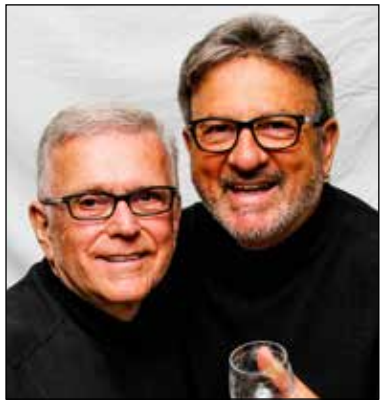
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News & Events

Dining Out!

Village Bistro: Breakfast, Lunch And Tapas



TWO GUYS

Argentina-born Khaled Ghura opened The Village Bistro, 1501

Boston Post Road, last September. Not only can you enjoy their authentic foods but on weekends they have flamingo dancers performing for your entertainment.

The Bistro is decorated in a European design, dark-wooded tables and comfortable chairs, leather booths, beamed ceilings, and dark brown tiled floors. A massive antique Spanish door separates the 25-person-capacity bar area from the dining area.

We admired the crystal chandelier, which is enclosed in a wrought iron cage against a wall of wine and beer crates.

Our waiter, Evan, helpfully explained the varieties of food listed on their menu including hot Tapas and Empanadillas made with seasoned ground pork, goat cheese wrapped in a prosciutto ham and cranberry.

Other items included: shrimp scampi sautéed with garlic and bistro spices, blackened flank steak, and scallops. These were only a few of the 17 different hot tapas.

They also serve more than 11 varieties of cold tapas including their cheeseboard from Spain, slices of baguette toast, steak tartare, tuna tartare, and shrimp ceviche.

There is also an assortment of delectable chef's tapas.

For starters, we ordered the empanadillas. We received two generous ones filled with ground pork, deeply flavored and very deliciously served with their spicy mayo dip.

For our main meal, Robert ordered the New York beef steak covered with their authentic au' poivre sauce and tiny capers, served with roasted potatoes.

Robert noted the steak was tender and superior in taste.

I ordered the Paella Sevillana, which came with calamari, Spanish rice, roasted tomatoes, pepper, saffron, mussels, shrimp, chorizo and clams, casserole style.

The dish was a culinary gem in taste and appearance.

We ended our meal with two fresh-brewed Spanish coffees and split a traditional Spanish flan. All desserts are house made. Our experience was adventurous with flavors that were exciting and inspiring.

The Village Bistro also has a wonderful breakfast and lunch menu serving Panini sandwiches, wraps, fresh salads and homemade soups.

We certainly are looking forward to returning.

Cheers!

French Blended Wine Called Gigondas

I recently was looking at my page-a-day wine calendar and found a French blended wine called Gigondas. It uses three varietals that I have seen before; Grenache, Mourvedre and Syrah.

I have tried these varietals from other countries alone or in combinations and found the wines to be rich and fruity. This Gigondas is said to be "well balanced with leather, spice and fruit flavors." I wanted to taste this and compare it to other wines that use the same grape varietals.

Gigondas comes from the Southern Rhône

region of France where most of the wines are blended varietals. Because of the hot dry climate and rocky soil, the grapes need to be blended together to make the wine rich, strong and balanced.

To be considered a Gigondas, the maker must use no more than 80 percent Grenache, with no less than 15 percent of Syrah, and or Mourvedre and usually 5-10 percent Cinsaut. I could hardly wait to try it.

Domaine du Cayron, Gigondas, 2008, France, \$29.99. 75 percent Grenache, 15 percent Syrah, and 10 percent Cinsaut.

saut was the blend I tasted. It was delicious, rich and intense. There was a good balance between the fruit and pepper flavor. My meal of herb crusted roast beef, potatoes and green beans was enhanced by the wine. The rich lush flavor lasted in my mouth for a long time.

After drinking that delicious wine I couldn't wait to try these grapes in other wines. I wanted to taste the differences in wines that use the same grape varietals but are blended differently, and or are grown in different regions. The fun part was going to our local liquor stores to find them.

90+ Cellars, Vacqueyras, 2011, France, \$17.99, 70 percent Grenache, 20 percent Syrah, 10 percent Mourvedre. These grapes are grown in the Southern Rhone region next to the Gigondas region. From the moment I opened the bottle I could smell the fruit.

Tasting it with a shrimp pasta and feta cream sauce there was a nice balance of the fruit and spice that complemented the food.

Cline, Cashmere, 2011, California, \$14.99. This California blend uses Mourvedre, Syrah, Grenache, and Petit Syrah to create a smooth medium bodied wine with a good balance between the fruit and spice. I had this with beef and chicken tacos. It was a good wine and a great buy.

Schild Estates, Barossa, 2010, Australia, \$14.99. Most Australian Grenache (55 percent), Mourvedre (25 percent), Shiraz (20 percent) blends are fruitier than from other countries. This one had an aroma of berries and plums with a rich red color. The balanced flavors were complemented by a creamy cow's milk herbs de provence cheese. Together they were delicious.



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deserving of the honor.

"It's a legacy," Zeoli said. "It's an honor not given to everyone. That was Bridget's passion and she was very vocal about it."

"Everybody on the Board of Selectmen knew Bridget well, wheth-

er you were involved with her socially or with her rescue missions. Everyone knew her," Zeoli said.

Zeoli said residents have asked for years to have a dog park built in the town.

At April's Board of Selectmen

meeting, Zeoli said, several residents including Orange Live Owner Terri Miles urged the town to name a dog park in honor of Albert.

The first selectman said AARF members stated they would like to

be involved as well.

The dog park will be about one acre and have a double gated area.

If anyone would like to make a donation to build a dog park please send a check to the Town of Orange and specify it's for a

dog park.

Checks can be mailed to Town Hall and the first selectman's office. The mailing address is 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

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or go to longwharf.org

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE (1120 Chapel Street, New Haven) presents "The House That Will Not Stand," from April 18-May 10. Beatrice Alban, a free woman of color living in New Orleans, imposes a period of mourning on her household, including her three daughters, after the death of her white lover. A handsome stranger arrives, a well-kept secret is revealed, and the household descends into chaos. Loosely based on Garcia Lorca's "The House of Bernarda Alba", the play's title is a biblical reference to "A house divided against itself will not stand." For tickets call 203.432.1234 or go to yalerep.org.

CALL FOR ARTISTS is issued for Killingworth's annual outdoor arts festival on October 10 and 11.

The arts center is seeking artists in all media to exhibit on the Madison Town Green in Madison. Call 860.663.5593. Or go to artsceterkillingworth.org.

YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY (1111 Chapel Street, New Haven) exhibits "Byobu: The Grandeur of Japanese Screens" through July 6. In three changing displays, 37 byobu, or traditional Japanese screens, illustrate three themes: tales and poems; brush and ink; nature and celebration. Admission is free.

"JAZZ LIVES: The Photographs of Lee Friedlander and Milt Hilton" is on exhibit through September 7 at Yale University Art Gallery (1111 Chapel Street, New Haven). This exhibition brings together Lee Friedlander's and Milt Hilton's extraordinary images that capture the people,

spirit and history of jazz. Friedlander's photographs of New Orleans musicians were taken during a series of visits to the city from the late 1950s to the 1990s. Renowned bassist Hinton's photos were shot though the course of his musical career. Organized by students, including musicians from the Yale Undergraduate Jazz Collective, this show features performances by student, faculty and community jazz groups throughout its run. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays (open until 8 p.m. on Thursday), and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Have an event, an idea, a comment? Send to patmill-er650@sbcbglobal.net

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posed budget were contractual salary increases, building maintenance, roadway and vehicle repair costs, and education expenses," Chairenzelli said. "Debt service has also increased to cover land acquisition and building repairs and improvements."

No new programs have been added, but one new police officer was hired, the finance director said.

"I believe that the 2014-15 budget provides for the continuation of needed services and the on-going maintenance and improvement of our facilities and equipment," Chairenzelli said. "Our Board of Finance is diligent in examining projected requests; and they do an outstanding job of differentiating between needs and wants."

Overall salaries for municipal and school employees is increasing by between 1.5 and 2 percent next year. Health insurance costs are spiking by 7.2 percent next year, but

utilization of budget stabilization reserves have resulted in an overall increase of less than 2 percent, the finance director said.

A major change to the budget is the adoption of a "capital reserve fund," which was long advocated by Selectman Anthony Natri.

"First Selectman (James) Zeoli will be looking to the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen to establish an on-going contribution to what I would like to call the "Anthony Natri Capital Replacement Fund" solely for replacement capital needs," Chairenzelli said.

Next year, the town is increasing its contribution to fund capital projects by an additional \$370,950. The town will spend \$667,950 on capital projects next year, which includes several elementary school upgrades.

Help Feed Our People

Come support Arti Dixson's "Hope: Help Our People Event," April, 27, 5 p.m., at The Woodwinds, Branford. The advance ticket price is \$35 plus a bag of food. Tables seat 10 and 12. Pprice includes dinner. Live music will be performed from a list of professional musicians.

Some of the food donated will aid the

Orange Community Center Food Pantry. If you are sponsoring or purchasing tickets, checks can be made out to Arti Dixson Productions and mailed to 357 Taulman Road, Orange, CT 06477. Call for tickets: 203.795.3109

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