

# The Orange Times

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## Welcome Back Peck Place School

### School On Track For Sept. 2 Opening

by Joseph Cole

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As the clock ticks down, work crews are pushing to get all of Orange's schools ready for classes. No school has received more attention than Peck Place School. With less than a week until opening, work continues at the building.

"We're definitely happy, it's like we're getting a whole new school," said Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone. He said teachers and staff are eager and ready to welcome students into the remodeled building.

Things went awry for Peck Place School on Jan. 6 when water pipes froze, dumping hundreds of gallons of water into the school. Facilities Administrator Mike Luzzi said when he received the call and arrived at the school, water in the lobby was already at least an inch deep and ready to start flowing out

the building's main doors.

The pipes that burst, were in rooms down the hall from the lobby.

Large portions of the school were flooded. As an emergency measure, students were transported to nearby schools while work began to fix the pipes and water damage. Luzzi estimated a two-week time frame

would have been enough to fix the immediate damage and reopen the school.

And then the floors began to come up.

The glue underneath them contained asbestos, and once that was exposed state officials ordered the school shut down for an abatement. Peck Place School would remain closed for the rest of the academic year.

The town allocated \$1.9 million to repair the school. Luzzi noted

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Photos by Joseph Cole  
Above: The new gymnasium floor at Peck Place was itself a \$100,000 project according to Orange Board of Education Facilities Administrator Mike Luzzi. Right: New concrete windowsills needed to be poured at the school in order to do away with potential PCB contamination. Story Inset: Contractor employees work in the final weeks before classes are scheduled to start to put the school's stage together.

## Nutrition Vote Postponed

by Joseph Cole

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The quality of food parents are bringing to their children's classrooms is only one of the issues plaguing the Orange Board of Education as they work to finalize new nutrition guidelines. There's also the tendency of some parents to show up unannounced.

"There is this one situation that really stands out," said Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin

at the August meeting of the Board of Education. "A student had a birthday party in the afternoon and a parent arranged to bring in cupcakes for the class. But another parent wanted to surprise her son and classmates that morning with cupcakes as a reward for his performance on his hockey team."

The teacher let both parents bring in the sugary baked goods. The students in that class got a double dose of cupcakes that day.

Proposed nutrition guidelines would curb what treats parents can bring into the classroom. These rules do not govern what a parent can pack in his or her child's own lunch but are intended to stop parents from feeding non-nutritious snacks to other students.

While the Aug. 11 meeting was intended to be the final vote on the nutrition policy, the board opted to vote in only the sections that are required by state law. Those

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## Court Set To Review Quash Order Request

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A New Haven court will hold a hearing on Sept. 8 to determine which, if any, of more than 50 documents can be released for use in a civil case against Orange pizzeria Oregano Joe's. The Town of Orange has sought a quash order to keep the documents out of the public eye.

Town Attorney Vincent Marino, with the Cohen and Wolf law firm, filed an affidavit on Aug. 8 to quash the subpoena. In it, Town Sanitarian Brian Slugoski offers statements about why he feels the information should not be released to the court. State statutes protect information related to morbidity and mortality studies and investigations, especially medical in-

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## News & Events

### Frank Rogers Settles Blight Fines For \$4K

by Joseph Cole

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Frank Rogers accrued more than \$79,000 in blight related fines under Orange's zoning laws. After a settlement agreement reached on Aug. 1, he'll pay \$4,000.

"We got Mr. Rogers into compliance," Town Attorney Vincent Marino said. "Instead of fighting over almost \$80,000 and spending all of that money in court fees we decided to go this route."

Marino said courts traditionally view zoning violation fines as coercive and not punitive measures. His experience has been that once the underlying issues are corrected, the courts tend to dismiss what they feel are excessive fines.

Rogers was being fined \$100 a day, since last September, due to blight violations on three properties he owns under different names and LLCs. Two of those properties were specifically noted to have a number of unregistered and inoperable vehicles on them. The last time the fines were tallied was last April.

Rogers requested hearings to appeal the fines levied against his properties. By the time hearings began, unregistered and malfunctioning cars and debris were removed and the properties were sufficiently remediated to fall within zoning regulations.

So instead of more than \$79,000 in fines, Rogers will pay the \$4,000 in monthly payments of \$500 each. The first payment has already been posted.

"We settled on a number that Mr. Rogers could afford to pay but still has some eco-



Photo by Joseph Cole  
Frank Rogers struck a deal with the Town of Orange to pay roughly 5 percent of the fines he had accumulated across three properties.

nomie impact for him," Marino said.

Should Rogers fail to make his payments, according to Marino, the town now has mortgage liens on each of his properties and can move to foreclose.

"We're holding the hammer," Marino said.

"What's this all about, some cars?" Rogers pondered when asked about the fines at the Orange Business Expo. He said that he thought the town was out to get him and that a couple of old cars on some of his properties did not justify the fines he was being hit with. He then suggested consulting his attorney on any additional questions or comments.

Cars, however, were exactly at the heart of the issue.

Shortly after tallying the fines last April, the cars and some debris at the third property were removed, according to Orange Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Dinice.

### Annual Gazebo Shabbat Service Set For Sept. 5



Congregation Or Shalom invites the public to join them at their annual outdoor Friday night Shabbat Service under the Gazebo at High Plains Community Center on Friday evening, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.

Rabbi Wainhaus will bring his guitar and lead everyone in a joyful "sing-along" service. This is a opportunity to meet Rabbi Wainhaus and members of Or Shalom.

Approximately 100 people attended last year's Service. Some chairs are provided but attendees are encouraged to bring their own.

The grounds will be available prior to the Or Shalom event, if anyone would like to bring a blanket and picnic.

For more information, contact Jody at the Or Shalom office at 203-799-2341.

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### Giant Tag Sale Planned

# Odyssey



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This 4-day Tag Sale has something for everyone. Find electronics, house wares, gift items, collectibles, linens, framed art, books, vinyl records, CDs, toys, seasonal treasures, and more. Many items are new or barely used. Treasures 'n Junque can be found in the lower level of Saint Barbara Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange.

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# Opinion & Editorial

## Capitol View

### Train Station Heading in the Right Direction



STATE SEN. GAYLE  
SLOSSBERG

In 2011 the Connecticut General Assembly unanimously passed legislation that authorized the State Department of Transportation to enter into a public-private partnership for funding and construction of a passenger train station in Orange.

Three years later, the light at the end of the tunnel to provide Metro North access to our community is starting to become considerably brighter.

Over the past several years, Orange has seen a great deal of economic growth with Yale's acquisition of the Bayer Pharmaceutical campus and their transition of the property into Yale's West Campus; the state's investment in completion of Edison Road to Marsh Hill Road and the opening of United Illuminating's 400,000 square-foot corporate headquarters among the numerous other thriving businesses that call Orange home.

The train station will continue this trend by enhancing accessibility to Orange, making the town more attractive to new businesses and residents, just as other municipalities along Metro North lines across the state have experienced. A new station will help foster future economic growth while allowing existing businesses to broaden their reach through increased accessibility. As more people decide to travel by train on their daily commute, we will also be reducing the burden on I-95, which will alleviate congestion and pollution while providing relief to residents and commuters alike.

At this moment, all parties continue to work collaboratively towards the common goal of completing this project, and to date significant progress has been made.

Most recently, there have been a number of meetings between state officials and private sector stakeholders. The results from these meetings have been positive and exciting. We are all looking forward to making the Orange train station a reality. As always, I welcome your thoughts on this and other matters of concern to you. I can be reached at (860) 240-0482.

### Basic Prevention Tips for West Nile Virus and Lyme Disease



STATE REP. THEMIS  
KLARIDES

The summer months are a time of year to enjoy the great outdoors, stay active and have fun.

With the first case of West Nile virus discovered in Connecticut in recent weeks, I want to take a moment to remind residents of some basic preventative measures against West Nile virus and Lyme disease, which are transmitted by insect bites.

While most insect bites are irritating and otherwise harmless, some can transmit illnesses and diseases. Mosquitos can transmit encephalitis and West Nile virus and ticks can transmit Lyme disease.

It's important to remember that prevention is key, as is reducing the mosquito population on your property. Here are simple steps you can take to protect yourself and your family.

If possible, avoid outside activity at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active.

Avoid using perfume if you will be outdoors for prolonged periods of time as this can be an attractant.

Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks to keep your skin covered when outdoors.

Use insect repellent. According to the CDC, most repellents can be used on children 2 months of age and older; you may also consult your child's pediatrician. Using mosquito netting around strollers and car carriers is an alternative for protecting younger children and infants.

Protect your pets as they can also get diseases from insects. Mosquitos are the primary cause of heartworm in dogs and cats. Change outdoor water dishes frequently and also use your pet's flea and tick repellents.

Removing any debris from your property where water could potentially pool, clearing gutters, and turning over empty containers or buckets are ways to clear standing water and reduce opportunity for mosquitos to lay eggs and develop.

I hope this information is helpful in keeping you and your family safe while enjoying the rest of your summer!

If you would like to contact me regarding this or any legislative issue, please call 800-842-1423 or email [themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov).

### Improving Business Focus of October Laws



STATE REP. PAUL  
DAVIS

It is no secret that Connecticut has numerous challenges for business startup and success. While many of these difficulties are geographic, geologic, and environmental, some are the result of outdated policies and regulations which must be changed. During the last legislative session several bills were passed that addressed concerns brought to us by our business oriented constituencies. With a goal of improving

Connecticut's business climate, several new laws which go into effect on October 1 will be a small, but positive step in toward that goal.

In working to correct our business climate deficiencies we passed HB5353 "An Act Concerning Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law". This bill creates a 17 member commission charged with developing and recommending policies to establish Connecticut as a "highly desirable location" to organize a business entity and attract and encourage business entities to have their headquarters and significant business operations in Connecticut.

Perhaps the most challenging area for many businesses is Connecticut's extensive regulatory environment. Regulations are generally designed to provide protections for the public and level the playing field for businesses, they very often create hurdles not found in other states. While we continue to address this complex problem we did pass a law HB 5049 "An Act Concerning Unnecessary Government Regulation" This law modernizes the regulatory process, provides for more complete public notice, replaces paperwork with electronic communication, and eliminates numerous outdated and unnecessary regulations.

Connecticut still has many problems which impact business growth. Our aging infrastructure, limited mass transit options, and high energy costs are all being improved, but it will take time and a major investment of resources. These are however, important goals if we are to remain competitive in the international marketplace of the future. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns please feel free to contact me at [paul.davis@cga.ct.gov](mailto:paul.davis@cga.ct.gov) or by phone at 203-799-7285.

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### From Where I Sit:

## A Midsummer Night's Meeting

The Aug. 13 Selectmen's meeting had a pretty light agenda again. We opened the meeting with a public hearing on an application for a massage parlor on the rear row of the Peck 'N Post Shopping Center named Golden Spa.

Because only one of the two applicants was a licensed massage therapist, the parlor had a remote location that could not be seen from any roads, and all the windows were completely covered up, I voted against approving the application, but it passed anyway.

In the public comment section our First Selectmen reported on the progress of construction at our school buildings. Much of the construction has been completed, but more needs to be done with schools opening up shortly. However, the schools will all be opened as scheduled, but the all the cabinetry at Peck Place School may not be done until a few days into the school year.



SELECTMAN  
KEN LENZ

Not ideal, but not bad considering the scope of all the work that had to be completed after the burst pipe damage. He also announced for the first time where the UI tree "trimming" project was going to be next, which was in the Broadview and Old Cellar Rd. areas.

Three separate neighborhood groups requested and received our approval to shut down streets so they could hold block parties. I hope everyone has a fun time!

The Church of the Good Shepherd requested and received approval to hang a banner on the fence in front of the Fairgrounds for its fundraiser "Come Together for a Night of Beatles Music" on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Both the Amity Teen Center and the Orange Rotary Club requested and received approval to conduct road races and use the Community Center with fees waived. The Amity Teen Center's aptly-named Chilly Chili Run will trot forward

on January 1, 2015. The Orange Rotary Club will hold its Thanksgiving Day 5K Road Race on Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014. Stay warm, runners!

At the request of the Police Chief, our Town Counsel requested authority to draft an amendment to our Firearms Ordinance to make an exception for indoor gun ranges. As it stands the Police Chief must give approval for each person to discharge a firearm within Town Limits. While we do not yet have an indoor gun range in town, I understand that someone is exploring the possibility. The ordinance will come up for public hearing at a future meeting.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss the progress (or lack thereof) of a potential purchase of a parcel of property that the First Selectman has been negotiating. No action was needed at this time, as the Town's last offer is still awaiting response from the sellers.

And that's how I see it from where I sit.

## Recycling Tips



For items that don't go in your recycling bin, there are other easy ways to recycle.

Recycle clothes and household items via Goodwill at the transfer station or 1712 Boston Post Rd (Milford), or Helping Hands, 334 Boston Post Rd (Orange).

Or if they're in very good condition, bring to one of many area consignment shops and make a little cash.

Batteries and light bulbs may be recycled at Batteries Plus, 481 Boston Post Road (Orange). Get more info at [bit.ly/OrangeRecycling](http://bit.ly/OrangeRecycling).



# News & Events

## Voo Do: Volunteers of Orange Do

# Voo Dos Of The Orange Volunteer Firemen's Carnival

Each issue I focus on one individual who volunteers their time to benefit Orange. As the Orange Volunteer Firemen's Carnival came around, I decided there are so many people who make the event possible, that I wanted to try and give a snapshot of some of them.

I have lived in Orange most of my life and this year I had the honor of volunteering for the first time on Thursday evening. My son, Mike, and I were working in the food tent helping to prep salads, hamburgers and make the peppers and onions. We met some great volunteers and had a lot of fun. Can't wait to go back next year!



**JODY DIETCH**

### Polly Knight

Polly joined the department in 1992 but has been working the carnival since she was a little girl. She began working with her dad and later her husband.

Polly, first female firefighter on the OVFD, explained that the carnival isn't easy work and is a year long effort to get everything ready. She has worked the soda booth, roast beef tent, the food area for the main food tent and handled the money for the food tent. Polly said her volunteerism stems from a desire to "jump in to help because we cannot fail. This fundraiser is all we have to cover our expenses for the year and without it, the OVFD can't be successful."



and announcer, volunteer Bob Crocco who passed away 2 years ago from ALS. He said, "I love doing this. It is a good fundraiser for us but I love working with the people. We have very good volunteers who work with us and it is a pleasure working with them."

### Ken Mitchell

Ken started working the carnival with his dad more than 50 years ago and has been a member of the OVFD for 41 years. He began working the carnival in the Record Booth where carnival goers had a chance to win a record. Later on, he worked the ball game booth where you had a chance to win candy or cigarettes. This year Ken was working the blower ball chance game. He was carnival chairman from 1978-2000. When asked why he keeps volunteering, Ken said "It's got to be done. Once you start at it, you have to stay with it to make it a success."



### Chris Lewis

The carnival is a huge success because of the volunteers and most of us have this idea that the volunteers are all Orange residents and/or members of the OVFD. Chris volunteers for the fun of it. Although a resident of Ansonia and not a member of the OVFD, Chris began volunteering 7 years ago at the Frog Bog Booth. He has been at the soda station for the last 2 years. Why did Chris get involved? He said, "I have friend who is on the OVFD and he asked me to help and I just keep coming back."



So next year, when you see the call for volunteers, don't hesitate to jump at the chance. You may just find it is more fun than work!

*Jody Dietch is the vice chair of the Orange Board of Education.*



### Charlie Southworth

Charlie is currently an Assistant Chief with the OVFD (Orange Volunteer Fire Department) and is a former Chief. He has been with the department for 42 years and working the carnival for 45. Charlie began working for the carnival in the Novelty Booth selling balloons when the carnival was held on the Town Green. Lately, he is the Assistant Administrator for the food booth overseeing the money, supplies and flow of the operation. Charlie said "this is a personal commitment for me doing community service. I find volunteerism enriches your life."



### Leo Moran

Leo has been with the OVFD for 37 years. He started working in the food tent in 1976 when the carnival was held at Mary L Tracy School. He joined the department the following year and has been running the raffle ticket booth for 20 years. Leo noted the loss of long time raffle booth



### Al Pol

As I was talking to various volunteers, everyone said, you have to talk to Al Pol! Al has been with the OVFD for 52 years and when asked how long he has worked the carnival, he proud-

## From The Editor Welcome, New Voices

The Orange Times is pleased to announce the addition of two new community columnists to our paper.

First, we welcome Michele DeMartino, the owner of Chef's Emporium. Michele will be providing us with recipes and cooking related advice.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Joan Zorena will be writing on topics for the Orange Chamber of Commerce. Joan is on the Board of Directors of the chamber and will be able to provide information about the business environment in town.

The Orange Times is especially happy to have more interaction directly with the Chamber as it helps reinforce the paper's support for Orange's vital and thriving business community.

## Letters to the Editor

# Orange Needs A Tree Warden

### To the Editor:

The Town of Orange has not had an active Tree Warden in over nine months. No appointed tree expert monitoring the recently discovered Emerald Ash Borer, to manage United Illuminating(UI) or work with the town's Tree Committee, Public Works or Parks Department. So who's minding the town's trees?

In 1901 the Connecticut legislature passed a law mandating the appointment of a "tree warden" in all municipalities. This person then has care and control over all municipal public trees and shrubs in that community.

Here are some facts in CT General Statutes, from Title 23 which supports the tree warden:

§23-58. appointment; The selectmen of each town... shall, within thirty days of their election, appoint a town warden.

§23-59. Powers. The town tree warden shall have the care and control of all trees and shrubs. When-

ever... public safety demands the removal or pruning of any tree or shrub... The tree warden shall... ten days before such removal, post thereon a suitable notice.

§23-65. Regulations. Permit. (b) Any person, firm or corporation...who removes, prunes, injures or defaces any shade tree... without written permission of the town tree warden, may be ordered by the court in any action brought by the (The Town.)

(f) Any person, firm or corporation, other than a tree warden, who desires the cutting or removal...of any tree or shrub..., may apply in writing to the town tree warden. Upon receipt of such permit, but not before, they may proceed with such cutting or removal.

The Orange Town Charter: Chapter 360, § 360-4 Town Tree Warden:

...The Town Tree Warden shall be appointed by the First Selectman... for a term of two years.

The Town Tree Warden shall be a licensed arborist and shall have all powers, duties and authorities ascribed to tree wardens in Connecticut.

The United Illuminating Company (UI) began a pilot program, called Enhanced Tree Trimming (ETT) and Removal (ETR), in January to prune and remove trees on their backbone utility lines. They prune and/or remove all vegetation eight feet to the right and left of the top wires on their poles from ground to sky. This program went unmonitored, unpermitted and without proper posting by a Tree Warden. Miles of roads and hundreds of town trees were hastily pruned or removed. This program has met tremendous opposition in Fairfield, West Haven and Hamden where there are active tree wardens and a concerned public interest.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a non-native invasive insect, was discovered in Orange early this

summer in the ball fields beside Town Hall. They infest and destroy an Ash tree in 2-3 years.

Ash constitute ~5% of the town's trees. These trees require diligent management plans and swift removals as EAB can destroy tree budgets.

Trees provide for our town's rural aesthetics, raise home values, generate oxygen, sequester CO2, reduce storm water runoff, slow traffic and cool our homes.

The Town of Orange needs a Tree Warden to efficiently manage our trees, real estate values and public safety to fulfil state and local responsibilities. So what's happening to our trees? Who's monitoring UI? Why isn't there a Tree Warden? Ask the First Selectman: (203) 891-4737 or [jzeoli@orange-ct.gov](mailto:jzeoli@orange-ct.gov)

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## Letters Policy

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and email address must be included with all submissions. Only the writer's name and town of residence will be published. Anonymous letters will be rejected. All letters will be read promptly. We apolo-

gize that we cannot return submissions, published or unpublished. We reserve the right to reject any letters. Letters intended as advertising will also not be published.



# Arts & Entertainment

## ARTS MATTERS

by Patricia Miller

**ORANGE PLAYERS GENERAL MEETING, HPCC** (425 Orange Center Road, Orange) is open to all and will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Cafeteria at HPCC at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature Gary Harger, local performer and teacher, who will present a preview of the Vocal Workshop he will lead in November for the Orange Players. Everyone is welcome—new members, old members, prospective members or interested bystanders.

Come join our own community theatre group—the second continually performing community theatre in the State!

**ORANGE PLAYERS GALA** - Save the date! On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, The Orange Players will celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding at the American Legion Hall on Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

There will be food, friendship, laughter, entertainment and more! Everyone is invited to attend and to celebrate with the second-longest continually performing community theatre in Connecticut.

The Orange Players was formed after the Seisquicentennial, when some of the people who had performed in the pageant that year, along with other interested parties, met at Mary L. Tracy and formed the group.

The first production, "Pajama Game", was produced at Mary L. and the Orange Players was launched.

Over the years, the OP has performed musicals, comedies, dramas, revues and readers theatre at various venues—Mary L. Tracy, High Plains Community Center, Amity High School, Case Memorial Library, Dodds Hall (UNH) and for various club, church, synagogue and social groups. Look for forthcoming details about the Gala.

**ORANGE ART AND CULTURE COUNCIL** is proud to announce that the speaker for the Fall Meeting on Sept. 18, will be William Boughton, Musical Director and Principal Conductor of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra.

He is well known internationally and brought his musical knowledge and vision to New Haven.

The NHSO, under his direction, has reached out to the community at large, become more adventurous in programming and released a commercial CD of the music of William Walton, the English composer.

The OACC meeting will take place in the second floor meeting room of the Case Memorial Library (176 Tyler City Road, Orange) at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Because seating is limited, those wishing to attend may make reservations by calling 203-795-3127 or 203-314-2704. Everyone is invited—it is free and open to the public.

**BUILD A BETTER BIRDHOUSE** returns to the Orange Agricultural Fair. For the fifth year, the Orange Arts and Culture Council has sponsored the Build a Better Birdhouse exhibit and invites everyone to bring in a birdhouse to display. People of all ages --children and adults are encouraged to enter this event.

Entries by groups of friends or family members are welcomed. Birdhouses can be realistic, fanciful, funny, complicated or simple. They have run the gamut in the past few years. Also part of the OACC exhibition tent is a macaroni jewelry making activity for children, returning this year because it was wildly popular last year.

Think bird habitation—be creative—build your better house! Birdhouses can also be ready made and decorated to exhibit the entrant's taste or particular theme. Applications can be found in the Orange Agricultural Fair Book, available at the Case Memorial Library and Town Hall or by calling Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133.

**ART IN THE LIBRARY** (176 Tyler City Road, Orange) features oil, watercolor, pencil and photography works of Mark Battista and David Bellucci through the month of August.

During the month of Sept., pencil and charcoal drawings, jewelry and watercolors, the work of Fran Barsevich, Janice Bielwa and Gabriela Guevara will be shown.

The opening artists' reception is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and attendees can meet and chat with the artists about their work. Gallery hours coincide with Library hours: Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL** (617 Orange Center Road, Orange) has the photography of William Boland on display in an exhibition, "Out and About."

Views of Orange are part of this show. Mr. Boland is a semi-retired electrical engineer and lighting designer.

He also is a volunteer at Yale New Haven Hospital. The Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**FIREHOUSE GALLERY** (81 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford), one of the Milford Fine Art Council's venues, is mounting an exhibit en-

titled "Heaven and Earth," until Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are Friday-Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

**NEW ENGLAND ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL** will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the Milford Green.

The MFAC is accepting applications for artists, artisans, entertainers and food vendors through Friday, Aug. 29. Applications can be downloaded by going to MFAC's website - milfordarts.org. This event is an annual juried festival that features over 150 displays by artists and artisans from all over the U.S.

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They made two appearances at Orange's Holiday Festival a few years ago. To schedule an audition, call Lori Cartwright at 203-673-9485 or email info@yuletide.com. To be notified of future auditions, also email info@yuletide.com.

**CIRCOPHONY YOUTH CIRCUS AUDITIONS** for young people aged 12-18

or in Grades 10-12 are to be held at The Oddfellows Playhouse (128 Washington Street, Middletown) on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.. No previous circus experience is necessary, but a background in dance, gymnastics, sports, theatre, parkour, hooping, sports, magic or serious physical activity would be helpful. Circophony is a collaboration

between Artfarm and Oddfellows Playhouse. Circophony is a select youth circus company committed to providing first-class training to aspiring circus performers while creating an exciting new show that will tour to schools, fairs, clubs, festivals and perhaps even to the American Youth Circus Festival. Young people selected for the company receive a rigorous combination of circus training, physical conditioning and rehearsal/production experience. For more information go to info@artfarm.org or info@oddfellows.org.

**GREATER NEW HAVEN COMMUNITY CHORUS** invites prospective members to attend three rehearsals as guests before committing to the group as a permanent member. (First Presbyterian Church, 701 Whitney Avenue, New Haven)

There is no audition; registration at the Fall enrollment period is on the Tuesdays of Sept. 4, 11 and 17. Interested singers may visit on any Tuesday during this period.

The choristers range from seasoned professionals to energetic amateurs and enthusiastic beginners.

The Musical Director is Noah Blocker-Glynn. For more information go the chorus website-www.gnhcc.org

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The application deadline is October 17, 2014. For more information, go to: <http://www.youngarts.org/apply>.

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### Boland Exhibit



William Boland will be exhibiting his photographs, such as the one above, at the Orange Town Hall Art Gallery during September and October. He is a semi retired electrical and lighting designer. Presently he volunteers at Yale New Haven Hospital.

There will be music and entertainment on the Green as well as live music and theater at the Fine Arts Center (40 Railroad Avenue, Milford), very near the Green.

**ELM CITY SHAKESPEARE** still has a few performances of "Pericles" before the end of the run on Sunday, Aug. 31.

This Shakespeare company presents outdoor performances in Edgerton Park (75 Cliff Street, New Haven) and also runs a program of educational training during the summer season for accepted applicants.

The Elm City Shakespeare Company is a professional, multicultural, nonprofit theatre committed to establishing a discourse with the Greater New Haven Community through the medium of Shakespeare's plays.

They hope "to create an atmosphere where actors and audiences can come together in an arena as urgent, as inclusive and as visceral as Shakespeare's own Globe." Elm City Shakespeare is a valuable resource in our area -- one well worth supporting!

**CONNECTICUT YULETIDE CAROLERS** is holding auditions by appointment, for alto and bass parts only. (sopranos and tenor parts are filled for the 2014 holiday season).

Prospective members must be able to read music; theatre or choral experience is preferred. The Carol-

ers is a Victorian acappella group, costumed in Dickensian costumes, performing traditional and contemporary carols at holiday activities around the state, including senior centers, senior residences, shopping centers, private parties and public events.

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Have an event, an idea, a comment? Send to [patmiller605@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patmiller605@sbcglobal.net)



# Arts & Entertainment

## Poet's Corner:

### Train Shows That Transport Us to Places Far, Far Away

Every year the town has a special replica train show where vendors and enthusiasts come for the day and share in their mutual passion—the appreciation and lure of trains. It's an event that draws many young and old rail enthusiasts and you can see the appreciation of visitors in their mutual wonder of this fine mix of history and art. The vendors are really engineers and time travelers at heart who keep a saga of our history alive. And thankfully, pass it on to the generations to come. All aboard?



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outs of routes the passengers will travel today: railcars all lined up liked military units, passengers cars glistening in their waxed elegance, freight cars of life-precious cargo, mail cars that allow friends to keep in touch, tender cars carrying precious fuel and water, guard cars for security from the James gang, club cars that offer happy hours, and cab- in cars piloted by seasoned conductors who held lives within their very hand.

And where are we going today? Our tickets show us: We board the *Amtrack Cascades* and ride through the Northwest Passage from Oregon to British Columbia stopping to admire Mt Rainer; go back through time in the mountains of West Virginia on the *Case Scenic Railroad*; it's westward ho on the *California Zepher* taking the same route through seven states that pioneers took in settling the Wild West; relax on the *Rocky Mountaineer* climbing over the Continental Divide in high fashion; board the *Southwest Chief* and skim through Cajun Pass into the barren Mojave Desert; withstand the Alaskan frost on the *Coastal Classic* where blue glaciers abound; or maybe hop on the *Grand Canyon Railway* and gaze at the San Francisco Peaks. Tired yet...Then try something new: venture on the *Venice Simplon Orient Express* and visit Europe's most elegant cities; or maybe take the *British Pullman* where you can feast on

They come early...vendors of high passion set to display their wares of all things train and track. They bring the treasures of their souls that have flowed freely within their bloodlines for many years having become simply a way of life with them. Vendors who are the guardians of the heritage of our nation's revered past, of the spirit of a manifest destiny of sorts, to travel beyond our scope across barren and fruited lands where few have gone before. We see replicas of the trains that blazed trails of steel in the documentation of transport. The vendors are themselves the conductors now offering us unforgettable journeys to faraway lands, coast to coast, and across the continents of Europe. They meticulously set their jewels on long tables, being fastidious in the lay-



the finest cuisine anywhere; engage in a candlelight dinner on the *Royal Scotsman*; fill your palate in the mountains of Northern Spain of the *El Transcantabrico*; St Moritz is nice this time of year so board the *Glacier Express*... Through the train shows we travel in our mind's eye anywhere on tracks that can restore our youth, reawakening the spirit of daring and high adventure. We succumb

to the enticing time warp of parts unknown as an out of body experience... to places we always wanted to go. Inhibitions are forsaken and through our imagination's unleashed bursts we now have surpassed the speed of light into Shangri la. Welcome Aboard!

*John Ulatowski has published six books on Orange (some with poems) and all are available at the Case Library.*

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# Home & Garden

## Real Talk:

### You Ask, A Pro Answers

## Its Time For "Fall Ball"

A few very high priced homes have recently gone under contract in our area and so, the cycle is hopping!

This cycle starts with a small home selling, then a larger one until the buyers reach our town of Orange. Grateful am I for the news and ready am I to spread the word.

You have a dream, you think it is too far away, not attainable in the realm of energy and not enough "chutzpa" to chance the dream?! It's time to get going... all the sitting around feeling a "lull" in the market is over! There are tons of pro-



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spective homeowners going thru open houses every Sunday. If you are already in the game of selling, look long and hard at the competition and price your property correctly.

Check out the inventory to buy, you will be shocked at the great selections. I know you have heard this from me before, again and again, but these small little articles represent what is on my mind and on my lips when you even breath the word "sell".

It takes the aggression of a good real estate agent to put you in motion!

Whether I share with you suggestions for repairs from fences to tile to attic fans, each one of the items in your home represents your pride of ownership and brings you closer to a sale when the time comes. The "lazy days of summer" are almost over, so let us take the time to start laboring on the "love" of your life, your home.

We live in a state of constant change, we may not notice it but we have goals and drive to do the best we can. Take this Fall to control your goal and explore the daily changes that can bring goals to reality. Whether this regards your personal life or your property strive to modify, to the best you can, the things that are important to you.

Making an effort to plan a renovation or a paint project will make you feel great upon its completion.

Life is all about the "change" in *change of seasons*, enjoy this season and always appreciate the *homeownership* you have. Be comfortable in your space. If you are not, then it is time to look around and possibly picture yourself in new surroundings. There is nothing like the excitement my clients get when moving into their "new" home.

If you need more information on these issues, email [Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com](mailto:Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com)

## Just Floored:

## Consider Bamboo Flooring

In the past few months many of my clients have asked about bamboo flooring. So I thought I would share what I have learned.

Bamboo flooring is setting the bar for product performance and design. Flooring trends have changed dramatically in the past 5 years. My customers are making informed choices in there selections.

Bamboo flooring is 160 percent harder than oak. These floors offer durability and



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stability that are perfect for high traffic areas in both residential and commercial settings.

My suggestions would be to start with style when selecting your bamboo flooring.

A variant called strand bamboo features a hardwood look-a-like grain pattern. Review the specific colors available within each of these products families and

decide what is going to work best for your design needs.

Bamboo flooring, just like any hardwood flooring, comes in both a solid and engineered platform. One of these platforms may be a better fit for you depending on your needs such as location in the home, type of sub-floor and whether or not the floor needs to work in the basement.

Another important practical consideration is how you plan to install the floor. Bamboo can be installed by nailing, stapling, gluing or floating, but not all options work with all floors. I always suggest you speak to a sales specialist who knows the product and

understands the proper care and installation of bamboo.

The last part is the best part: selecting the color. Color is important, of course, and there are also various textures available as well as different lengths and width to choose from. I would suggest taking home as many colors and textures as you can and looking at each sample during the day and night and then finalize your choice.

Annamarie Mastrangelo is founder/owner of A.A.I. Flooring Specialist. She can be reached at [amoreinteriorsllc@gmail.com](mailto:amoreinteriorsllc@gmail.com).

## Property Transfers

438 Howellton Road, \$225,000, from the estate of Carmela Kachina to Pascal Panza, recorded on July 31.

601 Saddle Ridge Road, \$155,750, from the revocable trust off Edgar L. Vaughn to Yi Liu, recorded on July 31.

427 Prudden Lane, \$400,000, from Michael Coppola Jr. to Parm Peck, signed on July 31.

373 Old Silo Road, quitclaim, from Juan Hagda to Susana Hagda, recorded on July 31.

667 High Ridge Road, \$317,000, from the estate of Donna Monro aka Donna G. Monro by Sara Restrepo, executrix to Branimir J. Lah, recorded on July 31.

955 Old Coach Road, \$350,000, from Castleberry Associates, LLC, to Matthew and Meghan Rabuse, recorded on July 31.

161 Old Hickory Road, quitclaim, from James Viola, recorded on Aug. 1.

419 Peck Lane, quitclaim, from June DeGennaro to Gennaro, LLC, recorded on Aug. 1.

834 Dentree Drive, \$343,000, from the estate of hamet V Lattanzi to Kun Quo and Alan Boubonis, signed on Aug. 1.

620 East Slope Drive, \$409,000, from Jeffrey and Randi Kornblut to Joseph Cannizzaro and Ellen-Marie DiGirola, recorded on Aug. 5.

252 Currier Drive, \$685,000, from Tea D. Canna to Matthew Eagle, recorded on Aug. 5.

190 Cummings Drive, \$363,000, from Carol Konowitz to Joanna Korsh, recorded on Aug. 6.

34 Williamsburg Drive, \$492,369.80, from Bryan Chang and Phing Huynh to Francine Lytwiniak, recorded on Aug. 8.

588 Hawkins Road, \$569,000, from Dennis and Stefanie Stankiewicz to Lisa and

Carlos Duarte, recorded on Aug. 11.

437 Barton Drive, quitclaim, from Anthony Aiardo to Doreen Airado, recorded on Aug. 13.

820 Birchwood Road, \$330,000, from Janet Juall to Sidney Siu Buyn and Yue Gao, recorded on Aug. 14.

772 Derby-Milford Road, trustee's deed, from Timothy Crowley, trustee of the Jerome Spector Revocable Trust to Timothy Crowley, Trustee off the Janet Cesanek Lifetime Trust, recorded on Aug. 14.

202 Surrey Drive, quitclaim, from Arnold Agnoli to Arnold Agnoli, recorded on Aug. 15.

202 Surrey Drive, \$310,000, from William F. Murphy Jr. to Arnold Agnoli, recorded on Aug. 15.

416 Old Country Road, \$390,000, from Cynthia Barwise to Dzmity and Tatyana Shurba, recorded on Aug. 15.

78 Old Tavern Road, quitclaim, from Ellen Makar to John Makar, recorded on Aug. 18.

588 Derby Ave., \$360,000, from Jill Fay Tertelman to Byungik Chang, recorded on Aug. 18.

36 Red Cedar Circle, \$310,000, from the inda N. Bruno Revocable Trust to Lucille Ceruzzi, recorded on Aug. 19.

479 Ridgeview Road, quitclaim, from Elisabeth Maley to Elisabeth Maley, trustee, recorded on Aug. 19.

479 Ridgeview Road, quitclaim, from William Maley to William Maley, trustee, recorded on Aug. 19.

23 No. Rolling Ridge Road, \$305,000, from Dara Robyn Peck to Michael Flora, recorded on Aug. 19.

327 Racebrook Road, \$258,500, from Ammy Rebecca Tirollo to Jamie Plaskowitz, recorded on Aug. 20.

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# Home and Garden

## The Gardening Spot:

### The Sunny Sunflower

Who doesn't smile when they see a beautiful sunflower? A friend recently gave me a bouquet of sunflowers and their cheery blooms just lit up the room.

By cutting the stems every other day and changing the water, I was able to enjoy them for over a week.

Sunflowers are easy to grow from seeds and mainly require full sun.

Children are especially fascinated by the growth of the big sunflower heads as they follow the sun. This phenomenon is called *helio-*

*trophism* and is one of the unique features of the sunflower. It's the only flower that actually tracks the sun's position in the sky. The French call the sunflower *tournesol* which literally means "turn with the sun" The sunflower belongs to the genus *Helianthus annuus*. "Helios" translates to sun in Greek and "annus" means the flower is an annual.

Some other interesting facts you may not know about sunflowers:

The sunflower is native, the na-

tional flower of the Ukraine and dates back to nearly 3000 years.

In 1986, after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Ukraine, sunflowers were planted around nearby ponds. As the flowers grew, they absorbed the harmful nuclear contaminants from the water through their tuberous roots.

The flower, or head of the sunflower, is made up of 1,000 to 2,000 individual flowers that are called florets. The yellow petals provide leaves that cover the head of the flower until the florets finish growing. The florets create a spiraling pattern to form the flower. Each of these florets can become

another sunflower if planted.

The Native Americans used the sunflower as a source of food. The oil squeezed from the seed was used to soften leather, condition hair and treat wounds.

Today sunflower oil is used in cooking, in the manufacturing of products, machinery lubricants and more. Some experiments indicate the oil may be a possible fuel alternative!

Sunflower seeds also are one of America's favorite snacks.

The Dutch painter Vincent Van Gogh was so enthralled by the beauty of the sunflower, that he created two series of paintings en-

titled "Sunflowers" each depicting sunflowers in various stages.

So make a note in your garden journal to plant some sunflower seeds next Spring. Remember to choose a sunny spot (at least six hours of sun) in well-drained soil and you'll soon be rewarded with these gorgeous beauties.

Helen Keller wrote, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow. That's what sunflowers do"

Marion Rizzo is a past President of The Garden Club of Orange.



MARION RIZZO

## Room 911:

### Asking a Friend to Help Decorate

Maybe you have a friend who has a really good eye for decorating. You have admired her panache, her style, her taste and you want her to help you.

Getting ideas from this friend can be helpful but beware of the unseen, back currents that can flow out of this relationship.

Recently I got called in as a professional to give my opinion as to who was right and what was right with each person assuring me they would abide by my answer. There was, however, another catch --- I knew the friends. In addition, there was the husband of Friend One who hated everything that Friend Two was suggesting. Hold on folks, the web gets larger --- enter the mother-in-law of Friend One.

The tension was palpable in the room and I had to decide if I was going to play mediator or just give my honest opinion. In mediation, no one hits a homerun but there is enough agreement to make the final decision somewhat palatable to all parties.

Let's set the stage- A family room that had a fireplace, a bow window with a sill underneath for plants and some built-in bookcases on one wall. At question was, where the couch or couches would go, where would the TV and stereo unit go, would there be a couple of chairs to make an intimate seating group, etc.

Friend One wanted a sectional, the husband wanted a sectional



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but with large chaises on either end to stretch out to watch the sports channel.

Friend Two thought that it was better to have a large couch and then a corner end table and then a loveseat.

The mother-in-law wanted parallel couches on either side of the fireplace and a coffee table in between.

Someone wanted a gray color scheme, someone else wanted a warm brown/beige look, someone else wanted the walls pure white with an accent wall and who remembers ,at this point, what the other person wanted.

The husband and wife did agree on a fairly large flat TV screen but where to put it?

The mother-in-law felt that the TV should be small and on a rolling cart and Friend Two hated the idea of the flat screen going above the fireplace.

You have heard the expression that "too many cooks spoil the broth." All of the scenarios above had validity but the tension between the friends,the spouses and the mother-in-law were at a breaking point as everyone was talking between clenched teeth.

In the next installment of Room 911, you will find out how this got resolved. But first, let me ask you, The Orange Times reader, how would you handle this situation?

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# Education

## Amity Superintendent Looking Toward Creativity

Dear Amity Community,

I wish to thank you for your patience and support as I transitioned, mid-year, into the position of Superintendent of Amity Regional School District #5. I have learned a tremendous amount about our students, our staff, our schools, and our community. In the last six months, I have seen the commitment,

energy, and passion that the Amity staff has for our students. I have seen the support and positive involvement that our community has for our schools. I have seen collaboration, hard work, and imagination that will drive student learning to higher levels.

The student experience that was once realized mostly within the walls of the school

building (e.g., seat time, lectures, final exams ...) with a focus on "lifelong learning" has shifted to a need to personalize the student experience. As Joseph Blatt of the Harvard Graduate School of Education describes, an acute awareness of "lifewide learning," which is an explicit understanding that learning happens in every aspect of a student's life, will be an integral part of a high quality education. These shifts will require schools and districts to do things differently, no matter how well they are doing them now.

In the Amity schools, with the help of families and community partners, we will be increasing our efforts to personalize the student learning experience and further promote the success of every student. I have

asked every teacher, as they develop their annual goals, to think of ways to foster creativity and innovation in the work that we do and the work that we ask students to do. As the landscape of education changes, we will continue to create opportunities for students that will prepare them with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed.

We are an organization that is continuously learning and growing. I would love to hear how you think that we are doing.

Looking forward to a great year,

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## Education Honors

### Dean's List

Dan Brennan was placed on the Dean's List at Adelphi University for the Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies for the Spring 2014 semester. Dan is the son of Jim and Susan Brennan of Orange, and is a member of the Amity High School Class of 2012.

Kyle Kalanta, of Orange, was placed on the Union College Dean's List for the 2103 to 2014 academic year. Kalanta is majoring in Managerial Economics, and a 2011 graduate of Amity Regional High School.

Caitlin M Nickerson of Orange, was placed on the University of Rhode Island Dean's List for Spring of 2014.

Samuel Noss, of Orange, was placed on the University of Rhode Island Dean's List for Spring of 2014.

Eric Zheng, of Orange, was placed on the Union College Dean's List for the 2103 to 2014 academic year. Zheng is majoring in Leadership in Medicine-Hlth Syst Admin, and a 2010 graduate of Amity Regional High School.

### College Admittance

Julianne Finnucan, of Orange, has been invited to be a member of the Siena College Class of 2018.

Andrea E. Noss, of Orange, has reserved a place among more than 1,450 freshman at SUNY Oswego. Fall 2014 classes will begin Aug. 25. She is a graduate of Amity Regional High School.

Lauren Zorena, daughter Ricahrd and Joan Zorena, of Orange, has been invited to be a member of the Siena College Class of 2018.

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**Chamber Corner:**

by Joan Zorena

This column is meant to focus on the Orange Chamber of Commerce, highlight all that it offers and showcase our members. A tall order but, awareness that is long overdue.

To understand and appreciate the chamber in our town, it requires that we take a glance at its history.

The chamber was chartered in 1962, as the Orange Business Men's Association. The primary function was to support the members' business objectives through communication, informational events and networking opportunities.

In 2012, the Chamber celebrated its 50th Anniversary. A lot has changed over the years and it continues to be a welcoming, diverse chamber that is open to all.

The membership numbers may be on the small size but this is what makes our chamber unique. A chamber where everyone knows your name and your profession!

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is located at 605A Orange Center Road directly across from the town green.

For all information pertaining to the chamber please visit the website at [www.orangechamber.com](http://www.orangechamber.com). Anna Accetta is the Executive Director and her contact information is found on the website.

Another goal of this column is to clarify exactly what all chambers do. This is a fuzzy area that causes much confusion. Many individuals aren't quite sure what their local chamber is all about. Here is how a chamber of commerce is defined in the dictionary.

A chamber of commerce (also referred to in some circles as a board of trade) is a form of business network, e.g., a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interests of businesses. Business owners in towns and cities form these local societies to advocate on behalf of the business community.

Local businesses are members, and they elect a board of directors or executive council to set policy for the chamber.

The board or council then hires a president, CEO or executive director, plus staffing appropriate to size, to run the organization. Chambers of commerce in the U.S. can be considered local, regional, state or nationwide (U.S. Chamber of Commerce). Local

chambers work at the local level to bring the business community together to develop strong local networks, which can result in a business-to-business exchange.

In most cases, local chambers work with their local government, such as their mayor, their city council and local representatives to develop pro-business initiatives.

So basically, it's the chambers role to organize events, activities and programs to bring the business community of Orange together.

Some believe that it's difficult for individual businesses to survive without any community support, and that the chamber offers each member a group of people working together, sharing resources, time and talents.

Others also believe that it is the Chamber's job to bring people of the community together.

Whether you own a business or not, we all benefit from camaraderie and pride within our town.

Come join us.

**Upcoming Chamber of Commerce events:**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 18**

Business After Hours, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by: Cellini Design Jewelers

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**THURSDAY, SEPT. 24**

Women's Leadership Network, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sponsored by: Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant, 377 Boston Post Road.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 30**

Speed Networking, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Courtyard by Marriott Orange, 136 Marsh Hill Road.

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**New Chamber Members:**

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 408 Racebrook Road, joined the Orange Chamber of Commerce. Rev. Father Peter J. Orfanakos leads the congregation.

Veo Vision Center, an independently owned full-service eye care center offering comprehensive exams and diagnoses as well as the finest in eyeglasses, designer eyewear, and a large selection of standard and specialty contact lenses. Veo Vision Center is located in Spring Brook Commons on Indian River Road in Orange, directly behind the Christmas Tree Shop plaza.

Joan Zorena is a member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

**Insuring Your Future:**

**Beware of the phrase**

**"it's all covered"**

The Affordable Care Act has done a lot to standardize the types of care that is covered by our health insurance policies as well as to eliminate many barriers to affording and purchasing good health insurance.



TRISH PEARSON

One of the biggest benefits that insurance plans must now cover without co-insurance or copays is the annual physical. When we look at the list of benefits included on our plan summaries it states that the physical exam by a medical professional is covered 100 percent and we presume that the screening tests that accompany that visit are also covered. What many do not know is that the Affordable Care Act and each state specify which tests and screenings must be covered, which may not include all the tests your doctor might consider necessary.

For example, the following items are specified by the ACA and Connecticut as required to be covered as part of the well health care:

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm one-time screening for men of certain age, who smoked at one time.

Blood pressure and cholesterol screening  
Diabetes (type 2) screening for adults at risk

Diet and nutrition counselling  
HIV screening

Immunization vaccines for flu, Hepatitis A & B, Human Papillomavirus, pneumococcal, meningococcal tetanus,

It also requires coverage for cancer screening tests such as mammograms and pap tests for women and PSA level screening for men and colonoscopies for adults over 50. It is important to differentiate between a test that

is performed as part of a routine exam and one that is done for diagnostic purposes. The test may look and feel the same to the patient, however if it is labelled as diagnostic in the physician's office, insurance may not cover it as part of the annual well health screening.

On another note, not all tests that your doctor orders are included in the insurance plan's list of covered services. For example, an EKG in the doctor's office could be considered as part of the protocol for a routine physical by the physician, but it may not be covered 100 percent by your insurance policy. This does not mean that you should refuse the test if recommended because of age or family history. It just means that you should be aware that everything might not be covered. The same is true for tests to check certain levels i.e. vitamin D. While certainly something that you should know if it's low, it may not be part of the list of covered blood screenings.

As with any service for which you pay, it is smart to know your financial liability. Don't be afraid to ask the doctor or nurse if there might be a charge for a test or procedure that is part of your annual physical. However, it should not influence your decision to have the test. Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Questions about Medicare? Join me on the last Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m. at High Plains Community Center for a free seminar.

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and Certified Long Term Care Specialist. Call her at 203-640-5969.

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# Senior Living

## Retired and Rejuvenated:

### Five Things The Greeks Can Teach Us

Each year at this time we see the signs go up for the Festival at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church. We love the food, the music, the dancing and the community spirit.

Thinking about this annual Festival reminds me that there is much we can learn from the Greeks, who had some of the greatest and wisest minds who ever lived, like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle to name a few. We can thank them for things like democracy, the Olympics, the Pythagorean Theorem, and don't forget gyros.

Greece has many sunny islands and the beautifully clear blue Mediterranean water. One small Greek island, Ikaria, is one of the few places in the world where people live healthy, active lives past the age of 100. A recent study found that people living on this island are living to 90 almost three times as often as Americans, and are far less likely to develop Alzheimer's or depression. Researchers think it might be more than just coincidence. Their low-stress,



JOANNE BYRNE

level of physical activity, and a few other habits unique to their culture could be the secret.

Here are five things the Greeks can teach us about aging well:

1. They know how to take a break from the stresses of life. People stop midday to take a quick, restorative nap. Even shops and businesses close so employees can take a break.
2. They drink to their health. Boiled Greek coffee is good for more than shaking off your morning grogginess. Greek coffee is loaded with polyphenols and antioxidants which protect your body from aging and a variety of chronic diseases. Their night cap is a mountain tea made of native herbs such as sage, mint, and rosemary. Local physicians say it is as good as medicine.
3. They have been blessed by Aphrodite. In a study of Ikarian men aged 65 to 100, four out of five claimed they were still having sex regularly and that it was pretty darn good. With the immunity-boosting, stress-busting, and anti-aging benefits of

sex, no wonder they're living so long.

4. Their diet is heart-healthy. Greek cuisine might make you think of fatty gyros and spanakopita, finished off with a syrupy piece of baklava. But most Greek diets are a lot cleaner than that, with fresh olive oil, vegetables, lentils, beans, and fruits while taking it easy on the meat. And of course there is high protein Greek yogurt with a touch of honey.

5. Family is everything. If "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" is your only exposure to Greek culture, you are not too far off, at least when it comes to family. A welcoming sense of community and family ties are a major part of life in Greece. You will find very few nursing homes in Greece.

So enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells at the Greek Festival. Ask some of the old-timers who came from Greece if what I have said is true. Opa!

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.

# Obituaries

## FRANCO, PASQUALE

Pasquale (Pat) Franco, 80, of Orange entered into rest on August 5, 2014 at his home. He was the husband of Judith Franco and the father of James Franco. In addition to his wife and son, Pat leaves his sister Phyllis Papagoda. He was predeceased by his twin sister Regina Franco. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Holy Infant Church with interment, with military honors, following in All Saints Cemetery. Donations may be made to Holy Infant Church 450 Racebrook Rd. Orange, CT. 06477. To leave an online remembrance, please visit www.westhavenfuneral.com.

## APUZZO, MARIE ANQUILLARE

Marie Anquillare Apuzzo, 88, of North Haven, formerly of Orange, passed away Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014 at her home. She was the wife of the late Louis P. Apuzzo. Marie was born in New Haven on September 25, 1925; daughter of the late Theodore and Antoinette Buonocore Anquillare; she and her late husband were the owner and operators of the former Apuzzo Market, West Haven. Mother of Patricia (Thomas) Elliot, Mary Lou (John) DiPaola and Michael P. Apuzzo, Sr. and his late wife Regina. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association, 4 Oxford Road, Unit D4, Milford, CT 06460 in memory of her late husband Louis P. Apuzzo.

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# Food & Dining

## Dining Out:

### Join OLA, for Sunset Cruise & Dinner



**TWO GUYS**

We had a wonderful adventure cruise through the Historic Thimble Islands aboard the Sea Mist, in Branford. Great food mingled with exotic flamenco guitar music by Jason Jenkins.

This was the third of a series of six dinner cruises that Ola restaurant sponsors until Fall.

We booked on their Mojito & Tanduay Cruise.

The two hour cruise with music and food departed at 6 p.m..

First, we were served our choice of Mojito or coconut Tanduay. The service was quick and friendly. On the lower level, we had a wide open view of the Thimble Islands, and protection from the sun. For sun lovers the upper deck was the way to go.

Our appetizer was Salmon & Mango; the Salmon was cubed with pieces of Mango in a sweet broth. It was very tasty and appetizing.

While drinks continued to flow we were

captivated by the spectacular sunset, besides taking in the surroundings of the Thimble Islands.

We cruised around 25 inhabited islands where Captain Kidd sailed in 1665.

The main course for the cruise was, ceviche & black rice paella.

This was a winner for me; it was filled with shrimp, clams, chicken, beef and black beans with rice. It held superior flavor & taste. For those who don't eat fish or Paella, they offered beef and mashed potatoes with wine gravy. Robert's said it was deeply flavored and fork tender.

Our dinner ended with a wonderful house-made cake with berries and whip cream.

This dinner cruise is a wonderful way to enjoy the sea, fresh air with family and friends or to celebrate a special occasion. We certainly recommend putting this dining adventure on your summer list.

Ola's is located on the Boston Post Road in Orange where you can phone for more information at 203-891-0522.

*Two Guys are Vincent Farriselli and Robert Modena. Both reside in Orange.*

## Hello Foodies:

### Pan-Seared Scallops With Corn, Bacon And Shiitake Mushroom Risotto

This recipe I am sharing with you is one of my favorite meals. Sweet corn is in season and added with crispy bacon how could any one resist?

#### Pan-Seared Scallops with-Corn, Bacon and Shiitake Mushroom Risotto

Serves 4

8 thick-cut strips of apple-wood-smoked bacon, cut cross-wise into 1/2 inch strips

4 ears of corn, husked

6 large shitake mushrooms, stems removed and cut into 1/2 inch strips

Sea salt and freshly ground pepper

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 medium shallots, chopped

2 gloves garlic chopped

2 cups Arborio rice



**MICHELE DEMARTINO**

1 cup dry white wine

1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for topping

1/4 cup chopped fresh chives

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

2 lbs sea scallops (I like to use U-10)

Cook the bacon in a large well-seasoned cast iron skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 5 to 8 minutes. Remove bacon to a napkin lined plate.

While bacon is cooking, cut the corn from the cobs and set aside. Snap the cobs in half and put in a large pot with 10 cups water.

Place the pot with water and corn cobs on a back burner and bring to a simmer.

Place the mushrooms in the skillet with the bacon drippings and cook over medium-high

heat until slightly crisp, about 3 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper and transfer to a plate.

Add the butter and garlic & chopped shallots to the pan, season with salt and pepper and cook until soft, about 2 minutes.

Add the rice, spread out evenly in pan and allow to toast 1 minute, stir for 1-2 minutes more.

Hit the pan with the 1 cup of wine and stir until absorbed, then add a pinch of salt and the corn kernels.

Remove the scallops from the refrigerator, pat dry and sprinkle with salt and freshly cracked black pepper. Set aside.

Ladle in 1/2 cup of the hot corn broth into the rice mixture, stirring until absorbed. Continue adding corn broth in 1/2-cup increments, allowing it to be absorbed before adding more, until the rice is just tender,

about 20-30 minutes.

Stir in the cheese, chives and half of the mushrooms and bacon. Season with salt and pepper. Turn the heat down to low to keep warm, stirring occasionally.

In a non-stick skillet, heat the olive oil over high heat. When the pan is very hot, add the scallops and sear until a brown crust forms on the bottom, about 2-3 minutes. Flip and cook for 1 minute more. Remove from heat.

Place a large scoop of risotto in the center of each plate. Using tongs, place scallops on top of the risotto.

Top with the remaining bacon, mushrooms and more cheese. Serve Immediately. From my kitchen to yours, Cucina felice!

*Michele DeMartino is the founder and owner of Chef's Equipment.*

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# Chinese Students Take A Swing At America's Pastime



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Above: A Chinese student practices his swing during an International Baseball Camp held in Orange. The camp brought Chinese students together with Americans to study the fundamentals of the game. Right: Chinese sports reporter Kang KANG and former Major League Baseball pitcher Steven Ontiveros coach the students.

by Joseph Cole

editor@theorangetimes.com

Martin Zhang, 10, of Orange, hustled across a field at the Old Tavern Road Sports Complex. He snagged the baseball heading his way and rocketed it back to his partner. His mother, Linda Li, watched from nearby. Steve Ontiveros smiled and looked on. "He's got a great arm," he said.

Ontiveros is used to assessing a young athlete's skills. He regularly runs summer baseball camps. He just normally holds them a few thousand miles away in Phoenix, Ariz.

But he wasn't the furthest flung visitor on the field. A short distance away, Chinese sports reporter Kang KANG was showing one of players a better stance. They'd traveled from China for a chance to receive instruction from an American coach on fields unlike the ones they have at home.

"There are no fields like this in China," Kang said, as he motioned to the sports complex around him. "There

are maybe, five in the country." Kang and was friends with Li's husband and worked with her to bring a team of young Chinese players to America to hone their skills. In the process, he snagged his other friend, Ontiveros, and drew him toward New England for the week.

Ontiveros was a Major League Baseball pitcher from 1985 to 2000, playing with the Oakland Athletics, Philadelphia Phillies, Seattle Mariners and Boston Red Sox. In 2008, he coached the Chinese National Baseball Team in the Beijing Olympics. It was there that he met Chinese Central Television sports reporter Kang. The two have been friends since. Li helped arrange host families for the Chinese players, who averaged 12-years-old. For a week they spent the early part of the day learning new skills. The evenings were spent taking in various pieces of Americana and local culture, including the annual Orange Firemen's Carnival.

There was no formal paperwork or process

to bring the children over, according to Li. The hosting and organization for what they called the International Baseball Camp was handled mostly by word of mouth.

On the field, young Little League players ran drills with Ontiveros while Kang tended to the Chinese players. Whereas the Americans wore mostly a mismatch of clothes appropriate for any number of Summer activities, the Chinese players showed up in their white uniforms with red lettering. And according to the two coaches, their attitudes toward the camp were entirely different. "The Chinese students are far more focused and are picking up skills at an amazing rate," Ontiveros said. He postulated that the Orange players, many of whom he thought were good in their own right, took the sport and opportunity for advantage more than the Chinese students. "There's one, we call her Mini Manny," Ontiveros said. "If you study her swing, it's the same exact swing Manny Ramirez had early in his career."

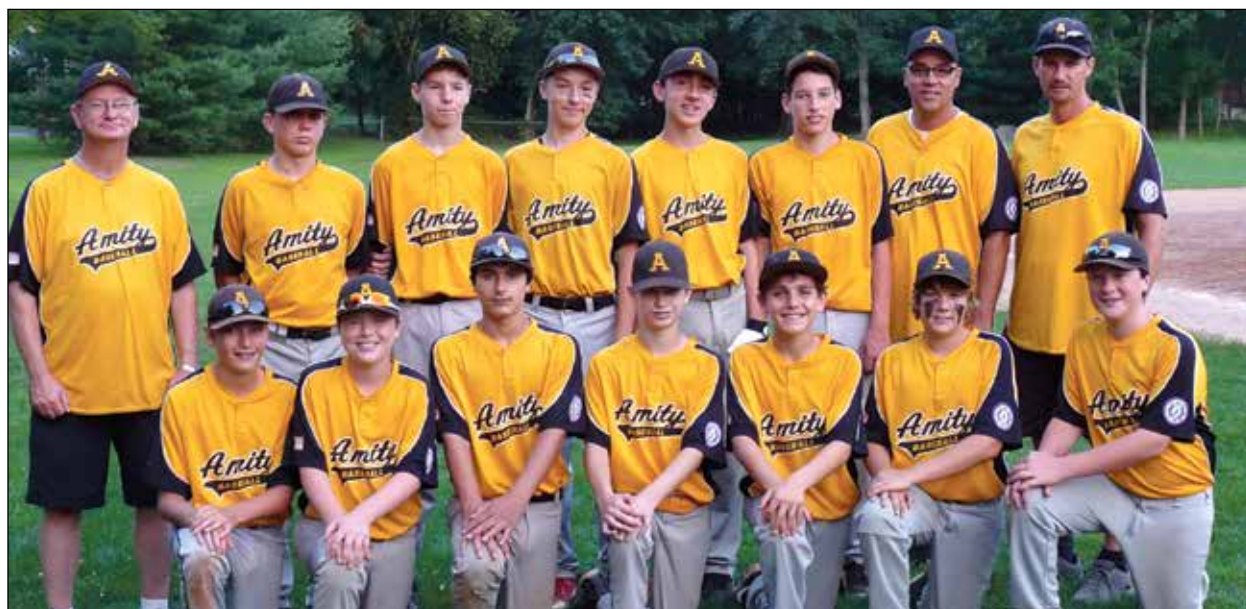
For KANG the opportunity was more than just a chance to teach a group of children to be better baseball players. He was learning to be a better coach as well.

"In China, there isn't such a history and no organization like there is here. Most people didn't have someone to show them how to play correctly," Kang said. He hopes that he'll be able to train others in China to be better coaches and improve the state of the sport in his homeland. As a practice neared its end, several Chinese students rushed toward Kang shouting "K, K!" He smiled and picked one up in a bear hug.

Neither Kang nor Ontiveros know if they would be able to return to Orange specifically to hold a future camp. They do however want to keep their options open.

"Maybe next time, you can bring some American students to China," Kang said.

Ontiveros smiled and said, "I'd be on board with that."



## Amity Takes Newtown In Summer Championship

The CT Babe Ruth 13 year old All-Star team won the summer league championship Sunday, Aug. 3, at Brinley Field in Orange over Newtown 3-2.

The game ended on an infield pop out in the Bermuda triangle between pitcher's mound, shortstop and third base caught by

Brendan Miller.

Amity BR 2014 FALL BALL Registration is now open to all players ages 12 to 18 who reside in Bethany, Woodbridge, and Orange.

For more information email us at amitybaberuth@gmail.com

Submitted Photo

CT Babe Ruth 13 Yr Old All Stars, Back left to right, Assistant Coach Bob Hill, Ben Runda, James Van Hise, Adam Leszczak, Billy McKeon, Joey Schittina, Assistant coach Pete Leszczak, Head Coach, Jeff Rotteck. Front left to right, Ryan Ford, Joey Eschweiler, Jared Smith, Brendan Miller, Sam Koorejean, Patrick Freeman, Brian Earley.



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## Birds Of Prey



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The Orange Land Trust has invited WINGMASTERS' Julie Collier to present another of her captivating *Birds of Prey* programs at the Orange Country Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20 and 21. This presentation, featuring live raptors, from the adorable Saw-whet Owl to the majestic Golden Eagle, centers around the birds found in our region of eastern North America. Pictured Above: Mystical and magnificent, appearing pale and ghost-like in flight, the Barn Owl is a large open-country owl at 17 inches. Don't be fooled by its' gentle look, see those talons gripping the gloved hand!

## Nighttime Bridge Maintenance Underway

Rep. Themis Klarides announced that the Connecticut Department of Transportation is performing a nighttime bridge maintenance project will be performed on Route 15, Northbound and Southbound in Orange.

The project consists of bridge maintenance to the Rte. 15 Bridge under Route 121 in Orange. This project is scheduled to occur from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until the morning of Friday, Sept. 12, 2014.

No work will be performed Monday, September 1, 2014. (Labor Day).

This project is included in the Department of Transportation's 2014 bridge maintenance program to support state forces with bridge repairs and is being performed by Hammonasset Construction.

### LANE CLOSURE INFO

Motorists can expect lane closures on Rte. 15 NB & SB between Exit 56 (Rt. 121) and Exit 57 (Rt. 34) in Orange.

Traffic control personnel and signing patterns will be utilized to guide motorists through the work zone. The regular work schedule for this project is from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. (Monday – Thursday). Motorists should be aware that modifications or extensions to this schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed when driving in this vicinity.

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formation on subjects of the investigation. "Based on my interpretation of the law, we are not in a position to release the documents without violating the statutes," Marino said. He noted the entire situation is unlike anything he's seen before and agreed that some items seemed like they should be publicly available. However, the wording of the laws protecting patient and investigative data seem to indicate that nothing related to the investigation can be released without opening the town to potential liability.

Attorney Jose Rojas represents Kamran Niazi, a West Haven man who claims he was hospitalized after eating a chicken pizza at the Orange restaurant.

Niazi's medical report constitutes the first confirmed use of "salmonella" in reporting on Oregano Joe's as Slugoski would not verify the reason for closing the restaurant. Rojas issued a subpoena for testimony and documents from Town Sanitarian Brian Slugoski to use in Niazi's civil case against the restaurant. Marino said it is possible the judge will order some items be made available while protecting others.

That would remove the town's responsibility from disclosure. A hearing is set for Sept. 8 to make that determination. In most cases, the denial stems from documents containing personal information related to employees at the restaurant, including names and medical information. This information is indeed protected under law. Previously, Slugoski had denied requests from The Orange Times to provide any information related to the closure, claiming everything related to the investigation was

protected.

At the time, the only information being sought was the number of reported cases and the nature of the closure. "On May 22, 2014, my office received two complaints from two town residents who claimed to have become ill after eating out at area restaurants, including Oregano Joes," Slugoski states in his affidavit supporting the quash order.

He goes on to note that Oregano Joe's was inspected on May 23. At that time, food samples were collected as well as stool samples from employees.

On May 30, according to the affidavit, Orange Director of Health Dr. Joseph Zelson issued a Notice of Violation and ordered Oregano Joe's closed. A Conditional Notice of Reopening was issued on May 31. However, a new notice of violation was posted on June 20. The subject notes for the notice state that the requested document "indicates test results and falsified employee stool samples."

Another notice of violation is noted on June 26. The subject line for one of the documents, from May 23, notes that it "Indicates information relative to outbreak (sic) of salmonella."

The documents listed in the quash order request are not available publicly and their contents are not included in the order. The list does however provide subject lines describing the content. The list also shows who the recipients of each item were. Joseph DeVellis, owner of Oregano Joe's, appears in the list often, as does Slugoski and Zelson. Members of the Department of Public Health also are named.

First Selectman James Zeoli's name first appears in relation to correspondence about the conditional reopening on May 31.

An Orange Police report notes that DeVellis requested an escort for entry into the restaurant on June 21 so he could turn off the automatic ovens.

While there, officers reported observing DeVellis leaving a message claiming the restaurant was closed due to a kitchen fire. Sometime later a sign was posted on the front door, claiming the restaurant was closed due

to mechanical issues. That sign was posted directly under the notice of closure from the Health Department.

DeVellis has not returned calls. While it is unknown at this time if the judge in Niazi's case against Oregano Joe's will allow the documents, the affidavit to prevent their appearance itself is available for public viewing on the state judicial website.

This story will be updated when more information is available.

## By Popular Demand



Photo By Joseph Cole  
First Selectman James Zeoli and Popular Demand owner Patrick Doll, along with Doll's wife Kaylee and son Jaxson celebrated the barbershop's grand opening with a Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon cutting ceremony. Doll comes from a line of talented barbers on his mother's side of the family.

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# News & Events

## Dietch Named Executive Director of B'Nai Jacob

Jody Barstein Dietch has been named the new Executive Director of Congregation B'nei Jacob in Woodbridge. Dietch was formerly the Synagogue Administrator for Congregation Or Shalom in Orange.

Dietch holds a BA in Journalism from Keene State College and an MS in Public Relations from American University. She began her career in marketing with Subway World Headquarters and later the Blimpie Sub chain. She also worked in Purchasing for Matlaw's Food Products, CCL Label, and Executive Landscaping before taking the position at Congregation Or Shalom in 2007.

"I look forward to the opportunity of being an Executive Director and getting to know the members of B'nei Jacob," Dietch said. She begins the position August 27.

Steven Fleischman, President of Congregation B'nei Jacob, said "After a nationwide search for an executive director, we are thrilled to have found the strongest candidate right in our backyard. We are excited to have Jody join the B'nei Jacob community."

As a resident of Orange, Dietch has been a member of the Orange Board of Education for 7 years. She is formerly President of Kids Count of Milford as well as a former PTA President at Race Brook School in Orange.

Dietch and her husband Jeff have two sons, Howie, a senior at Keene State College and Mike a junior at Amity Regional High School.

Dietch also is a regular columnist for *The Orange Times*.

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aspects dictate rules regarding the use of exercise as punishment or sweets as a reward. The vote also establishes that the schools will have a nutrition policy.

The more minutia-esque rules however were not passed. The board opted to suspend the optional sections until September so they can have another crack at refining them.

In some cases this is to address concerns about cafeteria offerings. In others it is to address issues with teacher's own choices for personal snacks and refreshments.

The nutrition guidelines also seek to create

a list of acceptable treat options for parents to bring to class celebrations. Cupcakes, potato chips and candy are all out and replaced with options like fruits, pretzels and other potentially healthier options, though there is concern that some of the alternatives might pack as much sugars as the things they are replacing- like frozen fruit bars in place of popsicles.

The Board of Education is expected to discuss and vote on the final details of the new nutrition guidelines at the Sept. 8 meeting.

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the gym floor, entirely redone, was itself a \$100,000 project paid out of the insurance claim funds.

Some projects at the school, such as the resealing of the roof and eventual parking lot paving are part of a larger \$8.5 million bond for improvements at all of Orange's schools. Those plans were in place prior to the burst pipes at Peck Place.

One of the bond projects includes the inclusion of univent heating and cooling systems in all of the schools. The units can be controlled from the central office where they can be programmed to help avoid running excessively. Teachers can perform temporary overrides for comfort during class hours.

Security improvements are also in place at all the schools. Teachers can now far more quickly secure their classrooms. Entryways have been designed with safety in mind.

While several of those changes were already planned and in the works, Luzzi said the closure of Peck Place allowed contractors to get an early start. Work at the other schools had to wait until the end of the school year.

Even with the extra time, work at Peck Place is coming down to the line. McMullin, Luzzi and First Selectman Jim Zeoli all agreed the school would be ready to open. They also all agree that there might be minor things that will have to be dealt with after-hours once the school year begins.

"But it isn't anything that would prevent us from opening," said McMullin. She noted the biggest item of concern was the installation of cabinets in the classrooms. They were being ordered from out-of-state and were one of the last things to come in. But teachers could hold classes without them, using storage boxes if necessary.

Zeoli said on Aug. 22 that they had just received word that the first shipment of cabi-

nets were on their way and that was a sigh of relief for many people following the project.

"Mike Luzzi has really been at his forte with this. We haven't seen eye to eye on everything but he always comes through. He's got all of his ducks in a row. I have no idea how he keeps on top of all of it, but he's very good at managing all of these projects across all of the schools," Zeoli said.

For his part part, Luzzi said none of the work at the schools, and especially Peck Place, would have been possible without Zeoli's support. He also wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Bond Committee and the Boards of Finance and Education. He also wanted to extend appreciation for the efforts of the Orange and West Haven Police and Fire Departments and Fire Marshals.

When it became apparent that students would not be able to return to school for the rest of the academic year, Yale University came forward and offered space at their West Campus which resides partially in Orange and largely in West Haven. The police and fire departments of both towns were instrumental, according to Luzzi, in making sure the space offered was adequately repurposed from offices to acceptable classrooms.

Carbone and McMullin both expressed thanks to Yale for playing host to the students.

Several contractors were brought in to get Peck Place back into a functional condition: AIG Abatement Industries, Ruotolo Plumbing, A.A.I. Flooring Specialist, Facility Support Services and Musco Engineering were all involved. The ordering, delivery and installation of the cabinets is being organized by Paragon.

According to all parties, Peck Place should be ready for the first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 2.

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