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The Carnival Came To Town



Left Photo By Lexi Crocco, Above Photo By Steve Cooper Friends and families took to the fields at the High Plains Community Center for the opening night of the Annual Orange Volunteer Firemen's Carnival, Thursday, July 31. The carnival serves as one of the primary fundraisers for the fire department. Orange is one of the few remaining towns serviced entirely by a volunteer department. See www.theorangetimes.com for more photos online.

Tree Wardens Question First Selectman's Claim

by Joseph Cole

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First Selectman James Zeoli doesn't think he needs to be a certified arborist in order to take over as Orange's Tree Warden. The Tree Warden's Association would beg to differ.

"There is no provision that I know of that exempts a town from having a qualified person," Dr. Robert Richard said in reply to an email query. He is a board member of the Tree Warden's Association, and his comments mirrored those of other board members who spoke with *The Orange Times*. "This person can be a tree warden or a dep-

uty tree warden. That person must be either a CT licensed arborist or have gone through and passed the Tree Warden School. In cases where the town CEO is the tree warden, some of them have one of these credentials, or they have appointed a deputy tree warden who has them or who will be getting them."

Zeoli said that the laws for tree wardens are new and under them a town's chief executive does not need to be certified as an arborist. At the time he was asked, Zeoli declined to offer any assistance on finding a statute that agrees with his assessment.

Multiple tree wardens from around the state however, all agreed that a town's tree warden, regardless of whether or not the position is being filled by the chief executive, must comply with certification guidelines.

The new regulations, added to the Connecticut General Statutes in 2013, reflect Richard's statement.

Zeoli is not certified nor has he given any indication that he is pursuing it.

The situation stems from the absence of Ed Vaughn, who was Orange's Tree Warden for years. Vaughn is not currently able to ful-

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Orange Cell Tower Hearing Held In Shelton

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Orange residents who made the trek to Shelton to voice their concerns about a proposed cell tower at 831 Milford Derby Road said they do not necessarily want the tower denied. They'd just like to see it moved a little closer to the property owner's house.

The proposed tower would service Verizon's data network, expanding 4G coverage in the area. It is not intended to increase cell reception as it is felt Verizon has

adequate coverage in theregion.

"I had my office call me, and the call came through and I could see that it was the office phone number. But I had a very hard time hearing what my secretary was trying to say," First Selectman James Zeoli told the crowd and Connecticut Siting Council members during the meeting. He said he made the call from driveway of the Bespu-da family, who own the farmland proposed for the Verizon tower.

Zeoli's anecdotal evidence diminished though when he noted he uses AT&T cellu-

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Town Pursues \$79K In Blight Fines From Frank Rogers

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Lifelong Orange resident Frank Rogers might owe the town of Orange a little bit of money. By the last official tally, the bill comes to roughly \$79,500; give or take a

couple weeks of additional fines.

"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

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News & Events

Gagne Commends Department On Granata Murder Response

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Despite the shocking crime on Wild Rose Drive on July 24, Orange Police Chief Robert Gagne is happy with how the entire emergency services partnership held together.

"I am really proud of them all, from the civilian dispatchers to the officers responding to the scene. This was a really difficult and trying situation and everyone remained calm and collected throughout," Gagne said.

There was blood on Timothy Granata's clothes when officers approached him in response to the emergency call on July 24. The 22-year-old allegedly admitted to officers that he killed his mother, Claudia Granata, at their shared home on Wild Rose Drive.

"He did admit to the killing when officers confronted him," Gagne said.

The State Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death as "blunt impact and sharp force injury of the head, torso and extremities" and ruled the death a homicide.

Orange officers recovered what they be-

lieve to be the weapons used in the murder but are not identifying them at this time.

The Orange Police Department received multiple emergency calls from occupants at the home and responded within minutes.

Orange police said they believe one of the calls come from Timothy himself.

Granata was arraigned in Derby Superior Court on July 25 where he did not enter a plea. He is held on a \$2 million bond and the case has been transferred to Part A Superior Court in Milford.

Gagne said when police found the mother's body, she was unquestionably the victim of an "obvious homicide."

Police said there were three children total living in the home.

"He (Timothy) did not struggle. He willingly succumbed to the arrest, very quickly," Gagne said.

The suspect was found unarmed when officers arrived at 2:18 p.m., minutes after receiving the call from family members that a homicide had just occurred.

"We're still trying to determine what led to this," Gagne said.

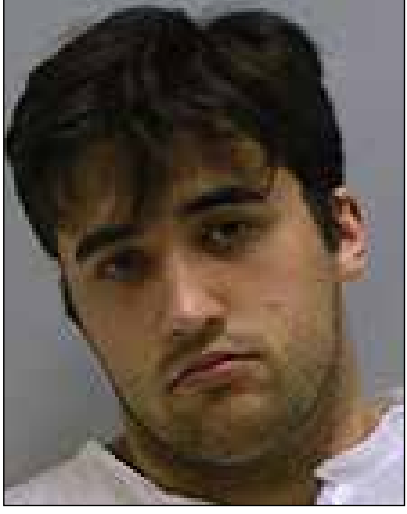


Photo by Orange PD

Timothy Granata was found with blood on his clothes, on July 24, when Orange Police officers responded to a call at 130 Wild Rose Drive.

Natural Instincts Likely Cause in Police Dog Death

by Joseph Cole

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Orange Police K-9 Major had great potential as the department's newest four-legged recruit. He was young, energetic and had a strong "prey drive" to chase down fleeing suspects.

And it is believed that drive is what likely led to his death on July 19.

"Ironically, the thing that made him such a great candidate as a police dog is the instinct that likely led to this accident," Police Chief Robert Gagne said.

Major joined the force on June 5. He became Officer Chris Brown's partner after they both went through the 15-week state training program together.

Brown was responding to a disabled vehicle on July 19 at the corner of Sodom Lane and Route 34. The vehicle was not on Rt. 34.

Major was left in the vehicle with the window down, standard procedure when the K-9 is not needed on the call. However, the dog is trained to exit through the window if required.

Gagne said nobody knows for certain why Major exited Brown's car. When the officer saw his four-legged partner at his side, he ordered him back to the car. Major started to comply. But en route something happened.

His ears perked and he looked out across Route 34, toward a farm with animals. Major headed that way. According to Gagne, Brown ordered him to stop, and Major obeyed and started to turn back.

But it was too late. Major was in a lane on the highway and an oncoming commercial truck couldn't swerve or stop in time to avoid the inevitable.

Major died on impact with the truck's rear tire as the driver tried to avoid the police dog.

"Our entire Department is deeply saddened by this sudden and tragic accident. Officer Brown and K-9 Major made a great team and we are all concentrating on giving Chris our full support at this difficult time," Gagne



Photos by Orange PD
Instincts may be to blame for the untimely death of an Orange Police K-9.

said.

The truck driver stopped instantly and no charges were filed in the accident.

Major was less than two years old and was a graduate of the Connecticut State Police 166th Patrol Dog Class on June 5, 2014.

Major and Brown completed a 15-week course covering tracking, evidence recovery and apprehension. Brown's primary assignment will be the evening shift.

Major was purchased with the help of an American Kennel Club matching grant from Connecticut K-9 Services of Bethany.

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Oregano Joe's Re-Opens, Owner & Town Silent

by Joseph Cole

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Oregano Joe's is back in business as of July 28. However there is still no official word on what closed the restaurant. "They have re-opened and they have met all of our requirements," Town Sanitarian Brian Slugoski said. "It was a long and arduous process."

But what the process was arduously correcting, remains a mystery.

Slugoski previously denied a Freedom of Information Act request made for information pertaining to why the Health Department closed the restaurant on June 20. A police report obtained by *The Orange Times* mentions multiple cases of salmonella but the Health Department has so far refused to give any insight and will not confirm what the potential pathogen or other issue was.

Owner Joe Devellis reportedly told Orange Police Officers it was not the public's business why the restaurant was closed according to the report.

He later posted a sign under the Health Department closure notice claiming they were closed due to mechanical repairs.

Devellis would not return calls, including an attempt to reach him at the reopened store.

The Orange Times has begun the process of filing a formal complaint with FOI Commission against the Health Department to release information relating to the initial closure. This complaint was filed after a member of the commission and their attorney reviewed our request for information and the subsequent denial letter.

More information will be posted as it is available.

'Over' & Above The Call of Duty



Photo By Lexi Crocco

Usman Seyd shakes hands with Orange Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Knight, while Don Foyer looks on. Seyd owns and operates Overstock Warehouse and to show his appreciation for the OVFD, decided to donate 5 percent of his sales over the last couple of weeks to the department. So far, he's raised more than \$800 but expects to add more to the total over the weekend.

Veo Vision Opens in Orange

Announcing the opening of 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 Indi-

an River Road in Orange, directly behind the Christmas Tree Shop plaza.

Staff members include optometrist Dr. Rocío Alicea, optician manager Weverton Depaula, optician apprentice Stephanie Molina, and practice manager Ralph Mirto.

After graduating from the Inter-American University of Puerto

Rico School of Optometry where she became board certified in the treatment and management of ocular diseases, Dr. Alicea completed her internship at various clinics across the U.S. and began practicing in Bridgeport in 2011.

Licensed optician Weverton Depaula graduated from the ophthalmic design and dispensing

program at Middlesex Community College in 2009 and has worked in several medical practices in Connecticut for the past 5 years. Optician apprentice Stephanie Molina has worked in the eyecare field for over 14 years in several area medical practices. Practice manager Ralph Mirto graduated from Bentley College with a degree in

Marketing Management and has an extensive background in project and personnel management in the healthcare products industry.

The team at Veo Vision Center recognizes that every patient has different needs, and is committed to providing patients with the personalized care that they deserve and expect.

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fill his duties as tree warden and it is not expected that he will return to the position.

Zeoli, who runs his family farm when not managing the town's affairs, is positive that he does not need to be certified to step in and take over the tree warden's duties.

The lack of certification is of particular concern for residents who's trees are being pruned by the United Illuminating Company (UI).

David Goodson, UI's manager of vegetation, said part of the process for pruning trees is to receive a permit from the town's

tree warden. He then reviews the areas of growth that might require cutting and a contract crew is then assigned.

Lewis Tree Service is the company contracted to do the cutting in Orange. Under statutes they are required to have one arborist for every ten employees on a crew cutting trees. However according to Goodson there are some exemptions for utility maintenance.

Residents have complained about the condition of their trees following cutting. Some feel too much was taken and their trees are now vulnerable to insects and dis-

ease.

Goodson said they notify residents at least 10 days in advance of any cutting. If the resident objects or otherwise disagrees they can appeal to the town's tree warden to review the situation and render an opinion.

That responsibility would now fall on Zeoli.

Some residents want to know when their streets are scheduled for trimming. A list of streets was released to the town noting which ones were slated for each year over the next eight years.

However there is no breakdown

of streets by anything more succinct. No mention of days, weeks or even months when a particular street's trees would be trimmed.

Goodson said it isn't possible to give more exact dates for the most part, because too many factors can affect when the a crew makes it to a particular neighborhood. They can't tell a neighborhood they will arrive until they begin that 10 day notification process.

If a tree dies as a result of cutting by the utility company, there is a process to petition the company for tree removal. When a tree is taken down, the utility must cut as close

to the ground as possible but is not required to remove the stump.

UI officials said they would be happy to have community meetings to discuss the process.

Sen. Gayle Slossberg has expressed interest in helping coordinate those efforts

For the time being, Orange will have to get by without a dedicated tree warden. If Zeoli maintains the role for more than a year without getting certified or appointing a deputy, the Tree Wardens Association believes he would be in violation of state statutes.

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lar service and not Verizon. While the tower can hold antennae for an additional three carriers, there are no plans for that at this time. In fact, representatives for Verizon told the council earlier in the day that they had reached out to the other carriers in the region and there was no interest from them in sharing the tower.

Zeoli was the final member of the public to speak at the Connecticut Siting Council meeting, where

residents had an opportunity to voice their thoughts and concerns about the proposed tower. The other nine speakers were all Rainbow Trail residents who abut the farmland the tower is proposed for.

A particular sticking point for several of the Rainbow Trail residents is that their homes, with values up to \$1 million, sit on property originally bought from the Bospudas. They said they feel it is horribly unfair for the Bospuda

family to sell them property and then after they build their homes, diminish their values by contracting for this tower.

If approved, the tower at 831 Milfred Derby Road would be the first cell tower in Orange not located on town-owned property. The Bospuda family would make a profit on allowing Verizon to operate the tower, which Zeoli estimated at \$30,000.

Many were displeased to learn

that the Siting Council scheduled the meeting for Shelton instead of Orange.

"I personally called the First Selectman's office, and I was told that they could not accommodate the time and date we asked for," Siting Council Staff Attorney Melanie Bachman said.

Zeoli said his office did not get the call and would have worked to find the Siting Council space in Orange for the meeting. Furthermore,

Sen. Gale Slossberg sent the council a letter in June, requesting they reconsider the Shelton location.

She, along with other legislators, has also requested the Siting Council consider other locations.

A follow up meeting will be scheduled at the council's New Britain offices. Residents who would like to voice their concerns can call or submit letters to the council.

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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, are exactly at the heart of the issue.

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.

Shortly thereafter, the cars and some debris at the third property were removed, according to Orange Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Dinice.

Rogers has since been facing hearings with some negotiations regarding the fines. At the time of writing no arrangements had

been agreed to but a hearing was scheduled between deadline and publication. The story will be updated online if new information becomes available.

The Orange Times was unable to reach Roger's attorney at his office.

Opinion & Editorial

Capitol View

“Sharing the Burden of Technology”



STATE SEN. GAYLE SLOSSBERG

There's been much discussion about proposals for various new cell towers, most recently the proposal for a tower at 831 Derby Milford Road in Orange and how the Connecticut Siting Council has handled community input. I believe our current one-size-fits-all approach to cell tower approval leaves many without a say.

Neighbors have voiced concern about the proposed location, whether it's needed and if that's the best location. Additionally, the proposed tower is not the only proposal for Orange; there may be as many as five others being considered. While there may be a need for more cell towers -- and we must all share that burden -- one community shouldn't bear the burden alone.

Siting high-tech equipment must be shared between telecommunication companies, municipalities and community members. Companies must work with one another to reduce the need for so many towers (there's no need for a Verizon tower if an AT&T tower is one block away.) Ideally, cell towers should be placed on public property where it's appropriate. Otherwise, we'll wake up one day to a cell tower in every other yard, destroying the beauty of our town and pitting neighbor against neighbor.

We must review how the Siting Council approves applications for cell towers. It's disappointing that our own public hearing for the proposed tower in Orange was held in Shelton despite my request to have it in Orange. That left many voices unheard and questions unanswered.

Moving forward, I believe when all stakeholders are at the table and the community is considered, a common-sense solution for everyone can be achieved. I look forward to continuing to work with Orange residents to address this situation and, as always, I welcome your thoughts on matters of concern to you.

Helpful Summer Safety Tips



STATE REP. THEMIS KLARIDES

With the hot summer months upon us, and in light of recent high profile tragedies, I want to take a moment to offer some helpful summer safety tips.

As temperatures rise we continue to hear of heat-related auto deaths involving children and pets. As a reminder, you can be charged with a felony for leaving a child unsupervised in a motor vehicle, and it only takes a matter of minutes before temperatures can rise into the triple digits. Authorities

also recommend that caregivers keep children from playing in unlocked vehicles or trunks, especially in hot weather.

When it comes to summer grilling, remember to never grill indoors, and to keep grills out in the open and away from your house, your deck, tree branches, tents or anything that can catch fire. Always supervise your grill when it is in use, and never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

If you are headed to the beach, keep informed about local weather conditions and always swim sober and with a buddy. If you are caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until out of the current and can swim toward the shore. Be aware of permanent rip currents that often occur within 100 feet of jetties, piers and other structures.

During hot weather watch for signs of heat stroke, including hot and red skin, labored or shallow breathing, changes in consciousness and rapid or weak pulse. Check in on the elderly and folks with disabilities -- particularly if they live alone and do not have air conditioning. If someone is suffering from heat stroke, call 9-1-1, keep them laying down, cool the body by applying wet towels, mist them with cool water and fan them.

If you are building a campfire, please do so away from dry grass and leaves, and in an area where it will not spread. Never leave campfires unattended and keep plenty of water and a shovel nearby to douse the fire when you are done.

Please take precautions to keep you, your family and your pets safe this summer.

If you would like to discuss any issues related to state government, please contact me at 860-240-8700 or themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov.

Seniors Well Represented Last Session



STATE REP. JAMES MARONEY

One of the reasons I decided to run for office was to make sure the most vulnerable are well represented in Hartford, including our state's seniors. Seniors, more often than not, live on fixed incomes that are sensitive to fluctuations in the economy.

I am very pleased that my colleagues also support the same priorities as was evident in our work last session.

Our state's seniors have supported the economy, municipal budgets and state and local services through their hard work and tax contributions throughout the years. It is only fitting that we as elected officials do our part to acknowledge our appreciation and support them in any way possible.

One program we had in place for seniors was the Renter's Rebate Program that had gone unfunded for over a year due the struggling economy.

Last session, we worked hard to find a way to fund the program and were able to include it in the budget, allowing an additional 12,700 seniors to receive a renter's rebate.

The reimbursement program is for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Eligibility includes room, cooperative housing or mobile home renters. Rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons.

It is now up to those that may be eligible to apply and make sure they participate and confirm the program works and is helpful. That is why we are trying to reach out to as many people as possible so they are aware the Renter's Rebate Program is back on line and operational.

I urge all seniors who have applied in the past, and those that never have, to apply for this well-deserved program. Please feel free to call the program hotline at 860-418-6377. If you are prompted to leave a message, please speak slowly and clearly, stating your name and phone number and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

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From Where I Sit:

July's Short, Sweet Meetings

I heard it from the more experienced Selectmen that July's meeting is likely to be short and sweet. Short it was, but it was followed by a special meeting the next day to take up school roofing contracts right after the Bond Review Committee made its recommendations.

The July meeting was attended by only four selectmen, a bare quorum. In the "public participation" section there was one commenter, Selectwoman Judy Williams, who noted that the Orange Volunteer Fire Association is running way behind on its raffle sales, due to a new (and dumb) prohibition on mailing raffle books. Community service organizations like the Orange Volunteer Fire Association not only need public support through such fundraising, they provide essential public services. Folks, please stop by Town Hall or the Fire Station and buy raffle tickets. You may be a big winner!



SELECTMAN KEN LENZ

Police Chief Gagnon presented a revised contract for a replacement heating and air-conditioning system for the police station, which he and the Department's engineering consultants had revised with the successful low bidder to further reduce the cost to \$411,000,

which was approved.

It's great to see a Town Department head working hard to keep costs in check, which will translate over time to taxes being kept in check. It sets a good example for other Department Heads to show their ingenuity so more can be done with less.

The Selectmen were informed that the High Plains renovation project of the south wing will be delayed, due to an unpleasant surprise—we found the air conditioning ducts did not extend as far as had been thought, so modified designs (at greater expense) needs to be prepared before contracts can be put out to bid.

The First Selectman announced that \$8 million in Town Bonds had just been sold at a good rate as was expected. We approved a waiver of medical coverage for a town employee, and approved around \$5,800 of tax refunds. The Selectmen also approved a request for the Rotary Club to have its August Lobster Bake event sign hung across Orange Center Road right after the Firemen's Carnival is finished.

We then went into executive session to review all the Town's active litigation. My conclusion is we're in good shape there.

The following night the Selectmen met again, jointly with the Bond Review Committee, so that we could immediately act on the Bond Committee's recommendation to approve the Racebrook and Turkey Hill Schools' roofing repair contracts. Peck Place's roof repairs are already underway, about half done. We approved the basic low bids. Cumulatively, all the approved contracts to date have come in around \$500,000 under the \$6 million budgeted for the work, but

more contracts are yet to be approved before we can claim that the work came in below our estimated amounts. That's how I see it from where I sit.

Recycling Tips



Did you know that many items can go into your recycling bin, without having to sort? Just toss these items in the bin! GLASS: jars and bottles. PLASTIC: containers labeled #1-#7, toys, buckets, other large items. PAPER: white/colored, newspaper, books, junk mail, magazines, phone books. CARDBOARD: corrugated, boxes (pasta, cereal, etc.), milk and juice cartons. METAL: steel and tin cans, aluminum trays, foil, pans. See list of all recyclable items: bit.ly/OrangeRecycling

News & Events

Voo Do:

Volunteers of Orange Do

Volunteering Means Engaging Others

Sometimes volunteering just happens and before you know it, you are the person people call on. For Maria Apicella Sandillo, her volunteering really started as a student at the Amity Junior High School. As a member of the student council, Maria didn't really think of it as volunteering but that is where her community involvement began. She went on to be the Treasurer of her class at Amity High School and for her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon, at Syracuse University.



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"For me, these were good outlets to meet people. Today we call it networking," Maria said with a laugh.

As a parent, Maria became involved with her daughter's Brownie troop while living in West Haven. "I never wanted to be in charge. I would rather delegate," she said. The ability to delegate was born out of a comment from another parent about wanting to help in their child's preschool class. Maria said she realized you need to delegate to keep people engaged.

Maria moved back to Orange in 2002. Later, her daughter, Amy, started at Amity High School and became involved with the new theater program. "Mr. Kennedy contacted me and asked me to head the parents group. It was important to me to delegate. You have to give jobs out and make people feel important or they won't be engaged and they won't stay with the organization," Maria said. The parents group has grown into a major factor in the success of the Amity

Theater program.

As Amy was nearing graduation, Maria said she was looking for other things to do. That is when she received a call from the Orange Chamber of Commerce. She joined the Chamber board in 2010. Maria said she likes being involved with the chamber because "it is in my community and I get to know other business leaders." Three years ago, Maria joined the Orange Lions Club. Her friend and former Lions President Ron Ruotolo got her involved. "I really

enjoy the Lions. We do a lot in Orange including the Thanksgiving dinner for seniors, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Memorial Day Parade and we fundraise to support the Fidelco Guide Dogs, Wounded Warriors and for Necessity Bags which are given to women when they leave the hospital after breast cancer surgery. In Orange, we offer community grants and have given money to the Girl Scouts, library, Fire Department and the Historical Society. This year I co-chaired the Lions Annual Wine Tasting event," she explained, adding that the Lions Club is working on an eye screening program to do eye health screening in town.

This year, Maria is the First Vice President of the Lions Club. She will become the President in June of next year. In addition, Maria is the secretary of the Connecticut Association of Public Adjusters.

As a testament to her volunteerism and community involvement, Maria was recently awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship



Award from the Orange Rotary. According to the Rotary website "The Paul Harris Fellowship recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassa-

dorial Scholarships."

But for Maria, volunteering is about making people feel part of the organization. "If you can get people to feel important then they will be involved. You can't be a control freak and do everything yourself. You need to make people feel part of it."

Jody Dietch is the Synagogue Administrator at Congregation Or Shalom and serves as Vice Chair on the Orange Board of Education.

First Selectman Announces AAA Rating

James Zeoli, the First Selectman of the Town of Orange, announced that Standard & Poor's upgraded the long-term credit rating of the Town of Orange to AAA. Zeoli stated via press release, "our stable tax rate, consistent growth in our tax base, coupled with our superior school system has strengthened the Town's financial position. Since I was first elected in 2005, I have worked to make this upgrade a reality."

"This upgrade shows that our fiscal policies are working. We have been following a philosophy of 'doing more with less' since 2005 and achieving this highest possible upgrade is the outcome," Zeoli said.

"In 2011, Orange was upgraded to AA+. I am happy to report that the finances of Orange continue to be stable and our town continues to grow," Zeoli stated. "This independent assessment by the financial rating agencies is proof positive that our financial position is stronger today than ever before," Zeoli said.

Zeoli gave credit for this upgrade to his team, which include Town Finance Director Al Chiarenzelli.

"We have developed a formal Debt Management Policy for submission to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance this fall, and Selectman Ralph Okenquist and his team are refining the rolling five year Capital Acquisition Plan, also for review and approval later this fall" Zeoli said.

Chiarenzelli stated, "I re-joined the Zeoli administrative team in 2006 following my retirement from the Trumbull Board of Education", Chiarenzelli said. "At that time

the Town's rating was a respectable AA-2, which is a reasonable rating. However, a AAA rating speaks to a very well-run and coordinated administrative/finance team and brings with it significantly improved interest rates, and an indication of the most credit-worthy investment. Jim Zeoli and I began the pursuit of this goal by refining the roles of the Finance Department staff, and replacing vacant positions with the most competent candidates we could find. Additionally, Zeoli is a hands-on chief administrator, who has taken the leadership role in human resources, contract negotiations and commercial development."

Zeoli also credited the Board of Finance, stating, "our Board of Finance does an outstanding job for our town." Board of Finance chairman, Kevin Houlihan stated, "I am proud to have worked with Jim Zeoli to make this upgrade a reality."

"The ability to accomplish this upgrade in these times speaks to Jim Zeoli's leadership and management style. Over the past two elections, I have told people that they need to support Jim Zeoli when he runs for office because I knew Jim Zeoli appointed the right people in the key positions needed to keep moving Orange forward." Houlihan said.

Nancy Nastri, the Orange Republican Town Chairman, stated, "this result underscores Jim's slogan of 'Proven, Straightforward Leadership'." "Jim Zeoli doesn't always seek out accolades for all that he does for our Town, but he deserves congratulations for this. Every Orange resident needs to know that this will save us all money."



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Arts & Entertainment

ARTS MATTERS

by Patricia Miller

JAMIE A. HULLEY ARTS FOUNDATION presents the 12th annual gala benefit, An Evening for the Arts, at the Regina Quick Center, Fairfield University (1073 Benson Road, Fairfield) on Saturday, Sept. 6.

This year's featured entertainment will be Dr. K.'s Motown Revue. The auction preview and reception will begin at 6 p.m. The performance will be at 7 p.m., with the live auction following.

Tickets are \$40 for advance sales and \$45 at the door. Checks may be sent to Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, P.O. Box 1208, Orange, Ct 06477. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, and all proceeds are used for scholarships and educational programs.

The Foundation has donated thousands of dollars to area groups, including the Orange, Bethany and Amity Schools, The Orange Players, The Orange Arts and Culture Council, The Amity Teen Center and many more.

For more information, call 203-891-8869 or e-mail jamiart@snet.net

HULLEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS, Amity students Jeremy Wolin and Shaylen Harger, are off to college in September.

Jeremy, a talented artist whose favorite medium is sculpture, will study in a dual program at Brown University and Rhode Island School of Design.

Shaylen, whose portrayal of Nina Rosario in Amity's "In the Heights" earned her a nomination for a Connecticut High School Musical Theater Award as Best Actress, will study Musical Theater at Western Connecticut State University.

OACC announced that William Boughton, New Haven Symphony Artistic Director and Conductor, will address the OACC's General Meeting to be held on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Case Memorial Library.

Maestro Boughton is an engaging and entertaining speaker, with a deep understanding, knowledge and feeling for music.

He will give an overview of the upcoming NHSO Season and will take questions following the formal presentation.

The Orange Arts and Culture Council, in cooperation with area businesses, has been sponsoring free bus transportation to the NHSO concerts in New Haven since the spring of 2012. In order to continue this service for the entire season, the OACC needs support from businesses, civic groups and/or individuals. To contribute, please call 203-397-8915. OACC feels that this service is part of its mission to sustain and to promote the arts in our region.

ELM CITY SHAKESPEARE presents "Pericles, Prince of Tyre"

on Fridays and Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 14 to 17; Tuesday-Saturday August 19 to 24 New Haven/Hamden border)

Admission is free. There is open seating-bring lawn chairs or blanket.

Blanket only seating is in area closest to the stage.

There is a concession stand for soft drinks and light refreshments or you can bring a picnic or order one delivered to you by the Smoke Box.

James Andreassi, Artistic Director of the Elm City Shakespeare Company and the director of this production, was attracted to "Pericles," although previously unfamiliar with this work. This is the play most performed during Shakespeare's lifetime, but rarely performed in modern times.

The title character is not the one known as the father of Athenian democracy, a predecessor of modern democracy, as one might surmise. The director has reimagined the story in the Caribbean, and actor Paul Pryce, a Tobago and Trinidad native, plays Pericles. In Andreassi's version, Pericles becomes a black Caribbean prince living in the mid 18th century that is dangerous to him, half a century before the enormous cultural upheavals that fueled the American, French and Haitian Revolutions.

SHORELINE ARTS ALLIANCE presents "King Lear" in this summer's Shakespeare on the Shore program Wednesday, Aug. 6 - through Saturday, Aug. 9 (rain date Sunday, Aug. 10) at 7:30 p.m. on the Guilford Green.

This "Lear" is the work of the Waterbury-based company, Shakesperience. These free, outdoor summertime performances have become part of the region's most popular entertainments. "Lear," Shakespeare's peerless tragedy, is one of his best-known efforts, but curiously, again not one of the most performed.

But this year, there are 6 major productions of the work worldwide, with three opening in New York, starring actors Michael Pennington Frank Langella, and John Lithgow in the title role in those productions.

Perhaps our current world is more in tune with the themes of "Lear. This the ultimate family drama matched with intense political intrigue. A storm of violent emotion follows Lear's intent to divide his kingdom between his three daughters.

The play chronicles the descent into madness and loss-- and what some have characterized "aging without wisdom." But from the ashes—does humanity surface? Dr. David Brown, who plays Lear in the Guilford production, has been blind since birth—adding additional challenge to playing such a demanding role. Pre and Post

show talks will be held with cast members and the Artistic Director, Emily Mattina. The Pre-show talk begins at 6:30. Post show talks are held directly after the performance.

American Sign Language interpreters will be signing the Wednesday evening performance, and assisted listening devices will be available at all performances So, bring a blanket, or a chair—and come to the Guilford Green!

THE VALLEY ART COUNCIL has issued a call for artists and photographers to participate in Delicious II, their second annual food themed art exhibit. Food or any-



Submitted Photo

Dr. K.'s Motown Revue will be the featured entertainment at the 12th Annual An Evening for the Arts, presented by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, Sept. 6.

thing to do with food—eating, dining, food service, food gardening -- can be the inspiration. VAC President, Richard Di Carlo says that the previous such exhibit was very successful and encourages entrants to "Have fun with the theme—anything goes about food!"

Entry fees are VAC Members - \$20.00 for first entry, \$10.00 for second entry, Non-Members-\$35.00 for first entry, \$10.00 for second entry. (There is a two - entry limit). Artwork will be received at The Gallery (37 Elizabeth Street, Derby), on Thursday, September 19th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 20 from 3 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 21st from 3 - 8 p.m. First and Second Prizes, as well as a People's Choice Prize, will be awarded. There will be a Public Reception at Marco's Pizzeria Restaurant (656 New Haven Avenue, Derby) on Thursday, Sept. 25. For entry form and/or more information, go to www.valleyartscouncil.org.

ORANGE COMMUNITY SERVICES announces a concert at the Orange Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. The band will be the Whiskey Boys, whose name comes from the chief protesters of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1791. They play modern Blue Grass and Americana music, but have also been influenced by Irish, Old Time, Country and Folk music.

TOWN OF ORANGE announces a concert to be held on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Orange Fairgrounds. The Canadian band, Dreamers will perform,

playing songs that are familiar to many—"Dreamer", "The Logical Song," "Goodbye, Stranger," among others.

NEW HAVEN JAZZ FESTIVAL, presented by Jazz Haven, is on Saturday, August 16th, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on the new Haven Green. The event is free and open to the public.

The performances scheduled are The High School in the Community Jazz Band at 4:40 p.m.; the Mike DiRubbo Quintet at 5:30 p.m.; Ali Bello and The Sweet Wire Band at 6:45 p.m.; Nat Reeves Quartet, featuring Harold Mabern at 8:00 p.m. In addition, Jazz Haven will also present more than two dozen performances in restaurants, bars and other New Haven venues between August 16th and 14th. Visit jazzhaven.org for more information.

TWILIGHT TUESDAYS CONCERTS final concert of the series at Neighborhood Music School/Park of the Arts (100 Audubon Street, New Haven) takes place on

Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. It will feature Roosevelt Dime, the band inspired in equal parts by Appalachian string bands, Memphis and New Orleans soul, West Coast alt-country, and the musical melting pot of their hometown, Brooklyn. They have forged a sound they call "Steamboat Soul." This concert, as well as others in the series, benefits the Neighborhood Music School faculty fund. For tickets, call 203-624-5189 x17 or neighborhoodmusicschool.org

THE CLARK (223 South Street, Williamstown, MA) has been renovated and its expanded campus creates an unforgettable setting for exceptional art.

The new Clark Center was designed by Tadao Ando; the renovated Museum Building was reconceived by Selidorf Architects; and a sweeping landscaped design was created by Reed Hildebrand—a transformation of the 140-acre site.

An exhibition, "Make it New: Abstract Paintings from the National Gallery of Art 1950-1975," features the work of artists such as Jackson Pollack, Rothko, and Simon Hantal, examining the different ways abstract postwar painters experimented with color, geometry and materials to break open boundaries of traditional painting.

Also on view are "Cast for Eternity: Ancient Ritual Bronzes from the Shanghai Museum," and "Raw Color: The Circles of David Smith." For more information, call 413-458-2303 or go to clarkart.edu

YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY has scrapped its paid

membership program in favor of a free membership program open to everyone. The free membership involves the same perks as the former paid membership. Members get invitations to gallery exhibitions and openings, a subscription to the gallery's magazine, a 20 per cent discount on books and merchandise in the bookstore and reduced parking. The free membership, according to museum sources, is modeled in part on libraries and public radio stations. In a library, patrons receive a free membership card and might be called on to make a donation during the year; similarly, anyone can listen to public radio, and listeners have the option to donate when the fund dries occur.

Yale University Art Gallery is one of the only museums in the country offering free memberships. (Admission to the museum remains free, as it has been for decades). To become a member, you can sign up at the gallery's information desk or go to <http://artgallery.yale.edu/join-and-support/freemembership>.

THE WILLIAM BENTON MUSEUM, located at the heart of the University of Connecticut campus (245 Glenbrook Road, Storrs) is open all summer and has two exciting exhibitions that showcase the art of live performances in two very different ways "Stagecraft: 50 Years of Design at Hartford Stage" and "Ronnie Wood: Art and Music."

Ronnie Wood, the Rolling Stones guitarist, is an accomplished artist who attended the Ealing Art College in England before his Stones association and success. He owns a gallery of his own in London and has exhibited his work around the world.

The majority of the pieces at the Benton are focused on the Stones in action as well as portraits of band members in various media—paint, pen and ink, sketches, etc. "Stagecraft" explores art before an audience from a different perspective.

Part of Hartford Stage's 50th anniversary celebration, the exhibition showcases the costumes and scenic elements that help set the mood for many of the company's long list of exceptional productions. Some of these include "The Tempest", "Twelfth Night" and "The Christmas Carol."

DINO DAY is on Saturday, August 16th at Dinosaur Park (400 West Street, Rocky Hill); a celebration of the 1966 unearthing of more than 2000 dinosaur tracks, 500 of which are now the centerpiece of the park.

Enjoy dino-related arts and crafts and games, plus face painting, live animal shows, food, entertainment and more. For more information call 860- 529-8423 or go to dinosaurstatepark.org.

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The Color Orange:

The Benefits and Lessons Of Nature

Dear Everybody,
I just created a clear space among the trees on our property and while sitting there, on an old car seat, I use as a bench, I went into a trance, lost track of time and almost missed an interview.
So I wanted to discuss the benefits of and lessons to be learned from nature.

First, from the health perspective: Studies show that if your hospital room contains a picture or painting of an outdoor scene you will heal faster and have less pain than a patient whose room contains an abstract painting. The same is true if your hospital room's window faces a brick wall versus a view of the countryside. And if you live in a high rise apartment building in New York you will experience a more stressful life living on the lower floors with no view versus the higher floors or a penthouse apartment and it ain't about your income but about the healing effects of nature.

A friend of mine, Yosaf August, my co-author on the book Help Me To Heal, created Bedscapes. It is a beautiful outdoor scene which patients can hang up around their bed by using the hooks which hold the curtains they use for privacy. I have one at home and people see it when I Skype them and always comment on it and how it makes them feel.

Now consider who decided what color various things are? Why is the sky blue and why are leaves green and the sun yellow?



**BERNIE
SIEGEL, M.D.**

I don't think creation is an accident. It is more than an accident could create. Loving, intelligent, conscious, energy did a nice job and to avoid it being meaningless left room for it to be an on-going process we can join in on.

The sky is blue, a healthy color, where the Heavens reside. The energy of the sun is seen as yellow rays coming down to the earth so mix the two and we get the green which represents healthy growth both physically and psychologically. I see the meaning in all the colors of the rainbow as well as black and white in people's dreams and drawings. For example the spiritual color purple is again composed of the colors blue and red. The celestial and the emotional combined and orange, a color representing change is made of the red and yellow, passion and energy.

Now you get the feeling about why it must have been hard for God to put Adam and Eve out of the garden. On one of my celestial visits I got a chance to talk to Adam about it and he told me what really happened. He said that God called him in to discuss what Eve and he had done. God said he felt Eve was responsible and the one whose actions were not of a divine nature. So he was going to put her out of the Garden but he was offering Adam a chance to stay since he was a victim of her actions and that he could stay and keep learning and maybe not get involved with a blond again.

I was quite impressed with how Adam

answered God and learned a lot about true love from him. When God was done Adam said his response was, "I would rather be out of the garden with her than within it without her. Wheresoever Eve is; Eden is." That's carved on their head stone. I told Adam I was going to put on ours; If I had to do it all over again I would do it with you and You're the best thing that ever happened to me.

So next time you have a problem go out into nature and ask nature to show you what to do. Then watch and listen and you will learn from water about overcoming obstructions and not complaining but making relaxing sounds as the ocean does when it hits the shore. You will see a tree growing around barbed wire, just taking it in and more. I know because I keep learning from the plants and animals who are complete and wonderful role models. So pick a role model and have regular therapy sessions with nature.

*Peace, Love & Healing,
Bernie Siegel, MD*

We currently have a mind, heart & health matters support group for those in need and for caregivers who need support 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 Rancia-to lrancia2@yahoo.com 203 288 2839; or myself bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net for details.

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A Vacation State Of Mind

Now that summer is here, many are thinking about their vacation. Some of us think a vacation is a luxury and cannot take off from work because there is too much work to do and by taking vacation, we will just fall further behind. Well, vacation is not only fun, it promotes health, happiness and increases productivity. Time off from work increases health physically, mentally and emotionally. When away from the job, stress is reduced and it is as though you are recharging your batteries. Studies show that workers return to work with a renewed sense of creativity and become more productive for up to 6 weeks after vacation. Reports also show that sleep is improved, physical complaints are reduced and there is an overall mood improvement. Employers who are smart would realize that happy workers are better workers. The result is less sick time and more loyal employees.

What if you can't, or won't take a "real" vacation? The good news is that you can get the same benefits of a real vacation using the power of your mind. Every thought you have creates a physical response in your body. When you just think about or imagine a vacation, your body responds as though you are really there. Try it and find out for yourself.

Here are some tips to go on a virtual vacation in your mind. Set aside some private, quiet time, even if only 5 minutes.

- Close your eyes and take 3 long slow deep breaths while thinking of a special place that you can go for relaxation. It can be a real place or a place you can imagine.

- Use all of your senses to enhance your experience. For example notice the sounds that might be there, the smells, and recall the way you feel at that place. Stay in this place in your mind for several minutes



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- If you are at work, during your break connect with nature. Go to a window and just focus on the sky, a tree or another part of nature. Again, use a variety of senses to enhance the experience. Observe as many details as possible and focus on nothing else for these few minutes.

possible and focus on nothing else for these few minutes.

- Take extra walks outside whenever possible. Water, a pond, lake or ocean, increases the benefits significantly. Be mindful of your experience.

- Throughout the day take several long slow deep breaths while focusing on the breath going in and out. Deep breathing releases stress and you feel better physically and emotionally.

Mindfulness works like hypnosis to change the way you feel by changing what you think about. There are many ways to enjoy a "staycation" where you plan activities near home. Vacation doesn't have to be expensive or far away. The bottom line is that you need to take time out of your busy schedule to relax and put your work out of your mind. The results will lower your stress, enhance your relationships, improve your health, as well as make you feel happier to be alive!

Fern is a certified hypnotist, life coach and health educator. She can be reached 203-283-4567, www.healinghypnosis.com.

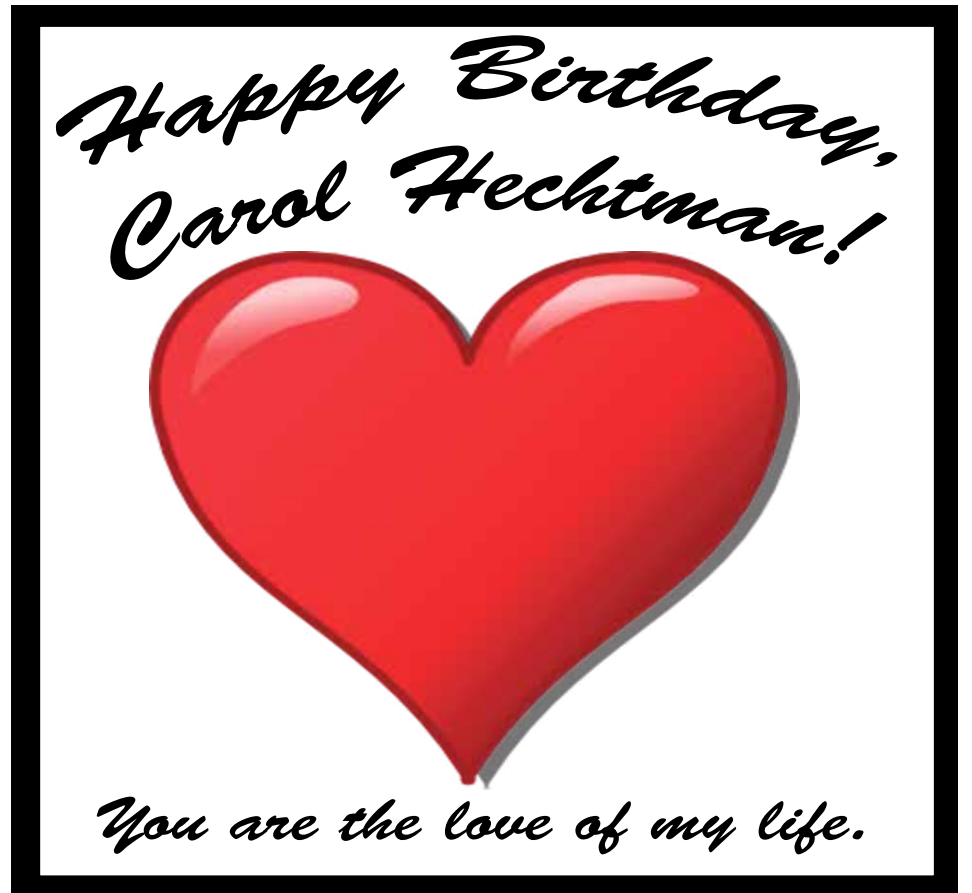
Youth and Education

Scholar Rewarded



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Joan Stenner, Friends of the Library President on behalf of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, recently awarded the annual \$1,000 scholarship to graduating Amity senior Pall Yoo. Paul will be attending Hofstra University to pursue studies in theatre arts. The Friends established the annual scholarship to commemorate the late Lucy Scilia, a long time Friends and Library Commission member who served many years as a professional librarian. This is the third year the scholarship has been awarded.



Juniorettes Finish Project

On Saturday, July 26, the Orange Community Juniorettes completed their first beautification project in town at the Orange Police Department on Lambert Road.

Phase one of this effort was planting day lilies, shrubs, and a dogwood tree in a garden commemorating the memory of Officer Bob Stankye.

Annuals will be planted seasonally, and ongoing maintenance will be performed throughout the year by the Juniorettes. Funding for this project was through a grant from the Olga Fund II, the Orange Police

Union, and a generous donation by Chris Laskowski of Lasko Landscape Contractors. Helping hands were provided by Assistant Chief Anthony Cuozzo, Mike Iassogna and Jack McNabola.

The Orange Community Juniorettes are a subcommittee of the Orange Community Women, and is open to all young women of Orange between the ages of 9 and 16. For membership information, contact Karen Iassogna at Karenchef07@yahoo.com or at (203)-903-3704.

Middle School Registration

Amity Middle School in Orange will be having a registration day on Thursday, Aug. 14, for incoming 7th and 8th graders who will be new to the Amity district for the

2014-2015 school year. Contact Amity Middle School at 203-392-3200 to set up a registration appointment for you and your child.

Grads And Honors Graduates

Jason Brosler, of Orange, graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Kasey Killeen, of Orange, graduated from Villanova University on May 17, 2014, with a Magna Cum Laude Honors Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. She is also a member of Pi Mu Epsilon (National Math Honor Society), Sigma Delta Pi (National Spanish Honor Society) and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kasey will attend Villanova Graduate School in the fall as she also been accepted into Villanova University's 5 year BS/MS Applied Statistics Masters Program.

Kaitlin Muttitt, of Orange, CT, graduated from Roger Williams University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Charles O'Donnell, of Orange, graduated from the University of

New Haven on May 18.

Paul Schweitzer, of Orange, graduated from Boston University with a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems with a Sub-Concentration in Information Technology Project Management.

Rebekah Steinberg of Orange, graduated from the University of New Haven on May 18, 2014 with a Master of Science in Education.

Saud Waheed S Alkhaldi, of Orange, graduated from the University of New Haven on May 18.

Dean's List

Kristen Killeen, of Orange, a 2013 graduate of Amity High School achieved the high academic standards of excellence for placement on the Dean's List at Northeastern University in Boston for the 2014 Spring Semester. In order to achieve this honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher. She will be a sophomore at Northeastern University's School of Business in the fall.

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SPORTS

Another Successful Orange Legion Baseball Season

It was another strong season for the Orange Post 127 Legion baseball team.

Coach Bob Mirto's squad compiled a 23-7 regular season record, qualified for the postseason and came within one run of eliminating the top team in the state, Branford.

In post-season play, Mirto's team defeated Naugatuck 8-3, beat Meriden, 2-1, and shutout Branford 3-0. But Orange had to play Branford again, and it was defeated 4-0 and was eliminated for good in a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Branford.

"We were good, Branford is very good," Mirto said. "We competed right until the end. We went right down to the final whisker. I'm pretty happy with our season."

While this season just ended, Mirto is already looking toward the future.

"Next year will be the start of something special," Mirto said. "We have a lot of young kids back. We're developing a good nucleus for the future."

If it weren't for Branford, which ended the regular season undefeated, Orange may have advanced further in postseason play. The teams played six times this year, and Branford won five times, but

Orange was just one run away from eliminating them, Mirto said.

Mirto is likely smiling about next year's squad because it will return Amity sophomore slugger, Chris Winkel, who is a true power threat for Orange's Legion team.

"Chris is really mature, and there are already a lot of colleges chasing him," Mirto said.

Sebastian DiMauro, who played outfield and was the team's closer on the mound, is very fast on the basepaths.

"We bring Sebastian in to shut down the opposing teams," Mirto said. "He didn't give up a run all season. He didn't lose a game."

On the mound, Doug Rives excelled including shutting out Branford in the playoffs. Matt Ronai went the entire season manning the hot corner at third base without making an error. He also hit .302 at the plate.

Mirto, who plans to return for an 18th season next year, said the players keep him feeling young.

"The Amity baseball program is so good, and we have very good players. We provide a fun atmosphere and good competition," Mirto said.



Photos By Lexi Crocco
Left: #26 Sebastian DiMauro slides into third base during a recent game.
Above: #21 Devin Belenski crosses home plate during a recent game.

Gators Win Division



Submitted Photo

The 16U and 18U Connecticut Gators, teams of Northeast Baseball School based in Orange, each won their divisions July 13 in the Triple Crown Myrtle Beach Tune Up Tournament in North Branford, CT. Members of the teams come from Orange, Woodbridge, Milford, Stratford and other area towns. The 16U team beat the Springfield Astros 11-1 and the 18U team beat the Batting 1.000 Seminoles 7-6 in their respective championship games. Seated: L to R: Michael Battat, Dan DeCilio, Frank Perez Standing middle L to R: Coach Michael Delellis, Mike Dietch, Matt Gramesty, Drew Corsi, Jordan Gorelick, Tyler Woodward, John Lagerfeldt Back Row L to R: Nick Giannoni, Connor Austin, Zach Piro, Anthony Herman, Mike Slattery, Bailey Wheeler, Coach John Ascenzia.

Malloy Honors Coach

Governor Dannel P. Malloy this month congratulated Amity High School Boys' Cross Country Coach Robert Thomas Orgovan on the receipt of his National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) 2014 "Coach of the Year" award.

The NHSACA's annual award is considered the most prestigious awards given to high school coaches in America, and is awarded based on the recipients' successful season of coaching and their lifetime achievements.

"In addition to academic achievement, extracurricular activities like high school athletics are also important for students to participate in because they learn critical life skills like leadership, discipline and a strong work ethic," Malloy said in a prepared statement. "I'm proud to recognize these individuals for the good work they are doing on and off the field to ensure their players' successful development as young adults."

Malloy recognized Orgovan and four other Connecticut coaches by issuing individual state of Connecticut proclamations.

NHSACA is dedicated to serving high school coaches and athletic directors throughout the United States through education, recognition and support.

NHSACA's goal is to promote high school athletics and provide professional services to its member coaches while providing opportunities for all high school coaches. NHSACA provides resources to promote professional growth, an attitude of teamwork, sportsmanship and healthy lifestyles for athletes, coaches and athletic directors.

This year Orgovan's Amity squad finished 10th best in the state, an accomplishment that left him proud.

On the regular season, Amity finished 8-1 in the Southern Connecticut Conference dual meet competition. Amity was named SCC Housatonic Division Champions, and finished second in the Southern Connecticut Conference Championship meet.

Amity then placed fourth in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Class LL meet and 10th in the state championship.

"The team ran well and to finish tenth in the State Open Championship means that Amity was the 10th best team in Connecticut out of the 160 teams that started the championship tournament beginning with the class meets," Orgovan told The Orange Times in an interview last year.



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Home & Garden

Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

There Is More To Buying Than To Searching On Line

The current conditions have buyers running to buy in New Haven County!

The inventory is high and the buyers view this selling frenzy as a message to them. This supply of prospects suggests that the lenders are loosening their hold a bit and the buyers are seeing more programs with low money down.

If you can afford to live in a town like Orange, and you are a first time home buyer, there is even a 5% down loan program with no private mortgage insurance (PMI)! I have been concentrating on this type of loan and many buyers are contacting me regarding the absence of "PMI". Last year the private mortgage in-



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sureance initiated a new plan with many lending programs whereas the insurance would stay with the life of the loan, not just until the homeowner reached twenty per cent down on his purchase. A good loan officer, as I have said before, will steer you to the right program for your specific needs.

The home selling cycle needs to pick up a bit and that will happen throughout New Haven County if the first time home buyers buy what they can afford. This could mean a small home in Hamden, and then that person comes to our community. If you need smaller or larger living space start shopping around. You can find condominiums; from age re-

stricted to downtown convenience to beach-front living, all available *for a change!*

We live in a very desirable area, and with accurate market evaluation by a reputable realtor, you will find that now is the time to jump in and buy! It is a known "seasonal" fact in this business that everyone wants to settle down before the leaves fall, and we are in the middle of summer right now!

Do your research if you are considering a move. Beautiful new condos and one family homes are being built as we speak. Whether you are thinking about an in-law set up or downsizing to a small ranch near the water, check out the process with your realtor. You would be surprised at the amount of information you can get from an agent that you cannot get by searching the web and just

simply looking at homes for sale on the different home sites.

There is so much more to buying and selling a property than looking on line, and it scares me when I hear the stories about those who tried that "for sale by owner" trick. It rarely works, and the statistics show that 95% of those who sold with an agent received a better return on their investment.

So, watch the market and if you are afraid of what *you do not know*, Call a realtor! That is why realtors were invented!

If you need more information on these issues, email me at Barbara.Lehrer@cb-moves.com.

Room 911:

Desperate For Space

The word "space" means so many different things to each person.

When a romantic couple breaks up, it's usually because someone needed their "space."

We often hear parents complain that when they ask their children to do a task, the child looks at them as if they are from "outer space."

For most of us, having a "room" of one's own, having space to pursue a hobby or just a place to go to be alone, is a tall order to fill. Below are some possible scenarios to try and find some area where you can have your own "space."

You can create a small but very effective space by reclaiming a closet, preferably one with bi-fold doors. You can create a shelf to use as a desk top and two shelves above that to hold supplies or materials needed for your interest. This space would be ideal for a writ-

er who could put a small laptop on the desk/shelf along with a pencil holder, calendar, a corkboard with events, as well as use the top shelves for reference material, computer paper, file holders, etc. When finished, you simply remove the chair and close the doors.



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Another idea is to get a shed (with a skylight) to put in the backyard that can become any number of things from a potting shed, with shelves for new seedlings to bins for soil, shelves that hold seed and flower catalogs and a comfortable rocking chair

to peruse all the "How To" books on becoming a successful gardener.

Desperate for space, I worked with one couple that had a very large living room but the wife wanted an area to do meditation and yoga. Using a shoji screen (a Japanese transparent paper screen) that was put on a floor

track so it could slide from side to side along the track, it created sections of privacy. Slid one way, light streamed in from a window which created a nice backdrop for shelves holding incense, candles and a CD player. Slid the other, there was space for a yoga mat and a small water cooler.

Often I have seen empty bedrooms that remain a "shrine" to a child who has not only graduated from college, but has received a master's degree and is, in fact, now 32 years old married with his own family and living in another State. Besides all the high school trophies, rock posters, and yearbooks, his closet is filled with his football, and baseball jackets.

Perhaps, the family uses part of that closet to store clothes that are out of season but outside of that, the room remains as if the grown child were to float back any minute and take up residency again.

Here are some words of advice, "Use It Now," "Time For You," "Just Do It Now"

and "It Can Still Be A Guest Room." In fact, by leaving a futon or sleep sofa in the room and a small chest of drawers, the "Grown Child Room" can be a spare bedroom. But now you have room to put some long desk height shelves that can turn that space into a room for a crafts person, a room for wrapping gifts, a loom area for a weaver, a gemologist, a small weight room/exercise/yoga room or a place to work on your new startup company idea.

Finally, if all else fails, I have come up with the perfect solution - a tree house.

Think of it this way, you will get exercise climbing to the tree house, you will have a great overlook view and if you don't take your cell phone with you, you will have peace and quiet and time to commune with nature!

Tedra Schneider can be reached through her website at www.restagebytedra.com

Just Floored:

Home Trends Move From Lavish to Practical

2014 - 2015 home trends are taking a spiraling turn toward practical living. New homes are being built without dining rooms and formal living rooms.

The kitchen has turned into the meeting room for all events and the family room is the mainstay for watching TV for all ages.

This trend is leading the consumer to find cost effective ways to redesign their homes. I have a few suggestions on all types

of flooring for all your spaces.

Area rugs are in demand and adding an area rug is a simple way to warm up a room — literally.

The rug acts as insulation between a cold floor and the rest of the room, especially if the floor is over an unheated garage or basement.

For the warmest option, look for a wool rug. It provides the best insulation and, with proper care, will last for many years.

Other materials offer a less ex-

pensive option; if you choose one of these, look for a rug with a high stitch count. Adding extra rug coverage during the winter can go a long way toward keeping your feet warm!

If you already have the right amount of area rug coverage but still want to warm up a room without turning up the thermostat, consider adding an Under Area Rug Warmer.

These electric heating elements are installed under area rugs to provide additional warmth. As a bonus, the heat from these units tends to help warm up the entire room,

not just the rug itself.

Easy to install and remove, area rug warmers such as this one from Rug Buddy could be just what your home needs this winter! Be sure to follow directions for any such product carefully and consider using protection between the floor and the heater.

For homeowners planning to install new flooring, under floor heating may be the perfect solution. Heated floors are a wonderful thing to have in the winter, especially if you prefer the look of tile or stone but don't want to sacrifice comfort for a large part of the year.

If you have questions about heated floors, we'd be happy to help you learn if this option is right for you.

The natural beauty of stone flooring appeals to a lot of people. Depending on the type of stone used, you can achieve a rugged look, such as you'd get from unpolished granite, or the smooth, classic look of marble.

Before choosing to use stone in your home, there are a few things

to keep in mind.

Stone floors can be cold to the feet, unless you live in a consistently warm climate. If you plan on using stone in a large area, such as the living room, kitchen, or bedroom, you may want to consider installing floor-heating mats under the stone. This extra step will let you enjoy the look of stone anywhere in the home without giving you chilly feet for a good part of the year.

When purchasing stone tiles, it is important to have them professionally installed. Tiles of this type require very exact installation and knowledge of the best way to prepare the substrate prior to laying the tiles.

I hope this information is helpful in your new design trends for 2014-2015.

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The Garden Spot:

Lazy Days And Lilies

It seems like yesterday we were digging out from another snow storm and now here we are in the middle of August. It's the perfect time to sit back, enjoy an iced tea and appreciate all you have accomplished. The summer has been great – plenty of sun and rain – the garden is at its peak. Even herbs, which are easy to grow, seem to have an extra “greenness” and fragrance.



MARION RIZZO

til they turn yellow. This allows the plants to store energy for next year's growth.

When you do purchase new bulbs, it's important to plant them immediately, before they dry out. You can refrigerate the bulbs or keep them in a cool space until you do have time to plant them. Plant the bulbs six inches apart and four to six inches deep.

If you already are enjoying lilies in your garden, you may want to consider sharing some of them with a neighbor or friend. September is the optimum time to separate them. Who wouldn't like to receive some of these beautiful perennials?

A final note – The Orange Country Fair will take place September 20 and 21st at the Fairgrounds. Remember to enter your favorite plants and blooms. Orange Garden Club members will be judging the flower and plant entries Saturday, September 20th. There may be a Blue Ribbon waiting for you.

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

Now would be a good time to make some notes – keep a garden journal. Determine which plants did well and which plants were disappointing. Was it their location, proper fertilization, lack of moisture or some other reason as to why they did well or poorly. When you keep a record, next year you can make some changes, if needed, for greater success.

One of my favorite flowers is the lily. It is almost the perfect plant. They can be planted pretty much anywhere. They need some moisture and some sun, but they're not fussy about feeding. Once planted they come back every year, and they multiply! Unfortunately one drawback is that they do not have a long bloom time. In fact they do not make great cutting flowers, because they wilt quickly. However, their flowers are spectacular and their fragrance is wonderful. There are some varieties that bloom for three or four weeks. “Conca d'Or”, “Arabesque” and “Iowa Rose” are three of them. Once the blooms have faded, you can cut the stems back by one third but leave the rest un-

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Insuring Your Future:

How Much Life Insurance Do You Need?

So often my clients say to me “I don’t have life insurance and I know I should have some or I’m not sure that I have enough”. My answer is always the same: It depends. Life insurance can be used to fund many different needs and serve a variety of purposes. It can be used for income replacement, long term care, business succession funding or estate expenses.

Income Replacement
One of the main reasons that someone purchases life insurance is to insure that the resources to support a spouse and/or children are there even if he or she is not. I call these the financially “heavy lifting” years when the demands on your financial resources will be the greatest. When I advise someone in this stage of life, we review what their expenses will be until

the youngest child reaches 21 or graduates from college and then look at what other resources will be available to meet those needs. The difference can then be funded with



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a life insurance plan or plans. Generally, people will purchase a “term policy” that guarantees a specific death benefit for a specific number of years aka those years when demands on money will be the greatest. This is the least expensive way to fund the need and can be converted to a permanent life

insurance policy at some point in the future. Most people want or need some kind of life insurance, so some will also take a permanent policy for a lesser amount which is less expensive when they are young and healthy.

Permanent Life Insurance with a Long Term Care Rider

Permanent life insurance means that the death benefit is guaranteed for life (generally to age 100). These policies can also build cash value and be a source of income later in life.

Some life policies have the option of adding a long term care rider which allows the insured to use a portion of the death benefit for expenses should they become disabled and need assistance either at home or in a facility. This option is becoming increasingly popular

as the underwriting or health qualifications are not as strict as a long term care policy.

It is also possible to convert a current permanent policy to a new one and use the “equity” that has built up to reduce the premium on a new policy. This is especially valuable for those who would like to add the Long Term Care rider.

Life Insurance for Business Interests

This type of life insurance protects the interest of partners in a business. For example, if there are three partners and one dies, it is reasonable to expect that the deceased partner’s family might want their “share” of the business. A life insurance policy that names the remaining partners as the beneficiaries is a way to insure that the funds are available to buy out the

deceased partner’s interest without jeopardizing the company’s stability.

So, my first question is always what is it for? Once we know how the life insurance will be used we can then proceed to arrive at an amount that makes sense and meets the financial goals.

As always, it is important to speak with an insurance professional to make sure you are buying the right type of life insurance and working with a company that is stable and reputable. Not all insurance companies are created equal.

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

Financial Insights:

Second Marriage Considerations

In a time where almost half of all marriages end in divorce, it makes sense to take a proactive approach to planning for a potential second marriage. Without proper planning, it is possible to unintentionally disinherit your children!

If you think about it, most married couples structure their estate plans so that after the death of one spouse, everything will pass to the surviving spouse. When the surviving spouse receives the assets, he or she is free to spend it, give it away, leave it to any beneficiaries he or she chooses, etc. They are not bound to leave the money to the children they had with the first spouse. Often, the children of the first marriage are named as beneficiaries of the second spouse’s estate. However, if the surviving spouse remarries and there are

children from the second marriage, things can get complicated quickly.

Here’s an example: under Connecticut law (C.G.S. 45a-437), if you die without a will and you have children who are not also the children of your spouse, the spouse receives fifty percent of the probate estate and your children will receive the other fifty percent divided into equal shares. Now, that may be exactly what you wanted or you may have intended to leave all of your estate to your children. The important thing is to know your options.

What can you do if you want each spouse’s assets to pass only to his or her children and grandchildren, with no benefit for the surviving spouse? Careful consideration should be given to what will happen at the death of the first spouse. For

example, if the primary residence is only in one spouse’s name and he or she dies, should the surviving spouse to be able to continue living there? Should the right to remain in the home terminate if he or she remarries? Will the surviving spouse have the resources necessary to maintain his or her quality of life? It might be a good tax decision to leave IRAs to spouses rather than children because a spouse can roll it over and treat it as his or her own. Children can stretch out an inherited IRA, but they must start taking yearly required minimum distributions.

To avoid issues, a couple can establish a trust. Two common trusts, marital trusts and credit shelter trusts, can give the surviving spouse the ability to receive income and principal from the assets, while giving the spouse establishing the trust the ability to choose the remaining beneficiaries.

Another popular solution could

be the use of a life estate. With a life estate, you can give the surviving spouse a life estate in your home so he or she has the right to occupy it until their death. At that point, the surviving children will receive the asset.

I have witnessed firsthand how a lack of planning can lead to fighting among children. It can also cause you to unintentionally disinherit your children. As you can see, there are a variety of considerations to keep in mind when it comes to remarriage. It’s important that you take the time to implement the plan that works best for you to ensure that your goals are met.

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New Mattress Store Opening

America’s Mattress is opening its 403rd store on Boston Post Road in the location occupied by Boater’s World.

America’s Mattress, a national network of independently owned and operated mattress stores, is the 8th largest bedding retailer in the United States.

Local store owner Peter Estrada said “The store is a more casual setting, with a relaxed atmosphere and an educational approach, not the hard sell.”

Estrada wants to open for Labor Day.

New Chamber Members

Two new businesses joined the Orange Chamber of Commerce:

- Liberty Tax Service opened at 153 Boston Post Road;
- Edward Jones Investments is actively looking for office space in Orange, but will service clients from its North Haven location in the meantime.

Orange Chamber of Commerce Events

- AUG. 13
Business After Hours, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Held Jointly With Milford Chamber of Commerce Sponsored by: Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant 377 Boston Post Road, Orange
- AUG. 20
Orange Night at the Bridgeport Bluefish Game
A portion of the ticket proceeds will be donated to the Orange Community Services
- SEPT. 18
Business After Hours, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Cellini Design Jewelers 464 Boston Post Road, Orange
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Distracted Aging

I know this happens to you too! I was on my way to the bathroom when I noticed my bedroom closet was open, which reminded me that I have some clothes there that no longer fit and I want to get rid of them, but when I started for the closet, I saw some bills on the table that should be paid but then I saw my iPad and it made me remember that I have not played "Words With Friends" in three days.

I have a feeling this might be an attention deficit problem related to



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aging. Walking into a room and forgetting what I went there for is something that happens to people in their 60s, 70s and 80's and is not a cause for worry. I do often think I have something like a form of spatial dyslexia, when for example, I head to the kitchen cabinet to put away the Special K and find myself opening the refrigerator door. This does worry me a bit, mostly because of a story a friend told me long ago about her great-aunt who was iron-

ing when the phone rang and she picked up the iron and put it to her ear. At the time, we thought this was so preposterous it was funny. Now when I use the iron I sometimes feel at any moment it could turn on me. And lest you think this is a women-only thing, I should tell you about a 67-year old man who went into the bathroom with a pair of dirty socks he meant to throw into the hamper and tossed them into the toilet.

Now, where was I? Oh, right, age-related attention deficit. I think that is the reason why it takes some older people so long in getting out of the house. Just let me get my

coat; oh, look at the way that picture is hanging, I need to straighten it out. And the photo next to it with me in that hat. I think I still have that hat in the closet where I keep the vacuum cleaner. Did I run the vacuum today? I better do it now.

I do on occasion have problems remembering where I put things. I forget where I put my cell phone, but when I do, I just call myself on the land line and wait to hear my ring tone. Forgetting names is also something that is supposed to be age related. Then again, I always had trouble with this my entire life.

Another difficulty is remembering plots of books I have read.

Scary! At our last Book Group, we were discussing "The Orphan Train" which I had read a year ago. Darn, but if I was getting that story mixed up with some other books I have read since then. It can be so discouraging. Why waste your time reading a good book, if you can't remember it only one year later. Now where did I put that book I am currently reading?

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Poet's Corner:

Gifts Of Magic To Behold Within Places Of Rest

Whenever I come across a pond in town I always seem to be called to spend some time there. I visit three of them often and have become a good friend with a bunch of mallards, a confidant of a great white egret, and made part of the family of a colony of drakes. All are doing well and we get along like we've known each other for a long time. We share the uncanny silence of the ponds through the breath of dawn's first hint of light and we rest together in the mellow seduction of its twilight. It's a nice place to be, unhurried and contemplative, and seems to place everything else in perspective... that we have one more day, chance renewed, to live who we really are at heart.

I passed by a pond in the early dawn and seeing the great beauty

that was developing upon the water, I stayed and photographed until I could do no more. But on my way home, I was suddenly taken with a sense that I should go back, called to return to share in something very special. A moment in time secluded in itself, there, in this pond of unspeakable holiness. A mother goose and her friend, a resting duck, had apparently heard the call too, and I heard this conversation between them:

I'm glad you're here with me for the breaking dawn, my friend. I wanted to take the time to show you something wonderful...so perhaps you can remember to tell your own little ones one day. Now...close your eyes. Now...open them. What do you see? Look, here in this hidden place. Do you feel

the blessing? Let me show you, duck. Do you hear the echo of silence weaving its way past us and continuing on until it gently surrounds every bend and curve with its whisper? Do you hear? Look away to the far edge there, across the shining mirror, to what lays secretly behind the great black of the spruce trees. It is telling us this day is beginning, and readies the sweet call of morning's first light whose hand gently awakens us toward a new day. It is all really just for you and I so we can huddle together in the gifts of gentle warmth as family blessed in the genesis of a new day. Learn to rest my friend in the stillness that has settled itself upon the water, surrendering all that you are to the reflected beauty of a blue and golden sky being born before us. It is smoked with the fading mist of night's work that points, just for you and me, the way the soft wind has decided to go this morn. It is magic here my friend that belongs only to us. And I know a secret



also...that this moment we share was planned long ago for you and me. It is a gift beyond compare, a christening of grand wonder, the true gem of soul's work caressed in a peace beyond measure. Remem-

ber this, my friend, and then gently pass it on to your very own

John Ulatowski has six photo books (some with poems) on Orange and all are in circulation at Case Library.

BLAKE, RUTH C.

Ruth C. Blake, age 92, of Orange, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, July 13, 2014.

Left to cherish her memories are her beloved children: Linda & Don DiLauro of Orange; Bonnie Blake of Woodbridge; and Ruthmary Blake & her husband Mark Miller of VA.

A Memorial Service was held July 19. Interment followed in Orange Center Cemetery. Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to: The Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KA 66675; Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Rd., Orange, CT 06477; or Autism Services and Resources Connecticut, 101 N. Plains Industrial Rd., Harvest Pk. 1A, Wallingford, CT 06492. To post a condolence visit www.george-smithandson.com.

CADORET, CAROL TUDURI MEYER

Carol Tuduri Meyer Cadoret, 79, of Orange, formerly of Seymour,

beloved wife of Alvin Meyer entered into eternal rest on Friday, July 18, 2014, at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Her loving family includes her three caring sons, Robert E. (Cindy) Cadoret of Orange, Daniel J. (Donna) Cadoret of Seymour, James M. Cadoret of Bethany, two step-sons Jeff (Ruth) Meyer of Seymour and Brian (Bernice) Meyer of Torrington and a step-daughter

She was predeceased by her first husband James Cadoret. A Funeral Service in Celebration of Carol's Life was held on July 24, 2014, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 25 Great Hill Rd., Oxford. Interment will be at the convenience of the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Carol's memory may be made to The Rhythmic Arts Project, 1115 1/2 North Milpas, Santa Barbara, CA., 93103 or to the Center For Cancer Care @ Griffin Hospital, 350 Seymour Ave, Derby, CT 06418.

DREW, GEORGE ALEXANDER

George Alexander Drew, 90, of Orange, a resident and husband of 59 years to Mary Duncan Drew, passed away, July 22, with his family by his side.

Per George's request, there were no calling hours and funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vitas Home Care, Innovative Hospice Care at 199 Park Rd. Ext. Suite 102 Middlebury, CT. 06762 or to Camp Rising Sun Charitable Foundation, P.O. Box 472 Branford, CT 06405.

FREY, MILDRED H.

Mildred H. Frey, formerly of Orange, beloved wife to John A. Frey, passed away on Friday, July 25, 2014 at Evergreen Woods in N. Branford. In addition to her husband, John, of 61 years, she is survived by her daughter, Jane Frey-Gudjohnsen and her husband Einar of Bethany.

A funeral service was held on

Thursday, July 31, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Race Brook Rd., Orange with interment following at Orange Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Race Brook Rd. Orange, CT 06477, or to Griffin Hospital, 130 Division St., Derby, CT 06418. To leave online condolences please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

RUBELMAN, STEPHEN DAVID

Stephen David Rubelman, 89, of Orange, died July 24, 2014. He was the husband of the late Helen Ritzert Rubelman.

Survived by his children, Virginia Anderson and her husband Steven of North Andover, MA, David Rubelmann and his wife Annette of Orange, Nancy Wargo and her husband George of Norwalk, Cindy DeNitto and her husband Joseph of Orange.

Funeral services were held at the

Orange Congregational Church. Interment with Military Honors followed in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association of CT (alz.org) and the Orange Congregational Church. For information or to send a condolence see obituary at: www.beecherandbennett.com.

RUOTOLO, ELIZABETH

"BETTY" B. Elizabeth "Betty" Bevilacqua Ruotolo, 79, of Orange, beloved wife of Rudolph "Rudy" Ruotolo, passed away on July 8, 2014, in CT Hospice.

Loving mother of Roseann (Thomas) Guidone of Hamden, Regina (Joseph) Archazki of Naples, FL, and Ronald (Laurie Bouve) Ruotolo of Orange.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Anthony's Church. Interment followed in St. Lawrence Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to CT Hospice, 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT 06405. Sign Betty's guest book online at www.portofuneralhomes.net.

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Dining Out:

Craving Italian Food? There's An 'App's' For That

Recently we had the opportunity to eat at App's Ristorante on Captain Thomas Blvd. in West Haven.

Our experience there, while entertaining a dear friend who recommended the restaurant, was the best.

App's has been a family owned restaurant since 1932, originally opened by Frederick and Susan Apicella, the grandparents of the current owners.

We were greeted at the entrance by Mrs. Apicella, a charming host, who seated us in the Garden room located in the front of the restaurant.

The tables had white cloths and shining silver wear. The room was relaxing in tones of beige with booths along one side and tables of four on the other with very traditional decorations. We were seated at a very comfortable table, where we could enjoy the excitement from the lounge area, opposite from the garden room.

Gabriella, our waitress for the evening, explained that they have 28 choices of wine by the glass and serve oversized martinis besides domestic and imported beers. She then handed us our menus while reciting the specials for that evening.

Their menu was filled with authentic Italian dishes mixed with contemporary American fare. It was a very ambitious menu with many wonderful choices such as Zuppe di clams, fresh whole clams simmered in red or white sauce over linguine or shrimp Florentine, shrimp dipped in egg batter, lemon, butter, white wine served over fresh spinach; scrod Oreganato, fresh Scrod sautéed in parsley, oregano, garlic over linguine or broiled fresh salmon. In total there were more than 13 selections of seafood choices.

The menu included nine chicken entrees, such as

Chicken Vincent, chicken culets rolled with fresh mozzarella, broccoli and ham, sautéed with sherry wine and mushroom.

There also was a great selection of pastas such as homemade manicotti, and homemade lasagna, in addition to their selection of black Angus rib eye steak and boneless pork chops.

All meals are served with a wonderful fresh salad.

Our guest received his baked stuffed fillet of sole with seafood stuffing which he claimed was incredibly delicious. Robert ordered angel hair pasta with marinara

sauce and homemade meatballs.

My order was their shrimp Marinara (Fra Diavolo) which is shrimp sautéed in a red sauce served on a bed of linguine. I certainly would recommend this tasty entrée for those who like their sauce spicy. The shrimp were large and plentiful.

We ended our meal by sharing a Tartufo dessert, which is chocolate and vanilla gelato with cherry and hazelnut center, covered with dark chocolate and a rich cup of Italian coffee.

For those who like to eat early, try their early dining menu, for \$14.95, Monday thru Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. with more than 16 choices of entrees which include homemade soup or salad.

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



**TWO
GUYS**

New Lions Officers

The Orange Lions Club held an installation ceremony on June 23, 2014 at the High Plains Community Center for its incoming club officers.

Lion Ken Lenz was elected as the club president for 2014-2015. Lion Ken has been an active member of the Orange Lions Club for 12 years and said he is eager to assume the duties of Club President.

Lenz is also a member of the Board of Selectmen, a practicing attorney and a regular contributor to The Orange Times. His column, a wrap-up of the monthly Board of Selectmen meeting can be found on page 4 in most issues, including this one.

"Our Lions Club is strong and growing. I look forward to leading our many service projects and fundraisers, and continuing the Club's commitment to serving Orange and the greater community," said Lenz.

The other officers installed by the Club were: Lion Maria Sandillo as First Vice-president; Lion Nick Bencivengo as Second Vice President; Lion Fred Turner as Third Vice President; Lion Jeanne Consiglio as club treasurer and Lion Laurie Bouve as club secretary.

Sandillo is featured in Jody Dietch's column on volunteers in Orange. The column appears on page 4 of this edition,

Since the club's charter in 1952, its members have worked on a variety of service projects in the local community, the Easter Egg Hunt

for children, Community Thanksgiving dinner, free eye screenings, and events for Orange youth and seniors.

They have also raised funds for a wide variety of local, national and international causes such as Wounded Warrior Project, Fidelco Guide Dogs, CT Radio Information Services for the Blind, college scholarships for Amity High School graduates, the Orange Library, Fire and Police Departments, the CT Lions Eye Research Foundation and annual Community Grants which have gone to local projects.

Lions Clubs are groups of men and women who identify those in need within their community and work together to serve them. The Orange Lions Club meets at 6:30 PM on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Chips Family Restaurant in Orange.

For more information or to get involved with the Orange Lions Club, please contact Lion Joan Zorena, Membership Chair at 203-494-0248. The Club will have a booth at the Orange Country Fair.

Zorena will begin contributing a column focused on the Orange Chamber of Commerce starting with the next issue.

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Property Transfers

525 Kanuga Trail, quitclaim deed, from Lauren Polikoff to Gerald Still, filed on May 24.

525 Kanuga Trail, quitclaim deed, from Gerald Still to Carmen Greenig, recorded on June 20.

835 College Street, quitclaim deed, from Myriam Fernandez to Luis Fernandez, recorded on June 24.

544 Ridge Road, from Matthew Bulgini to Nicole and Peter Kingston, recorded on June 16.

422 Ridgevieww Road, \$285,000, from William Maxwell to Donald W. Feverstein, recorded on June 26.

369 Lincoln Road, \$315,000, from Elizabeth Pollard to Jeffrey and April Silverman, conveyed on June 23.

347 Wildwood Drive, \$445,000, from Valdemar Cunha to Jose and Ana Lima, recorded on June 26.

447 Oakview Drive, from the Federal National Mortgage Association to Nicholas Oldack, recorded on June 26.

242 Charles Court, from Fernando S. Games to Fernando S. Games Trust, recorded on June 27.

435 Boston Post Road, quitclaim deed, from EVB LLC. to The Linda J. Benvenuto the John Benvenuto Sray Trusts, recorded on June 27.

423 Ridge Road, \$325,000, from Almira Solomonsen to Philip Marchese, recorded on June 30.

505 Wolcott Lane, quitclaim deed, from Kahtleen Deck to Thomas Gerrity, recorded

on June 30.
356 Drummon Road, \$455,000, from Thomas Stanio to Christian and Kristen Viselman, recorded on July 3.

283 Pinetree Drive, \$341,000, from Palowski Realty Associates to David Kowaleski, recorded on July 2.

57 Boston Post Road, \$210,000, from the estate of Richard Donalshen to 57 Boston Post Road, LLC, recorded on July 8.

60 Grannis Road, \$350,000, from Mark Miller to Uma Balaji, signed on July 2.

Lots 1 through 4, Old Coach Road Ext., easement, from Castleberry Associates, LLC to The United Illuminating Company and The Southern New England Telephone Company, recorded on July 18.

Unit C-28 Fieldstone Village aka 132 Sunrise Hill Circle, \$732,238, from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC to Devon Hart, recorded on July 3.

243 Currier Drive, \$524,500, from Michael Avata to Xiaohong Zhang, recorded on July 10.

44 Russell Ave., quitclaim deed, from Wells Fargo Bank to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, recorded on July 11.

535 Highfield Drive, from Allan LLC to Louis and Linda Gherlone, conveyed on July 9.

246 Wilson Road, special deed, from the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Daniel and Mylinda Adams, recorded on July 15.

Unit C-58 Fieldstone Village aka 315 Goose Lane, \$445,509, from Sunrise Hill

Estates, LLC to Kenneth Kriffin, recorded on July 16.

1024 Fernbrook Road, \$170,000, from Shirley DeGennaro to Nadia and Volodymyr Kushnir, recorded on July 11.

60 Grannis Road, quitclaim deed, from Uma Balaji to Lakshim and Uma Balaji, recorded on July 11.

382 Dogwood Road, \$314,150, from Scott McNamara to Christine McNamara, recorded on July 16.

126 Cherry Hill Road, quitclaim deed, from John Mager to Diana DeBartolemo, recorded on July 17.

Unit C-29 Fieldstone Village aka 130 Sunrise Hill Circle, \$537,139, from Sunrise Hill Estates, LLC, to Robert and Michele Fertel, recorded on July 18.

815 Donna Drive,

829 Racebrook Road, easement, from Wells Fargo Bank to the Southern New England Telephone Company, recorded on July 16.

500 Walcott Lane, from the Federal National Mortgage Association to Jodi Del Prete and Richard Hall, recorded on July 17.

817 Taft Road, \$145,000, from Sheryl Lynn Lofgren to Teresa Valerio, recorded on July 18.

667 Derby Milford Road, \$278,000, from Billie Sue Ferris, Successor Trustee of the William F. Orrell Revocable Trust to Paul H. Dechio, Jr., and Anne Marena, recorded on July 18.

454 Barton Drive, \$380,000, from Alasdair Roe to Cecilia Roe, recorded on July 22.

1014 Rainbow Trail, quitclaim deed, from Beryl Novitch to Beryl S. Novitch Trustee, recorded on July 22.

815 Donna Drive, from Robert Cassella, Trustee of the Susan B. Cassella Revocable Trust to Robert Cassella of the Article IV Trust under the Susan B. Cassella Revocable Trust, recorded on July 23.

58 Briarwood Drive, \$730,000, from Tim Marsh to Kerrie F. Gagliardi Residential Trust, recorded on July 23.

26 Hall Drive, \$325,000, from Carolyn Bonvicini to Judith Smith, recorded on July 24.

505 Wolcott Lane, quitclaim deed, from Kathlene Deck to Thomas Gerrity, recorded on July 24.

433 Derby Road, \$150,000, from the estate of Gary Jacobbson to Jesenia Knipping, recorded on July 27.

377 Dogwood Road, \$298,000, from Kin-da Sheehan to Matthew Weland, recorded on July 28.

510 S. Greenbrier Drive, \$425,000, from Audrey Schulman Trust to Soo Jung Jang, recorded on July 29.

547 Racebrook Road, quitclaim deed, from Eileen Spies to Meredith Albrecht and Justin Spies, recorded on July 29.

245 Peck Lane, quitclaim deed, from Jamie Wright to Grant and Jamie Wright, recorded on July 30.

494 Ridge Road, \$365,000, from Michael DiRienzo to Richard and Nette Isacoff, recorded on July 30.

Help Wanted

Immediate openings for per diem employee in skilled nursing facility dietary department. Previous experience with therapeutic diets

preferred. Night and weekend availability preferred. Please contact Ed: 203-795-0835.

Town Issues Roads Report

The Orange Town Engineer, released a report to update residents on a number of road improvement projects throughout town. The work is being performed as part of a \$15,427,000 capital improvement bond, wherein \$5 million was flagged for road improvements. Lambert Road (2.4 miles) was the first road to be paved in the fall of 2013 at a cost of \$477,471.00.

During June 2014, the following roads were paved: (the length and cost of each job shown) Indian River Road (0.95 miles) \$209,640.00; Prindle Hill Road (0.37 miles) \$108,545.00; first portion of Old Tavern Road (0.42 miles) \$125,601.00; Dogburn Lane (0.98 miles) \$231,878.00; Wheelers Farm Road (1.75 miles) \$329,132.00; Robinson Boulevard (0.27 miles) \$56,157.00; Marsh Hill Road (short repair 0.13 miles) \$27,674.00.

A section of Derby-Milford Road "rehabilitated" by pulverizing the existing pavement and blending the material with the subbase gravel, then grading, compacting and paving; a process that for certain roads results in a "rebuilt" road. All the other roads were milled and paved.

The section of Derby-Milford Road between University of New Haven and Turkey Hill Road was not included in the paving program. Complete reconstruction

will be required to improve the road width, alignment, gradient, and storm water drainage. This section of Derby-Milford Road is a primary access to the University of New Haven campus. University of New Haven is presently negotiating with Southern CT Gas Company to extend a gas main to the campus by way of Turkey Hill Road, and the section of Derby-Milford Road to be reconstructed. The Regional Water Authority will also be extending their water main in this section of road to provide a secondary source to the campus. A "joint venture" should result in a coordination of all three activities without the need of tearing up new pavement or placing temporary pavement.

The estimated cost of road construction for this section of Derby-Milford Road is \$1.5 million and is on a priority list for State of Connecticut funding under the Local Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016. Design has begun.

An uncommitted balance of approximately \$2,500,000 will be available for planned paving and road improvement projects in the spring of 2015. Town roads classified as "minor arterial", which are pot holed and heavily traveled, generally receive first consideration.



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