

# The Orange Times

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## Fireworks Light the Night



Photos By Lexi Crocco  
 Left Photo: Fireworks explode in the skies over Orange.  
 Right Top Photo: The British Invasion Tribute Band performs for residents at the annual concert and fireworks display.  
 Right Bottom Photo: Emerson, Meredith and Drew Heatley enjoy the warm July weather at the Orange town fireworks on July 5.

## Siting Council Holds Hearing In Shelton

by Joseph Cole

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Orange residents who want to voice their concerns about a proposed cell tower at 831 Derby Milford Road will have a chance to speak directly to the Connecticut Siting Council.

They'll just have to go to Shelton to do it.

Selectman Mitch Goldblatt found the council's decision to hold a public hearing in Shelton for a proposed site in Orange disturbing. His understanding was the council originally wanted to use the High Plains Community Center, but was deterred when they discovered that it houses a day camp in the summer. So the council chose the auditorium at Shelton's Town Hall, 54 Hill

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## Raffle Sales Slam OFVD

by Joseph Cole

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The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is facing a funding crisis. The problem is apparently that the checks are in fact not in the mail.

In the past, the department has used raffle tickets sent through the mail as a primary means of raising funds. The department used to mail a booklet of raffle tickets to every home and those wanting to participate could then make a return donation. It became an accepted part of Orange life: you waited for your tickets and then you sent in your contribution.

(Ed. Note: See Don Foyer's letter on page 4.)

The postal service has put an end to that. Solicitations for raffle and lottery tickets are not allowed

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## Orange's Retail Corridor Thriving

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – At the height of the economic recession in June 2009 the occupancy rate on the Boston Post Road in

Orange was a staggering 11 percent.

Out of 3 million square-feet of retail space, which is confined largely to Route 1, there was 329,255 square-feet available.

"In 2009, the Post Road was just a sea of realtor boards. You couldn't go 500 yards without seeing something for lease," said Paul Grimmer, who is the Orange Economic Development Corp. executive director.

Fast forward almost five years and the vacancy rate has shrunk to a historically low 3.52 percent or just 108,904 square-feet of space.

The occupancy rate began to drop in 2010, according to records prepared by

Grimmer, as it was at 8 percent in 2010, and the numbers dropped to around 6 percent in 2013, and have been falling ever since.

"Everything turned around in the summer of 2011, it got progressively better for us," Grimmer said. "The economy started to turn around. Several communities are not as fortunate as we were. The strength of our retail corridor is well-known."

He said the town's section of the Post Road is so strong because businesses love the value and the high-traffic area.

There are 25,000 cars a day driving through the town's section of Route 1.

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## Silence On Pizza Place Closure

by Joseph Cole

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Over at Oregano Joe's on Boston Post Road, the lights are off and the savory scent of freshly baked pizza is absent from the air. There are, however, a couple of signs on the door.

One is a simple printed and laminated sign proclaiming the business is closed due to some mechanical repairs.

The other, is a signed and dated notice from the Orange Department of Health declaring the business is closed until further notice.

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# News & Events

## Boys & Girls Village On A Mission To Help Children

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – You’ve likely driven past Boys & Girls Village Inc. on the Milford/Orange line and you may have a vague idea of what the non-profit agency does.

Most people are aware that the agency, located at 528 Wheelers Farms Road, helps children that are emotionally and physically abused, but there is a ton more to it than that.

In fact the agency has two facilities, one in Milford and another in Bridgeport.

“We serve children and families exclusively, including children who are the most vulnerable and have significant history of trauma, abuse and neglect,” said Steven M. Kant, who is the agency’s CEO and president.

“Boys & Girls Village is the safety net. We are the place where children and families come when they run out of hope,” Kant said. “It’s the last alternative.”

He said the agency’s mission is to help at-risk children and help them achieve a “happy, productive life.” The agency serves 300 children daily and more than 1,000 annually.

“We’ve touched the lives of over 5,000 children in 50 cities,” Kant said.

Boys & Girls Village employs 150 people in two locations. In the Bridgeport facility, trained professionals go into the home and work with the parents and children to improve their situation.

The Milford campus is unique, Kant said, as it offers a therapeutic day school for children who are designated as needing special social services. It’s licensed by the state Department of Education. Children attend the school because they are the victims of abuse and are unable to learn in a traditional school

setting, Kant said.

Class size is very small, just six to ten students, with two teachers in a classroom. There are 45 students currently attending the school, and the agency is looking to expand to 55, Kant said.

“We ensure that they continue to progress educationally and hope to return to a regular school,” Kant said.

The Milford campus operates two residential programs. Twelve beds are reserved for children who are victims of sexual abuse, or who engage in inappropriate sexual behavior, Kant said. Then there are 16 beds for children who stay at the program’s psychiatric hospital. It allows them to receive programs on a full-time basis.

He said altogether only 28 children live on the Milford campus, and the rest of the agency’s services are designed to heal families in their own homes.

“Our role is to work with children and families,” Kant said. “There may have been abuse in the past, and the parents don’t want to be abusers. We work with the family as a group to move forward. We help parents with coping and emotional skills, which is designed to get them out of their cycle of abuse.”

Kant said one challenge the agency always deals with is being underfunded, and that is why they rely so heavily on donors and community support.

“Never have we needed more,” Kant said. “At this point we need to increase our private funding to maintain the programs we have. It’s become more urgent with the recession.”

He said Boys & Girls Village’s funding has been cut and at some point they may have to reduce services unless they receive more donations.



Photo Submitted By Priscilla Lynn  
Steven Kant, CEO of the Boys & Girls Village, Inc. tackles the challenges of the keeping the organization funded.

“The next few years will be difficult to maintain services,” Kant said. “We want to expand as well and offer more services.”

“We need dollars,” Kant added. “We need all the things you get in public school plus more. If the goal is to help students catch up then we need to invest more.”

Specifically concerning Orange, Kant said “we want to make sure Orange is aware of our work and probably the best place for them to interface as a client is by becoming a foster parent or going to their community organization/religious groups to let them know we would be more than willing to come to

talk about becoming a foster parent.”

“Orange has a large school district and probably serves most of their own kids internally, but for those who require “out of district placement for special education needs due to social/emotional issues” we would hope that the school district considers us among the various resources they use in such situations,” Kant said.

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# News & Events

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Street, Shelton, as the next best location.

"We have other spaces the council could use," Goldblatt said.

"They didn't call our office," First Selectman James Zeoli said. He also seemed baffled as to why the siting council didn't try to use an alternative location in town.

The hearing on July 17 will commence at 3 p.m., in the Shelton Town Hall. That session will largely be for the applicant, Cellco Partnership, doing business as Verizon Wireless, to state their case for the

site to principal interests.

Another session will be held that evening at 7 p.m. The later hearing is for concerned citizens to briefly voice their concerns.

Notice of the Shelton hearing was posted at the proposed site on Derby Milford Road.

The site was proposed back in January. It met with opposition from nearby residents who questioned the necessity of another tower in an area that already provided adequate phone service.

"What you have to realize is this

isn't about phone coverage, it is about data usage," Zeoli said. The tower proposal would allow for an increase in bandwidth for higher capacity data networks, like Verizon's 4G service.

While the tower is proposed for a residential neighborhood area, the location itself is a farm field. The nearest home to the tower is an estimated 850 feet according to Zeoli.

At 2 p.m. on the day of the hearing, July 17, the siting council will meet with applicants and other ap-

proved parties at the Derby Milford Road location. There the applicant will float a balloon to demonstrate the height of the proposed tower.

Initially, town officials thought the hearing held in Shelton would discuss multiple proposed sites; including ones in other towns. Shelton officials also initially thought the council might be looking at sites in their town and were surprised to see the request to use their auditorium was solely for a singular site in another municipality.

Goldblatt noted that besides the potential availability of other locations in town, including the public meeting room at Orange Town Hall and the public library, precedent is being set to move the day camp for events anyway. The High Plains Community Center is slated for use during the upcoming Republican Primary. That would require working around or temporarily displacing the day camp.

"I just find it disturbing that our residents will have to go to Shelton," Goldblatt said.

## SILENCE *continued from page 1*

The question is, why are Oregano Joe's doors closed? And it is a question no one seems to want to answer.

Brian Slugowski, Sanitarian for the Town of Orange and whose order the business was closed under, isn't talking. According to Slugowski, there is an open investigation and for the time being the town health department will not comment directly about anything related to Oregano Joe's. Nor will the First Selectman's office for the same reasons.

Dr. Joseph Zelson, Director of the Town of Orange Health Department, echoed Slugowski's comments.

Christopher Stan, with the Connecticut Department of Public Health wanted to help but had no specific information and suggested calling the town sanitarian. When he heard Slugowski wasn't offering

comment due to a possible investigation, Stan suggested there might be precedent for withholding under circumstances.

The owners of the business aren't talking either. In fact, neither Joe nor Sam DeVellis returned calls regarding the location. The brothers opened the pizza restaurant together in August of 2012. Messages were left at Oregano Joe's, Giove's Pizza Kitchen in Shelton and Carl Anthony Trattoria in Monroe.

None were returned.

A visit to Joe DeVellis's Shelton home also failed to get a response. Workmen in the driveway at the home were themselves wondering where DeVellis was as he should have been there to give them access to the house. A note was left in DeVellis's mailbox requesting he call *The Orange Times*. No call was received. Employee's at his Giove's Pizza

Kitchen business, claimed not to know where he was and said he seldom is in that location.

So why is Oregano Joe's closed? Perhaps the Orange Police Department has the answer.

A police report filed the day after the closure states that the health department shutdown the location due to "multiple confirmed cases of salmonella poisoning."

According to the report, Joe DeVellis requested the Orange Police escort him back into the business on June 21, the day after the closure, to shut off the automatic start-up timer on the pizza oven.

While he was there, according to the report, DeVellis left an outgoing message stating the business was closed due to a kitchen fire. When questioned by the officer, the report states DeVellis replied that "it was none of anyone's business about the

salmonella contamination, and he chose that excuse to quell customers' questions."

A call from *The Orange Times* to Oregano Joe's weeks later, found the outgoing message was recorded by a female and made no mention of why the restaurant was closed. It mentioned only that they were working to reopen as quickly as possible.

When DeVellis left the location on June 21, the officer reported that the back door was left open and DeVellis had to be called back to lock it. DeVellis claimed to not know the back door required a deadbolt to be latched according to the report.


DeVellis also allegedly told officers all of the gas items in the kitchen were turned off. On suspicion, officer's later requested the Orange Volunteer Fire Department investigate. The OVFD allegedly found several items still connected to ac-

tive gas lines which they turned off. The officer also reported that the automatic pizza oven turned on while the OVFD inspected the restaurant, despite DeVellis's claim he needed access to the building to turn it off in the first place.

The report stated that Fire Marshall Tim Smith discovered a fire alarm was missing since his last inspection. While the report states salmonella as the cause for the shutdown, it should be noted all of the information in the report may not be entirely correct and all claims are alleged. For example, the report also includes a home phone number for Joe DeVellis that bears a Wallingford exchange prefix. The woman answering the phone, twice, claimed it is a wrong number.

She offered no other comment. Check online at [www.theorangetimes.com](http://www.theorangetimes.com) for story updates.

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# Opinion & Editorial

## Capitol View

### Assembly Passes Far-Reaching Laws



STATE REP. THEMIS  
KLARIDES

Many significant and far-reaching pieces of legislation were debated and passed by the General Assembly during the 2014 Legislative Session, which adjourned last month.

In order to better inform you about these new laws, the legislature's non-partisan Office of Legislative Research (OLR) releases an annual report, "2014 Major Public Acts," which summarizes the most noteworthy policy changes.

To view the report online, visit <http://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/> and click on "Major Acts for 2014." To receive a hard copy by mail, please contact my office.

Some of the public acts outlined in the report include: new regulations on utility tree trimming, concussion protections for student athletes, requirements for colleges to better protect victims of on-campus sexual assault and a three year moratorium on toxic 'fracking' waste.

OLR also publishes reports outlining newly passed laws affecting certain issues or populations, including "Acts Affecting Seniors," "Acts Affecting Veterans and the Military," "Acts Affecting the Environment," "Acts Affecting Taxes" and "Acts Affecting Children." The report includes brief explanations and links to the text of the legislation.

Those can be viewed online at [www.cga.ct.gov/olr/actsaffecting.asp](http://www.cga.ct.gov/olr/actsaffecting.asp), or a hard copy can be mailed to you if requested through my office.

An overview of the specific legislation I proposed and advocated for this year will be coming to you by mail in the next few weeks.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues that came before the legislature this session, or have questions about a recently enacted policy, please contact me at 860-240-8700 or [themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov](mailto:themis.klarides@housegop.ct.gov).

### Winter Work Pays Off In Summer Months



STATE REP. JAMES  
MARONEY

While we all enjoy the beautiful weather and the many natural venues Connecticut has to offer such as our wonderful state parks and beaches, I wanted to let everyone know about some of the new laws we worked on over the winter. Although there are many, I focus here on a few of interest while providing a link for more information.

Our hard work throughout the session yielded many major changes and new initiatives aimed at tax relief for beleaguered parents, protecting the environment from invasive plant species and helping those pursuing higher education.

We reinstated Connecticut's sales tax holiday this year for August 17-23. During Connecticut's tax-free week, clothing under \$300 per item and shoes under \$300 per item will not be subject to state sales tax. I supported this program to help parents save on their kids' back-to-school shopping needs.

Protection from invasive species of plant life is a critical component of our overall environmental stewardship. As an example, running bamboo is an invasive plant that has become an increasing problem due to its rapid and unmanageable growth. A new law prohibits people from growing this plant on their property within 40 feet of an abutting property in order to protect unsuspecting neighbors.

Our new "Go Back to Get Ahead" initiative allows those who unfortunately dropped out of college before earning a bachelor's degree, to be eligible to take three free courses at a Connecticut State College or community college. This is part of the governor's "Transform CSCU" plan aimed at increasing enrollment at the state's higher education institutions while also meeting the workforce demands of businesses in the state.

If anyone has a little "down time" There are many more new laws that can be reviewed at: <http://cga.ct.gov/asp/Content/AEArchives/ActsEffective0714.asp>

### Insurance Laws Help Consumers



STATE REP. PAUL  
DAVIS

As our economy continues to improve there are several areas which always seem to confuse the public. During the 2014 session the legislature tackled several insurance concerns raised by constituents from around the state. We enacted laws in several different areas from portable electronics to long term care.

The recent explosion of different types of portable electronic devices opened up new markets for insurance coverage. Many of us have purchased cell phones, tablets, and other similar devices and without too much thought, agreed to pay significant additional fees for insurance coverage offered at the time of sale. As a result of numerous complaints the Legislature passed and the Governor signed HB5023 "An Act Concerning Portable Electronic Insurance". This law will require new licensing for those who sell this insurance, as well full disclosures for consumers. Purchasers will now be required to be informed about possible existing coverage on homeowner's policies, applicable deductibles, cancellations terms, as well as a complete summary of benefits.

Bills SB9 and SB199 will limit the size of the premium increases; requires them to be spread out over longer time periods; and provide the consumer with greater disclosure information about the policy.

Health Insurance coverage was improved by SB10 "An Act Concerning Copayments for Breast Ultrasound Screening and Occupational Therapy Services." This bill limits copayments for breast screening to \$20 and occupational therapy to \$30. The law becomes effective January 1, 2015.

There were other bills which improved or clarified insurance coverage in areas including mental health, substance abuse, and home ownership. For details on these and other information please feel free to contact me at 203-799-7285 or by email at [paul.davis@cga.ct.gov](mailto:paul.davis@cga.ct.gov).

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## Letters to the Editor

### Orange BOE Thanks Yale For Housing Peck Place School

#### To the Editor:

The Orange Board Of Education would like to thank Yale University for all of their support and hospitality over these last few months while graciously housing our Peck Place School.

It was a stressful time back in January-February when we first learned of the Peck Place School flooding due to a frozen pipe. Our administrators worked tirelessly

to locate alternative space for our students.

Led by Superintendent Lynn McMullin, Director of Curriculum Colleen Murray and Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone, who spent hours touring various facilities while doing their best to keep the community informed, Yale came through with not only space but incredible support. Our children and

their families went from feeling stressed and sad to feeling special and overjoyed.

On behalf of the members of the the Board Of Education I want Yale to know it's support not only in offering space but in working with us to make that space so functional, was more than we could have asked for. While our students will now be moving back to their

school come September, we hope that the relationship with Yale will grow and flourish, and expand for our entire school system. Thank you again. Go Bulldogs!

**Jody Dietch**  
Orange Board Of Education  
Vice Chair

### Orange Volunteer Fire Department Needs Help

#### To the Editor:

Carnival plans are progressing. However, the biggest change this year is the distribution of carnival raffle tickets. We are no longer permitted to mail raffle tickets due to postal regulations.

This change has negatively impacted our volunteer fire department's ticket sales. We have set up various locations to purchase tickets. Please visit our web site at [www.orangevfd.com](http://www.orangevfd.com) for a full list of locations.

Another change is the raffle prizes themselves. In an effort to make

our prizes more appealing, we have veered away from trip prizes and focused on cash prizes and gift cards to local venues.

Your purchase of raffle tickets accomplishes several things: makes a contribution to the continuation of our volunteer fire department; keeps your taxes low; and enters you in a raffle for the chance to win a generous cash prize or valuable gift card.

We realize the change in the distribution of raffle tickets is inconvenient.

However, may we appeal to your

sense of community and appreciation for the fire department *volunteers* who work year-round to keep the Town of Orange safe? Please take the time and make the effort to purchase your raffle tickets now. We will continue to work hard for you. See you at the carnival!

With sincere gratitude,

**Donald Foyer**  
Carnival  
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## News & Events

# Temple Emanuel Rabbi Loves His Job

by Brian McCready

(Ed. Note: This is a continuation on The Orange Times series featuring local religious leaders.)

ORANGE – Rabbi Michael Farbman said everything that could go wrong did in his interview at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven.

“I was late for my first interview because my flight from Washington D.C. was cancelled. I ate something that did not agree with me. I got car sick. There was disaster written all over it,” Farbman said.

“I felt green, it was terrible,” added Farbman. “I told my wife ‘I had no idea what I said.’ I was convinced there was no way I’d get a call back.”

But somehow the interview committee from Temple Emanuel saw through all of that and decided five years ago that Farbman, 39, was the right man for the job.

And Farbman said he couldn’t be happier with where he is now.

“Temple Emanuel is a congregation with a very strong identity and strong sense of community,” Farbman said. “The people really like each other.”

When he received a second interview, he recalled he knew immediately it would be a good fit.

“There was 75 people in the room and most of them spoke to us that night. Everyone was happily chatting with one another,” Farbman said. “After five years that view still defines them. They really like one another. I am extremely blessed to serve in a community where everyone is engaged.”

Farbman is the rabbi for 140 families. He lives in Woodbridge with his wife, Olga, and their two children. He knows the names of every congregant. There is such a special feeling to be with people through life’s good and bad times, he said.

“I’ve been with these people through life experiences. I am always going to be there for them in a time of need,” Farbman said. “I love my job and where I get to do it.”

### A long way from Orange

Farbman was born in Belarus and grew up in St. Petersburg, Russia. He attended rabbinical school in London in 1996, and in 2004 moved back to St. Petersburg to build a congregation where he lived there for three years.

He moved to Washington, D.C. in 2007, where he served as a rabbi-in-residence at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, which is the only synagogue guaranteed by an act of Congress, and it has more than 300 families.

He was there two years before he moved to Orange.

“What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger,” Farbman said. “I hope my children don’t experience it.”

He said he feels blessed that his children can grow attending and experiencing Jewish services the traditions.

“My children are getting a very positive experience growing up in the Jewish religion,” Farbman said. “When I was growing up I was yelled at.”

### Temple Emmanuel

“This has been a very successful time for me as the rabbi and for Temple Emanuel,” Farbman said. “It’s a very exciting and challenging time.”

He said the economic downturn of 2009 posed significant challenges, but through it all the congregation has remained stable.

“We’ve grown our members and our school, which has 50 students from grades 2 to 7 and pre-k also has grown,” Farbman said.



Submitted Photo

Rabbi Michael Farbman compares overseeing a congregation to a marriage, where success is a chemistry that works in both directions.

The school teaches Hebrew and Judaic studies and traditions.

People from all over the shoreline, the valley, Bethany, Milford, Orange and Woodbridge attend. The congregation hosts Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

A lot of people, who attend Temple Emanuel, want their children to grow up in the Jewish faith.

“You hope it’s more transcendent than that,” Farbman said. “If people allow for their souls to be touched then there is ample opportunity for that. There is an incredible richness that the Jewish community can offer, but people need to allow it in.”

“This is a place where positive Jewish identity is built and practiced, and where Jewish memories are shared,” Farbman said.

He said at Temple Emanuel members get to socialize.

“We have a lovely room and what makes it special is the people, it’s the community that transforms a room into a sacred space,” Farbman said. “It’s a place to pray and a house of study to learn. It’s all part of a community.”

### Judaism

Farbman said living as a Jewish person means living life as a minority. He said it’s vital that Jews practice their traditions in order to preserve their identity.

He said growing up in Russia he experienced a lot of anti-Semitism.

“We’re very accepted in the United States now, it’s not what it was 50 years ago,” Farbman said. “We’ve come a long way.”

He said Judaism is complicated because it’s not just a faith, it’s an ethnicity.

“The world is full of secular Jews, who don’t observe anything, but are just as strongly Jewish. They are cultural Jews,” Farbman said. “They key is to not pigeon-hole Judaism into one thing.”

He said one thing the Jewish faith is not: it’s not a religion that goes out actively recruiting more members.

“We have a way of life and a religious message to offer. We welcome people to us but we don’t seek them out,” Farbman said.

He said the Jewish faith is very accepting

of others’ religious traditions “as long as we don’t have to give up ours.”

Farbman said he feels blessed to be the rabbi of Temple Emanuel and overseeing a

congregation is a lot like a marriage.

“It’s very challenging,” Farbman said.

“The chemistry is working both ways. I love my job.”(Ed



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## Superintendent's Corner:

### New Teacher Evaluation System Is Not Business As Usual

As the administrators and teachers finished up their year with our new evaluation system (affectionately called TEVAL by one and all) -- no question about it, this new evaluation system was *not* business as usual.

It began last July, when the administrators undertook 18 hours of training and became 'calibrated,' ensuring that when they walked into classrooms they were seeing the same things. It continued through the summer as we created the forms for classroom walk-throughs and goal-setting in our new accountability system, *TalentEd*.

It continued through collaborative faculty workshops in September and October, as teachers discussed and arrived at a shared understanding of 40 indicators in four different domains, from classroom management to professionalism. Then the teachers self-assessed themselves using the four rubrics and set measurable improvement goals for the year.

It didn't end there! Parents and students took surveys last year and answered a wealth of questions about school climate, communications, and safety. In the fall, the schools wrote two additional goals based on data points from those surveys -- one goal for students; one for parents. Once the school goals were written, the teachers wrote personal goals which aligned to the school goals.



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It didn't end *even there!* Teachers also had to set two achievement goals for each student in their class -- one in math, one in reading -- and carefully monitor their students' progress, making sure every student maintain their current level of proficiency or made additional gains. Special teachers (art, music, Spanish and et cetera) wrote two goals for their disciplines, as well.

If you've been counting, teachers set and tracked five goals, making the new TEVAL plan was a significant shift in supervisory thinking and accountability. In the one-on-one meetings I had with the administrators at the end of the year, to a person they agreed that they had undergone deeper, more meaningful conversations about teachers' performance than they had ever experienced previously.

This new TEVAL plan meant our supervisors needed to be more deliberate and organized; but we are certainly grateful that so much of our work had been front-loaded last summer. Because everyone embraced their roles professionally, our process ran smoothly.

Interestingly, teacher evaluation has had a long, ineffectual history. In the early 1900's, teachers were members of the community with high school level reading and high moral standing; women had to be single and could not marry. The regional superinten-

dent visited the school, by horse and buggy, and reported to the town fathers whether or not the teacher prepared the lessons, differentiated for younger students and older students in the same class, spanked children, wasted time telling jokes or stories, and was well liked by the students and parents.

Paper and pencil tests about the 'science of teaching' (the Sputnik-effect) began to emerge in the 1950's and became prerequisites for getting teaching positions. Principals used checklists to evaluate whether or not teachers kept the desks in straight rows, kept the classroom organized, used legible penmanship on the board, designed artful bulletin boards, and kept the class under control.

From 1970 – 1990, a clinical supervision model reigned. The principal arranged a preliminary meeting with the teacher to discuss the plans for the lesson; and then the next day 'scripted' the lesson by writing down as many of the teacher's questions and students' answers as possible. The principal and teacher met again to discuss the 'script.' This was a promising concept; but if done often enough to be effective, it immensely taxed the principal's time. Most significantly, (as teachers of that era will attest), it led to the 'dog and pony show,' a sometimes highly-staged, theatrical and exaggerated performance.

From the 1990's and into the early 21<sup>st</sup> century, an emphasis on professional development, peer coaching, and lesson stud-

ies oddly led to models of evaluation in which every recommendation needed to be matched by a commendation, rendering the evaluation completely benign. At the end of the year, principals wrote long anecdotal narratives describing the teacher's strengths and 'areas of improvement.' After all that work, the principal's efforts ended up having no impact on student learning.

We don't know what history will say about the 2014 developments in TEVAL. I suppose it could be argued -- through rubrics with 40 qualifiers -- the pendulum has swung back to the checklists. But, the most significant factors in this new system are the collaborative roles of the teacher and principals and its emphasis on self-reflection. There's no 'dog and pony show,' but there's no 'gotcha,' either. TEVAL is clear, specific, measurable, student-focused, and performance-based. By defining teaching explicitly, it's no longer sufficient for anyone in education to say, "I can't define good teaching, but I know it when I see it."

If you would like to know more about Orange's teacher or administrator evaluation plans, you can download the full documents, including the rubrics, at [oess.org](http://oess.org) under the 'Faculty Resources' tab at the very top of the page.

Lynn McMullin is the Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Elementary School System.

## Orange School Registration

Registration for elementary students, kindergarten through sixth grade, new to the Orange school system will be held on Aug. 14 and 15.

Parents are asked to provide the child's birth certificate, proof of residency and physical and immunization records at the time of registration.

All new kindergarten students can be registered at Mary L.

Tracy School on Friday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Students new to Orange entering into first through sixth grade can be registered at the following places and times: Turkey Hill School, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Peck Place School, Aug. 14, noon to 2:30 p.m. and Race Brook School, Aug. 15, noon to 2:30 p.m.

## Title IX Declaration

Title IX is a Federal Law passed in 1972 to insure that male and female employees and students in educational settings are treated equally and fairly.

The law protects against discrimination based on gender. Title IX requires that each school district have at least one person designated as the Title IX Officer.

Kai Byrd, Principal of Mary L. Tracy School is the Title IX Officer for the Orange Elementary School district. Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against should contact Byrd either by e-mail ([kbryd@orange-ed.org](mailto:kbryd@orange-ed.org)) or by phone 203-891-8028. Byrd's office is located in Mary L. Tracy School.

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# Youth & Education

## Amity Middle School Honors

### GRADE 7 FIRST HONORS

Jenna Aconfora, Austin Agapiou, Mounisha Anumolu, Talia Barry, Lani Beaudette, Sophie Benjamin, Emily Berkeley, Katelyn Blake, Alexandra Bonat, Nelson Bordeleau, Cole Bova, Emily Bretthauer, Jake Bronson, Angelina Carlino, Lindsay Carloni, Madelyn Ciskowski, Molly Cox, Rachael Crow, Paige DeGoursey, Dize Eron, Cailey Esposito, Mary Foley, Marcelle Gagnon, Lauryn Giuliano, Taylor Gourdier, Payton Grande, Alexis Halstead, Lien Har, Allison Hummel, Robert Jaques, Nicole Kisiel, Thomas Lee, Margaret LoSchiavo, Erin McCormack, Diane Meng, Jay Moon, Kenneth Page, Arianna Pargen, Soo-Jin Park, Dorothy Parniawski, Madelyn Pickett, Jack Pletter, John Poland, Julia Potter, Sandrine Pyne, Unaiza Rana, Jonathan Schachter, Kelly Shaw, Julia Todeasa, Anthony Tom, Madison Tom, Daria Torrenti, Jacqueline Tran, Connor Visnic, Xian-Zheng Zhong, and Clare Zorena

### GRADE 7 SECOND HONORS

Abigail Bowser, Danielle Casapulla, Carly Chervenak, Marc Chodos, Joseph DiBenedetto, Brian DiGiovanni, Gina Driscoll, Shiva Gowda, Nicole Gregory, Kaylee

Huber, Khaled Jarad, Chloe Kehlenbeck, Cole Kuchachik, Hyunbeen Lee, Adam Leszczak, Gabriel Lipsitz, Clarens Lopez, Tara Mohseni, Carlee Mulherin, Luke Nemecek, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Brianna Oakley, Liam Palazzo, Lillian Querker, Charmaine Robichaud, Shelby Ronan, Madeline Rosenberg, Spencer Shepard, Luke Tassiello, and Kevin Zheng

### GRADE 7 CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION

Jenna Aconfora, Talia Barry, Sophie Benjamin, Alexandra Bonat, Abigail Bowser, Jake Bronson, Lindsay Carloni, Gabriella Caruso, Carly Chervenak, Marc Chodos, Madelyn Ciskowski, Amanda Coscia, Molly Cox, Rachael Crow, Gina Driscoll, Cailey Esposito, Mary Foley, Lauryn Giuliano, Christopher Greco, Nicole Gregory, Alexis Halstead, Lien Har, Allison Hummel, Julia Hurlburt, Nicole Kisiel, Victoria Krzysztolik, Adam Leszczak, Margaret LoSchiavo, Erin McCormack, Tara Mohseni, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Kenneth Page, Liam Palazzo, Dorothy Parniawski, Madelyn Pickett, John Poland, Julia Potter, Sandrine Pyne, Unaiza Rana, Charmaine Robichaud, Kelly Shaw, Jared Sul-

livan, Kevin Tian, Julia Todeasa, Anthony Tom, Madison Tom, Jacqueline Tran, Connor Visnic, Tucker Wright, and Clare Zorena

### GRADE 8 FIRST HONORS

Nicholas Abrams, Kayla Abreu, Yusaf Ahmad, Abigail Allen, Alexandra Ashworth, Amelia Bailey-Schetlin, Jack Balocca, Erin Barillier, Bridget Barnsley, Hailey Benedetto, Nitya Bhattarai, Stone Bragaw, Isobel Browe, Catherine Brown, Roberta Buccilli, Sarah Cartier, Michelle Chimid, Isabella Crasilli, Brianna DiRienzo, Vinh Do, Ulada Dubovik, Carsan Dzikowski, Christina Emmerthal, Joseph Eschweiler, Ann Foley, Ryan Ford, Shayna Goldblatt, Amanda Granados, Courtney Greifenberger, Hannah Hipona, Tyler Holloway, Hannah Hutchison, Moiz Jabbar, Carolyn Kaufman, Benjamin Kemp, Emily Kilian, Traci Kingston, Vince Li, Arthur Lihar, Danielle London, Bianca Longobardi, Justine Luo, Talia Mayerson, Leah Mongillo, Adam Moscato, Haegen O'Rourke, Jessica Paradis, Riana Picagli, Veronica Pisano, Marissa Proto, Caroline Rafferty, Hannah Rappaport, Nevia Selmon, Christina Skerritt, Grace Vocalina, Taylor Walsh,

Maren Westgard, Catherine Whitaker, Grace Whitman, and Patrick Winkel

### GRADE 8 SECOND HONORS

Ann Marie Allen, Michael Allen, Sophie Anwar-Krumeich, Samuel Arnold, Abigail Buckley, Lauren Canna, Brian Carson, Ruby Ciskowski, Sam Coury, Brian Curtin, Peter DeBassio, Carly DeMaio, Nu-Kwan Fair, Jack Farrell, Michael Gulia, Jillian Gusciara, Brian Hackenjos, Michael Holloway, Aaron Kao, Nicole Koshes, Robert Lyngdal, Brooke Matyasovsky, McKenzie McDermott, Michael McGurrin, David Nizzardo, Gunnar Poulimas, Morgan Ramadon, Matthew Rothman, Ryan Sabo, Sydney Sachs, Melissa Satonick, Nicholas Saxa, Joseph Schittina, Jenna Shaffer, and Alexandria Smith

### GRADE 8 CITIZENSHIP RECOGNITION

Kayla Abreu, Abigail Allen, Anne Marie Allen, Alexandra Ashworth, Amelia Bailey-Schetlin, Erin Barillier, Bridget Barnsley, Hailey Benedetto, Nitya Bhattarai, Isobel Browe, Catherine Brown, Roberta Buccilli, Sarah Cartier, Michelle Chimid, Ruby Ciskow-

ski, Sam Coury, Isabella Crasilli, Carly DeMaio, Brianna DiRienzo, Vinh Do, Ulada Dubovik, Carsan Dzikowski, Jocelyn Eagle, Christina Emmerthal, Clayton Fischman, Ann Foley, Ryan Ford, Zareha Gillians, Shayna Goldblatt, Amanda Granados, Courtney Greifenberger, Michael Gulia, Jillian Gusciara, Jeremy Gustafson, Brian Hackenjos, Hannah Hipona, Lena Howard, Hannah Hutchison, Hadiya Iftikhar, Moiz Jabbar, Carolyn Kaufman, Benjamin Kemp, Emily Lihari, Traci Kingston, Arthur Lihar, Danielle London, Bianca Longobardi, Justine Luo, Carly Marchitto, Taylor Martin, Brooke Matyasovsky, Talia Mayerson, McKenzie McDermott, Michael McGurrin, Leah Mongillo, Danielle Nordyk, Maya Oestreicher, Jessica Paradis, Veronica Pisano, Gunnar Poulimas, Marissa Proto, Morgan Ramadon, Hannah Rappaport, Ryan Sabo, Sydney Sachs, James Sansone, Melissa Satonick, Nevia Selmon, Jenna Shaffer, Christina Skerritt, Emilia Steinbrick, McKenzie Sullivan, Grace Vocalina, Taylor Walsh, Maren Westgard, Catherine Whitaker, Grace Whitman, Jaiden Williams, and Patrick Winkel

## Orange Students Earn Honors Around

### Graduates

**Tafazul Akbar**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Kevin Drenzek**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Ryan Farrington**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Paulinka Grzegorzczak**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Joseph Ianniello**, of Orange, graduated from the University of Hartford's College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in communication.

**Stefania Izzo**, of Orange, graduated from the University of Hartford with a Doctor of Education (educational leadership) from the University's College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions.

**Molly Kehoe**, of Orange, graduated from the University of Hartford's College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in history.

**Conor Keniry**, of Orange, graduated from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**Matthew Norko**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Mark Powell**, of Orange, graduated from Lafayette College. Powell earned a bachelor of arts degree in history.

**Margaret Stofik**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Alejandro Ulloa**, of Orange, graduated from Fairfield University.

**Michael Ulrich**, of Orange, graduated cum laude from the University of Hartford's College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

**Eric Zheng**, of Orange, CT, graduated summa cum laude from Union College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

### Phi Kappa Phi

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that **Rocco Volpe**, of Orange, Conn., was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Volpe was initiated at University of Bridgeport.

### Dean's List

**Elissa L. Ben-Eli**, of Orange, CT, has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England for the spring semester of 2014.

**Steven Bishop**, a Senior in Finance, a Senior in Applied Psychology, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**James Brooks**, of Orange, was named to the Sienna College Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Matthew Borsuk**, a Senior in Applied Psychology, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**Jaime Bouchard**, of Orange, graduated from Goodwin College's River Campus.

**Matthew and Thomas Canna**, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Canna, of Orange, were named to the Choate Rosemary Hall Dean's List for the Spring 2014 term.

**Nathan Chang**, son of Dr. Dean Chang and Dr. Sue S. Chang, of Orange, was named to the Choate

Rosemary Hall Dean's List for the Spring 2014 term.

**Christop Cimmino**, of Orange, a Sophomore majoring in Business Administration, has been named to the Spring 2014 Dean's List at Merrimack College.

**Abigail Clarke**, daughter of Dr. Paul K. Clarke and Mrs. Karen A. Bowen-Clarke, of Orange, was named to the Choate Rosemary Hall Dean's List for the Spring 2014 term.

**Casey DelBasso**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Sarah DeFeo**, a Sophomore in Applied Psychology, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**Samuel Dellert**, of Orange, was named to Dean's List in Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications for the spring 2014 semester.

**Freeman Demirjian**, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Sandra DiDonato**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**John Dunleavy**, majoring in English Literature, of Orange, was named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Nicholas Ferranti**, of Orange, has been named to the UMass Dartmouth Spring 2014 Dean's list.

**Casey Fettes**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Alexa Gherlone**, daughter of

Linda and Louis Gherlone, of Orange, CT, member of the Class of 2015, has been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Paulinka Grzegorzczak**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Todd Josselyn**, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Steven Kingston**, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Maryssa Kozek**, of Orange, and a member of the class of 2015, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Kaitlin Muttitt**, of Orange, majoring in Psychology, was named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Leora Novick**, of Orange, majoring in Dance, was named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Yevgenia Pogorelova**, a Senior in Marketing, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**Abigayel Phillips**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Mark Pinciario**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Gregg Pizzi**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Kayla Prete**, of Orange, has been named to the Curry College Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Samantha Rimler**, a Senior in Marketing, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at Bryant University for the Spring 2014 Semester.

**Jake Schpero**, of Orange, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Jonah Schwartz**, majoring in Economics of Orange, was named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester.

**Robert Schwartz**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

**Caitlyn Strona**, of Orange, was named to Dean's List in Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the spring 2014 semester.

**Alejandro Ulloa**, of Orange, was named to the Fairfield University Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

### Honors List

**Lauren Ide**, of Orange, CT, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ has been named to the Honors List for the Fall 2013 semester. Ide previously interned with and wrote a column for *The Orange Times*.

### Scholarships

Keene State College congratulated **Andrew Esposito**, of Orange, on earning an Enrichment Scholarship.

# Health & Wellness

## Rescue Me



Her name is Lola but she's not a show-girl. She is actually a little dog. Lola is a ten pound, adult female Shih Tzu mix, in black and white. Barky at first, she then warms up quickly with an engaging, attentive personality. She is good with adults, children and friendly dogs but cats are an unknown. Ms. Lola will make a great addition to any family or individual. She really likes people who bring her treats so don't forget some when you meet her. Lola and other dogs and cats are available for adoption at the Woodbridge Animal Control. The shelter is located at 135 Bradley Road and can be reached by phone at 203 389-5991

## The Color Orange:

# What Does Good Mean?



**BERNIE  
SIEGEL, M.D.**

What does good mean? The word has lost meaning because of how frequently it is used. Good weather, a good day or meal, how you look, good behavior, be a good dog etc.

The Hebrew word "tov" is interpreted as good in the Bible and elsewhere. A Rabbi said that it was not a meaningful translation and interpretation because of the loss of meaning of the word good.

He said a better interpretation would be to define it as meaning complete. Then the Biblical message is that man is not complete rather than not good while all other creatures are described as tov after they are created while man is not.

The following two paragraphs came from Thought for the Day by Eknath Easwaren. Being is desirable because it is identical with Beauty, and Beauty is loved because it is Being. . . . We ourselves possess Beauty when we are true to our own being; ugliness is in going over to another order; knowing ourselves, we are beautiful; in self-ignorance, we are ugly.

This morning a friend said

to me, "You look good!"

I appreciated the compliment, but also felt a little amused. I almost wanted to reply, "What do you mean? I am good." Some people are mostly concerned with looking good.

We should not be content with that. If we want a compliment, we should be good; and then others will say, "You are good."

Today, it is said that the image has become the person. If the public relations people can make you look good, you come to believe that you are good. We should never allow ourselves to emulate or admire images that merely look good. Whether in sports or entertainment or politics, celebrities offer good role models only when they stand for lasting values.

Again you can see how the word is used and misused or misunderstood. Being complete on the other hand says a lot to me. A good person feels superficial as a description of someone but a complete person is someone we can rely on to live and perform life enhancing activities just as animals do.

As soon as I said that I think of all the pictures we see of animals raising other animal's newborns even though their species are different and threatening to each other in the wild. Momma pig accepts a tiger and the tiger accepts a little pig or deer and they bond for life.

You can't always rely on a good person because sometimes even they have a bad day. But you can rely on a complete person who might say no to your request because they have to meet and care about their needs too but you are not wounded by their actions as you can be by the bad day person. I keep repeating when in doubt about how to be complete remember my message: WWLD. Yes, What Would Lassie Do?

Think about that and then move forward. You can lick, bark, growl, cuddle or hop into bed depending on the circumstances. I will also add that a bad, or not good, person when offended might hurt others but a complete person by growling will get the message out there without injuring others because they feel rejected. Our kids were playing with a wild snake in the yard who acted up and they came running in afraid it would bite them. I went out and talked

to the snake via animal communication. I asked the snake not to bite the children and she agreed so I could feel safe about them being out in the yard.

A week later I went out to thank the snake seeing how comfortable the kids now were. I found the snake looking bruised and curled up in a corner of our yard. What happened to you?

You asked me not to bite them and look what they did to me because I didn't scare them anymore.

I asked you to not bite. I didn't ask you to stop hissing.

So remember you have needs too and when not treated with respect a complete person will express appropriate anger.

*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 Ranciato [lranciato2@yahoo.com](mailto:lranciato2@yahoo.com) 203 288 2839; or myself [bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bugsysiegel@sbcglobal.net) for details.*

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# Health & Wellness

## On Your Mind:

### Hypnosis And The Healing Factor

Do you know someone who has cancer? Do you know someone who needs surgery? Do you wish you could do something to help them, but feel powerless? Have you heard all the scary things about chemotherapy?



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If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please read on!

Hypnosis cannot cure cancer but it can make treatments and surgery easier on your body and your mind. The mind body connection is not disputed in the medical community as far as the part it plays in the healing process.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Dr. Jeanne Safer, a New York psychologist who has a rare but curable form of leukemia, started out as a skeptic, but found that hypnosis helped put her at ease before biopsies, MRI's and several surgeries. She now uses it with some of her patients as well.

"It's an excellent self-management technique," she says. "It gives me a feeling of mastery, a sense that I am participating in my own care rather than just being passive."

Melinda Beck of the Wall Street Journal says it best. "Hypnosis is like a good kid with a bad reputa-

tion." I find people always are fascinated by hypnosis but skeptical. I often hear, "I don't believe in it" or "I don't think I can be hypnotized" or "I don't like being out of control." St. Vincent's Hospital, Sloan Kettering and many other cancer hospitals include hypnosis

in their literature about alternative treatments to help patients cope with cancer procedures. I have worked with several clients who were about to undergo procedures including MRI, chemotherapy and surgery who reported that their doctors were remarkably surprised and pleased with the recovery and effectiveness of the treatments. One of my client's doctors was so pleased with her post op exam results that she passed my business cards out to her entire team of doctors!

Guy Montgomery, director of the Integrative Behavioral Medicine program at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York who has led many studies involving hypnosis. "It's not mind control. We can't make somebody rob a bank," he says. All hypnosis is self-hypnosis and the hypnotist acts as a coach during the process. Hypnosis is not only recognized by the American

Medical Association as an effective modality. There are a number of doctors, dentists and therapists who refer their clients to me when they have not been able to help them. Instead of deciding that you don't believe hypnosis can help you, what if you just suspended your disbelief and gave it a chance to work for you or your loved one?

Two studies from Sweden found that one hour a week of hypnotherapy for 12 weeks eased symptoms of irritable-bowel syndrome in 40 percent of patients (compared with 12 percent in a control group) and that the positive effects can last as long as seven years.

Placebo, one of the greatest mysteries of the mind, is used regularly in scientific studies without skepticism and it can be argued that it is a form of hypnosis. Many drug companies are having problems getting their new drugs to outperform placebo in late stage studies.

So, if you answered "Yes" to any of the questions at the beginning of this article, please contact me to discuss what can be done to help you or your loved ones to better cope with the pain and suffering of life threatening illness.

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

### Camping and Fire Safety

Many vacationers enjoy escaping into the wilderness to camp now that the warm weather has arrived. However, there are hazards that go along with camping and the Orange Fire Marshal's Office offers these suggestions.

Gas appliances and cylinders are the items most often involved in starting unwanted fires and explosions. When an appliance is not in use, the tank should be turned off at the valve.

Change disposable gas cartridges only when completely empty. Replace cartridges and cylinders in the open air, away from any ignition source.

Make sure that flexible pipes are securely clipped and do not leak.

Always transport and store a cylinder in a secure and upright position so it will not fall, shift or roll. Never carry it inside a closed trunk.

Purchase flame resistant tents and place them a safe distance from a campfire. Keep lanterns and open flames outside the tent and use only flashlights or battery powered devices within. Have a fire extinguisher available.

Place portable heaters away from combustible items and do not block exit ways. Keep a fire extinguisher by the exit door.

In many states and recreational areas, a permit may be required for any campfire or open burn.

Locate the campfire a safe dis-

tance from tents, trees or buildings. If a pit is not provided, clear all vegetation and dig one that is surrounded by rocks, before building the campfire.

Build a fire suitable to the task at hand. Avoid huge bonfires when children are present. When cooking on a campfire, use a pot-holder to pick up utensils or pans.

Teach everyone to "stop, drop and roll," if clothes catch on fire.

Extinguish fires by dousing them with water, stirring the ashes, and pouring more water over the site. Repeat this procedure until the fire is completely out.

Do not smother the fire with sand as this can create an "oven" in which coals continue to burn for hours. ALWAYS keep a water supply nearby in case it is necessary to quickly extinguish the fire. Put out fires and turn off lanterns and stoves before retiring.

A camping adventure is an excellent way to enjoy a variety of family activities.

Do not let carelessness be the cause of a devastating vacation. Be extremely careful when camping with children as it is very easy for a child to fall into a campfire.

Contact the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at 203-891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit the website at [www.orangefiremarshal.com](http://www.orangefiremarshal.com).

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## Orange Legion Baseball Off To A Strong Start

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – Superman has kryptonite and for the Orange Post 127 Legion baseball team it's Branford right now.

The Orange team led by Coach Bob Mirto has compiled a strong 12-4 record, but three of the losses have been to Branford. Branford is a perfect 17-0, followed by Stratford, which is 14-2, and Orange ends the season with three consecutive games against Stratford.

"We lost three tough games to Branford," Mirto said. "They are our rival. I was a little disappointed in the outcome. That's baseball. There will be another game and another day tomorrow."

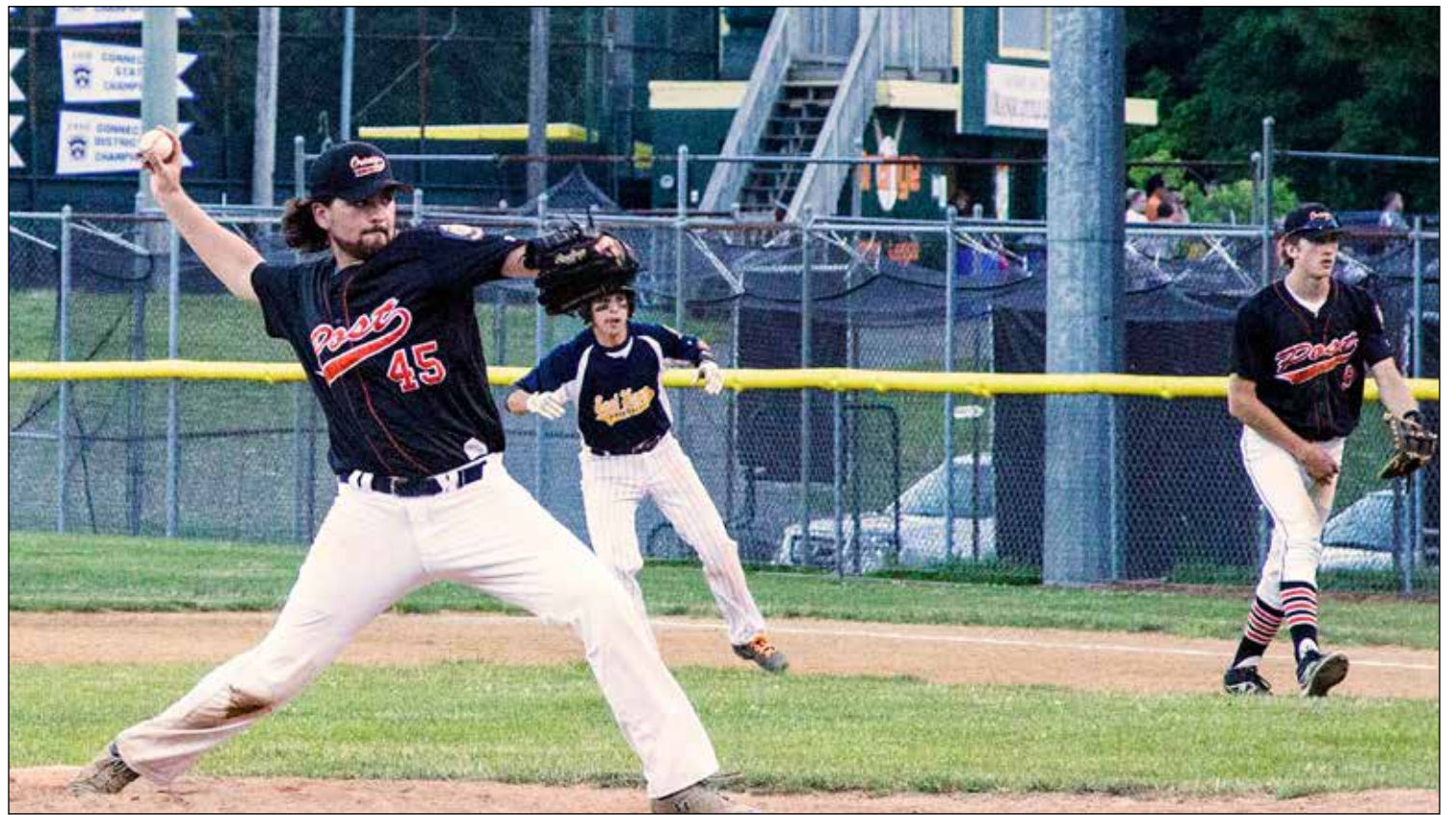
Orange is in the midst of a grueling schedule as it ends the season with 16 games in 14 days.

Some of the standouts on the squad are names that most people are familiar with who have followed the two-time defending state championship Amity baseball teams. Some of the stars on the Orange squad include Sebastian DiMauro, Christopher Winkel, Anthony Capozziello, the Matt and Jake Ronai, and Jake Russo.

### On Offense

Capozziello has a .440 batting average, Brian Ronai has scored six runs, and Winkel is batting .327 with one home run and 13 runs batted in.

Devin Belenski is hitting .353 and has 14 runs scored, Gerald Face has seven runs batted in, and Jack Demerjian has two walks on



Orange's #45 Eric Class delivers a pitch during a recent game in July.

Photo by Lexi Crocco

the season.

Jake Russo has 12 runs batted in, Josh Sabitsky has seven runs batted in, and Kevin Nusdeo has four at bats on the season.

Matt Ronai has 10 runs batted in and has also scored nine runs, Mike Appel has 10 runs batted in and 10 runs scored, and Mike

Taulacci has two runs scored.

Pat Winkel has six at bats, Sebastian DiMauro is batting .441 with five runs batted in and 13 runs scored, and Zach Chamberlain has two runs batted in and seven runs scored.

### Pitching Stats

Doug Rivers is undefeated at 4-0 with 27

strikeouts, Eric Class has five strikeouts, Mike Appel is 3-0 with 20 strikeouts, Nick Fusco is 1-1 with 12 strikeouts, Ross Weiner has 12 strikeouts, and Sebastian DiMauro is 1-1. Others who have pitched for Orange include Jack Demerjian and Matt Ronai.

## Amity Boys' Tennis Team Almost Perfect

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – The Amity boys' tennis team almost enjoyed a perfect season.

Head Coach Chris Raffone's squad began the season 14-0 before the team suffered its first loss.

The tennis team ended the season 17-1. Amity finished second in the Southern Connecticut Conference and finished third place

in the Class LL State Championships.

"All and all a great season," Raffone said. "Hopefully, we'll win a state championship next season with seven out of nine starters returning next year."

Raffone called his team one of his best ever, and said the squad was led by Jason Seidman, Max Einbinder, Ethan Bershtein and Phil Hochman.

Raffone knows something about coach-

ing extraordinary talent at Amity. He's been the coach for eight years and has amassed a staggering 131-19 record. Amity has won the SCC championship three times under his leadership.

Seidman was named the New Haven Register's MVP and Einbinder was an all-area selection. Raffone was named SCC coach of the year.

Captain Jake Noyes led the team on and

off the court.

"My favorite part of coaching is seeing the friendships that develop amongst the kids and watching grow into fine young adults. I take great them pride in keeping in touch with graduated

players and seeing what great things they're doing with their lives," Raffone said.



Photo by Denise Mirto  
Orange Legion Head Coach Bob Mirto has been coaching the sport he loves for more than 17.

## Bob Mirto Loves To Coach

by Brian McCready

ORANGE – When you do something voluntarily for 17 years you better love it, and that is more than the case with Bob Mirto, who leads the Orange Post 127 Legion Baseball squad.

"I just love the game," Mirto said in a recent interview. "I love dealing with the kids and seeing their development."

He said many players go on to play in college, which is always exciting for him.

Mirto says he has a simple for-

mula for why he continues to coach each year.

"I haven't grown tired of it," Mirto said. "This year we're going to the American Legion World Series."

Mirto said he's also blessed to coach so many wonderful and talented players. He inherits many members of the back-to-back Amity baseball state championships.

"I have an endless supply of good players," Mirto said. "The players keep me coming back. I get new kids every year. Every year I get good kids who enjoy the

game."

Mirto also tries to keep it interesting. Every year, the Orange team travels to an out-of-state tournament to compete.

Whatever Mirto is doing is certainly working because year after year he fields a winning squad.

(Ed. Note: Bob Mirto was the subject of Jody Dietch's column celebrating Orange volunteers in The Orange Times on June 26. The issue is available online at [www.theorangetimes.com](http://www.theorangetimes.com).)



## Amity Softball Coach Reflects Back On A ‘Gratifying’ Season

by Brian McCreedy

ORANGE – Amity head softball Coach Loren Purcell’s team came just one run away from becoming state champions.

But despite the runner-up status, Purcell couldn’t be more proud of what her players accomplished both on and off the field this year.

“Coaching this team this season was an absolute pleasure,” Purcell said. “To see these girls work as hard as they did was very encouraging, knowing the difficult goals we set forth. From the beginning I knew we had the potential to succeed. We needed to come together and learn to trust one another. Our team unity helped us advance in each game. Each player supported one another and was able to play to their ability, aggressively and with confidence.”

“Coaching this group was very gratifying. From preseason to post season these girls wanted to be there, and for a coach it means so much,” added Purcell. “When athletes are committed, as these girls are, their determination is inspiring.”

2014 end of year summary

Amity 16-4 record regular season, overall record 22-6, state ranking 7 class LL

Southern Connecticut Conference Housatonic champions

Runner up SCC finals against Mercy

Runner up Class LL State Championship

Individual honors

Heather Watt -All SCC, Senior all-star game selection

Krista Reynolds - Scholar athlete classic all-star game selection, SCC scholar athlete

Jenna DiLorenzo - All State, All SCC, New Haven Register All Area Team, junior all-star game selection

Kate Koshes - All State, All SCC, player of the week New Haven Register, Register All Area Team

Teresa Marchitto - All SCC Reynolds was Amity’s team leader on and off the field, Purcell said.

“She displayed confidence and strong leadership skills throughout the season. Not only did she secure third base for us, her offensive spark was essential in the post season state run,” Purcell said.

Watt played shortstop for Amity and made some game winning saves, her coach said.

“Heather’s base running skills helped us to advance to the state finals on a well-executed bunt and run to win the semifinal game, Purcell said.

Heather Ferranti was an excellent addition for Amity’s post season play, her coach said. Her offensive power added tremendously to Amity’s lineup, Purcell said.

Mary Kozan, second basewoman was injured while batting in the quarterfinals, but she continued to play solid defense for Amity through the finals, her coach said.

“I give her a lot of credit for working through the pain and continuing to play,” Purcell said. “Noelle Bencivengo was our go to pinch hitter this season. When the team needed that extra advantage we went to Noelle for her consistency.”

Selected captains for 2015 season are Jill DeMaio, Jenna DiLorenzo, and Janaya Young.



Top Photo: Amity softball seniors (from left to right) Krista Reynolds (captain), Mary Kozan, Heather Ferranti (captain) Heather Watt (captain), and Noelle Benciveng. Bottom Photo: Jenna DiLorenzo is running the bases in an Amity softball game earlier this season.

Photos by Loreb Purcel

### Spartan Kicker Recruited



Submitted Photo

Lyle Luth, kicker for the Amity High School Football team, will be attending the University of Rhode Island to play collegiately. With Lyle in the front row are his parents Kendra and Adam Luth and in the back row, Head Coach Bert Mozealous and Assistant Coach Kevin Mozealous.

### Boys & Girls Village Hosts Golf Tourney

On June 2, more than 140 golfers gathered for Boys & Girls Village’s Annual Dan & Yolanda Adley Memorial Golf Tournament, hosted at Race Brook Country Club in Orange.

Supported by lead sponsors BIC, KDSA Consulting LLC, PEZ, Integrated Security Group and Brandfon Honda, 2014’s tournament marked the 39th year of good sports getting together to raise money for Boys & Girls Village.

While the field included many talented golfers, at the close of the tournament it was the foursome of Robert Kroepel, Paul Schatz, Brian Tubby and Ronald LoRicco who ultimately won with a score of 52.9.

Other stellar performers included Jeff Matchett who won men’s “closest to the line” on the 13th hole, Dawn Mortimer who won women’s “closest to the line” on the 13th hole, and Scott Batz who took home the prize for “longest drive” on the 18th hole.

The “Rally for the Children” Pro-Am Tennis Tournament was also held in conjunction with the golf tournament, with proceeds benefitting Boys & Girls Village. Francesca LoRicco served as Chair of the tennis tournament.

Following the tournament, over 180 golfers, tennis players and guests enjoyed raffle prizes, a silent auction and dinner hosted by Emcee Mark Sudol, Sports and News

Anchor at News12 Connecticut.

The event was a success, raising more than \$54,000 for Boys & Girls Village.

“We are incredibly grateful for the generosity that our golfers, sponsors, and supporters show Boys & Girls Village year after year,” said Dr. Steven Kant, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Village. “The Dan & Yolanda Adley Memorial Golf Tournament not only gives us a chance to spend a fun day together, it also brings in funds vital to supporting our work on behalf of Connecticut’s most at-risk kids. We couldn’t do this important work without the support of our friends.”

# Home & Garden

## The Garden Spot:

### The Gardens At Old Sturbridge Village

A trip back in time – a recent visit to Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts provided a fascinating look at the heirloom gardens of the 1830's.

Gardening was serious business among rural new Englanders. Fortunately the fertile Connecticut valley provided the basis for the bountiful growth of crops and vegetation.

The cultivation and development of useful vegetables, fruits and herbs were essential for survival. An adequate supply of these items needed to be stored so that food was available throughout the winter months.

Unfortunately, over the years, many varieties have disappeared – tastes have changed as well as farming practices. Today super-



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market vegetables are chosen not only for their flavor, but, are grown for the characteristics that make them more marketable. Factors such as length of shelf-life, ease of transportation and adaptability to machine harvesting are all primary considerations in the development of farm produce. As a result the unique flavors and tastes of 19<sup>th</sup> century are being lost.

Enter the gardeners of Old Sturbridge Village, whose mission it is to preserve the knowledge of historical plants and the growing techniques used to produce nineteenth century heirloom crops. Historical sources such as letters, diaries, reminiscences, seed and nursery catalogs are essential to their extensive research. When visiting various

gardens throughout the village - the kitchen garden at the Bixby House, the Parsonage garden, a Pleasure garden at the Towne House and the Children's Garden at the Fitch House you are able to see first-hand what gardening was like in the 1830's.

Year-round, Old Sturbridge Village offers activities for the home gardener teaching 19<sup>th</sup> - century practices that can be applied today. Bassano beets, Danvers Half Longs (carrots) and the West Indian Gherkin are just a few of the heirloom vegetables being reproduced at OSV (Old Sturbridge Village). The Bassano beet looks like any other variety, but when you cut through the root a beautiful red-and-white bull's eye pattern emerges. Wouldn't that be a unique addition to a dinner party menu? The Danvers Half Longs are a favorite of New England gardeners because their thick roots do well in the rocky soil, have a

sweet flavor and are prized for winter storage. You can order heirloom seeds from the Museum Gift Shop (<https://www.sv.org/museum-gift-shop-new-england-bookstore>)

The museum also maintains an extensive herb garden in the formal exhibit area where nearly 400 plants grow in terraced beds. Each plant is labeled and has documented 19<sup>th</sup> century household, culinary and/or medical uses. Throughout the village costumed docents share their knowledge, answer questions and lead garden tours. For more information regarding Old Sturbridge Village call 508-347-035 or email [amurray@osv.org](mailto:amurray@osv.org).

A visit to Old Sturbridge Village is fun and truly a trip back in time.

*Marion Rizzo is a past president of The Garden Club of Orange.*

## Just Floored:

### Some Thoughts Concerning Custom Made Rugs

I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July. I have been pondering as to what to write about in this edition. A good friend of mine mentioned custom-made area rugs.

I thought, "what a great topic!"

Custom-made area rugs are not done by all flooring stores anymore. Only a few of us still provide this craft.

When shopping for rugs in all box stores, you only get the standard sizes, 5 x 7, 7 x 9,

12 x 10.

They are either too big or too small, they never met the size for a dining room table.

When you pull out your chair in the dining room, it should still be on the rug with room to spare.

Most standard area rugs don't work with the dimensions of most furniture today. So custom rugs are a must in these spaces.



ANNAMARIE MASTRANGELO

Custom rugs are made to fit the space properly, as well as provide all the design features and benefits you require. In this process you get the advantage of selecting your own colors, as well as shapes and borders to complement the space.

In some cases I have designed area rugs to outline the perimeter of the room with beveled edges and indented cuts on all four corners.

This type of look is spectacular in formal dining rooms.

I do suggest the first step in this process is selecting a rug style and then proceed to choose the color, pattern and texture. This is mostly a personal choice but needs to be

decided before you can size the rug for the custom space.

I enjoy working with companies like Masland where you have the pattern all set and you just fill in the design with your own color selections. There are also options for shapes and can be customized as well from oval, octagon, square and beveled.

When you are ready to take the leap into custom-made area rugs you should do your homework, bring photos of what you would like the rug to look like, bring fabric swatches and pictures of your space along with dimensions of the room to fabricate a properly shaped and sized custom made area rug. Good Luck!!

*Annamarie Mastrangelo is founder/owner of A.A.I. Flooring Specialist.*

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# News & Events

## Legislators Hosted Veterans Fair

State Representatives James Maroney (D-Orange, Milford), Kim Rose (D-Milford) and Paul Davis (D-Milford, Orange, West Haven) hosted a Veterans Resource Fair in Milford.

The free event was attended by the legislators and federal, state and local agencies that were on hand to discuss and explain all veterans' benefits available to state veterans and their families.

"This event lets our veterans know we appreciate and care for them and their families and want to make an effort to show we value all they do for us," Maroney said. "I look forward to joining in future events like this."

"I was honored to be able to join with area veterans and their families at this very successful fair," Rose said. "It is through collaborations like this that we get the programs and benefits to the veterans they were intended for."

"Events like this veterans' fair deserve our support and participation so that members of the military are informed about the programs that are available to them and that they have earned," Davis said. "With so many veterans expected to be returning from active duty we must continue to do all we can to help our veterans and get them employed and adjusted to civilian life."

## Amity Booster Bricks Available

The Amity Athletic Booster Club is offering an opportunity for individuals or families to be represented on "The Wall" in the High School Cafeteria.

Purchasing a "Brick" for \$25 will provide an opportunity for a graduating Senior, family, or any Alumni to be represented while

helping the Amity Athletic Booster Club raise funds for projects and scholarships which are awarded each year at Graduation.

For more information contact Amity Regional School District No. 5 Director of Athletics Paul Mengold at 203-397-4839.

## Butterfly Garden Planted

Thanks to three Girl Scouts from Orange there is a new garden in Woodbridge dedicated to the life cycle of butterflies.

Troop 60095 members Karianne Canfield, Molly McGuire, and Bianca Gibbons-Morales researched, designed, and planted a butterfly garden to fulfill requirements for their Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award earned by Girl Scouts before entering high school.

The girls learned about soil science, the life cycle of butterflies and the importance of considering different plants for nectar and larval food. In particular, they learned that the common butterfly bush is considered invasive in Connecticut and is not recommended for our native butterflies. The girls selected native plants which support both adult butterflies and their caterpillars.

The garden, located at Massaro Farm, 41 Ford Rd, Woodbridge, has plants which bloom from early Spring through Fall. The garden is more than 8 feet by 20 feet and is lined with whimsically painted



rocks.

A number of specialists volunteered time to advise the girls, including Christine Cook of the Connecticut Butterfly Association, Louisa Cunningham of the Massaro Farm Education Committee, and Emily Cosenza of the Garden Club of Woodbridge.

The girls also secured funding from the Garden Club of Woodbridge.

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Also the real estate rental costs have plummeted from \$22 a square-foot in 2009 to \$14 a square-foot now, Grimmer said.

"It makes the market much more available," Grimmer said. "People get a very positive feeling about the Orange market."

He also said the town's Plan and Zoning Commission does its best to get people in and out of the land use process quickly.

"Our Plan and Zoning is very proactive and willing to help," Grimmer said. "The developers still have to follow the rules."

Grimmer said there are currently no major parcels on Route 1 that are vacant. But he said that doesn't mean there aren't parcels that can be redeveloped into better uses.

For example, the Orange Medical Center located at 339 Boston Post Road, is one of the "most underutilized properties on the market," Grimmer said. He said a developer just bought the parcel, which has 25,000-square-feet of office medical space.

"This property has been in decline for several years," Grimmer said. "It will take the right person to put it back to use."

Another large site that has been out there for some time is the former Builder Square complex at 250 Bull Hill Lane. Grimmer said Stop & Shop's lease expires on the property later this year. Stop & Shop has controlled development there for a long time, Grimmer said.

"The owners of the property are in the process of evaluating redevelopment possibilities for the site," Grimmer said.

Stop & Shop moved out of its 259 Boston Post Road location earlier this year, but the property is still leased and doesn't count toward the occupancy rate, Grimmer said. Stop & Shop controls the lease for one more year. Grimmer said he hopes the town can

attract another grocery store to town.

He said the town's success at shrinking its occupancy rate is not found in big box stores. Instead, it's been a lot of reuses and mom and pop businesses occupying former vacant spots.

For example, Annamarie Mastrangelo, who writes a column for *The Orange Times*, opened A.A.I. Flooring Specialist, at 507 Boston Post Road last year. Grimmer said she completely upgraded the exterior and interior of the building.

Taco Bell has redeveloped the former Reno's Pizza site, and Kohl's tore down the old Bradlees store and built a new one. Popeye's opened in March as well, Grimmer said.

"It's not just about the big box attractions," Grimmer said. "Orange gets its strength from smaller sole proprietors and mom and pops."

First Selectman James Zeoli said the town's success on filling vacant properties is a result of property owners, property managers, and commercial relators all working together.

"If you don't have good relationships with all of them then it won't work," Zeoli said. "We're just fortunate that people want to come to Orange and do business here. Orange is doing very well."

In 2013 the town added 27 new businesses and lost just 8.

New businesses that opened since 2013 on Route 1 include: Allen Construction, Annamarie A.A.L Flooring Specialist, Anytime Fitness, Ashley Furniture, Aurora Products, Cellini Design Jewelers, Crunch Fitness, Dental Smiles, Eastern Lake, Famous Footwear, Fast Eddies, Geico, Griffin's Treasures, Linh's Nails, Jennifer's Furniture,

Julia's Bakery, Medi Weight Loss, MS Convenience, Natura Nails & Spa, Overstock Warehouse, Paris Nails, P'Noy Kitchenette, Popular Demand Barber Shops, Prime 16, Retro Game Plus, Rock-A-Doodle Doos, Redfish, Reichbind Furs, Simply Baby & Nails, Smoothie King, Stony Creek Urgent Care, The Steam Company, and Yale Blood Draw.

Businesses that left Orange since 2013 include: Absolutely Tans, City Beds, Daddy's Junk Music, Education Works, Indian Food Mart, Lushe's Diner, Thai House, Thomasville Furniture, and Tonsorial Hair Academy.

## South Sea Claims Thai Place

Chris LeRoux will open a new restaurant, tentatively named South Sea, at 200 Boston Post Road. He expects a late summer opening.

South Sea will open in what was the

former Thai House location.

The lease for the property was brokered by Colonial Properties and negotiated by Fred A. Messoro.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## ARTS MATTERS

*"Arts are an even better barometer of what is happening in our world than the stock market or the debates in congress."* – Hendrik Willem Van Loom

by Patricia Miller

**ART IN THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE SHOW**, the 2014 edition, runs until July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Case Memorial Library (176 Tyler City Road).

Committee members whose work is on exhibition include John Bencivengo, Lucia Bloom, Susan Clark, Linda D'Onofrio, Audrey Galer, Lana Ho, Mukal Mukherjee and John Ulatowski.

The Art in the Library Committee is responsible for jurying work submitted by artists wishing to exhibit their work as well as for serving as liaisons between the selected artists and the library, advising artists on issues related to the exhibitions and hanging the art in the Library.

Once a year members of the Committee mount their own show.

**THE ORANGE PLAYERS** Revue "Kick Out of Cole," was featured on "The Sunday Brunch Concert on radio Station WPKN on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in the studio at the University of Bridgeport. Cast members Ralph Buonocore, Valerie Torphy, Sarah Golley, Paul Templeton, Linda Martin, Rich Moran, Suzanne Powers, and Raye McClellan. Director Leo Meyer narrated the broadcast, putting Cole Porter's music in perspective.

You can catch the performance on YouTube and pictures will be posted on the Orange Players' web site, orangeplayers.com.

**THE GALLERY AT TOWN HALL** (617 Orange Center Road, Orange) features the work of Lindsay Marieb through July and August.

An accomplished watercolorist, Lindsay studies with Audrey Galer and her subjects reflect her interest in family, nature and travel. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**AUDREY GALER'S EXHIBITION** is at the Long Wharf Maritime Center (545/555 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven) through the month of July, NOT in the Pirelli Building as reported in the last issue.

**THE DAVIS GALLERY** (200 Boston Post Road, Orange) shows the work of Kenneth Johnson in an exhibition called "A Season of Smiles." It is a series of well-executed paintings of horses, boats, country landscapes and contemporary life. The Artist's Reception is Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Davis Gallery was voted #1 for Receptions in The New Haven Advocate ratings last year. For more information go to www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

**GUILFORD ARTS CENTER CRAFT EXPO 14**, featuring 100 American craft artists, a silent auction, food, music and more will be held on the Guilford Green on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 18 to 20.

The hours are noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

General admission is \$9 (\$7 for Seniors over 65) and free for Art Center members, children under 12 and active military personnel. Free and paid parking is available.

**NEW HAVEN HISTORICAL MUSEUM** (114 Whitney Avenue, New Haven) is hosting an exhibit – "Nothing is Set in Stone: The Lincoln Oak and the New Haven Green," pairing interpretative art created by seven Connecticut artists with scientific analysis by noted bioarcheologists – an informative and revelatory tribute to the historic Lincoln Oak, which was felled by Hurricane Sandy.

This mix of art made from the fallen tree and inspired by President Lincoln's legacy, as well as the archeological findings of ob-

jects and skeletal remains found in the root ball, runs through Nov. 2.

The artists in this exhibition are Lani Asuncion, Susan Clinard, Erich Davis, Michael Quirk, Jeff Slomba, Rachael A Vaters-Carr and Alison Walsh.

ued their success, selling more than 31 million records in the United States.

**JAZZ HAVEN** presents The New Haven Jazz Festival on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. an event that is free and open to the public.

As Artist in Residence, Chris Brubeck will bring his skills as a composer and multi instrumentalist to the schools, community centers and neighborhoods of Greater New Haven. He will serve as an artistic presenter of educational programs, a designer of arts-integrated classroom curricula and as a concert soloist.

**MILFORD FINE ARTS CENTER** announces the much anticipated, highly reputed Great American Sand Sculpture Competition at Walnut Beach in Milford on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bring your picnics, beach towels and pails and shovels to create your own sand masterpiece—anything from lobsters to mermaids or anything else that strikes your fancy. There will be cash awards, trophies and ribbons awarded in various categories – Clubs/Friends, Families and Individuals.

All ages are welcome to compete.

Registration is free and is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sand building is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Judging is at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 203-878-6647 or go to [milfordfac@optonline.net](mailto:milfordfac@optonline.net).

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE GROVE** (100 Training Hill Road, Middletown) presents King Lear, featuring John Basinger in the title role. Bring a picnic; enjoy professional music and theatre in the beautiful grove overlooking the Connecticut River Valley.

Every evening feature a different Connecticut musician or group at 6:00 p.m. before the play begins. This is a chance to see Shakespeare's greatest drama in a stunningly beautiful setting. Thursday through Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$20.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Students.

**NEIGHBORHOOD MUSIC SCHOOL AUDUBON ARTS THEATER GROUP**

presents "Once Upon a Mattress". Led by experienced professionals, this highly regarded youth theater group (Ages 14-17) will present a full production of this popular musical comedy on Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Hamden Hall Country Day School (1108 Whitney Avenue, Hamden). For more information, call 203-624-5189 or go to [neighborhood-musicschool.org](http://neighborhood-musicschool.org).

**GATHERING OF THE VIBES** 19<sup>th</sup> Edition Music Festival is back at Seaside Park in Bridgeport on Thursday, July 31, and Friday, Aug. 1.

Seaside Park is a beautifully manicured 300 acre waterfront park with over a mile and a half of beach. Co-headliners John Fogerty, Widespread Panic and Disco Biscuits, featuring former Grateful Dead drummers Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann, among 49 other bands will participate.

Festival founder, Ken Hays says the average drive for attendees is just about four hours, with 700 people flying in from all over the world.

**ARTSPOT**, the Arts and Culture Happy Hour, returns to New Haven on Thursday, July 31 at the Yale University Visitor Center (149 Elm Street, New Haven). People are invited to bring a friend or two to enjoy the live music, drinks and refreshments.

**BUSHNELL PARK CAROUSEL** celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. In addition to free rides all day on Saturday, July 26 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. rain or shine, there will be special activities and entertainment.

The carousel was built in 1914, features a Wurlitzer band organ. It is only one of three created by renowned carousel builders Solomon Stein and Harry Goldstein that remain in operation and still provides rides to the public.

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

### Radio Play By Orange Players



Submitted Photo

Left to Right: Ralph Buonocore, Valerie Torphy, Sarah Golley, Paul Templeton, Linda Martin, Rich Moran, Suanne Powers, Raye Riccietelli McClellan, Leo Meyer perform on "Kick Out of Cole" on WPKN on Sunday, July 5.

Jason-Bischoff-Wurstle, Museum Exhibits Coordinator said, "The idea was to continue the life of the tree and to allow a new interpretation."

The wood from the fallen tree was given to the artists for inspiration. The battered visage of Lincoln, carefully rendered images of freed slaves and other more figurative works of art were crafted from the wood.

The Lincoln Oak was planted in 1909 by the Grand Army of the Republic, a veteran's fraternal association, to recognize both Arbor Day and Lincoln's birth-day.

They placed the tree on the Green near the site of the original Connecticut State House, buried a time capsule, and mounted a plaque. The exhibit runs through Nov. 1. See website for times ([newhavenmuseum.org](http://newhavenmuseum.org)).

Admission fees are Adults \$4, seniors, \$3, Students \$2, those younger than 12 are admitted free.

Every first Sunday of the month admission is free of charge.

**HAMDEN ARTS COMMISSION** presents free concerts in Town Center Park on Dixwell Avenue in Hamden (Hamden High School in case of rainy weather).

Opening acts take the stage at 7:30 p.m. with headliners following at 8:15 p.m.

On Friday, July 18, the Herb Reed Platters appear as part of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary world tour. The group has sold more than 80 million records and have recorded hits such as "Only You", "The Great Pretender", "Twilight Time", and "The Magic Touch".

On Friday, July 25, Fran Cosmo, former lead singer of Boston, and his son, Arlo, former Boston Guitarist will reprise some of the group's hits. Some of them include "More Than a Feeling" and "Don't Look Back". Boston's first album was the best selling debut album in U.S. history. The group contin-

The High School in the Community Jazz band, directed by Nate Trier, will open at 4:30 p.m. The Mike Di Rubbo Quintet with Mike DiRubbo, Josh Evans, Brian Charette, Ugana Ukegwo and Kush Abadey, will play at 5:30 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m. Art Bello and the Sweet Wire band, featuring Art Bello, Javier Olivencia, Juancho Herrera, Alvaro Benavides, Pablo Benceci, and Neil Ochoa will take the stage.

At 8 p.m. The Nat Reeves Quartet, with Nat Reeves, Harold Mabern, Joe Farnsworth and Steve Davis,

will round out the event. Jazz haven will also present more than two dozen performances in bars, restaurants and other New Haven venues between Aug. 15 and Aug. 24. Visit Jazz Haven at [jazzhaven.org](http://jazzhaven.org) for more information.

**NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

presents The Brubeck Brothers, free, on the New Haven Green on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Two members of the Quartet are members of the First Family of Jazz --sons of the legendary Dave Brubeck. Dan Brubeck plays drums; Chris Brubeck plays bass and trombone.

The other members of the group are Mike DeMicco, guitar and Chuck Lamb, piano. Although their style is characterized as "straight-ahead jazz", they also explore and play intriguing time signatures while naturally integrating the influences of funk, blues and world music.

The group's creativity, technique, and improvisation can be heard in their incomparable music that reflects their dedication to melody, rhythm, culture and spontaneity of jazz. With the assistance of the National Endowment of the Arts and other institutions, the NHSO is proud to welcome Chris Brubeck as the Artist-in Residence for 2014-2015.

### Davis Gallery



Submitted Photo

The works of artist Kenneth Johnson are on display at the Davis Gallery.

# Senior Living

## Retired and Rejuvenated:

### Bright Spots and Challenges of Growing Older

Paul Irving, the author of a newly released anthology *The Upside of Aging*, when he was approaching age 60, left his job as CEO and senior partner in a prestigious law firm, spent a year at Harvard University in its Advanced Leadership Institute, and then took on his current position as President of the Milken Institute, a Santa Monica, California-based nonpartisan think-tank specializing in aging, economic well-being and public health issues.

He notes in his book that perhaps the biggest “upside” is that the aging brain and aging people have this collective wisdom, experience, judgment and opportunity to apply the learnings of their longer lives to solve difficult problems. This is an extraordinary resource that must be utilized and en-



JOANNE  
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couraged. He sees that planners are beginning to think more and more about the design and infrastructure of cities to accommodate aging populations. Good design does not just benefit older people, it benefits everyone. Mr. Irving also points out in his book the importance of recognizing the power of intergenerational activities and suggests that we need to find more ways to connect older people with life resources to younger populations of need. Having a growing aging population also presents many opportunities for science and medicine to contribute to better and longer lives.

Some of the challenges he sites include the increasing numbers of chronic diseases related to smoking and obesity, and the race to find cures for horrendous diseases such

as Alzheimer’s, which can be crippling not only for the individual but also for their families and society at large.

He sees a need to honestly confront age bias. Some companies continue to implement baseless mandatory retirement provisions. Obviously not all older people have the ability to lead and work at an intense level, but older people are as diverse as any other population, and negative assumptions about capacity and energy are often wrong.

People should be encouraged and enabled to work to the extent they are able because, for some people, retirement can mean withdrawal, disengagement and loss of purpose. We need to help people repurpose and reposition themselves through lifelong learning, training programs, policy change, and confrontation of bias. Here in Orange, older residents are lucky to have available to them a Senior Leadership Program offered by the

Community Services Department and an Institute for Learning in Retirement which offers low cost membership and exciting classes two semesters a year.

In my career in senior services I have met many extraordinarily talented people who recognize the importance of staying involved and using their skills and talents to benefit others. With so many people using their longer lives in purposeful ways, it creates an opportunity to change the view of other older people, which will in turn improve the environment for all people and empower them to make significant improvements for future generations.

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

## Poet’s Corner:

### The Grand Centerpiece of a Town’s Community



JOHN  
ULATOWSKI

*The High Plains Community Center is a home away from home for many of its residents. It’s an oasis and reservoir of town events, programs, lectures, mass meetings, recreational activities, classes of great worth on a variety of subjects, and cafeteria as well.*

*The Center is the hub of Orange where its residents can come to be immersed in a great variety of options that make their lives more enjoyable, more informed, and healthier.*

*It’s a potpourri of fun things and a storehouse of nice memories. Come aboard.*

It stands as the centerpiece to roads of discovery and activities of high adventure, graciously leading us to the pathways of a better life. Opening its arms to the mass of residents, it offers full menus that list as a grand catalogue of life themes that become a good start to thw day’s run. The Center is the starting point to the treasury of learning experiences that will seep deep into the lives of its partici-

pants bringing renewal and a free pass to the galaxies of brave new worlds.

Come and accept the invitation to the tap dance; mellow your spirit in the silent discoveries of Namaste; conquer the grand formula in the attainment of the winning score through the strategies of a Bridge game; surf the new worlds of the Internet’s possibilities without getting completely lost; make Renoir’s day by painting an arrangement of a flowered vase of bright colors, old bearded gentlemen, and the white floral printed dresses of ladies; root for your kids in gym games that test their stamina teaching the spirit of teamwork toward the thrill of victory; swim like Flipper in the Olympic pool through metered rhythms of perfected breaststrokes; grab a tray and feast on the options of gourmet offerings in a simple, friendly cafeteria; or perhaps just sit and rest awhile on cushioned chairs surrounded by books in the quietude of the lounge.

Tired yet? Then come and sing along to the upbeat tunes of traveling minstrels that bring back sweet memories of long ago; celebrate the innocence of a children’s choir, a guy named Elvis, and deep-memory piano players; discover rare treasures on the linen tabletop of old artifacts that have survived centuries landing here at the tag



The High Plains Community Center stands as the Grand Centerpiece of town according to John Ulatowski.

Photos by John Ulatowski

sales; tour the plethora of businesses through an Expo of grand proportions; watch in amazement and wonder at the creation of works of art at the outdoor craft fairs; strike it rich at the treasury of items lining the table at an antiques fair; come aboard and join your conductor for the rail excursions of long ago at

the train show; come into the office and book your life-dream trip for the faraway lands you’ve always wanted to see, the grand tours that offer renewal and rebirth; get a free ride all around town to where you have to go; show your kids the diversity of a summer camp or nurture them in their own uniqueness

through youth artist colonies; raise your little ones well in the caring confines of a nursery school. The Grand Center beckons...awaiting just for you.

*John Ulatowski is the Youth Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange.*

## Obituaries

### SONLEITER, SHIRLEY

C. Shirley C. Sonleiter, 91, of Orange, passed away on July 1, 2014. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Milford/Orange Animal Shelter, 664 East Broadway, Milford, CT 06460. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at [www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com](http://www.cody-whitefuneralservice.com).

### MANFREDA, JOHN B.

John B. Manfreda, 85, of Orange, passed away, Monday, June 30, 2014. Memorial services were held Thursday, July 3 at 10 a.m. at BEECHER & BENNETT-TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME, 410 Campbell Ave., West Haven. Interment in Orange Center Cemetery followed. For information or to send a condolence see obituary at

[www.beecherandbennett.com](http://www.beecherandbennett.com).

### BRISTOL, ROBERT E.

Robert E. Bristol, 87, of Cheshire, formerly of Orange, died Thursday June 26, 2014. A memorial service celebrating Robert’s life will be held in the fall. There are no calling hours. The Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be

made to Masonicare Home Health and Hospice, 33 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford, CT 06492. For online condolences or to share a story, please visit [www.fordfh.com](http://www.fordfh.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. 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](http://www.portofuneralhomes.net).

# Business

## Insuring Your Future:

### But What About Dental?

If you receive health insurance through Medicare, the State Health Exchange or an Individual Plan, dental, vision and other supplemental coverage is not included. However, it is available and affordable!

Note – children under the age of 18 receive dental coverage for most procedures as part of any health insurance plan as of January 2014.

The first question to ask is “do I need dental insurance?”. If your dental care involves two visits to the dentist each year and rarely

anything else, then perhaps dental insurance is not cost effective. Two cleanings and x-rays cost on the average \$250 per year. Dental insurance costs \$30 per month on the average for a basic plan. Do the math – now you’ve spent \$360 for \$250 worth of coverage. Even with one additional visit for a filling, you would break even.

However, if a trip to the dentist often results in a root canal and/or crown, or you need periodontal care, then dental insurance makes sense.

Dental insurance generally covers 50 percent of the cost for most procedures in addition to two (sometimes three) cleanings per year. Often the plans have “waiting periods” which means that coverage for procedures is minimal in the first year and then increases for the next year when you reach the maximum coverage level.

These plans also carry annual maximum coverage amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per year. If you anticipate needing a crown and/or root canal in the next two years, dental insurance could be a good investment.



TRISH PEARSON

You cannot choose dental from one health carrier and health insurance from another i.e. health insurance from Anthem and dental from ConnectiCare.

There are many independent insurance carriers who offer dental plans for people of all ages. Some plans have a network of dental providers, so you should check to see if your dentist is participating and accepts the insurance.

Most plans will allow you to submit the claim directly and be

reimbursed for the allowable percentage. This requires more work on your part, but could be worth it depending on your needs. Premiums range from \$20 per month for minimal coverage to \$50 per month for more comprehensive plans.

As with any insurance, it pays to assess your needs, estimate the cost of care, and compare to the premium to determine potential financial risk, vs monthly premium.

Contact your independent insurance agent for help with choosing a dental plan that is right for you and your family.

**Were you born in 1949?** Have questions about Medicare coverage? Join me for a free seminar on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 4:30-6:00 p.m. at High Plains Community Center Senior Lounge. We will discuss the A, B, C and D’s of Medicare insurance and answer questions regarding options and how to choose the best plan.

*Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified Long Term Care Specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trishpearson281@gmail.com.*

## Chip’s Owner Supports Barnum



Photo By Steve Cooper  
Chip’s owner George Chatzopoulos (center) poses with Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Dina Bajko to his left and Paul Timpanelli and Gov. Dannel Malloy to his right. Timpanelli is the Ringmaster for the 2014 Barnum Festival.

## Orange Chamber Attracts New Members

The following businesses have joined the Orange Chamber of Commerce since the beginning of the year:

- ASD Fitness Center, 307 Racebrook Road, 203-671-0601 [www.asdfitnesscenter.com](http://www.asdfitnesscenter.com);
- Ashley Furniture Home Store, 506 Boston Post Road, 203-448-3300, [www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com](http://www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com);
- Bear & Grill Restaurant, 385 Boston Post Road, 203-298-0742, [www.thebearandgrill.com](http://www.thebearandgrill.com);
- Calcaterra Family Dentistry, 291 South Lambert Road, 203-799-2929, [www.orangectdentist.com](http://www.orangectdentist.com);
- Connex Credit Union Hala Urban 212 Boston Post Road, 203-603-5721 [www.connexcu.org](http://www.connexcu.org);
- Frank Esposito & Son, LLC Frank Esposito 29 Andew Lane, 203-795-5320;
- Julia’s Bakery, 560 Boston Post Road, 203-799-7106 [www.juliasbakery.com](http://www.juliasbakery.com);

- Katt Training and Consulting, 461 Yellow Brick Road, 203-376-9176, [www.katttraining.com](http://www.katttraining.com);
- Namco Chris Nolette, 326 Boston Post Road, 203-795-5295 [www.namcopool.com](http://www.namcopool.com);
- Popeye’s Mirla Minaya, 121 Boston Post Road, 203-553-9442 [www.hashimimgmt.com](http://www.hashimimgmt.com);
- Red Fish Grill, 285 Boston Post Road, 203-553-9900 [www.redfishgrillct.com](http://www.redfishgrillct.com);
- Sol Silverstein, 860 Shagbark Drive, 203-640-6239;
- Smoothie King, 350 Boston Post Road, 203-553-9559 [www.smoothieking.com](http://www.smoothieking.com);
- The UPS Store, 554 Boston Post Road, 203-799-0433 [www.theupsstorelocal.com/5292](http://www.theupsstorelocal.com/5292);
- University of New Haven, 584 Derby Milford Road, 203-932-7439, [www.newhaven.edu](http://www.newhaven.edu).



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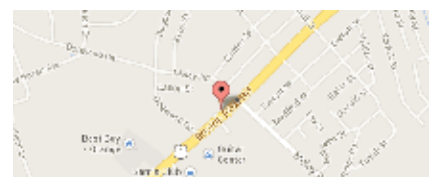
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## News & Events

### Dining Out:

## Friends And Food at Riverview Bistro



**TWO  
GUYS**

### Riverview Bistro 946 Ferry Blvd. Stratford

On this warm sunny Sunday afternoon, we decided to enjoy lunch near the water, our choice for lunch was the Riverview Bistro located on the Housatonic

River.

The newly renovated bistro opened in May of 2012 with a spacious dining area nicely decorated in modern décor and large windows, shiny wooden floors and beamed ceilings which overlook their great seasonal outdoor patio with picturesque views of the river.

We choose to sit under a shaded umbrella on their patio. Since their opening, they

have been known to please many palates through delicious offerings such as salads, wraps, burgers, steaks, pasta, and seafood. They serve the finest and freshest ingredients in addition to their special daily culinary creations with pride.

Their menu features many choices. For starters, New England clam chowder and chicken vegetable soup, in addition to clams or oysters on the half-shell, large shrimp served with fresh lemon and cocktail sauce, and Ahi tuna, which is seared rare, with wasabi mayo, and balsamic glaze.

There also is a choice of six salads and a seafood salad, served with shrimp, scallops, calamari and clams tossed with lemon, olive oil, garlic, cherry peppers and tomatoes. Patrons can also enjoy their special Riverview salad, mixed greens with dried cranberries, candied walnuts, toasted almonds and gorgonzola cheese.

Additional listings on their menu are burg-

ers, chicken or steak, in addition to the selection of pasta such as shrimp penne, seafood fra diavolo, lobster penne and zuppa de clams. Non-fish lovers you can enjoy pasta, such as linguini with meatballs, or rigatoni bolognese or risotto served with a side salad. For land lovers, they serve New York strip, marinated flank steak, bone in pork chops, and chicken.

For our visit, we were joined by a friend. We began our order with drinks. Robert ordered Pinot Grigio, our friend had Absolut on the rocks and I had a glass of Moletto Prosecco. For appetizers we ordered the Riverview Calamari, which was tossed in hot cherry pepper sauce and drizzled with a sweet raspberry glaze. The taste was an indescribable hot and sweet flavor which we enjoyed. The order was large enough for the three of us.

We then ordered their Margarita chicken, served with sautéed tomatoes, basil and

fresh mozzarella. The chicken was moist and meaty and Robert just loves mozzarella. This entrée was deeply flavored and fork tender.

Our friend ordered a spinach cobb salad with bacon, chopped egg, grilled onions, tomatoes, gorgonzola cheese and sliced turkey. I ordered the mini crab cakes served on a bun with spicy mayo and a side of salad served with a balsamic vinaigrette dressing. I would have preferred the crab cake to be of one large cake instead of four small ones that kept slipping out of the bun while eating. It was an adventurous sandwich that tasted very good.

We finished our meal, sharing an espresso crème brulee, and a light creamy chocolate mousse. Yum. We enjoyed the picturesque views, great food, and generous portions at reasonable prices.

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

## RAFFLE *continued from page 1*

through the mail under existing regulations.

So the department instead is being forced to go door-to-door as well as sell the tickets at physical locations. As the annual Orange Volunteer Fireman's Carnival, July 31 through Aug. 3,, draws near, the usual donation levels are lagging far behind.

"I believe last year going into the carnival they had brought in just about \$61,000," First Selectman James Zeoli said at the monthly Board of Selectmen meeting on July 9. "I heard right now they are closer to \$13,000."

The potential shortfall could have a signif-

icant impact on the department's operating budget. Donated funds are used for equipment maintenance and purchases. The town does contribute but the department relies heavily on donations to function.

Orange is one of the few communities left in the state relying solely on a volunteer department. The lack of a professional force helps keep taxes for emergency services down.

"Outfitting a truck with new equipment can easily cost several thousand dollars," Zeoli said.

Tickets are \$5 each and available at:

- People's Bank, 653 Orange Center Road;
- Diamond Designs, 500 Boston Post Road;
- Orange Fire Station 1, Orange Center Road, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., June 1 to July 29;
- First Selectman's Office, Orange Town Hall, Mon. to Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;
- Knight's Power Equipment, 286 Boston Post Road, M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:30 a.m. to noon;
- Chip's Family Restaurant, 321 Boston

Post Road, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

• Orange Firemen's Carnival, Orange Fairgrounds, July 31 through Aug. 3, during Carnival Hours.

The drawing will be held on Aug. 3, 4:30 p.m. at the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road.

"The fire department desperately needs people to step up and follow through," Zeoli said.

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